

the last two years. The imports from Great Britain exceeded those from other countries in eleven colonies and the largest importers were India, Canada, Victoria, New South Wales and Cape of Good Hope, in the order named. The Straits Settlements only imported \$19,274,755 from Great Britain and \$104,579,591 from other countries.

239. The portion of imports from British possessions to the total imports into the United Kingdom has remained much about the same for a number of years, as shown by the following figures, though later years show a slight tendency to increase :—

Proportion of imports from British Possessions into Great Britain to total imports.

PROPORTION OF IMPORTS FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS TO TOTAL IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1871 .....	22·03 per cent.
1875 .....	22·57 “
1880 .....	22·50 “
1884 .....	24·56 “
1885 .....	22·75 “
1886 .....	23 40 “
1887 .....	23·13 “

But the proportion of exports to Great Britain to the total Colonial exports has steadily decreased during the same period, with the exception of a very small increase in 1887.

PROPORTION OF EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL EXPORTS FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

1871 .....	50·45 per cent.
1875 .....	49·47 “
1880 .....	46 46 “
1884 .....	43·33 “
1885 .....	42·84 “
1886 .....	41·54 “
1887 .....	41·80 “

240. In 1887 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$967,132,186 and to British possessions \$399,240,199, being a lower proportion than in preceding years, as the following figures show :—

Proportion of exports of United Kingdom to British Possessions.

PROPORTION OF EXPORTS TO BRITISH POSSESSIONS TO TOTAL EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1871 .....	19·59 per cent.
1875 .....	27·22 “
1880 .....	28·46 “
1884 .....	29·83 “
1885 .....	31·47 “
1886 .....	30 55 “
1887 .....	29·22 “