

490. The total number of acres held by lessees of ranches in the North-West Territories on 1st September, 1885, was 2,098,670 acres, and in the District of Alberta, according to reports received up to 19th December, 1885, there were the following numbers of horses, cattle, &c. :—

Horses	4,313
Cattle.....	46,936
Sheep.....	9,694
Swine.....	50
Poultry	<u>845</u>

491. The next statement shows that the export trade of cattle from Canada has increased very considerably during the last 12 years—the increase in the number and value of cattle exported being particularly large.

HORSES, CATTLE AND SHEEP EXPORTED, 1874 TO 1885.

Year ended 30th June.	Horses.		Cattle.		Sheep.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
1874.....	5,399	570,544	39,623	951,269	252,081	702,564
1875.....	4,382	460,672	38,968	823,522	242,438	637,561
1876.....	4,299	442,338	25,357	601,148	141,187	507,538
1877.....	8,306	779,222	22,656	715,750	209,899	583,020
1878.....	14,179	1,273,728	29,925	1,152,334	242,989	699,337
1879.....	16,629	1,376,794	46,569	2,096,696	308,093	988,045
1880.....	21,393	1,880,379	54,944	2,764,437	398,746	1,422,830
1881.....	21,993	2,094,037	63,277	3,464,871	354,155	1,372,127
1882.....	20,920	2,326,637	62,106	2,256,330	311,669	1,228,957
1883.....	13,019	1,633,291	66,396	3,898,028	308,474	1,388,056
1884.....	11,595	1,617,829	89,263	5,681,082	304,403	1,544,005
1885.....	12,310	1,640,506	144,441	7,508,043	335,207	1,264,811
Total.....	154,424	16,095,977	683,525	31,913,510	3,409,341	12,338,851

492. The total value of animals exported during the above period will be found to have reached the very large sum of \$60,348,338. The increase in value in 1885 over 1874 was \$8,188,983, and the increase in the same year over 1884 was \$1,570,444. Notwithstanding the large number of cattle imported, no disease was discovered by the inspectors, and this country still maintains its position for immunity from disease.