

The index numbers of the prices of 45 commodities calculated by Mr. Sauerbeck are, as usual, given below, and show the course of average prices for a series of years :

1867-1877.....	100	1888.....	70
1873.....	111	1889.....	72
1879.....	83	1890.....	72
1880.....	88	1891.....	72
1881.....	85	1892.....	68
1882.....	84	1893.....	68
1883.....	82	1894.....	63
1884.....	76	1895.....	62
1885.....	72	1896.....	61
1886.....	69	1897.....	62
1887.....	68		

The following table gives the total imports and exports of the United Kingdom and her possessions for the year 1896, together with the amount per head in each case, taken from official sources :—

Countries.	Imports.		Exports.	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Europe—				
United Kingdom.....	2,150,136,666.	54 48	1,442,378,841	36 55
Asia—				
India.....	434,595,275	1 96	530,082,755	2 40
Ceylon.....	25,589,620	8 50	19,956,949	6 63
Straits Settlement.....	112,252,791	200 83	97,825,275	175 02
Labuan.....	717,580	122 60	602,182	102 88
Africa—				
Mauritius.....	15,911,104	42 44	15,652,441	41 75
Natal.....	17,277,275	28 86	6,708,116	11 21
Cape of Good Hope.....	91,354,006	50 15	82,588,150	45 34
St. Helena.....	150,623	38 72	23,063	5 93
Lagos.....	4,387,178	51 25	4,746,279	55 44
Gold Coast.....	4,429,694	2 95	3,854,940	2 57
Sierra Leone.....	2,407,481	32 17	2,185,293	29 20
Gambia.....	536,910	41 12	569,307	43 60
America—				
Canada (1897).....	119,218,609	22 99	137,950,253	26 60
Newfoundland.....	6,086,862	29 26	6,638,187	31 91
Bermuda.....	1,484,187	93 04	528,563	33 14
Honduras.....	1,461,643	43 32	1,380,493	40 83
British Guiana.....	6,529,655	23 47	9,244,024	33 22
West Indies—				
Bahamas.....	947,900	18 23	676,330	13 01
Turk's Island.....	147,192	23 03	153,290	29 19
Jamaica.....	9,034,373	12 84	7,155,173	10 17
Windward Islands.....	7,199,007	19 90	5,421,408	14 98
Leeward Islands.....	2,025,959	15 86	1,613,465	12 63
Trinidad.....	11,989,156	49 78	10,540,324	43 76
Australasia—				
New South Wales.....	100,066,015	77 11	111,983,698	86 30
Victoria.....	70,833,540	60 29	69,099,454	58 31
South Australia.....	35,349,140	98 13	37,682,906	104 61
Western ".....	31,601,978	229 08	8,031,100	58 21
Queensland.....	26,441,919	56 00	44,596,800	94 45
Tasmania.....	5,803,062	34 93	7,283,337	43 85
New Zealand.....	34,734,937	48 64	45,362,711	63 52
South Seas—				
Fiji.....	1,180,128	9 79	2,118,665	17 58
Falkland Islands.....	340,593	170 98	643,344	322 96
New Guinea (British).....	168,002	617 65	71,375	262 41
Total.....	3,332,393,079	11 89	2,715,348,511	9 69