

1028. With the exception of the United Kingdom and India the aggregate trade of Canada is larger than that of any other British colony, though, with the exception of the Straits Settlements, Bermuda and the Falkland Islands, in proportion to population, the external trade of the Australian colonies is far in advance of that of any other British possession. The large proportion per head would, however, be much reduced if federation of the colonies should take place, as in that case the intercolonial trade, would be no longer reckoned. The value of diamonds exported through the post office is now included in the exports of the Cape of Good Hope.

1029. The value of the total trade of the United Kingdom and her possessions in 1893 was \$5,676,582,839 as compared with \$5,798,948,169 in 1892, being a decrease of \$122,365,330 in 1891. There was an increase over 1890 of \$25,535,380; in 1890 over 1889, of \$131,671,866; in 1889 over 1888, of \$414,175,398, and in 1888 an increase over 1887 of \$318,150,278. The total imports exceeded the total exports by \$506,577,743. The excess of imports into the United Kingdom amounted to \$620,742,886, showing that, exclusive of that country, there was an excess of exports of \$114,165,143.

1030. The following is a list of British possessions in which imports and exports were respectively in excess in 1893:—

Imports exceeded Exports in

United Kingdom,	Bermuda,
Straits Settlements,	Turks' Island,
Labuan,	Bahamas,
Ceylon,	Jamaica,
Mauritius,	Western Australia,
Natal,	Newfoundland.
St. Helena,	Canada,
Sierra Leone,	New South Wales,
India,	South Australia,
Cape of Good Hope,	Queensland,
Lagos,	New Zealand,
Gold Coast,	Fiji,
Honduras,	Falkland Islands,
Gambia,	Trinidad,
Windward Islands,	Tasmania,
Leeward Islands,	Victoria.
British Guiana,	

During the year 1894 the imports of Great Britain, from foreign countries, amounted to \$1,530,238,867, and those from British possessions amounted to \$457,039,208. The exports of Great Britain to foreign countries in the same year amounted to \$949,972,890 and those to British possessions were \$382,451,662. The imports from the British possessions were 23 per cent of the total imports of the United Kingdom and the exports were 28·7 per cent of the total exports. The comparison with previous years is as follows:—