

The index numbers of the prices of 45 commodities calculated by Mr. Sauerbeck are, as usual, given below, and show the course of average prices for a series of years :—

1867-1877	100	1888	70
1873	111	1889	72
1879	83	1890	72
1880	88	1891	72
1881	85	1892	68
1882	84	1893	68
1883	82	1894	63
1884	76	1895	62
1885	72	1896	61
1886	69	1897	62
1887	68	1898	64

The following table gives the total imports and exports of the United Kingdom and her possessions for the year 1897, together with the amount per head in each case, taken from official sources :—

Countries.	Imports.	Value per Head.	
		Imports.	Exports.
	£	£	cts.
Europe—			
United Kingdom..	2,195,007,605	54 61	1,431,647,374
Asia—			
India	458,269,340	2 07	509,947,958
Ceylon	30,147,988	10 02	23,888,374
Straits Settlement	104,836,254	180 58	91,191,395
Labuan	897,121	153 28	662,767
Africa—			
Mauritius	13,387,630	35 43	13,849,954
Natal	29,209,582	46 30	7,687,085
Cape of Good Hope..	87,589,240	46 59	105,413,022
St. Helena	161,782	39 30	24,299
Lagos	3,652,487	42 66	3,946,745
Gold Coast	4,431,295	3 01	4,174,592
Sierra Leone	2,225,960	29 74	1,950,306
Gambia	858,125	65 72	807,351
America—			
Canada (1898)	140,323,053	26 74	164,152,683
Newfoundland	5,938,336	28 55	4,925,786
Bermuda	1,572,653	97 69	621,488
Honduras	1,424,049	41 55	1,406,316
British Guiana	6,243,817	22 34	8,680,985
West Indies—			
Bahamas	905,241	17 30	725,547
Turk's Island	161,763	30 28	210,741
Jamaica	8,081,913	11 29	7,049,089
Windward Islands	7,303,830	19 98	5,443,294
Leeward "	1,585,331	12 71	1,654,267
Trinidad	10,517,991	42 38	9,708,640
Australasia—			
New South Wales	105,822,503	79 96	115,588,550
Victoria	75,211,813	68 94	81,466,394
South Australia	35,415,152	97 55	29,544,317
Western Australia	30,812,161	190 29	19,175,143
Queensland	26,422,063	54 51	44,245,578
Tasmania	6,655,692	38 76	8,489,710
New Zealand	39,202,085	53 77	48,749,366
South Seas—			
Fiji	1,235,452	10 14	2,110,719
Falkland Island	307,992	150 24	608,932
New Guinea (British)	250,108	919 52	94,058
Total	3,436,067,407	12 23	2,749,842,825
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