

322. The total foreign trade of British Possessions has increased very largely since 1871, but, as will be seen from the following figures, the trade with foreign countries has increased in a greater ratio than that with the United Kingdom:—

Similar proportion of total trade.

PROPORTION OF THE TRADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE OF BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

1871	51·41 per cent.
1875	52·33 “
1880	49·36 “
1884	46·72 “
1885	48·44 “
1886	45·31 “

323. The following table, taken from Mulhall's "Fifty Years of National Progress," p. 30, shows the distribution of the trade of the United Kingdom at various dates, and shows also that the trade with India and the Colonies has increased in a very much greater degree than that with foreign countries:—

Distribution of the trade of the United Kingdom 1840-1885.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1840-1885.

TRADE WITH	MILLIONS £.				PERCENTAGE.			
	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.
Colonies	34	89	161	170	30	24	24	27
United States	23	68	95	118	20	18	15	18
France	6	31	74	59	6	8	11	9
Germany	5	34	56	50	5	9	8	8
Various	45	153	270	245	39	41	42	38
Total	113	375	656	642	100	100	100	100

324. The following table gives the value of the imports and exports and the amount of duty collected at each port of entry in the Dominion during the year 1887.

Imports and exports at each port in the Dominion 1887.