

hundred and eighty-nine days in the year upon foreign imports. Lord George Hamilton has recently said : "This process must continue, and if its development during the next twenty years is as rapid as it has been in the past, in little more than a score of years home produce will have receded from being less than one-half of the total supply of food to less than one-quarter."

These facts emphasize the permanent value of the market of Great Britain to the food-producing countries of the world. During three years, 1891-92-93, Great Britain imported a yearly average of 3,275,000 tons of wheat, and 19,800,000 cwt. of wheat flour.

395. The following table gives the import duties on wheat and flour in European countries :—

Country.	Wheat, Grain.	Wheat Meal and Flour.
Portugal.....	Prohibited.....	Prohibited.
Spain.....	79 cts. per cwt.....	\$1.31 per cwt.
France.....	69½ cts. ".....	\$1.09½ to \$1.58 per cwt.
Italy.....	69¼ cts. ".....	\$1.13½ per cwt.
Germany..	42¼ cts. ".....	90 cts. per cwt.
Austria-Hungary.....	42½ cts. ".....	91 cts. "
Greece.....	30¼ cts. ".....	51 cts. "
Sweden.....	17 cts. ".....	34 cts. "
Switzerland.....	3 cts. ".....	19½ cts. "
Norway.....	3 cts. ".....	16½ cts. "
Russia.....	Free.....	49 cts. "
Roumania.....	".....	\$1.18½ "
Turkey.....	8 per cent ad valorem....	8 per cent ad valorem.
Bulgaria.....	8½ ".....	8½ ".....
Denmark.....	Free.....	Free.
Holland.....	".....	".....
Belgium.....	".....	".....
United Kingdom.....	".....	".....

IMPORT DUTIES UPON BARLEY AND OATS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Country.	Barley.	Oats.
Portugal.....	89 cts. per cwt.....	89 cts. per cwt.
Spain.....	43½ cts. ".....	43½ cts. "
France.....	29 cts. ".....	37 cts. "
Italy.....	11 cts. ".....	39½ cts. "
Germany.....	24¼ cts. ".....	34 cts. "
Austria-Hungary.....	18½ cts. ".....	18½ cts. "