

IRON AND STEEL IMPORTS.*

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
From British Empire—					
Duitable.....	2,132,300	2,352,581	1,848,589	1,928,258	2,332,922
Free.....	1,177,866	1,108,640	817,707	316,242	355,458
Total.	3,310,166	3,461,221	2,666,296	2,244,500	2,688,380
Duty paid.....	439,810	494,726	344,962	267,991	312,168
Per cent of duty on total	13·3	14·3	13·0	12·0	11·6
Proportion of dutiable.....	64·4	68·0	69·3	85·9	86·8
Free.....	35·6	32·0	30·7	14·1	13·2
From all other countries—					
Duitable.....	5,273,623	6,111,166	6,817,908	10,763,514	13,288,424
Free.....	665,960	1,380,220	1,129,426	3,548,747	3,791,921
Total.	5,939,583	7,491,386	7,947,334	14,312,261	17,080,345
Duty paid.....	1,507,864	1,676,072	1,762,261	2,583,988	3,183,544
Per cent of duty on total.....	28·6	22·4	22·2	18·0	18·6
Proportion of dutiable.....	88·8	81·6	85·8	75·2	77·8
Free.....	11·2	18·4	14·2	24·8	22·2

*Not including value of imports of ships' boilers, fish-hooks, printing presses, &c., surgical and dental instruments and tin-plates and sheets.