

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 "
1888.....	30.69 "

Proportion of trade with the United Kingdom to total trade of British possessions

293. The total foreign trade of British possessions has increased very largely since 1871; and, as will be seen from the following figures, the trade with foreign countries has increased in a greater ratio than that with the United Kingdom, which has been steadily decreasing. There was an increase, however, of 3.62 per cent. in the proportion in 1888:—

PROPORTION OF THE TRADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE OF BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

1871.....	51.41 per cent.
1875.....	52.33 "
1880.....	49.36 "
1884.....	46.72 "
1885.....	48.44 "
1886.....	45.31 "
1887.....	44.14 "
1888.....	47.76 "

Distribution of trade of United Kingdom, 1840-1888.

294. The following table, taken, with the exception of the figures for 1888, which have been added in this office, from Mulhall's "Fifty Years of National Progress," p. 30, shows the distribution of the trade of the United Kingdom at various dates, and shows also that the trade with India and the Colonies has increased in a much greater degree than that with foreign countries:—

DISTRIBUTION OF THE TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1840-1888.

TRADE WITH	MILLIONS £.					PERCENTAGE.				
	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.	1888.	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.	1888.
Colonies.....	34	89	161	170	178	30	24	24	27	26
United States	23	68	95	118	120	20	18	15	18	17
France.....	6	31	74	59	62	6	8	11	9	9
Germany.....	5	34	56	50	54	5	9	8	8	8
Various.....	45	153	270	245	270	39	41	42	38	40
Total.....	113	375	656	642	684	100	100	100	100	100