

and the following is the order in which the principal countries doing the largest trade stand, with the amount of the trade in each case, according to the latest available figures :—

United Kingdom, 1894.....	\$3,319,702,627
Germany, 1893.....	1,721,997,000
United States, 1895.....	1,524,554,689
France, 1893.....	1,380,206,133
Netherlands, 1894.....	1,014,231,200
India, 1893.....	974,564,088
Austro-Hungarian Empire, 1893.....	598,428,000
Belgium, 1893.....	570,587,467
Russia, 1893.....	524,276,266
Italy, 1893.....	419,589,400

¶ 854. The United Kingdom takes the largest share of the exports of the United States ; in 1860 the proportion was 52·50 per cent, and in 1895, 48·42 per cent ; in the latter year 10·22 per cent went to other British possessions, making a total export to British possessions of 58·64 per cent. In return for this, however, the States only imported 21·76 per cent from the United Kingdom for 1895 as compared with 39·17 per cent in 1860, and 10·59 per cent from other British possessions as compared with 10·84 per cent in 1860, so that the imports from the United Kingdom and British possessions into the United States have decreased 35·3 per cent since 1860, while the proportion of exports remained about the same.

¶ 855. The imports into British possessions during 1893 amounted to \$1,122,097,825, of which \$534,574,479 came from the United Kingdom and \$587,523,346 from other countries ; corresponding figures for 1894 were \$1,039,318,214, of which \$559,516,223 were imports from the United Kingdom and \$479,801,991 from other countries, showing an increase from the United Kingdom of \$24,941,744, but a decrease from other countries of \$107,721,355, and a total decrease of \$82,779,611. The proportion of the amount imported from Great Britain to the total imports in 1894 was 53·83, in 1893, 47·64 per cent.

856. The proportion of imports from British possessions to the total imports into the United Kingdom has remained much about the same, with the exception of 1894, 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
1894.....	26·34
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