

Trade with Great Britain and United States. 285. The exports to Great Britain exceeded the imports therefrom by \$7,203,932, and with the exception of 1881, were the largest in the history of the Dominion, while the imports from the United States were in excess of the exports to the same by \$18,507,515. The total trade with Great Britain showed a decrease of \$497,615, as compared with 1890, and that with the United States a decrease of \$178,151. The trade with Great Britain formed 41·83 per cent of the total trade, as compared with 42·02 per cent in 1890, the decrease being fractional; and the trade with the United States formed 46·15 per cent, being practically the same as in 1890, where it was 46·18 per cent; the combined trade with the two countries forming 88 per cent of the aggregate trade, being the same proportion as in the four preceding years.

Proportion of United States trade with Canada to United States total trade. 286. According to the report of the foreign commerce of the United States for 1891, 4·67 per cent of their imports were from British North America, including Newfoundland, and 4·29 per cent of their exports went to the same. These proportions would not agree with Canadian figures, as there is, and probably will always be, a large discrepancy between the two sets of figures, owing to carelessness in valuation of exports on both sides of the line.

Destinations of exports. 287. The two countries, Great Britain and the United States, absorbed 91·88 per cent of the total exports, and of the remainder 5·47 per cent were sent to the West Indies, South America and Newfoundland, leaving only 2·65 per cent to be divided among all other countries. There was a decided increase in the trade with the British West Indies, in consequence, no doubt, of the efforts made by the Government to extend the trade of Canada with those islands, and also of the very large display of Canadian products and manufactures made at the exhibition held at Kingston, Jamaica, in the early part of 1891. The exports to eight countries exceeded the imports from the same, viz. : Great Britain, British West Indies, South America, Newfoundland, Portugal, Norway and Sweden, Australasia, and St. Pierre.

Value of imports by countries, 1890 and 1891. 288. The next table is a comparative statement by countries of the total imports in 1890 and 1891. This table has been extended, and now gives particulars of the imports from every country where the value was over \$100.