

The following statements gives in some detail the imports into the United Kingdom to meet the demand for food during 1895 and 1896 :—

(CALENDAR YEARS.)

ARTICLES.		1895.		*1893.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
			\$		\$
Cattle.....	No.	415,565	34,957,462	562,553	45,284,601
Sheep.....	"	1,065,470	8,675,047	769,592	5,517,019
Swine.....	"	321	3,250	4	49
Bacon.....	Lbs.	455,102,816	38,573,097	509,546,912	38,225,306
Hams.....	"	144,426,016	14,103,687	163,454,144	15,262,300
Beef, salted.....	"	24,635,072	1,394,354	27,693,904	1,476,707
" fresh.....	"	245,396,144	20,807,666	297,886,400	24,473,629
Mutton, fresh.....	"	292,480,720	22,365,632	324,257,696	22,963,737
" preserved.....	"	22,452,752	1,628,421	13,759,312	982,293
Pork, fresh.....	"	32,287,808	3,236,071	33,534,032	3,344,573
" salted.....	"	24,658,816	1,313,168	28,597,968	1,420,901
Meat, all other.....	"	100,032,800	10,687,438	96,235,328	10,360,204
Poultry and game.....	\$		2,945,112		2,946,562
Lard.....	Lbs.	195,181,056	14,317,446	194,848,976	11,037,741
Butter.....	"	316,474,144	69,326,786	340,250,064	74,674,537
Cheese.....	"	238,987,728	22,752,299	251,387,920	23,848,749
Eggs.....	Doz.	127,225,860	19,483,437	132,448,930	20,364,892
Honey.....	Lbs.	2,915,584	201,003		
Milk, condensed.....	"	61,084,128	5,273,320	68,508,720	5,705,836
Fruit, apples.....	Bush.	3,292,262	4,673,320	6,177,192	7,701,359
grapes.....	"	865,287	2,369,972	883,254	2,155,106
pears.....	"	407,146	811,254	483,823	1,005,813
plums.....	"	401,080	880,086	560,246	1,176,672
other.....	"	1,445,195	2,965,298	1,646,472	3,390,299
Barley.....	"	55,110,690	26,953,571	52,445,638	27,756,147
Beans.....	"	7,710,338	5,254,929	5,792,248	4,075,429
Oats.....	"	51,152,080	18,120,863	57,927,487	20,564,470
Pease.....	"	4,522,655	3,376,629	5,634,266	4,148,663
Wheat.....	"	152,599,916	109,651,723	130,718,709	105,503,026
Flour.....	Brls.	10,286,310	37,371,196	11,924,203	44,851,433
Oatmeal.....	"	262,607	1,351,649		
Meal, unenumerated.....	Lbs.	37,702,672	344,107		
Rye.....	Bush.	1,912,840	1,012,140		4,163,993
Buckwheat.....	"	313,997	179,220		
Onions.....	"	5,734,768	3,389,282	6,085,505	3,318,478
Potatoes.....	"	7,015,224	5,693,620	4,189,970	4,418,325
Vegetables.....	\$		6,216,028		6,251,885
Hops.....	Lbs.	24,322,032	3,136,591	23,188,592	2,879,032
Indian Corn.....	Bush.	67,888,700	38,003,118	103,544,200	45,861,296
Fish.....	Lbs.	189,397,040	13,913,347	293,354,320	15,635,198
Margarine.....	"	105,298,816	12,444,894	103,704,608	12,159,002
Total.....			590,157,533		624,905,262

* Subject to revision.

In addition to these articles there are rice, spices, sugars, molasses, chicory, cocoa, coffee, dried fruits, tea, spirits and wines.

In all, the imports of articles of food and drink enumerated amounted to \$837,044,348, of which \$43,368,307 were exported, leaving the net food and drink bill paid to outsiders in 1896 to \$793,700,000.

The bill in 1895 paid to outside countries amounted to \$804,467,684 of which \$41,469,000 were exported, leaving the net bill for foods and drinks paid to outsiders \$763,000,000.