

by 201,090 cows. The value of the cheese made was \$4,995,480. A large quantity of cheese is made in the Province of Quebec, where there are upwards of 670 factories, but no statistics are available.

The egg
trade.

413. Hitherto the eggs exported have gone almost entirely to the United States, and it remains to be seen what effect the high duty now imposed by the United States tariff will have on this particular trade. In anticipation of a falling off in the demand from over the border, efforts are being made to direct the trade to Great Britain, which annually imports an enormous number of eggs, the quantity in 1889 having been 94,325,030 dozen. The British demand is increasing every year, and as a result of enquiries made by a commissioner sent over to England by the Dominion Government concerning the capabilities of the trade, it was reported that Canadian eggs were thought of very favourably on the market, and that there was every reason to believe that there was ample room for the development of the trade to a large extent. Fine fresh eggs, properly packed, exported from Canada, will generally fetch a higher price in British than in United States markets. A few experimental shipments have been made with satisfactory results.

Beet sugar

414. Considerable attention has been attracted of late to the cultivation of the sugar-beet, with a view to ascertaining with what success it could be grown in Canada. A sugar factory has been in operation for some time at Farnham, Que., but without much success, owing principally to lack of capital. Some experiments were made in Ontario in 1890, under the direction of the Provincial Experimental Farm, the results showing an average of nearly 14 per cent. of sugar, which would have been much higher had the printed instructions been carefully followed and the roots grown in larger areas. The analyses of the samples generally pointed to the conclusion that the yield per acre would be higher in Ontario than