

Though the annual value of the exports has necessarily varied from time to time it will be seen that there has been a steady increase in the aggregate value at the end of each period, the aggregate of the period ended 1892 showing an increase over that ended in 1872 of 53 per cent.

836. The proportions of the aggregate value of exports to principal countries to the total exports during each period of five years, 1868 to 1892, and for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, are given below :—

PROPORTIONS TO TOTAL VALUE OF EXPORTS, THE PRODUCE OF CANADA, TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, FOR QUINQUENNIAL PERIODS BETWEEN 1868 AND 1892, AND FOR THE YEARS 1893, 1894 AND 1895.

COUNTRIES.	1868 to 1872 inclusive.	1873 to 1877 inclusive.	1878 to 1882 inclusive.	1883 to 1887 inclusive.	1888 to 1892 inclusive.	1893.	1894.	1895.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Great Britain.....	37·53	47·68	47·96	46·62	47·54	55·21	58·45	56·17
United States.....	51·50	41·31	41·76	44·11	43·44	35·54	31·56	34·79
France.....	0·24	0·38	0·78	0·54	0·37	0·27	0·45	0·32
Germany.....	0·06	0·10	0·14	0·30	0·49	0·63	0·64	0·51
Other European countries.....	0·68	0·82	0·99	0·88	0·78	1·02	0·79	0·60
British West Indies.....	3·23	2·88	2·41	1·83	1·82	1·67	1·89	1·76
Other ".....	2·71	2·25	1·86	1·33	1·46	1·22	1·22	1·43
Newfoundland.....	1·88	2·33	1·98	1·79	1·47	2·25	2·39	1·39
Other British possessions.....	0·86	0·53	0·76	0·87	0·91	0·62	0·76	0·84
" Foreign countries.....	1·31	1·72	1·36	1·73	1·72	1·57	1·85	2·19
Total.....	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

837. The bulk of the exports has always gone to Great Britain and the United States, and from the foregoing figures it will be found that while the exports to Great Britain have increased 26 per cent, those to the United States have decreased 16 per cent. The proportion of the exports going to Great Britain and the United States to the total exports is increasing, as while during the first two periods it remained about the same, viz., 89 per cent, in the third period it was 89·72 per cent, and in the last two periods 90·73 per cent and 90·98 per cent respectively. The export trade with the British West Indies has steadily declined during the whole period of 25 years, while the proportions of the export trade with other parts of the world have not varied very much.

838. The next table is a comparison of the exports of 1895 with those of 1894, worked out in a similar manner to the comparison of the imports, the details of the method having been given previously in paragraph