

Quantities and values of cheese and butter imported into Great Britain during the calendar years 1885 to 1900.

| Year ended 31st December. | IMPORTS OF CHEESE INTO GREAT BRITAIN. | | IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO GREAT BRITAIN. | |
|------------------------------|--|------------|--|------------|
| | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. |
| | Lbs. | \$ | Lbs. | \$ |
| 1885... | 205,389,184 | 19,804,141 | 268,953,776 | 56,275,749 |
| 1886... | 194,307,680 | 18,840,614 | 172,879,392 | 39,621,665 |
| 1887... | 205,720,368 | 21,969,991 | 169,471,008 | 38,983,820 |
| 1888... | 214,772,992 | 22,125,852 | 187,200,496 | 43,376,819 |
| 1889... | 213,695,888 | 21,856,054 | 215,918,304 | 49,857,229 |
| 1890... | 240,136,288 | 24,212,318 | 227,104,304 | 51,581,060 |
| 1891... | 228,628,400 | 23,425,233 | 239,187,984 | 56,410,424 |
| 1892... | 250,075,504 | 26,361,682 | 244,497,008 | 58,230,591 |
| 1893... | 232,675,744 | 25,116,467 | 260,677,088 | 62,067,485 |
| 1894... | 253,808,240 | 26,644,708 | 288,381,520 | 65,489,268 |
| 1895... | 238,987,728 | 22,752,299 | 316,474,144 | 69,326,786 |
| 1896... | 251,386,800 | 23,848,329 | 340,224,416 | 74,675,905 |
| 1897... | 291,555,936 | 28,642,869 | 360,393,824 | 77,462,329 |
| 1898... | 262,018,624 | 24,191,251 | 359,425,136 | 77,680,677 |
| 1899... | 267,015,728 | 26,781,284 | 379,663,312 | 83,772,444 |
| 1900... | 303,722,160 | 33,352,809 | 378,398,792 | 84,925,436 |

The development in the export of butter is the result of cold storage.

Insulated chambers cooled with ice were introduced on steamships in 1895, but this system failing to maintain throughout the voyage, the low temperature necessary for success, the more complete system of mechanical refrigeration was employed in 1897 on twenty-one ocean steamships sailing from Canadian ports. This gave a cold storage capacity of 100,000 packages of butter. The system of refrigerator cars on railways was developed so that in 1900, there were forty-four different starting points to Montreal, all provided with cold storage transport. At the end of the year (1900), by a system of bonusing, 415 creameries were supplied with cold storage, thus completing the chain from producer to consumer.

The efforts of Canada to secure a larger share of the butter trade of the United Kingdom have resulted in a great success, as will be seen by the following comparative table, taken from British Returns, years ended 31st December, 1895-1900 :—

IMPORTS OF BUTTER BY UNITED KINGDOM AND PERCENTAGES (BY COUNTRIES).

| Countries. | 1895. | | 1900. | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Quantity. | Percentage. | Quantity. | Percentage. |
| | Lbs. | | Lbs. | |
| Canada..... | 4,362,288 | 1 38 | 15,491,056 | 4 09 |
| Victoria..... | 23,833,264 | 7 53 | 29,635,536 | 7 83 |
| New South Wales..... | 5,133,744 | 1 62 | 9,120,832 | 2 41 |
| New Zealand..... | 5,965,344 | 1 89 | 18,353,552 | 4 85 |
| Russia..... | 14,397,600 | 4 55 | 23,490,656 | 6 21 |
| Sweden..... | 34,810,608 | 11 00 | 21,956,592 | 5 80 |
| Denmark..... | 130,230,240 | 41 15 | 166,470,304 | 44 00 |
| Germany..... | 12,581,856 | 3 95 | 4,036,704 | 1 07 |
| Holland..... | 21,414,512 | 6 77 | 31,674,160 | 8 37 |
| France..... | 50,942,416 | 16 10 | 36,069,376 | 9 53 |
| United States..... | 7,496,384 | 2 37 | 6,277,152 | 1 66 |
| Other countries..... | 5,305,888 | 1 69 | 15,817,872 | 4 18 |
| Total..... | 316,474,144 | 100 00 | 378,393,792 | 100 00 |