

699. The table shows : 1st. That the English people are taking more and more to fresh mutton\*, the proportion in the 1893-94 period being 21·2 per cent, or over one-fifth of the whole ; in 1890-92, 16·6 per cent, and in 1887-89, 13·7 per cent. 2nd. That hog-meat barely holds its own. 3rd. That fresh beef is imported in a somewhat increasing quantity.

700. Summing up these particulars it is found that Great Britain during the 1890-92 period took from outside countries a yearly average of 141,323 more cattle than in the 1887-89 period, and during the 1893-94 period a yearly average of 143,004 fewer cattle than in the 1890-92 period ; that she imported a yearly average of 607,854 fewer live sheep in 1890-92 than in 1887-89, and an average of 12,970 more sheep in 1893-94 than in 1890-92 ; and that of meats of all kinds she imported a yearly average in the 1890-92 period of 1,128 million pounds, which was more than in the 1887-89 period by 315 million pounds, and more than in the period 1893-94 by 11½ million pounds.

701. Canada's share in the supplying of the 1,128,000,000 pounds imported yearly in the 1890-92 period was 12,576,362 pounds, or a little over one per cent. The United States' share was 705,255,633 pounds or about 62½ per cent.

702. Canada's share in the supplying of the 1,126,500,000 pounds imported yearly in the 1893-94 period was 33,165,528 pounds or 2·9 per cent. The United States' share was 637,807,981 pounds or 56·7 per cent. Canada has gained and the United States lost in the proportion supplied.

703. The following table shows the percentage of increase or decrease in the several items named in the period of 1890-92 compared with 1887-89, and in the period 1893-94 compared with 1890-92 :—

MEATS.	ENGLAND.		CANADA.		UNITED STATES.	
	Increase or decrease in Demand.		Increase or decrease in Supply.		Increase or decrease in Supply.	
	1890-92.	1893-94.	1890-92.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.
	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
Mutton.....	67·5	27·9	†	‡	-27·8	800·0
Pork.....	-22·0	14·4	-91·5	3,259·7	9·0	-20·3
Bacon and hams.....	24·0	-9·0	20·5	245·6	45·1	-22·3
Beef, salted and fresh.....	85·5	-2·1	-25·7	4,344·3	72·5	-7·3
All other meats.....	30·6	-7·1	225·5	-75·7	98·2	-41·1

\* The English returns show that the home supply of sheep in the 1893-94 period decreased in number by 511,736 compared with the average number of the 1891-92 period, proving that in addition to increasing their imports the English people are drawing upon the home supply to an increasing extent.

† Nothing sent in 1890-92 period.

‡ 433,312 pounds a year sent.