

Proportion of trade with United Kingdom to total trade of British possessions. 311. The total foreign trade of British possessions has increased very largely since 1871; and, as will be seen from the following figures, the trade with foreign countries has increased in a greater ratio than that with the United Kingdom, which has been steadily decreasing. There was an increase, however, of 3.62 per cent in the proportion in 1888, which was maintained in 1889, and which fell off over 1 per cent in 1890.

PROPORTION OF THE TRADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE OF BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

1871.....	51.41 per cent.
1875.....	52.33 "
1880.....	49.36 "
1884.....	46.72 "
1885.....	48.44 "
1886.....	45.31 "
1887.....	44.14 "
1888.....	47.76 "
1889.....	47.71 "
1890.....	46.51 "

Distribution of trade of United Kingdom, 1840-1890. 312. The following table, taken—with the exception of the figures for 1889 and 1890, 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 the colonies has increased in a much greater degree than that with foreign countries:—

DISTRIBUTION OF THE TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1840-1890.

TRADE WITH	MILLIONS £							PERCENTAGE.				
	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.	1889.	1890.	1840.	1860.	1875.	1885.	1889.	1890.
Colonies.....	34	89	161	170	187	190	30	24	24	27	25	25
United States.	23	68	95	118	139	143	20	18	15	18	18	19
France.....	6	31	74	59	67	69	6	8	11	9	9	9
Germany.....	5	34	56	50	58	56	5	9	8	8	8	8
Various.....	45	153	270	245	291	291	39	41	42	38	40	39
Total.....	113	375	656	642	742	749	100	100	100	100	100	100

Exports of goods, not the produce of Canada. 313. The total value of goods, not the produce of Canada, exported during 1891, was \$9,616,230, of which amount \$5,632,626 worth were exported *via* the St. Lawrence and \$335,503 went in bond to other countries through the United States, from Ontario and Quebec. Of the remainder, \$353,979 worth were exported from Nova Scotia and \$1,395,001 from New Brunswick, the latter amount consisting almost entirely of products of the forest, principally spruce, cut in Maine and shipped from New Brunswick ports to the United States.