

Liverpool  
and Sal-  
taire Ex-  
hibitions.

462. A large portion of the collection which had been shown at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in 1886, was utilized for the exhibitions at Liverpool and Saltaire in 1887, special attention being devoted to illustrating the agricultural resources of the Dominion. The general interest shown in the exhibits was very considerable, and the effect produced is stated to have been very favourable.

PART II.—AGRICULTURE.

Decrease  
in impor-  
tation of  
pure bred  
cattle.

463. The decrease in the number of pure bred cattle imported from Europe during 1887 was very considerable, the total number only being 152 as compared with 601 in 1886. This falling off is attributed to the unfortunate outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia in the preceding summer, and also to the want of demand and depressed state of the market for imported cattle in the Western States. There was an increase of 160 in the number of sheep, and a decrease of 4 in the number of pigs imported. That the decrease has been steady is shown by the following comparative figures:—

IMPORTATIONS OF CATTLE, &c., FROM EUROPE, 1884 TO 1887.

YEAR.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
1884.....	1,607	473	26
1885.....	1,356	255	37
1886.....	601	328	16
1887.....	162	488	10

Destina-  
tions of  
animals  
imported.

464. With the exception of 147 sheep, all the animals imported in 1887 were destined for places in Canada, and the particulars of their breeds were as follow:—

CATTLE.

Shortbors .....	80	Polled Angus.....	2
Galloways .....	58	Jersey .....	1
West Highlands.....	11		

SHEEP.

Shropshire .....	359	Cotswold .....	15
Leicester .....	12	Southdown.....	63
Lincoln .....	6	Dorset .....	33

PIGS.

Berkshire.....	5	Suffolk.....	2
Yorkshire .....	3		