

of food exported during the years of 1882 and 1889, respectively, from which it will be seen that with scarcely an exception the percentage of increase or decrease in value was respectively considerably smaller or larger than the corresponding percentage in quantities :—

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD EXPORTED FROM CANADA IN 1882 AND 1889, COMPARED.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITIES.		Percent- age of Increase. or Decrease.	VALUES.		Percent- age of Increase. or Decrease.
	1882.	1889.		1882.	1889.	
				£	£	
Wheat. . . . Bush.	6,433,533	1,785,349	— 72·2	8,153,610	1,744,957	— 78·5
Flour. . . . Brls.	508,120	156,360	— 69·2	2,941,740	769,478	— 73·8
Corn. . . . Bush.	2,229,900	4,386,259	+ 97·1	1,353,788	2,191,110	+ 61·8
Cattle. . . . No.	62,337	102,980	+ 65·2	3,285,452	5,714,526	+ 73·9
Swine. . . . “	3,263	1,297	— 60·2	10,875	6,175	— 43·2
Sheep. . . . “	311,669	360,939	+ 15·8	1,228,957	1,276,918	+ 3·9
Beef. . . . Lbs.	1,192,042	707,076	— 40·6	75,009	36,519	— 51·3
Bacon. . . . “	10,286,190	3,890,322	— 62·1	1,124,405	362,809	— 67·7
Pork. . . . “	2,656,778	536,597	— 79·8	192,589	35,765	— 81·4
Butter. . . . “	15,338,488	2,217,986	— 85·5	2,975,170	392,655	— 86·8
Cheese. . . . “	55,325,167	95,364,585	+ 72·3	5,979,537	9,517,250	+ 59·1
Eggs. . . . Doz.	10,499,082	14,028,893	+ 33·6	1,643,709	2,159,510	+ 31·3

Values at prices in 1873 and 1888 compared.

233. Some figures were quoted in the Statistical Abstract, 1887, p. 197, which had been prepared by Mr. Giffen, comparing the values of the imports and exports of Great Britain in 1886 with what they would have been at the prices of 1873, and showing that instead of 350 millions the imports would have been over 500 millions, and the exports 550 millions instead of 212½ millions. The following table of the principal articles imported into Canada in 1888, showing their actual import value in that year, and the value they would have had at the import prices of 1873, shows a proportionately similar result as regards this country. It will be seen that the imports at the prices of 1873 would have been 60·65 per cent. higher, and if a reduction in some articles is allowed for, and an average increase of 50 per cent. is taken, it will be found that the imports of 1888 would have amounted to \$166,341,945, a much larger sum than has yet been recorded, showing that the trade of the country has increased to a large extent, although at present values the progress is not apparent in figures.