

1888, \$63,985,639, and in 1889, \$86,437,701, showing a very considerable increase in the last two years. The imports from Great Britain exceeded those from other countries in twelve colonies, and the largest importers were India, Victoria, Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales and Canada, in the order named. The Straits Settlements only imported \$18,346,219 from Great Britain and \$95,679,094 from other countries.

292. 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 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 “
1889.....	22·74 “

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

But the proportion of exports to Great Britain to the total Colonial exports has steadily decreased during the same period. In 1889 there was a further decrease, the proportion being decidedly lower than in the preceding year.

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 “
1889.....	42·04 “