

With one exception, all the classes were imported in a decreased proportion from Great Britain, as compared with the United States, during the periods 1889-93 and 1882-86. In 1894, railway supplies, and rails, and machinery were imported in an increased proportion from Great Britain.

882. Taking totals, and from all countries, we have :

		Yearly Average.	1894.
		\$	\$
Total imports, home consumption,	1882-86..	\$75,251,232	
“	1889-93..	70,972,717	
Imports from Great Britain	1882-86..	44,125,291	5,514,340
“	1889-93..	39,718,373	
“ United States	1882-86..	29,683,187	5,295,415
“	1889-93..	28,162,406	
“ Other countries	1882-86..	1,442,754	683,365
“	1889-93..	3,091,938	
Proportion from Great Britain	1882-86..	58·6 p.c.	48·0 p.c.
“	1889-93..	56·0 “	
“ United States	1882-86..	39·4 “	46·1 “
“	1889-93..	39·6 “	
“ Other countries	1882-86..	2·0 “	5·9 “
“	1889-93..	4·4 “	

During the year 1894 the imports from Great Britain decreased in value by \$2,428,934 as compared with the average of the 5-year period, 1889-93; those from the United States decreased by \$337,066, while those from other countries increased by \$64,978.

The total imports on iron and steel and manufactures of, fell off by \$2,701,423 as compared with the average of the 5 years 1889-93.

883. Comparing the imports of 1894 with 1893, dividing them into dutiable and free and assorting them into two classes, those coming from other portions of the British Empire and those coming from all other countries, we have the following:—

#### IRON AND STEEL IMPORTS.

	1893.	1894.
From British Empire—		
Dutiable.....	4,297,557	3,528,164
Free.....	2,305,791	2,005,943
Total.....	6,603,348	5,534,109
Duty paid.....	1,136,219	895,717
Per cent of duty on total.....	17·2	16·4
Proportion of dutiable.....	65·08	63·7
Free.....	34·02	36·3
From all other countries—		
Dutiable.....	5,815,620	5,248,369
Free.....	780,555	528,293
Total.....	6,596,175	5,776,662
Duty paid.....	1,742,150	1,560,969
Per cent of duty on total.....	26·4	2·7
Proportion of dutiable.....	88·2	90·8
Free.....	11·8	9·2