

THE BRITISH COLONIES.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT DURING THE QUEEN'S REIGN.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

| | Imports. | Exports. |
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| | £ | £ |
| American Dependencies..... | { 1837... 5,200,000 | 5,000,000 |
| | { 1885...25,700,000 | 21,500,000 |
| Australasia..... | { 1837... 1,500,000 | 1,300,000 |
| | { 1885...63,500,000 | 52,000,000 |
| Africa..... | { 1837... 2,000,000 | 1,500,000 |
| | { 1885...10,000,000 | 12,000,000 |

All the imports and exports taken together were eleven times larger in 1885 than they were in 1837.

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| British shipping trade with Colonies.... | { 1837... 3,700,000 tons. |
| | { 1885...56,600,000 do |
| British export to Colonies..... | { 1837...£11,300,000. |
| | { 1885...£54,500,000. |

POPULATION.

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| Of all the Colonies existing in 1837..... | { 1837... 4,204,700 |
| Of all the Colonies in 1881..... | { 1881...12,753,277* |
| |15,763,072* |

These numbers must have considerably increased since 1881.

RATE OF INCREASE FROM 1837 TO 1881.

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| In European Colonies..... | Slight. |
| In Ceylon..... | Twice as large as it was. |
| In the Great Asiatic Colonies. | About the same. |
| In the Cape of Good Hope... | Eight times as large as it was. |
| In Canada..... | Three times as large as it was. |
| In the West Indies..... | Not quite twice as large as it was. |
| In Australia..... | Nearly twelve times as large as it was. |