

Changes were made in the iron and steel tariff in the session of 1894.

The following table shows the imports from Great Britain and the United States separately :—

	5 YEAR PERIODS.		Year 1901.	Year 1902.	Year 1903.
	1889-93.	1894-98.			
Interchangeable mechanism—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Imports from Great Britain	309,745	171,798	87,893	67,481	262,193
" United States	2,547,892	4,322,107	2,938,480	3,951,668	5,241,634
Proportion—Great Britain	10·8 p.c.	3·8 p.c.	2·86 p.c.	1·65 p.c.	4·69 p.c.
" United States	89·2 "	96·2 "	95·46 "	96·51 "	93·70 "
Hardware, cutlery and edged tools—					
Imports from Great Britain	3,096,052	2,043,628	611,088	707,299	871,829
" United States	6,698,444	6,721,274	2,810,317	3,494,856	3,748,917
Proportion—Great Britain	31·6 p.c.	23·3 p.c.	16·92 p.c.	15·66 p.c.	17·07 p.c.
" United States	68·4 "	76·7 "	77·82 "	77·38 "	73·41 "
Machinery—					
Imports from Great Britain	1,490,846	1,065,371	576,300	376,516	321,269
" United States	6,902,313	7,601,588	5,311,612	5,686,332	7,417,626
Proportion—Great Britain	17·8 p.c.	12·3 p.c.	9·72 p.c.	6·16 p.c.	4·12 p.c.
" United States	82·2 "	87·7 "	89·54 "	93·03 "	95·08 "
Castings and forgings—					
Imports from Great Britain	696,483	180,634	17,037	27,792	67,661
" United States	979,898	1,316,345	656,080	751,805	1,126,131
Proportion—Great Britain	39·2 p.c.	12·1 p.c.	2·52 p.c.	3·55 p.c.	5·65 p.c.
" United States	60·8 "	87·9 "	97·23 "	96·07 "	93·97 "
Railway supplies and rails—					
Imports from Great Britain	10,899,048	4,545,246	446,664	1,139,055	2,045,184
" United States	1,295,371	3,426,396	3,169,192	1,570,813	1,675,310
Proportion—Great Britain	80·9 p.c.	57·0 p.c.	11·99 p.c.	35·87 p.c.	42·20 p.c.
" United States	9·1 "	43·0 "	85·06 "	49·47 "	34·57 "
Other forms of iron and steel—					
Imports from Great Britain	20,403,933	11,550,718	2,919,042	5,327,217	7,441,340
" United States	7,821,806	16,580,126	7,561,806	8,819,146	8,914,972
Proportion—Great Britain	72·3 p.c.	41·1 p.c.	27·12 p.c.	34·31 p.c.	40·71 p.c.
" United States	27·7 "	58·9 "	70·26 "	56·80 "	48·77 "
Pig-iron—					
Imports from Great Britain	2,822,265	437,913	131,180	162,764	859,979
" United States	1,916,681	1,601,496	478,776	460,180	583,906
Proportion—Great Britain	60·0 p.c.	21·5 p.c.	19·99 p.c.	26·05 p.c.	59·33 p.c.
" United States	40·0 "	78·5 "	78·98 "	73·66 "	40·29 "

IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN GREAT BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES.

	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
Interchangeable mechanism	\$ 19,425	\$ 30,994	\$ 35,752	\$ 51,980	\$ 75,501	\$ 90,241
Hardware, cutlery and edged tools	186,178	245,850	213,463	189,817	313,978	486,114
Machinery	12,409	14,422	31,884	43,989	49,541	62,414
Castings and forgings	486	778	330	1,683	2,947	4,631
Rails and railway supplies	32,975	31,167	68,446	110,030	465,368	1,125,538
Other forms of iron and steel	115,551	105,320	284,812	281,838	1,379,201	1,922,702
Pig-iron	1,117	251	33,164	6,230	1,817	5,533
Total	368,141	428,782	667,851	685,567	2,288,353	3,697,173