

IRON AND STEEL IMPORTS.

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
From British Empire—				
Dutiable	3,528,164	2,132,300	2,352,581	1,848,589
Free	2,005,945	1,177,866	1,108,640	817,707
Total	5,534,109	3,310,166	3,461,221	2,666,296
Duty paid	895,717	439,810	494,726	344,962
Per cent of duty on total	16·4	13·3	14·3	13·0
Proportion of dutiable	63·7	64·4	68·0	69·3
Free	36·3	35·6	32·0	30·7
From all other countries—				
Dutiable	5,248,369	5,273,623	6,111,166	6,817,908
Free	528,293	665,960	1,380,220	1,129,426
Total	5,776,662	5,939,583	7,491,386	7,947,334
Duty paid	1,560,969	1,507,864	1,676,072	1,762,261
Per cent of duty on total	29·7	28·6	22·4	22·2
Proportion of dutiable	90·8	88·8	81·6	85·8
Free	9·2	11·2	18·4	14·2

IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN GREAT BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES.

	1886.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interchangeable mechanism	15,109	24,559	33,892	27,158	29,319	17,609
Hardware, cutlery and edged tools	149,794	205,690	252,887	162,105	171,730	136,822
Machinery	5,452	64,557	24,909	83,260	17,177	42,130
Castings and forgings ..	2,504	413	327	555	994	179
Rails and railway supplies	45,388	54,549	82,464	21,460	99,072	22,688
Other forms of iron and steel	131,563	275,229	283,279	203,637	340,326	188,901
Pig-iron	2,067	359	607	774	351	645
Total	351,817	625,356	683,365	500,949	658,969	408,974