

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 1895 railway supplies and rails and machinery were imported in an increased proportion from Great Britain.

711. Taking totals, and from all countries, we have :—

		Yearly Average.	1894.	1895.
		\$	\$	\$
Total imports, home consumption,	1882-86	\$75,251,232	15,050,246	9,522,327
“	1889-93	70,972,717	14,194,543	9,522,327
Imports from Great Britain	1882-86	44,125,291	8,825,058	3,340,838
“	1889-93	39,718,373	7,943,274	3,340,838
“ United States	1882-86	29,683,187	5,956,637	5,680,539
“	1889-93	28,162,406	5,632,481	5,680,539
“ other countries	1882-86	1,442,754	288,551	500,950
“	1889-93	3,091,938	618,387	500,950
Proportion from Great Britain	1882-86	58·6 p.c.	48·0 p.c.	35·1 p.c.
“	1889-93	56·0 “	48·0 “	35·1 “
“ United States	1882-86	39·4 “	46·1 “	59·6 “
“	1889-93	39·6 “	46·1 “	59·6 “
“ other countries	1882-86	2·0 “	5·9 “	5·3 “
“	1889-93	4·4 “	5·9 “	5·3 “

During the year 1895 the imports from Great Britain decreased in value by \$4,602,436 as compared with the average of the 5-year period, 1889-93 ; those from the United States increased by \$48,058, while those from other countries decreased by \$117,437.

The total imports of iron and steel, and manufactures of, fell off by \$4,672,216 as compared with the average of the 5 years, 1889-93.

712. Comparing the imports of 1895 and 1894, 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.

		1894.	1895.
		\$	\$
From British Empire—			
Dutiable		3,528,164	2,132,300
Free		2,005,945	1,177,866
Total		5,534,109	3,310,166
Duty paid		895,717	439,810
Per cent of duty on total		16·4	13·3
Proportion of dutiable		63·7	64·4
Free		36·3	35·6
From all other countries—			
Dutiable		5,248,369	5,273,623
Free		528,293	665,960
Total		5,776,662	5,939,583
Duty paid		1,560,969	1,507,864
Per cent of duty on total		29·7	28·6
Proportion of dutiable		90·8	88·8
Free		9·2	11·2