

Increase
in exports.

279. Though the annual value of the exports has not varied from time to time, it will be seen that there is a steady increase in the aggregate value at the end of each period, the aggregate of the period ended 1887 shows an increase over that ended 1872 of 32 per cent. The bulk of the exports have always gone to Great Britain and the United States, and from the following figures it will be found that while the exports to Great Britain have increased 28 per cent, those to the United States have decreased 21 per cent, and the proportions to other countries have not varied very much, with the exception of exports to the West Indies, which has considerably declined.

Proportions of
exports to
principal
countries
to total
exports,
1868-1887.

280. The proportions of the aggregate value of exports to principal countries to the total exports, during each period of 5 years, are given below.

PROPORTIONS TO TOTAL VALUE OF EXPORTS, THE PROPORTION TO CANADA, TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, FOR QUINQUENNIAL PERIODS BETWEEN 1868 AND 1887.

COUNTRIES.	1868 to 1872, inclusive.	1873 to 1877, inclusive.	1878 to 1882, inclusive.
Great Britain.....	37·53	47·68	47·96
United States.....	51·50	41·31	41·76
France.....	0·24	0·38	0·78
Germany.....	0·06	0·10	0·14
Other European countries.....	0·68	0·82	0·99
British West Indies.....	3·23	2·88	2·41
Other ".....	2·71	2·25	1·86
Newfoundland.....	1·88	2·33	1·98
Other British possessions.....	0·86	0·53	0·76
" Foreign countries.....	1·31	1·72	1·36
Total.....	100·00	100·00	100·00

Imports &
exports of
British
Possessions,
1888.

281. The following table gives the imports and exports of the United Kingdom and her possessions for the year 1888, together with the amount per head in each case. The