

960. Of the five periods into which the foregoing table is divided, it will be seen that the aggregate value of imports was largest in the period 1873 to 1877 closely followed by the 5 year period 1888-92. Trade was very flourishing all over the world at the commencement of the 1873-77 period, and prices ruled high; the home production was very limited, and inter-provincial trade scarcely had any existence.

The imports from Great Britain during 27 years amount to \$1,205,349,-158, or an average per annum of \$44,643,000. This average has exceeded in the years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1882, 1883 and 1887.

The imports from the United States during 27 years amount to \$1,211,-131,392, or an average per annum of \$44,857,000.

Canada has pretty fairly divided her purchases between the Mother Country across the seas and the country contiguous to her.

The value of the total imports for home consumption from all countries during the 27 years is \$2,747,953,259. Deducting our imports from the United Kingdom and the United States from this total there is left \$431,472,709 as our imports for home consumption from all other countries. This is an average of \$16,000,000 a year.

961. The following table shows the proportion of imports from the principal countries to the total aggregate value of each of the same periods:—

PROPORTION TO TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO CANADA, ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION, FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, FOR QUINQUENNIAL PERIODS BETWEEN 1868 AND 1892.

COUNTRIES.	1868 to 1872, inclusive.	1873 to 1877, inclusive.	1878 to 1882, inclusive.	1883 to 1887, inclusive.	1888 to 1892, inclusive.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Great Britain.....	55·46	48·13	44·03	41·25	37·51
United States.....	35·08	44·24	46·18	45·18	46·46
France.....	1·78	1·68	1·74	1·87	2·12
Germany.....	0·74	0·65	0·83	2·09	3·64
Other European countries.....	0·83	1·09	1·48	1·92	2·07
British West Indies.....	1·15	0·78	1·38	1·49	0·99
Other ".....	1·70	0·91	1·54	1·52	2·06
Newfoundland.....	.....	0·92	0·68	0·49	0·52
Other British possessions.....	0·03	0·18	0·27	0·58	0·63
" Foreign countries.....	1·23	1·42	1·87	3·61	4·00
B.N.A. provinces.....	2·00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

962. 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 past five years remained about the same. The imports from Germany have been steadily increasing, as well as those from