

Britain, the proportion of the whole being, as in 1888, 80 per cent.

The supply of pork in Canada.

384. The exports of pork, bacon, hams and lard have steadily decreased from $33\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds in 1874 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds in 1889, but the additional duty recently imposed (1890) upon pork will probably have the effect of increasing the supply. The Ontario Department of Agriculture, made an enquiry during 1889 into the possibility of raising pork for export, as well as for the home market, at a remunerative cost, and it appeared, as a result, that attention to the best modes of feeding, and to breeding the right kind of swine, are apparently all that are required to enable Canadian farmers to supply the demand of packers for both the home and the English markets.

Butter.

385. The decrease in the exports of butter has been very considerable, amounting to 85 per cent., and is attributable almost entirely to carelessness on the part of the farmers in not producing an article of sufficiently high quality to obtain a ready sale in the English market. It has been said that the deterioration in quality and decrease in quantity are largely due to the establishment of cheese factories, which absorb the new milk; but, be that as it may, there is plenty of room in Canada for the production of large quantities of first-class butter as well as of cheese, and as the export of this article could be made a source of considerable profit, it is a subject well worthy the attention of agricultural societies throughout the Dominion. Recognising the importance of encouraging this industry, the Government have recently appointed a Dairy Commissioner, who will travel about the country and give the farmers practical lessons in butter and cheese-making.

Manufacture of butter in Ontario.

386. According to the Ontario Bureau of Industries Report, 31 creameries in operation in the Province in 1888 made 677,279 lbs. of butter and 153,247 lbs. of cheese. The average price of the butter per lb. was 20.34c.

Cheese factories in Quebec.

387. There are said to be 672 cheese factories and creameries in Quebec, but no returns of their product are available.