

Increases
and
decreases.

347. There was an increase in imports from twenty-four countries and a decrease from twenty-one, the largest increases being \$4,322,827 from the United States and \$1,557,701 from Germany, and the largest decreases being in imports from Great Britain \$431,787, and from Brazil \$521,358. The aggregate increases exceeded the decreases by \$7,438,430. The decrease in imports from St. Pierre is only apparent; in former returns a quantity of fish shipped thence to Halifax and afterwards re-exported, used to be included, but being only a cross entry, it has now been omitted.

Value of
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348. The following is a comparative statement by countries of the value of imports for home consumption in the years 1891 and 1892. The amount imported for home consumption in 1892 has only been exceeded in four years since Confederation, and was larger than in any year since 1883. The largest increase was from Germany, amounting to \$1,779,440. The other principal increases were from Spanish West Indies and other Spanish possessions, Japan, British East Indies, British Guiana and China. The decrease from Great Britain amounted to \$699,091, from the United States to \$548,085, and from Belgium to \$138,416. The value per head of population of goods entered for consumption in 1888 was \$21.95, in 1889, \$23.16, in 1890, \$23.54, in 1891 \$23.40, and in 1892, \$23.88. The amount per head is, however, not nearly so large as it used to be, owing to the large increase in home production and interprovincial trade.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT BY COUNTRIES OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION INTO CANADA IN THE YEARS 1891 AND 1892.

COUNTRIES.	VALUE OF IMPORTS.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1891.	1892.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States.....	53,685,637	53,137,572	.....	548,085
Great Britain..	42,047,526	41,348,435	.....	699,091
Germany	3,804,090	5,583,530	1,779,440	.....
France	2,312,143	2,402,634	90,491	.....
Spanish West Indies.....	1,969,198	2,941,758	972,560	.....
Japan	1,254,329	1,943,808	691,479	.....
British West Indies.....	1,244,185	1,133,982	.....	110,203
China	868,982	1,071,049	202,067	.....
Brazil	410,838	309,674	.....	101,164
Belgium.....	655,448	517,032	.....	138,416
Newfoundland.	751,003	753,249	2,246	.....
Spain.....	488,807	396,176	.....	92,631
Holland	389,791	278,288	.....	111,503
Spanish possessions, all other. . .	1,409,543	2,316,699	907,156	.....
Switzerland..	244,319	192,365	.....	51,954
British Guiana	140,629	409,900	269,271	.....
Italy	241,809	341,559	99,750	.....