

Value of imports highest during 1873-1877. 350. Out of the five periods into which the foregoing table is divided, it will be seen that the aggregate value of imports was largest in the period 1873 to 1877. Trade was very flourishing all over the world at the commencement of that period, and prices ruled high; the home production was very limited, and interprovincial trade scarcely had any existence.

Proportions of imports from principal countries. 351. The following table shows the proportions of imports from the principal countries to the total aggregate value of each of the same periods:—

PROPORTION TO TOTAL VALUE, OF IMPORTS INTO CANADA, ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION, FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, FOR QUINQUENNIAL PERIODS BETWEEN 1868 AND 1892.

COUNTRIES.	1868 to 1872, inclusive.	1873 to 1877, inclusive.	1878 to 1882, inclusive.	1883 to 1887, inclusive.	1888 to 1892, inclusive.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Great Britain.	55·46	48·13	44·03	41·25	37·51
United States.	35·08	44·24	46·18	45·18	46·46
France.	1·78	1·68	1·74	1·87	2·12
Germany.	0·74	0·65	0·83	2·09	3·64
Other European countries.	0·83	1·09	1·48	1·92	2·07
British West Indies.	1·15	0·78	1·38	1·49	0·99
Other "	1·70	0·91	1·54	1·52	2·06
Newfoundland.		0·92	0·68	0·49	0·52
Other British possessions.	0·03	0·18	0·27	0·58	0·63
" Foreign countries.	1·23	1·42	1·87	3·61	4·00
B. N. A. provinces.	2·00				
Total.	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

Fluctuations in trade with certain countries. 352. Imports for home consumption from Great Britain have, it appears, steadily declined, while those from the United States increased in the earlier periods, and for the last three remained about the same. The imports from Germany have been steadily increasing, as well as those from France and other European countries. Imports from British West Indies have fluctuated considerably, and were not as high during the last as they were in the first period.