

\$150,000,000, while the value of the land devoted to cattle-breeding is placed at \$600,000,000.

356. It will thus be seen how keen the competition is likely to become, but at the same time 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.

Favourable position of Canada.

357. The experiment, which was tried in 1887, of shipping cattle to Great Britain direct from the ranches, was so successful that it was repeated on a larger scale in 1888, 4,500 head having been sent over, and though the results in all cases were not satisfactory, owing to want of judgment in the selection of some of the animals, still the fact has been established that well-bred and properly selected steers, under proper management, can be landed in any seaport market in Great Britain in good condition, and sold at remunerative prices. The practicability of sending dead meat to England in refrigerators is now engaging the attention of stock-raisers in the North-West.

Shipment of live cattle to Great Britain from the Ranches.

358. The following tables give the quantities and values of provisions exported from Canada in each year since 1873, and the countries to which they were shipped.

Exports of provisions from Canada, 1874-1888.