

The growth in this group has been general. Bakeries and confectioneries have increased by 756. Part of this increase is due to the specialization of the business, confectioners in 1881 having been bakers as well. Flour and grist mills show increase. Preserved articles of food in 1881 returned 339 establishments, but as some of these included animal foods as well as vegetable, some of them should be credited to the next class. It is impossible to separate them, the returns of 1881 not specifying in sufficient detail the nature of the raw material used. For general purposes of comparison, the classes of vegetable and animal food should be taken together. This has been done at the end of animal foods. It will be seen that the industries grouped under these two heads have attained large proportions. Notwithstanding the reduction in the price of flour, in the ten years, the value of the output of the flour mills in the census returns of 1891 is nearly \$11,000,000 more than in 1881. Fruit and vegetable canning and pickle making have developed at a great rate.

## 287.—FOODS—ANIMAL.

INDUSTRY.	No. of Establishments.	Capital.	No. of Employees.	Wages.	Value of Output.
		\$		\$	\$
Cheese factories.....	1,565	2,586,599	3,013	753,067	9,784,288
Creameries.....	170	540,598	425	106,303	913,591
Fish canning.....	390	2,894,224	13,781	974,832	3,091,293
“ curing.....	4,627	3,133,072	15,704	1,066,584	4,942,302
Meat canning.....	1	12,000	9	2,500	7,000
“ curing.....	527	2,173,077	1,690	503,053	7,125,831
Census of 1891—Total.....	7,280	11,339,570	34,622	3,406,339	25,864,305
Census of 1881—Total.....	988	2,568,129	3,176	622,141	9,890,065
Total animal and vegetable foods, 1891.....	11,918	42,682,338	51,195	8,408,892	95,671,293
Total animal and vegetable foods, 1881.....	4,933	20,371,551	22,293	4,432,803	64,172,205

The great increase in cheese factories has been the most important change in this group, as may be seen from the following comparison with the census of 1881:—

	1881.	1891.
Number of factories.....	709	1,565
Capital invested.....	\$ 1,021,435	\$ 2,586,599
Persons employed.....	2,003	3,013
Wages paid.....	\$ 382,615	\$ 753,067
Value of raw material.....	4,264,798	6,804,611
Value of output.....	5,464,454	9,784,288

The increase in creameries, or butter factories, was also very great, the number rising from 46 to 170, and the output from \$341,478 to \$913,591. There has likewise been great development in all the canning industries, including meat and fish.