having been in 1888, viz., 21·57. The percentage of duty on the total value of imports was 20·60, being also the highest during the last 22 years. Of the total amount of duty collected $9,450,243, or 40 per cent. were collected on goods from Great Britain, and $7,371,148, or 32 per cent. on goods from the United States, being the same proportions as in the preceding year. The next largest amounts were on goods from the West Indies and Germany, the sums being $1,727,816 and $1,266,638 respectively.

Returns of consumption by Provinces not complete.

243. The figures in the preceding table must only be taken as indicative of the channels by which the goods enter the Dominion, and not as by any means representing the individual consumption of each Province. Quebec, containing the principal ports of entry by the St. Lawrence, and Ontario the principal ports of entry for goods from the United States, it is clear that a very large portion of the duty collected is really paid by the other Provinces, and it is probable that the largest portion of the duty collected in the Province of Quebec is actually paid by the Province of Ontario. The same remarks apply more or less equally well to exports, the Province of Prince Edward Island being now the only Province whose returns can be considered as applying almost exclusively to that Province.

No returns of Inter-Provincial trade.

244. Moreover no account of the Inter-Provincial trade is taken in the Trade Returns, and exports of one Province to another are not mentioned, e. g. after the harvest of 1887 Manitoba exported some 9,000,000 bushels of wheat to Ontario and Great Britain ; no account is taken of the export to Ontario, and the quantity shipped to Great Britain is credited to Quebec, Montreal being the port of export.

Value of goods entered for consumption, and countries fr'm which imported, 1870, 1878, 1888.

245. The following table gives the value of goods entered for consumption at three periods since Confederation, viz., in 1870, 1878 and 1888, and shows also the countries from which imported, the values of imports from each country and the percentage in each case to the total imports.