

796. In 1892 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$1,024,085,975, and to British possessions \$395,229,500, the proportion showing a marked decrease over that of the preceding year, as the following figures show :—

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 “
1892.....	27·85 “

797. 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 in 1888, which was maintained in 1889, but which fell off over 1 per cent in 1890, and still further declined in 1891. In 1892 there was an increase over 1891 of 1·68 per cent.

PROPORTION OF THE TRADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE OF BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

1871.....	51·41 per cent.
1875.....	52·33 “
1880.....	49·36 “
1884.....	46·72 “
1885.....	48·44 “
1886.....	45·31 “
1887.....	44·14 “
1888.....	47·76 “
1889.....	47·71 “
1890.....	46·51 “
1891.....	45·65 “
1892.....	47·33 “

798. The following table, taken—with the exception of the figures for 1891 and 1892, which have been added in this office—from Mulhall's "Fifty Years of National Progress," p. 30, shows the distribution of the trade of the United Kingdom at various dates, and shows also that the trade with India and the colonies