

Though it has been shown that the competition is not only very severe, but is also increasing, there seems no reason to doubt but that Canada, with the limitless prairies of the North-West for a breeding ground, will continue to successfully hold her own in this trade, and the shortness of the voyage, as compared with those from South America and Australasia, should be an important factor in assisting her to maintain a prominent position on the English market.

Shipment
of young
stock to
Aberdeen
for fatten
purposes.

476. A new trade in connection with cattle has also been inaugurated in the shipment of young stock to Aberdeen, where they are distributed among the feeding farms in the neighbourhood, and it is found that they fatten very satisfactorily.

Number
of horses
exported.

477. The total number of horses that have been exported from this country since Confederation is 261,750, of which 252,159 have gone to the United States, 4,943 to Great Britain and 4,648 to other countries. The total number imported during the same period, principally for improvement of stock, is 29,290.

Export of
horses to
England
for army
purposes.

478. The apparent success of the horses imported into the United Kingdom from Canada for army purposes, and the satisfaction that they gave, aroused the jealousy of English agriculturists, and the authorities were persuaded to discontinue these purchases, and to turn their attention to encouraging breeders at home. It is, however, extremely probable that the demand will before long be revived, and it is to be hoped that Canadian farmers will lose no time in profiting by the advice and remarks of the officers sent out to purchase, with reference to the style of animal required, that when the time does come again, as it inevitably will, a far larger supply will be found available, than was the case in the first instance, and even if the animals thus produced are not required for army purposes, they will be found