

has aided railway construction to the extent of \$203,000,000 contributed by the federal, the provincial and the municipal authorities. She has carried out a stringent quarantine system to prevent the farmers making losses through imported diseases. She has established experimental farms on which to conduct researches and verify experiments to test the relative value for all purposes of different breeds of cattle; to direct the manufacture and disposal of dairy products so that the best articles and the highest prices may be secured; to examine the diseases to which cultivated plants and trees are subject, &c., &c. The Department of Agriculture issues bulletins on various subjects such as the poultry and egg business. The Department of Justice provides against combinations to run up the price of binder twine, &c. The Department of Marine attends to the inspection of vessels intended to carry cattle. The Select Standing Committee of Agriculture every year investigates various subjects touching on agriculture and publishes reports for general information. In 1894 and 1895 this committee took evidence on tuberculosis in cattle, cold storage for butter, for meat exports, and for fruit; Dominion registration of pedigree stock; rations in stock raising; agricultural chemistry; horticulture; poultry management; entomology in relation to farm and garden; dairy production in Quebec; cattle and dairying in the North-west Territories; distribution of seed grain; compulsory branding of cheese, and instituted close examinations of the experimental farms in order to see in what directions their usefulness might be increased.

The Parliament of Canada has provided a tariff for the protection of the farmer against assault from outside countries and has passed over 20 Acts intended to assist the farming community.

The several provinces have been active within their spheres of action, in behalf of the farmers, by providing agricultural colleges and in other ways.

488. The following duties by the Canadian tariff of 1894 and 1895 are levied on the products of the farm, including the stock yard, the dairy and the orchard:—

ARTICLES.	§ cts.	Per cent.
Animals, living (n.e.s.).....ad val.		20
Live hogs.....per lb.	0 01½	
Meats (n.e.s.) in barrels.....“	0 02	
Meats, fresh.....“	0 03	
Canned meats, &c.....ad val.		25
Mutton and lamb, fresh.....“		35
Poultry and game.....“		20
Lard and compounds.....per lb.	0 02	
Tallow.....ad val.		20
Beeswax.....“		10
Feathers, undressed.....“		20
Eggs.....per doz.	0 05	
Butter.....per lb.	0 04	
Cheese.....“	0 03	
Condensed milk.....“	0 03½	
Apples.....per brl.	0 40	
Beans.....per bush.	0 15	
Buckwheat.....“	0 10	
Pease.....“	0 10	
Potatoes.....“	0 15	