

1038. 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 and a decrease of 2.65 per cent in 1893, as compared with the previous year.

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

	Per cent.
1871.....	51.41
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
1893.....	44.68

1039. The following table taken, with the exception of the figures for 1891, 1892 and 1893, 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 has increased in a much greater degree than that with foreign countries.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM 1840-1892..

TRADE WITH	MILLIONS £							PERCENTAGE.						
	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Colonies.....	34	89	161	170	192	179	170	30	24	24	27	26	25	25
United States	23	68	95	118	145	150	128	20	18	15	18	19	21	19
France.....	6	31	74	59	68	65	64	6	8	11	9	9	9	9
Germany.....	5	34	56	50	56	55	54	5	9	8	8	7	8	8
Various.....	45	153	270	245	283	266	266	39	41	41	39	39	37	39
Total.....	113	375	656	642	744	715	682	100	100	199	101	100	100	100

1040. The total value of goods not the produce of Canada, exported during 1894, was \$11,833,805, of which amount \$9,023,652 worth were exported via the St. Lawrence and \$989,407 went in bond to other countries through the United States, from Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. Of the remainder