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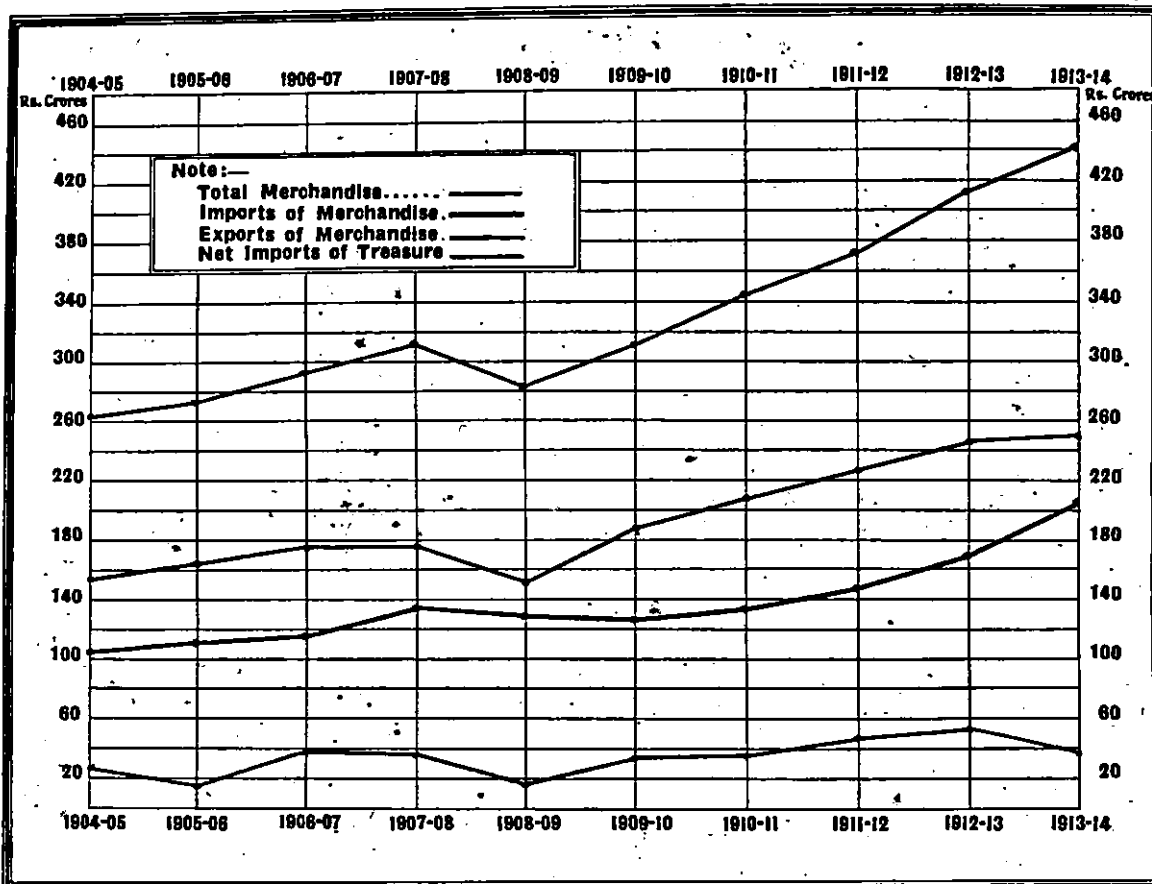
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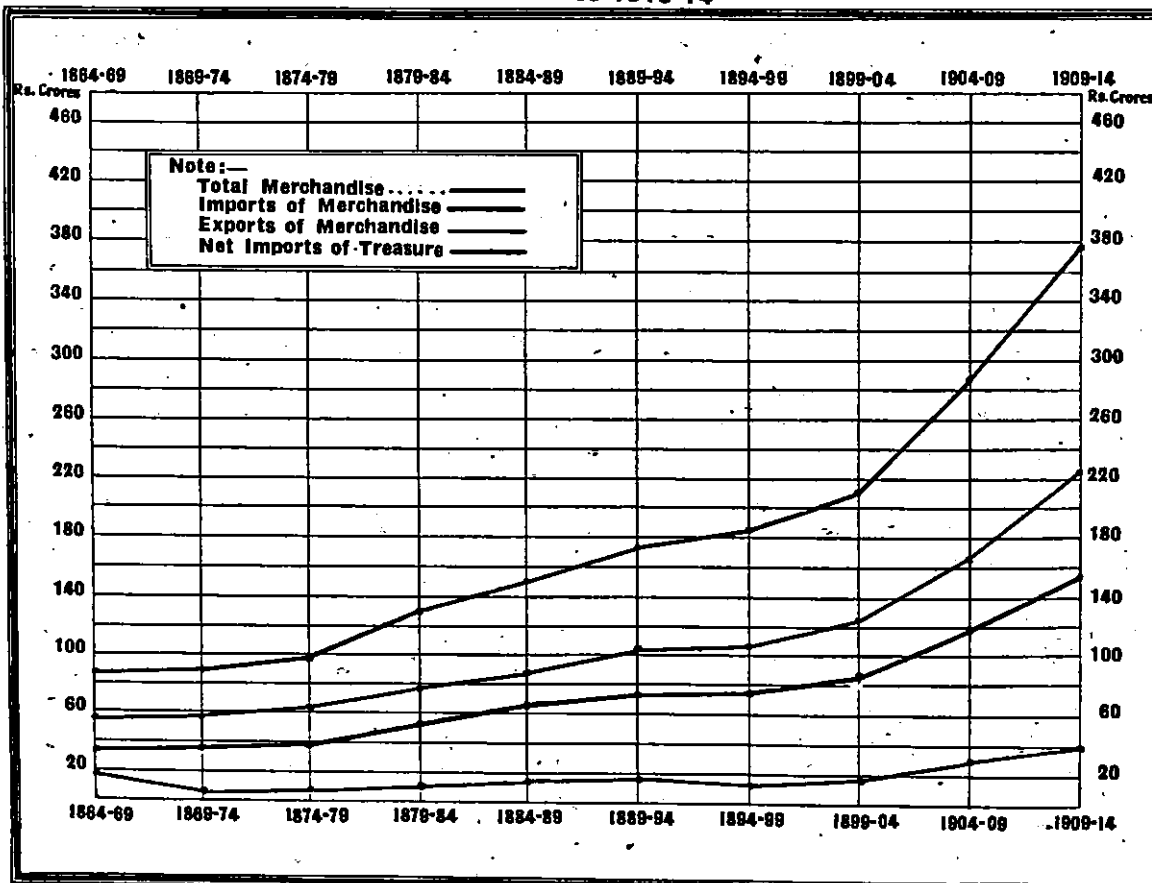
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GROWTH OF THE FOREIGN SEABORNE TRADE OF INDIA.

10 years
1904-05 to 1913-14



50 years
1864-65 to 1913-14



Note:—

1. Total merchandise includes Imports and Exports, both private and Government.
2. Imports of merchandise are inclusive of Government stores.
3. Exports of merchandise are inclusive of Government stores as well as re-exports.
4. Net Imports of Treasure are the imports *minus* the exports of Gold and Silver, both private and Government.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Fortieth Annual Review of the Trade of India.

For reasons already explained to Government, I have divided the Review this year into two parts—Part I containing a résumé of the extent and direction of Indian foreign seaborne, inland, frontier, and coasting trade, with coloured charts; and Part II with statistical tables for a series of years, which could not obviously appear in the body of the Report itself, without making it unreadable. The general characteristics of the year's trade are contained in Chapter I. In Chapter II trade according to continents and countries, the share of provinces, and the importance of the trade of Calcutta, Bombay and other ports, have been analysed. The more important exports and imports are referred to in Chapters III and IV, respectively. Chapter V deals with trade and currency, customs revenue, shipping, and freights, with special reference to the fall in freights in the year under review. The main features of the inland trade of the year are given in Chapter VI, while Chapters VII and VIII deal with the frontier and coasting trade respectively. The charts illustrate the growth of the foreign seaborne trade, the net imports of gold and gold absorption, the growth of inland, frontier, and coasting trade, the distribution of the trade of British India between the United Kingdom and other British Possessions and foreign countries, and the share of principal foreign countries in the import and export trade. The final Chapter summarises briefly the chief statistics relating to trade, including the percentage of export to total production. In Part II of the Review, summary tables have been given for all the important trade statistics, including the value of trade with principal countries, the prices of commodities, freights, and the course of wages in important industries. The main object of this is to make available statistics which would not otherwise be published until much later in the year. The statistics, for example, of the value of trade with principal countries for 1912-13 were not available to merchants and others until May 1914. The figures of 1913-14 will be found in table 11 in Part II. An index is added for easy reference.

The values throughout this Review are stated in rupees, and in the case of large values sterling equivalents are also given. It may be added that the question of using sterling notation only was referred in 1910 to the Chambers of Commerce and other public bodies, but in deference to the opinion of some leading commercial bodies, including the Chambers of Bengal and Bombay, rupee notation has been retained. A separate edition of the Review with sterling notation only is under preparation, and copies (including those presented to Parliament) will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

G. FINDLAY SHIRRAS,

Director of Statistics.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS,

The 16th July, 1914.

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