

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

	5-YEAR PERIODS.			Year 1904.
	1889-93.	1894-98.	1899-03.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interchangeable mechanism—				
Imports from Great Britain	309,745	171,798	511,341	696,705
" United States	2,547,892	4,322,107	17,078,235	5,570,993
Proportion—Great Britain.....	10·8 p.c.	3·8 p.c.	2·86 p.c.	10·43 p.c.
" United States.....	89·2 "	96·2 "	95·55 "	83·43 "
Hardware, cutlery and edged tools—				
Imports from Great Britain	3,096,052	2,043,628	3,388,155	989,657
" United States	6,698,444	6,721,274	15,994,230	4,095,766
Proportion—Great Britain.....	31·6 p.c.	23·3 p.c.	16·26 p.c.	18·12 p.c.
" United States.....	68·4 "	76·7 "	76·78 "	74·98 "
Machinery—				
Imports from Great Britain	1,490,846	1,065,371	2,452,698	422,936
" United States	6,902,313	7,601,588	25,414,007	7,596,831
Proportion—Great Britain.....	17·8 p.c.	12·3 p.c.	8·74 p.c.	5·20 p.c.
" United States.....	82·2 "	87·7 "	90·54 "	93·37 "
Castings and forgings—				
Imports from Great Britain	696,483	180,634	142,091	172,467
" United States	979,898	1,316,345	3,958,740	1,167,789
Proportion—Great Britain.....	39·2 p.c.	12·1 p.c.	3·46 p.c.	12·78 p.c.
" United States.....	60·8 "	87·9 "	96·29 "	86·55 "
Railway supplies and rails—				
Imports from Great Britain	10,899,048	4,545,246	4,672,901	1,938,267
" United States	1,295,371	3,426,396	10,534,860	1,512,857
Proportion—Great Britain.....	80·9 p.c.	57·0 p.c.	30·20 p.c.	39·39 p.c.
" United States.....	9·1 "	43·0 "	68·09 "	30·74 "
Other forms of iron and steel—				
Imports from Great Britain	20,403,933	11,550,718	22,860,830	5,549,799
" United States	7,821,806	16,580,126	40,944,004	9,913,408
Proportion—Great Britain.....	72·3 p.c.	41·1 p.c.	33·73 p.c.	33·63 "
" United States.....	27·7 "	58·9 "	60·41 "	60·07 "
Pig-iron—				
Imports from Great Britain.....	2,822,265	437,913	1,417,598	583,295
" United States.....	1,916,681	1,601,496	2,711,307	459,979
Proportion—Great Britain.....	60·0 p.c.	21·5 p.c.	33·95 p.c.	55·84 p.c.
" United States.....	40·0 "	78·5 "	64·93 "	44·03 "

IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN GREAT BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES.

	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interchangeable mechanism	30,994	35,752	51,980	75,501	90,241	409,748
Hardware, cutlery and edged tools	245,850	213,463	189,817	313,978	486,114	377,129
Machinery.....	14,422	31,884	43,989	49,541	62,414	116,258
Castings and forgings ..	778	330	1,683	2,947	4,631	8,952
Rails and railway supplies.....	31,167	68,446	110,030	465,368	1,125,538	1,470,135
Other forms of iron and steel.....	105,320	284,812	281,838	1,379,201	1,922,702	1,039,228
Pig-iron.....	251	33,164	6,230	1,817	5,533	1,377
Total.....	428,782	667,851	685,567	2,288,353	3,697,173	3,422,827