

716. The following comparative figures of the total importation of stock in Canada during 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 show that there has been a considerable increase, especially of horses and cattle, almost all of which were imported into the Territories :—

—	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	*1893.	*1894.
Horses	412	846	2,041	1,694	3,507	2,260	1,875	1,663
Cattle	549	454	3,984	1,386	3,473	4,025	1,349	4,132
Sheep	6,539	30,626	34,036	30,551	40,467	33,439	35,718	36,777
Pigs	262	2,468	2,132	1,324	381	167	177	197

*8 mules in 1893 and 36 in 1894.

Of the above numbers in 1894, 29,897 sheep were imported into British Columbia from the United States for slaughter.

717. There was a decrease in the number of horses, cattle and sheep exported from Canada in the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1894, as appears by the following table, which gives particulars of the export trade of Canadian live stock since 1874 :—

EXPORTS OF HORSES, CATTLE AND SHEEP, THE PRODUCE OF CANADA, 1874 TO 1894.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	HORSES.		CATTLE.		SHEEP.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
1874	5,339	570,544	39,623	951,269	252,081	702,564
1875	4,382	460,672	38,968	823,522	242,438	637,561
1876	4,299	442,338	25,357	601,148	141,187	507,538
1877	8,306	779,222	22,656	715,750	209,899	583,020
1878	14,179	1,273,728	29,925	1,152,334	242,989	699,337
1879	16,629	1,376,794	46,569	2,096,696	308,093	988,045
1880	21,393	1,880,379	54,944	2,764,437	398,746	1,422,830
1881	21,993	2,094,037	62,277	3,464,871	354,155	1,372,127
1882	20,920	2,326,637	62,106	3,256,330	311,669	1,228,957
1883	13,019	1,633,291	66,396	3,898,028	308,474	1,388,056
1884	11,595	1,617,829	89,263	5,681,082	304,403	1,544,605
1885	11,978	1,554,629	143,003	7,377,777	335,043	1,261,071
1886	16,525	2,147,584	91,866	5,825,188	359,407	1,182,241
1887	18,779	2,268,833	116,274	6,486,718	443,495	1,592,167
1888	20,397	2,458,231	100,747	5,012,713	395,074	1,276,046
1889	17,767	2,170,722	102,919	5,708,126	360,131	1,263,125
1890	16,550	1,936,073	81,454	6,949,417	315,931	1,274,347
1891	11,658	1,417,244	117,761	8,772,499	299,347	1,146,465
1892	11,063	1,354,027	107,179	7,748,919	329,427	1,385,146
1893	13,219	1,461,157	107,224	7,745,083	360,509	1,247,855
1894	8,734	945,660	86,057	6,499,597	233,361	832,666
Total	288,724	32,169,631	1,592,568	93,531,534	6,505,859	23,535,769

718. Some idea can be formed of the extent and importance of this trade when it is seen that the value of the horses, cattle and sheep exported during the last twenty-one years has reached the sum of \$149,236,934.