

542. The importation of stock from Europe *viâ* the St. Lawrence for breeding purposes was less than in 1895, as shown by the following figures :

NUMBER OF CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIGS IMPORTED FROM EUROPE, 1884-95.

YEAR.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
1884.....	1,607	473	26
1885.....	1,356	255	37
1886.....	601	328	16
1887.....	162	488	10
1888.....	229	2,106	86
1889.....	150	609	70
1890.....	15	1,902	68
1891.....	14	3,023	10
1892.....	1	2,828	19
1893.....	12	1,926	17
1894.....	17	299	22
1895.....	11	350	4

Of this number 290 sheep and 2 pigs were for the United States, and all the other animals for Canada.

543. The following comparative figures of the total importation of stock in Canada during the years 1887-95 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.	1895.
Horses.....	412	846	2,041	1,694	3,507	2,260	*1,875	*1,663	1,181
Cattle.....	549	454	3,984	1,386	3,473	4,025	1,349	4,132	1,137
Sheep.....	6,539	30,626	34,036	30,551	40,467	33,439	35,718	36,777	35,964
Pigs.....	262	2,468	2,132	1,324	381	167	177	197	206

\*8 mules in 1893 and 36 in 1894.

Of the above numbers in 1895, 27,535 sheep were imported into British Columbia from the United States for slaughter.

544. There was an increase in the number of horses, cattle and sheep exported from Canada in the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1895, as appears