

388. The total quantity of butter imported into Great Britain in 1888, according to British Customs returns, was 187,200,496 lbs., and of this quantity only 1,042,384 lbs. came from Canada. The Australasian Colonies, particularly New Zealand, are turning attention to shipping butter and cheese to England, and are meeting with considerable success, the total shipments of butter from Australasia in 1888 having amounted to 2,858,800, lbs. and it is evident that if these colonies can make this trade remunerative, much more so could Canada, when the gain in distance and consequently in freight charges is considered.

Imports of
butter into
Great
Britain.

389. Denmark is a striking example of what can be accomplished by diligent attention to the best modes of farming. About five or six years ago Danish butter and bacon were almost unsaleable on the English market, while to-day Danish butter fetches the highest price in London, and Danish bacon is rapidly superseding that from Ireland, Canada and the United States. With a population of only 2,108,000, less than half that of Canada, this country exported to Great Britain in 1888 over 18 million dollars worth of butter.

Exports of
butter and
bacon from
Denmark.

390. The exports of cheese have steadily increased, and in 1889 were 268 per cent. more than in 1874. It almost all goes to the United Kingdom, and it will not be long before more cheese will be imported into that country from Canada than from anywhere else. According to British Trade Returns 90,980,960 lbs. were imported from the United States in 1888, and 74,853,520 lbs. from Canada, but there is good ground for believing that a certain quantity of Canadian cheese is shipped from United States ports and sold in England as American cheese.

Cheese.

391. There were 404 cheese factories that made returns to the Ontario Government in 1888, showing the manufacture of 38,336,589 lbs. of cheese, from 402,599,463 lbs. of milk, given by 150,618 cows. The value of the cheese made was \$4,515,188. A large quantity of cheese is made in the Province of Quebec, but no statistics are available.

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