

When Canadian bacon does reach England it is preferred to almost any other kind in the market, and it is nothing but the indifference of the Canadian farmer that has kept such a profitable industry within such small dimensions.

Butter.

407. The butter exported was very little more than in 1889, reaching only the total of 1,951,585 lbs. a sad falling off as compared with the exports of 1880. The decrease is attributable almost entirely to carelessness on the part of the farmers in allowing deterioration in quality, in not paying sufficient attention to the preferences of foreign consumers and in not providing sufficient protection against damage in transit. "If a foreign market for fine butter is desired, the butter must be preserved by refrigeration, and not by salt. The English market requires an article almost destitute of salt. A failure to consult the tastes, even the whims, of consumers, as to quality and form of package, defeats the introduction of fine butter." * It has been said that the decrease in the manufacture of butter is largely due to the establishment of cheese factories which absorb the new milk; but it is certain there must be other reasons, for while the exports of butter have, since 1880, decreased no less than 89 per cent., the exports of cheese have only increased 133 per cent. There is abundance of room in Canada for the production for export of both first class butter and cheese in large quantities, with profit to the exporter, and the attention of agricultural societies throughout the Dominion is called to the subject. The Dominion Government, recognising the importance of these industries, recently appointed a Dairy Commissioner, whose duty it is to travel through the country lecturing to the farmers and giving them practical lessons in butter and cheese-making.

Manufac-
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butter in
Ontario.

408. According to the Ontario Bureau of Industries Report, 33 creameries in operation in the Province in 1889 made

*Statistician. U.S. Department of Agriculture Report, December, 1890.