

857. 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 1893 and 1894 they have remained about the same.

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 |
| 1894 | 41·82 |

858. In 1894 the exports from Great Britain to foreign countries were \$949,972,890, and to British possessions \$382,451,662, 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 |
| 1894 | 28·70 |

859. 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