

1035. 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.

	Per cent.
1871.....	22·03
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
1893.....	22·68

1036. 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 and 1893, however, there was a slight increase.

PROPORTION OF EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL EXPORTS FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

	Per cent.
1871.....	50·45
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
1893.....	42·00

1037. In 1893 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$966,300,795, and to British possessions \$382,438,784, the proportion showing a slight increase over that of the preceding year, as the following figures show :—

PROPORTION OF EXPORTS FROM THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS TO TOTAL EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

	Per cent.
1871.....	19·59
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
1893.....	28·36