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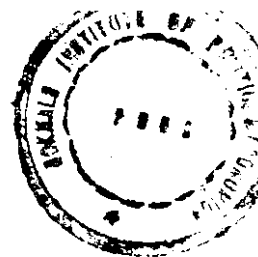
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. **Scene of the Returns.**—The tables in this volume give information regarding the trade and shipping with each country and at each port for the official years 1914-15 to 1918-19.* They relate in short to the countries from which goods were imported or to which they were exported, being based on the records of countries of consignment and of final destination, and not, as in the corresponding volumes for 1910-11 and previous years, on those of countries of shipment and discharge.

2. **Abstract Tables.**—Tables 1 to 7 and 10 show for each of the years 1914-15 to 1918-19 the shares of each principal country in the total import, export, and re-export trade in merchandise only.

Table 1 shows the total value of the imports of merchandise from each principal country, table 2 gives similar details of the exports, including re-exports, and table 3 shows separately the total figures of the exports and re-exports of merchandise. In these three tables the countries are grouped into (1) the British Empire, and (2) Foreign countries.

In tables 4 to 7 are given the shares of each principal country in the totals, imports, exports, and re-exports of merchandise, the countries being grouped geographically within each Continent.

Table 8 shows the shares of each maritime province in the total imports and exports, including re-exports, of private merchandise, and similar details for Government stores are given in table 9. In table 10 is shown the total trade in merchandise of each maritime province with each principal country. Table 11 shows the total imports and exports of merchandise at each port.

The details showing the imports and exports of silver are published in Volume I of the Annual Statement of the Sea-Borne Trade of British India. The publication of gold figures for the period October 1917 to June 1919 has been temporarily discontinued.

3. **Detailed tables.**—Tables 12 and 13 show the quantities and values of the principal and other articles of merchandise imported and exported (*a*) at each of the chief ports (Calcutta, Balasore, Bombay, Karachi, Fort St. George, and Rangoon), and (*b*) from and to each principal country, respectively, exports and re-exports being separately distinguished in both the tables. The articles are arranged in alphabetical order as in the preceding volume, provision being made for grouping together within the alphabetical order such articles as are related industrially or commercially. The countries in table 13 (trade with each country) are arranged geographically within the several Continents.

The information as regards the chief ports in table 12 relates to the quantities and values of the principal articles of merchandise entered for export or cleared for import by the Customs at the chief ports. Imported goods, though landed at the ports to which they are accredited, may afterwards be carried in coasting vessels to other ports before passing into consumption. Thus these returns are not, strictly speaking, an exact indication of the imports and exports passing through each port.

The trade in each article is recorded separately in table 13, when its value is £1,000 or more under imports, and £500 or more under exports. If the value of the trade in any particular article is less than the limit stated, it is generally grouped under the head "all other articles of merchandise."

4. **Customs Revenue.**—Tables 14, 15, and 16 give details of the Customs duty collected (*a*) on imports and exports at each port in each province, (*b*) in respect of principal and other articles of the imported merchandise, and (*c*) in respect of the exported merchandise. In tables 15 and 16 the arrangement of articles follows the classification in the tariff schedules. Table 17 gives the amount of drawbacks paid and duties refunded on the principal and other articles imported and exported.

5. **Dutiable articles allowed free of duty and Bonded goods.**—Table 18 shows the dutiable articles of imported merchandise allowed free of duty for the use of private individuals and institutions, and table 19 shows the quantity of certain principal articles of merchandise imported, which remained in bond on the last day of each of the official years 1914-15 to 1918-19.

* Except the shipping tables, Nos. 8 and 9, which show figures for 1918-19 only

6. Trade of Aden.—The tables relating to the Trade and Navigation of Aden for 1918-19 are incorporated in this issue.

Nature of the Trade recorded in the Aden tables.—Imports include all goods which are manifested for Aden, while exports include all goods and re-exports shipped from Aden. Transhipment cargo, *i.e.*, cargo manifested for transhipment on through bills of lading, is shown separately in tables 15 and 16. There is a very considerable land trade, and exports by sea necessarily include a considerable amount of re-exports of goods originally imported by land, and imports include goods which are intended for exports by land.

Countries to which imports or exports are credited in Aden.—Following the classification of the sea-borne trade returns of British India, imports are classified as received from the countries whence they were consigned to Aden, and exports are credited to the countries of final destination.

Method of ascertaining values in Aden.—The values of goods are generally based on consignor's invoices, and not on the wholesale cash price in Aden as required by section 30 of the Sea Customs Act. The values of goods imported or exported are taken from the import and export pass notes forwarded to the Political Resident, Aden, by the Port Trust Department. In the case of goods brought by steamers the value is usually based upon the invoices; and in the case of cargo brought by *dhow* the value is taken from Arabic advices. In many cases papers are not available and manifests have to be written out in Aden. The pass notes are stated to be scrutinised by the assessors of the Revenue Department and corrected, where necessary, by comparison with average market rates, which are ascertained periodically for the purpose.

Tables of the Trade of Aden.—These tables relate to the sea-borne and land trade and also to the shipping of the port of Aden for the official years 1914-15 to 1918-19. Tables 1*a*, 1*b*, and 1*c* and 2*a*, 2*b*, and 2*c* are classified summaries, showing the values of the imports and exports from and to the British Empire and Foreign countries separately. Table 1 shows for each of the years 1914-15 to 1918-19, the total sea-borne trade of Aden in private merchandise and treasure, and table 2 gives similar details of Government stores and treasure. Tables 3 and 4 show the total value of imports and exports, respectively, from and to each principal country, of merchandise and treasure separately. The countries in these two tables are arranged geographically within each Continent. Table No. 5 shows the total quantities and value of the principal articles of imports and table 6 gives similar details of exports. Tables 7 and 8 are general tables and show the quantities and the value of the imports and exports, respectively, with the countries from or to which imported or exported. The articles are arranged alphabetically, provision being made for grouping together within the alphabetical order such articles as are related industrially or commercially, as in abstract tables 5 and 6. Tables 9 and 10 relate to the land trade and show respectively the imports and exports from and to the interior of Arabia. Shipping figures are recorded in tables 11 to 14. Tables 15 and 16 show the number of packages of transhipment cargo imported and exported.

7. Trade of the French and the Portuguese Possessions in India.—The trade is recorded in separate sets of tables, the trade of the French Possessions being for the five years ending the 31st March 1919. Returns of the trade of the Portuguese Possessions will be published separately as supplement to the Annual Statement of the Sea-borne Trade of British India.

8. Shipping Foreign Trade.—*Entrances and clearances of vessels.*—Vessels bringing cargo from more than one Foreign Port are recorded as entering from the most distant port at which cargo for British India was embarked. Vessels with cargo departing from British India for more than one Foreign Port are recorded as clearing for the most distant port at which cargo from British India is to be disembarked.

Vessels in the Foreign Trade are recorded as entering on the voyage inwards at the first port at which cargo is discharged, and as clearing on the voyage outwards at the last port at which cargo is laden. If on their inward voyage they enter a port in British India to discharge only a part of their cargoes and then proceed to other ports in British India, their clearances and entries after arrival at the first port are recorded in the Coasting Trade, whether they ship "Coasting Cargo" or not, for the foreign voyage is deemed to have ended on arrival at the port where part of the cargo is first discharged. If vessels on the voyage outwards

load with part cargo for a Foreign Port, and part for some other port or ports in British India, they are recorded at the first port of departure as cleared in the Coasting Trade and such vessels are again recorded as cleared in the Foreign Trade at the last British Indian port.

Vessels in ballast are recorded both as to entries and clearances in the same way as vessels with cargo.

Abstract table 1 gives the total entries and clearances in each maritime province, and tables 2 and 3 show the countries from which the vessels entered or to which they cleared. In tables 4 and 5 is shown the nationality of these vessels. Tables 6 and 7 give the details of the shipping at each port in each province. In tables 8 and 9 are shown for one year only the nationality as well as the countries (from which entered or to which cleared) of vessels with cargoes and in ballast, respectively. Table 10 shows the number and tonnage of steam-vessels built at each port, and table 11 gives similar details of vessels first registered.

10. *Charts*.—Diagrams have been added, illustrating the share of principal countries in the import and export trade in the year ending 31st March 1919, as compared with the average of the five pre-war years 1909-10 to 1913-14.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, INDIA,
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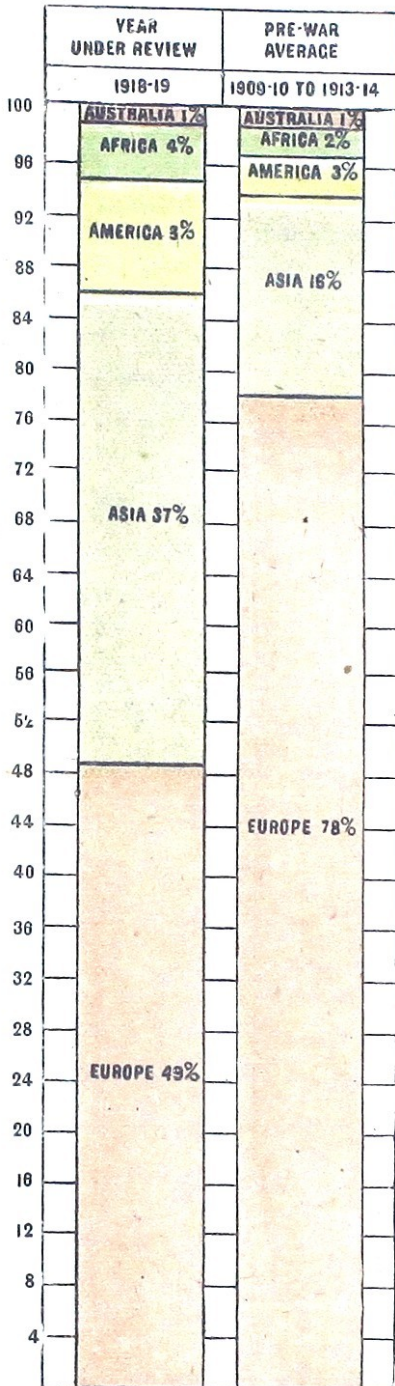
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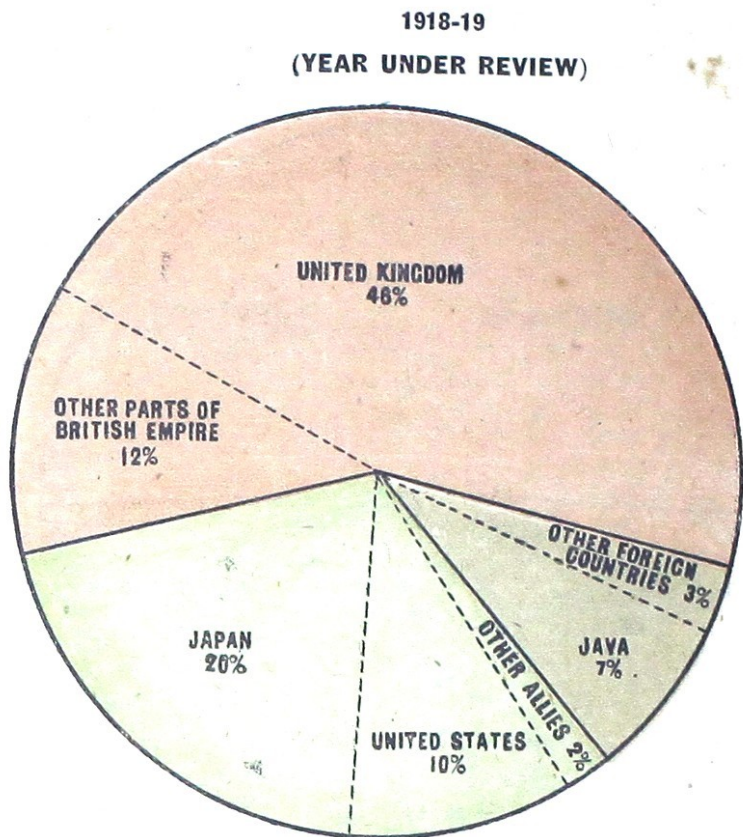
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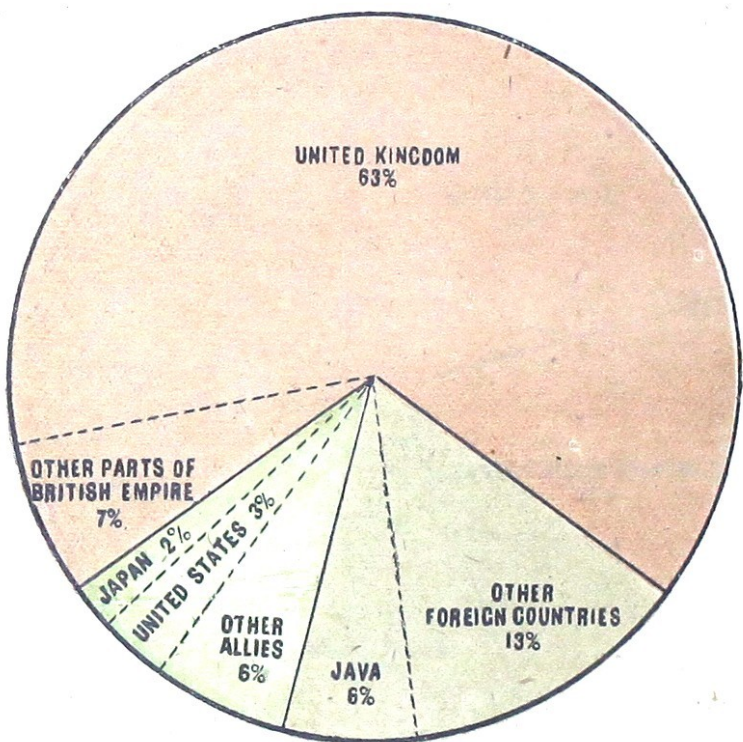
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1909-10 TO 1913-14
(PRE-WAR AVERAGE)



1918-19
(YEAR UNDER REVIEW)

	PER CENT
BRITISH EMPIRE	58
ALLIES	32
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	10
	100

1909-10 TO 1913-14
(PRE-WAR AVERAGE)

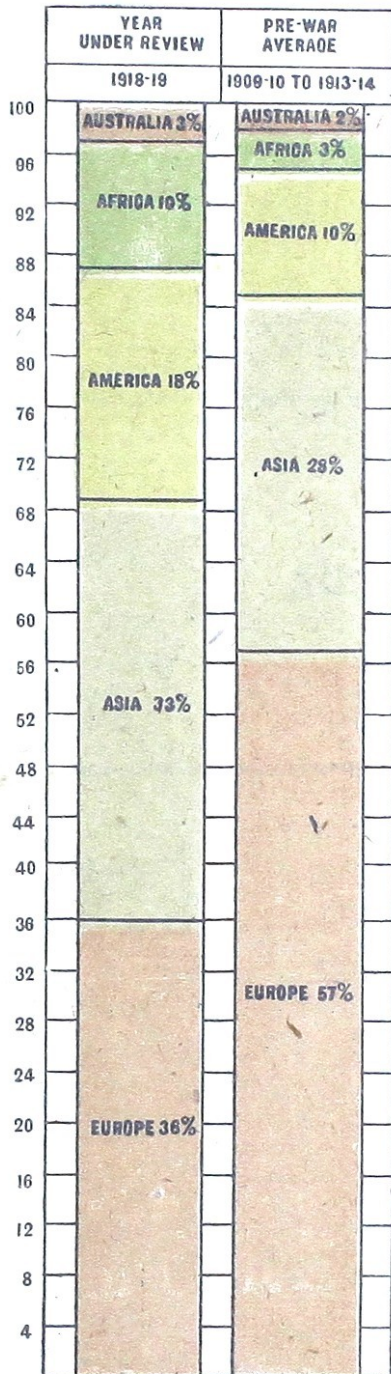
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BRITISH EMPIRE	70
ALLIES	11
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	19
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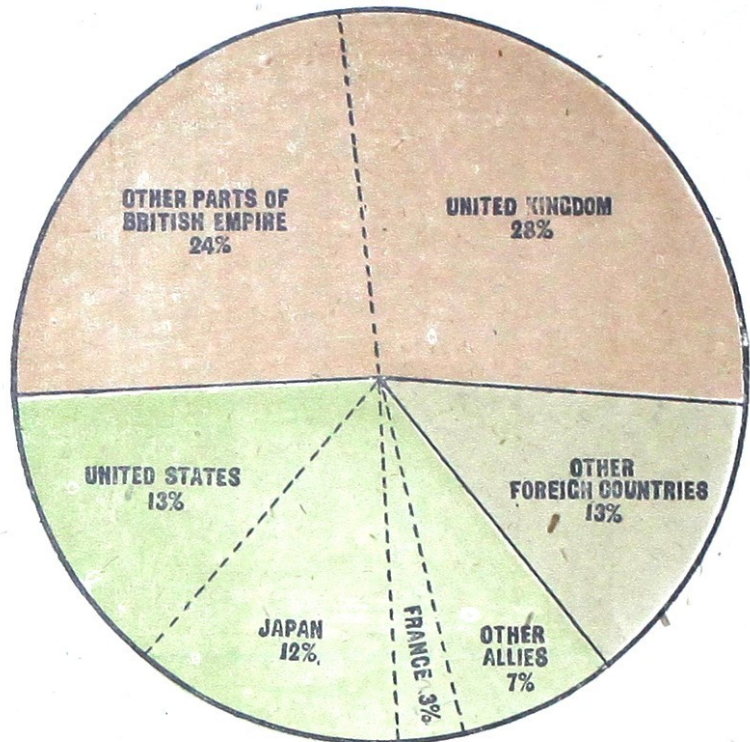
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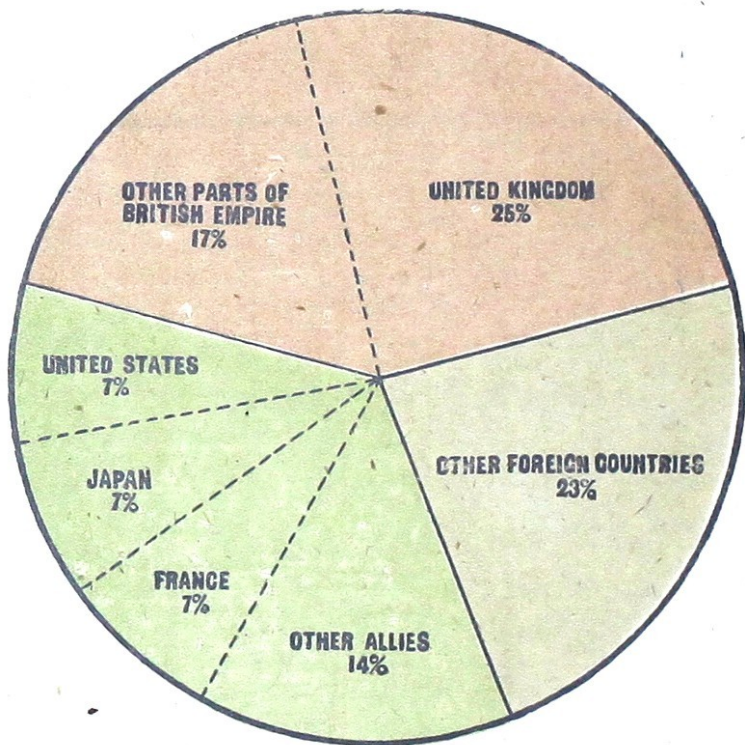


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(YEAR UNDER REVIEW)



1909-10 TO 1913-14
(PRE-WAR AVERAGE)



1918-19
(YEAR UNDER REVIEW)

	PER CENT
BRITISH EMPIRE	52
ALLIES	35
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	13
	100

1909-10 TO 1913-14
(PRE-WAR AVERAGE)

	PER CENT
BRITISH EMPIRE	42
ALLIES	35
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	23
	100

Note the increase in the share of the British Empire, of the United States, and of Japan in the total export trade, as compared with the pre-war period.