

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

293. In 1889 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$1,091,476,290 and to British possessions \$440,091,650, the proportion being slightly lower than in the preceding year, as the following figures will show :—

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 “
1889.....	28·73 “

Proportion of trade with the United Kingdom to total trade of British Possessions.

294. 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, which was maintained in 1889 :—

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 “
1889.....	47·71 “

Distribution of trade of United Kingdom 1840-1889.

295. The following table, taken, with the exception of the figures for 1889, 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