

694. Bacon and hams were imported by Great Britain to the extent of 448,221,088 pounds as the yearly average of 1887-89; of 554,382,752 pounds yearly in the 1890-92 period, and of 504,374,416 pounds yearly during 1893-94. Canada supplied 1·63 per cent of the total in the first period; 1·63 per cent in the second, and 6·2 per cent in the third. The United States provided 74·61 per cent, 87·53 per cent, and 74·8 per cent respectively. Canada has made a gain, and there is ample room for a greater gain.

695. In salted beef there was a demand in Great Britain upon outside countries as follows:—1887-89, 26,412,027 pounds; 1890-92, 29,787,483 pounds; 1893-94, 24,070,944 pounds. Of this demand the United States supplied in the first period, 94·42 per cent; in the second, 95·99 per cent; and in the third, 95·6 per cent. Canada supplied 2·2 per cent in the 1893-94 period. What she supplied in the previous periods could not be expressed in percentages, it was so small.

696. In fresh beef, Great Britain imported a yearly average of 107,467,920 pounds in 1887-89, of 218,580,331 pounds in 1890-92, and of 219,080,736 pounds in 1893-94. The United States supplied 96·98, 88·74 and 83·5 per cent respectively. Canada's share is too small to express in percentages. Other British possessions, chiefly Australasia, have gone on increasing their supply from 5,600,000 pounds a year in 1887-89 to 14,130,000 pounds a year in 1890-92 and 29,689,856 pounds a year in 1893-94.

697. Of all other meats Great Britain needed 92,082,000 pounds a year in 1890-92. This was an increase of over 21,000,000 pounds a year over the 1887-89 period. The United States secured 74·15 per cent and Canada 3·85 per cent, both countries showing an increased proportion as compared with the 1887-89 period, when the United States supplied 46 per cent and Canada 1·54 per cent. For the period 1893-94 the total amount needed by Great Britain was 84,602,592 pounds a year, of which the United States supplied 44·7 and Canada 1·2 per cent.

698. Great Britain's imports of meats of all kinds, not including living animals, during the period 1887-94, have been as under:—

ARTICLES.	YEARLY AVERAGE.		
	1887-89 (3 years.)	1890-92 (3 years.)	1893-94 (2 years.)
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
Mutton, fresh.....	111,857,461	187,390,112	238,927,696
Pork.....	48,572,611	37,888,965	43,366,064
Bacon and hams.....	448,221,088	554,383,752	504,374,416
Beef, salted.....	26,412,027	29,787,483	24,070,944
“ fresh.....	107,467,920	218,580,331	219,080,736
Meats, all other.....	70,477,941	*99,992,891	†96,584,936
Totals.....	813,008,448	1,128,022,534	1,126,404,792

* Including 7,910,709 lbs. preserved mutton.

† Including 11,021,360 lbs. preserved mutton.