

Increases
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289. There was an increase in imports from twenty-six countries, and a decrease from twenty, the largest increases being \$902,330 and \$280,687 in imports from the Spanish possessions in the Pacific and Newfoundland, respectively. The largest decreases were in the trade with the United Kingdom and the United States, which fell off \$1,424,779 and \$794,036, respectively. The imports from St. Pierre et Miquelon consist principally of fish landed at Nova Scotian ports, and afterwards shipped out of the country.

Value of
imports
for home
consump-
tion, 1890
and 1891.

290. The next table is a comparative statement by countries of the value of imports for home consumption in the years 1890 and 1891. The amount imported for home consumption in 1891 has only been exceeded in four years since Confederation, and was larger than in any year since 1883. The largest increase was from the United States, amounting to \$1,393,684. The other principal increases were from Germany, Spanish West Indies, Newfoundland, Spain, Spanish possessions in the Pacific, Italy and Dutch East Indies. The decrease from Great Britain amounted to \$1,342,715, from France to \$303,459, and from Brazil to \$353,266. The value per head of population of goods entered for consumption in 1888 was \$21.95, in 1889 \$23.16, in 1890 \$23.54, and in 1891 \$23.40. The amount per head is, however, not nearly so large as it used to be, owing to the large increase in home production and interprovincial trade.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT BY COUNTRIES OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION INTO CANADA IN THE YEARS 1890 AND 1891.

COUNTRIES.	VALUE OF IMPORTS.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1890.	1891.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States.....	52 291,973	53,685,657	1,393,684	.....
Great Britain.....	43,390,241	42,047,526	.....	1,342,715
Germany.....	3,778,993	3,804,090	25,097	.....
France.....	2,615,602	2,312,143	.....	303,459
Spanish West Indies.....	1,773,023	1,969,198	196,175	.....
Japan.....	1,258,441	1,254,329	.....	4,112
British West Indies.....	1,217,467	1,244,185	26,718	.....
China.....	841,624	868,982	27,358	.....
Brazil.....	764,104	410,838	.....	353,266
Belgium.....	721,332	655,448	.....	65,884
Newfoundland.....	469,711	751,003	281,292	.....
Spain.....	322,506	488,807	166,301	.....
Holland.....	422,267	389,791	.....	32,476
Spanish possessions in Pacific Ocean.....	641,273	1,409,543	768,270	.....
Switzerland.....	316,523	244,319	.....	72,204
British Guiana.....	212,121	140,629	.....	71,492
Italy.....	163,486	241,809	78,323	.....