

in consequence of which this country enjoys such an immunity from disease that she is allowed to land cattle alive and have them sent further into the country, whereas all beasts coming from the United States and Europe have to be slain on landing. The withdrawal of this privilege would immediately put an end to the trade in store cattle.

379. The shipment of cattle direct from the ranches in Alberta to the United Kingdom, while it has been proved to be perfectly practicable, has not yet been found to be very remunerative, owing partly to the lateness of shipping and partly to want of proper accommodation between the shipping point and Montreal. It possibly may be eventually found more profitable to supply the eastern Provinces with meat, while they in their turn ship their fat cattle to Great Britain. Shipment of cattle to Aberdeen.

380. The shipments of sheep have shown a steady increase during the last three years, and a gradual expansion of this branch of the trade may be looked for. Canada, in this particular, has a formidable rival in the Australasian colonies, the shipments of mutton from which are increasing in quantity every year, and the trade has assumed proportions of great magnitude with astonishing rapidity. In 1882 the total quantity of meat exported from New Zealand was 15,244 cwt., valued at \$94,117, while in 1889 there were exported 874,102 carcasses of sheep, 132,645 carcasses of lambs and 7,941,657 lbs. of beef, the whole being valued at \$3,582,431, and in addition \$721,332 worth of preserved and salted meat was exported. The total quantity of dead meat imported into the United Kingdom from Australasia in 1888 was no less than 714,432 cwt. In connection with the export of sheep it will be interesting to state that a very important experiment, with, it is said, satisfactory results, has recently been tried at Liverpool, viz., the importation of live sheep from Buenos Ayres. They stood the journey remarkably well, and realized double the price of frozen mutton from the same place. Exports of dead meat from Australasia.
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