

713. 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 the British West Indies have fluctuated considerably, and were not as high during the last as they were in the first period.

714. The next statement gives the values of dutiable and free goods imported in each year since Confederation, both as regards total imports and imports for home consumption, together with the percentage of dutiable goods in each case.

IMPORTS OF GOODS, DUTIABLE AND FREE—1868-1893.

(Coin and Bullion not included.)

YEAR.	IMPORTS.					
	TOTAL.			ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.		
	Dutiable.	Free.	Per-centage of Dutiable Goods.	Dutiable	Free.	Per-centage of Dutiable Goods.
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
1868	45,250,395	23,314,102	66.	43,655,696	23,434,463	65.
1869	44,081,563	22,086,373	67.	41,069,342	22,085,599	65.
1870	48,665,547	21,813,263	69.	45,127,422	21,774,652	67.
1871	70,295,223	23,064,654	75.	60,094,362	24,120,026	71.
1872	72,157,423	36,519,355	66.	68,276,157	36,679,210	65.
1873	74,217,954	50,787,862	59.	71,198,176	53,310,953	57.
1874	77,070,460	46,919,840	62.	76,232,530	46,948,357	62.
1875 ...	81,504,477	39,355,717	67.	78,138,511	39,270,057	67.
1876	58,794,777	32,195,458	65.	60,238,297	32,274,810	65.
1877	63,986,376	33,167,497	66.	60,916,770	33,209,624	65.
1878	61,700,190	30,577,871	66.	59,773,039	30,622,812	66.
1879	57,055,218	23,270,120	71.	55,430,012	23,272,507	70.
1880	68,895,483	15,712,457	81.	54,182,967	15,717,575	78.
1881 ...	85,516,908	18,690,657	82.	71,620,725	18,867,604	79.
1882	93,339,930	24,575,827	79.	85,757,433	25,387,751	77.
1883	100,827,816	30,150,683	77.	91,588,339	30,273,157	75.
1884	88,349,492	25,839,885	77.	80,010,498	25,962,480	76.
1885 ...	79,614,108	26,373,134	75.	73,269,618	26,486,157	73.
1886	75,536,758	25,277,246	75.	70,658,819	25,333,318	74.
1887 ...	85,479,400	26,880,618	76.	78,120,679	26,986,531	74.
1888	77,784,037	30,935,121	72.	69,645,824	31,025,804	69.
1889	80,059,966	34,589,714	70.	74,475,139	34,623,057	68.
1890 ...	86,258,633	34,516,597	71.	77,106,286	34,576,287	69.
1891	81,286,372	36,870,096	69.	74,536,036	36,997,918	67.
1892	81,190,844	44,396,694	65.	69,160,737	45,999,676	60.
1893	77,378,091	45,161,977	63.	69,873,571	45,297,259	61.

715. The following table gives the duty collected on imports by countries :—