

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 1895.

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	7,748,949	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
1895.....	14,744	1,312,676	93,802	7,120,823	291,751	1,624,587
Total.....	303,468	33,482,307	1,686,370	100,652,357	6,797,610	25,160,356

545. 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-two years has reached the sum of \$159,295,020.

546. Previous to 1872, no meat, either live or dressed, was exported from this country to Great Britain, except a certain quantity of salted beef, and the export of live cattle may be said to have commenced in that year—the first shipment being made through the United States, owing to there being no vessels trading to Canada suitable for the purpose. Since that time, however, vessels have been built specially fitted for the carrying of live stock ; and this circumstance, by reducing the rates of freight, has contributed largely towards keeping the business a fairly remunerative one.

547. The following table shows how rapidly the trade with Great Britain has increased since its inception, and the great difference in the value of the exports to that country and to the United States shows how much more important is the trade with the former country. This difference in value is