Total imports of cattle into Great Britain.

375. The exports of cattle last year, it will be seen, were far ahead of any previous year, and there seems no reason to doubt the continued increase of this trade. The imports of cattle into Great Britain in 1889 exceeded that of any previous year since the inauguration of the trade, the total number having amounted to 502,158, being no less than 170,999 in excess of the average of the three preceding years.

Extract from the. Meat Trade's Journal.

376. The Meat Trade's Journal (Liverpool, Eng.), after referring to the large number of cattle shipped from the United States, says :---

"With respect to Canada, which last year occupied third place, it now ranks "second, contributing nearly 17 per cent. of our live supply. A large proportion of "this went to Aberdeen in the shape of lean cattle, nearly 10,000 head having been "consigned there to fill up the gaps caused by the continued restrictions against Irish "stores. The past year has been the 'banner' year of Canada's live export business, "her wonderful total of 84,000 marking an era in the commercial development of the "Dominion which many on this side will regard with much satisfaction."

Imports of cattle and sheep into Great Britain, 1889.

377. The following table of imports of sheep and cattle into Great Britain in 1889 is taken from the same journal : ---IMPORTS OF CATTLE AND SHEEP INTO GREAT BRITAIN, 1889.

Countries from Whence Exported.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Per cent.	
			Cattle.	Sheep.
	No.	No.		
United States	294.390	17,919	58.62	2.64
Canada	81,444	56,628	16.82	8.35
Denmark	77,942	153,362	15.53	22.62
Netherlands	9,472	198,040	1.89	29.21
Sweden	14,167	12,468	2.83	1.84
Germany		193, 191		28.49
Spain	11,589		2.31	
Portugal	7,026		1.40	
Channel Isles	2,482			
Norway and Iceland	646	44,290	0.11	6.24
Falkland Isles		2,065		0.31
Total	502,158	677,963	100.00	100.00

Importance of

378. The above table shows how large a proportion of the quarantine meat supply of England Canada is gradually assuming, and regulations the fact quoted above of nearly 10,000 lean cattle being shipped to Aberdeen for fattening purposes, shows how absolutely neces-

sary it is to maintain the present strict quarantine regulations,