

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—*Con.*

Countries.	Year.	Imports, Home con- sumption.	Amount per Head.	Exports, Domestic.	Amount per Head.
		\$	\$ cts.	\$	\$ cts.
Asia—					
China	1896	164,323,000	0 43	106,322,067	0 28
Japan	1896	94,802,667	2 22	61,573,067	1 44
Africa—					
Egypt.....	1896	49,080,333	5 04	66,074,733	6 79
America —					
Chile.....	1896	75,112,133	27 69	75,389,533	27 80
Uruguay.....	1896	25,885,800	30 79	30,826,300	36 67
Argentine Republic.....	1896	109,173,933	27 60	113,685,333	28 74
*Mexico.....	1896	42,841,267	3 39	106,472,933	8 44
United States ..	1898	587,153,700	7 89	1,210,291,913	16 27
Brazil.....	1897	104,962,612	7 32	130,194,157	9 08
Peru	1897	8,761,971	2 92	15,099,018	5 00
Paraguay.....	1897	2,144,701	4 96
Venezuela.....	1896	†14,551,333	5 95	21,696,603	8 87

* Total imports and exports. † 1894.

The imports into British possessions during 1896 amounted to \$1,182,256,413, of which \$556,552,740 came from the United Kingdom, and \$625,703,673 from other countries. Corresponding figures for 1897 which were \$1,241,059,802, of which \$581,695,526 were imports from the United Kingdom, and \$659,364,276 from other countries—show an increase from the United Kingdom of \$25,142,786, and an increase from other countries of \$33,660,603, and a total increase of \$58,803,389. The proportion of the amount imported from Great Britain to the total imports in 1897 was 46·8 and in 1896, 47·1 per cent.

The following table taken, with the exception of the figures for 1895, 1896 and 1897, which have been added in this office, from Mulhall's "Fifty years of National Progress," p. 30, shows the distribution of the trade of the United Kingdom at various dates, and shows also that the trade with India and