

Taking the above division and applying it to our imports from Great Britain and the United States, from which two countries came, in the two periods under consideration, 98 per cent and 95 per cent, respectively, of the whole import, we obtain the following results:—

Interchangeable mechanism—		
Imports from G.B. and U.S., 1882-86.....	£	5,369,861
“ “ “ “ 1889-93.....		2,857,637
Decrease.....	£	2,512,224
Hardware, cutlery and edged tools—		
Imports from G.B. and U.S., 1882-86.....	£	13,094,440
“ “ “ “ 1889-93.....		11,915,967
Decrease.....	£	1,178,473
Machinery—		
Imports from G.B. and U.S., 1882-86.....	£	10,130,538
“ “ “ “ 1889-93.....		8,393,159
Decrease.....	£	1,737,429
Castings and forgings—		
Imports from G.B. and U.S., 1882-86.....	£	3,214,366
“ “ “ “ 1889-93.....		1,676,382
Decrease.....	£	1,537,984
Rails and railway supplies—		
Imports from G.B. and U.S., 1882-86.....	£	15,733,927
“ “ “ “ 1889-93.....		12,194,419
Decrease.....	£	3,539,508
Other forms of iron and steel—		
Imports from G.B. and U.S., 1882-86.....	£	22,719,719
“ “ “ “ 1889-93.....		28,225,739
Increase.....	£	5,506,020
Pig-iron, and probably including scrap—		
Imports from G.B. and U.S., 1882-86.....	£	4,045,587
“ “ “ “ 1889-93.....		4,738,946
Increase.....	£	693,359

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

The following is a statement in continuation of the above for the years ended 30th June, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897:—

#### IMPORTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES.

Interchangeable mechanism, average 5 years, 1889-93.....	£	571,527
“ “ “ “ 1894.....		472,910
“ “ “ “ 1895.....		605,806
“ “ “ “ 1896.....		701,369
“ “ “ “ 1897.....		842,343
Hardware, cutlery and edged tools, average 5 years, 1889-93.....		2,383,183
“ “ “ “ 1894.....		1,759,882
“ “ “ “ 1895.....		1,548,061
“ “ “ “ 1896.....		1,583,720
“ “ “ “ 1897.....		1,691,712