

with the last two years. The imports from Great Britain in 1890 exceeded those from other countries in twelve colonies, and the largest importers were India, Victoria, Canada, New South Wales and Cape of Good Hope, in the order named. The Straits Settlements only imported \$19,102,951 from Great Britain and \$100,371,540 from other countries, but the larger part of the imports are re-exported.

309. 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	“
1890.....	23·77	“

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 1890 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	“
1890.....	41·26	“

310. In 1890 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$1,137,484,291, and to British possessions \$462,009,349, the proportion being just about the same as 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	“
1890.....	28·80	“

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