

603. Duties on other articles largely used by farmers were also considerably reduced by the tariff of 1894, among them being agricultural implements, mowing machines, self-binding harvesters, harvesters without binders, binding attachments, reapers, sulky and walking ploughs, harrows, cultivators, seed drill and horse rakes from 25 to 20 per cent *ad valorem*; binding twines from 25 to 12½ per cent and rove for making such twines to 10 per cent and barbed wire to ¾ per cent per pound.

604. From this rapid review of what Canada has done to guard her agriculture from harm to as great a degree as possible in the great struggle that has been going on between the farmers of the United States, Germany, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, India, Argentina, Australia and other countries to establish the "survival of the fittest," it will be seen that no efforts have been spared to maintain the agriculture of Canada on a firm footing.

GREAT BRITAIN'S IMPORTS.

605. During 1894 Great Britain, more largely than ever, drew her food supplies from outside countries.

There was an increase in her imports of wheat, barley, oats, beans, corn, cattle, sheep, fresh and salt beef, mutton, salt pork, bacon, hams, lard, rabbits, unenumerated meats, butter, cheese, condensed milk, fresh fish, eggs, onions, fruit and raw vegetables. There was a decrease in the imports of pigs, peas, fresh pork, preserved meats, margarine, poultry and game, hops and potatoes.

In 14 items the previous record was broken, viz., wheat and flour, barley, beans, fresh beef, mutton, unenumerated meats, eggs, cheese, condensed milk, onions, apples, fruit (various) and vegetables (various.)

606. The following statement gives in some detail the imports into the United Kingdom to meet the demand for food, during 1894:—

ARTICLES.		Quantity.	Value.
Animals, living (for food).....	No.	960,045	44,237,455
Wheat, barley, oats, peas, beans, Indian corn and flour.....	cwt.	178,466,116	232,297,429
Dressed meats.....	"	10,718,870	110,594,951
Butter.....	"	2,574,835	65,489,268
Margarine.....	"	1,109,325	14,818,075
Cheese.....	"	2,266,145	26,644,708
Eggs.....	doz.	118,769,680	18,426,801
Fish.....	cwt.	2,555,977	12,882,456
Fruit, raw.....	bush.	17,383,774	26,816,526
Hops.....	cwt.	189,155	3,768,639
Lard.....	"	1,400,516	13,424,292
Milk (condensed or preserved).....	"	529,465	5,252,277
Potatoes.....	"	2,703,803	5,013,110
Onions.....	bush.	5,288,512	3,723,195
Vegetables, unenumerated.....			5,306,467
Poultry and game.....			2,340,469
			\$591,036,118