

PROPORTION OF IMPORTS FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS TO TOTAL IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM. Britain, to total imports.

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	“
1891.....	22·84	“

369. The proportion of exports to Great Britain to the total colonial exports has, however, steadily decreased during the same period. In 1891 there was a further decrease, the proportion being decidedly lower than in the preceding year. Similar proportion of 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	“
1891.....	39·05	“

370. In 1890 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$1,050,107,915, and to British possessions \$454,245,512, the proportion showing a marked increase over that of the preceding year, as the following figures show :— Proportion of exports to British Possessions to total exports of United Kingdom.

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	“
1891.....	30·20	“

371. The total foreign trade of British possessions has increased very largely since 1871; and, as will be seen from the figures below, 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 of trade with the United Kingdom to total trade of