

a very considerable increase over the last two years. The imports from Great Britain exceeded those from other countries in twelve colonies, and the largest importers were India, Victoria, New South Wales, Canada and Cape of Good Hope, in the order named. The Straits Settlements only imported \$18,121,014 from Great Britain and \$89,086,045 from other countries.

291. The proportion of imports from British possessions to the total imports into the United Kingdom has remained much about the same, and with but slight variations, as shown by the following figures :—

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.....	24·46 “
1885.....	22·75 “
1886.....	23·40 “
1887.....	23·13 “
1888.....	22·42 “

But the proportion of exports to Great Britain to the total Colonial exports has steadily decreased during the same period. In 1888, however, there was a slight increase, the proportion being higher than in any year since 1884.

Similar proportion of exports to total colonial exports.

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 “
1888.....	43·14 “

292. In 1888 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$104,773,840 and to British possessions \$44,934,309, being a slightly higher proportion than in the preceding year, as the following figures show :—

Proportion of exports of the United Kingdom to British possessions to total exports.