

apple exports, however, go to Great Britain, as in 1889, out of a total of 771,971 barrels exported, 619,217 went to that country, Ontario and Nova Scotia being the principal apple-producing Provinces. The Annapolis valley, in Nova Scotia, is said to be the finest apple-growing country in the world, and the number of orchards are increasing every year, as the profit to be made becomes better understood. The principal articles of agricultural produce imported from the United States were corn, for producing which in large quantities this country is not generally adapted, cornmeal and flour and the products of swine, and these articles formed 82 per cent. of the agricultural imports from that country.

395. In order to furnish some idea of the enormous quantities of food annually imported into Great Britain, the following table is given, the figures having been taken from the British Customs Returns, showing the quantities of the principal articles of food imported in 1888, distinguishing between Canada, the United States, other British possessions and Foreign countries. The percentages were worked out in this office. The principal articles of food, it will be seen, that are imported from Canada are cattle, canned meats, cheese, pease and apples, but as all the articles in the table are capable of being produced in this country in large quantities, there is no reason why our share of the imports should not be much larger than it is at present.

Exports of
apples.

Imports of
provisions
into the
United
Kingdom,
1888.