

198. The following figures, showing the course of the average prices of certain articles, were given by Mr. Sauerbeck in the "Statist" of 26th January, 1889:—

Year	Average prices, 1873-1888.
1867-1877.....	100
1873.....	111
1879.....	83
1880.....	88
1881.....	85
1882.....	84
1883.....	82
1884.....	76
1885.....	72
1886.....	69
1887.....	68
1888.....	70

The increase in 1888 he attributes principally to the artificially high price of copper.

199. The following table gives the value of the total imports and exports, and of the aggregate trade in every year since Confederation. The excess of imports over exports, or otherwise, is also shown, as well as the value of the aggregate trade per head of population in each year:—

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, AND TOTAL TRADE OF CANADA, 1868 TO 1888.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Total Imports.	Total Exports.	Excess of Imports.	Excess of Exports.	Total Imports and Exports.	Value of Total Trade per Head.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ cts.
1868...	73,459,644	57,567,888	15,891,756		131,027,532	38 86
1869...	70,415,165	60,474,781	9,940,384		130,889,946	38 35
1870...	74,814,339	73,573,490	1,240,849		148,387,829	42 95
1871...	96,092,971	74,173,618	21,919,353		170,266,589	48 39
1872...	111,430,527	82,639,663	28,790,864		194,070,190	53 74
1873...	128,011,281	89,789,922	38,221,359		217,801,203	59 37
1874...	128,213,582	89,351,928	38,861,654		217,565,510	56 88
1875...	123,070,283	77,886,979	45,183,304		200,957,262	51 70
1876...	93,210,346	80,966,435	12,243,911		174,176,781	44 10
1877...	99,327,962	75,875,393	23,452,569		175,203,355	43 65
1878...	93,081,787	79,323,667	13,758,120		172,405,454	42 26
1879...	81,964,427	71,491,255	10,473,172		153,455,682	37 01
1880...	86,489,747	87,911,458		1,421,711	174,401,205	41 37
1881...	105,330,840	98,290,823	7,040,017		203,621,663	46 86
1882...	119,419,500	102,137,203	17,282,297		221,556,703	50 00
1883...	132,254,022	98,085,804	34,168,218		230,339,826	50 99
1884...	116,397,043	91,406,496	24,990,547		207,803,539	45 11
1885...	108,941,486	89,238,361	19,703,125		198,179,847	42 20
1876...	104,424,561	85,251,314	19,173,247		189,675,875	39 57
1887...	112,892,236	89,515,811	23,376,425		202,408,047	41 52
1888...	110,894,630	90,203,000	20,691,630		201,097,630	40 45
Total.	2,170,136,379	1,745,155,289	426,402,801	1,421,711	3,915,291,668	* 45 49

\* Average.