

cent. In 1891 it was slightly higher than in 1890, being 52·88 per cent, as compared with 52·20 per cent, but was not so high as in 1889 and 1888, when it was 53·89 per cent and 53·06 per cent respectively. The excess of imports from Great Britain over imports from other countries has been as follows in the years named, viz. :—in 1884, \$72,371,510 ; in 1885, \$74,073,065 ; in 1886, \$36,833,675 ; in 1887, \$29,403,770 ; in 1888, \$63,985,639 ; in 1889, \$86,437,701 ; in 1890, \$50,379,570, and in 1891, \$65,765,913. In 1892 there was an excess of imports from other countries of \$10,241,307.

794. 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 “
1891.....	22·84 “
1892.....	23·07 “

795. 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. In 1892, however, there was a slight increase.

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 “
1892.....	41·14 “