

from this country to Great Britain, except a certain quantity of salted beef, and the export of live cattle may be said to have commenced in that year—the first shipment being made through the United States owing to there being no vessels trading to Canada suitable for the purpose. Since that time however vessels have been built specially fitted for the carrying of live stock; and this circumstance, by reducing the rates of freight, has contributed largely towards keeping the business a fairly remunerative one in spite of the fall in prices and the reduced demand owing to a much larger home supply. (Statistical Abstract, 1886, p. 274.)

468. The following table shows how very rapidly the trade has increased since its inception :—

EXPORT OF LIVE CATTLE TO GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, 1872-1887.

YEAR.	CATTLE EXPORTED TO			
	Great Britain.		United States.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		\$		\$
1872.....			19,454	540,179
1873.....			22,391	555,552
1874.....	63	142,280	36,671	724,254
1875.....	455	33,471	34,651	672,060
1876.....	1,119	127,551	20,809	404,381
1877.....	5,478	446,000	13,851	268,317
1887.....	7,964	749,139	17,657	330,562
1879.....	23,273	1,767,801	21,318	403,799
1880.....	32,680	2,292,161	16,048	287,457
1881.....	49,409	3,157,009	7,558	179,591
1882.....	41,519	2,706,051	16,145	452,929
1883.....	37,894	3,209,176	23,944	613,647
1884.....	53,962	4,631,767	31,994	1,125,567
1885.....	69,446	5,752,248	69,196	1,613,908
1886.....	60,549	4,998,327	26,133	724,457
1887.....	63,622	5,344,375	45,981	922,358
Total.....	447,498	35,357,356	423,801	9,819,018

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