

876,003 lbs. of butter and 219,808 lbs. of cheese. The average price of butter per lb. was 21 cents.

409. There are a large number of creameries in Quebec, but no returns of their product are available. Creameries in Quebec.

410. The total quantity of butter imported into Great Britain in 1889, according to British Customs returns, was 215,918,304 lbs., and of this quantity only 2,545,984 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, and it is evident that if these colonies can make this trade remunerative, much more so can Canada, when the gain in distance and consequently in freight charges are considered, as well as the cooler temperature on the voyage. Imports of butter into Great Britain.

411. The exports of cheese have steadily increased, and in 1890 were 292 per cent. more than in 1874. It almost all goes to the United Kingdom, and when the British returns for 1890 are published it will probably be found that more cheese was imported into that country from Canada than from anywhere else. According to British Trade Returns 92,475,040 lbs. were imported from the United States in 1889 and 75,667,200 lbs. from Canada, while according to Canadian figures the exports of cheese to Great Britain amounted to 88,109,021, and according to United States returns, similar exports from that country only amounted to 72,304,393 lbs., and there is every reason to believe that the last two sets of figures are the most correct, as it is certain that a quantity of Canadian cheese is shipped from United States ports and sold in England as American cheese. Exports of cheese.

412. There were 577 cheese factories that made returns to the Ontario Government in 1889, showing the manufacture of 53,426,113 lbs. of cheese, from 559,444,427 lbs. of milk, given Cheese factories in Ontario.