

Quantities and values of cheese and butter imported into Great Britain during the calendar years 1885 to 1904.

Year ended December 31.	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...	303,058,336	33,277,696	378,393,792	84,925,448
1901...	289,725,744	30,305,391	414,723,680	93,913,994
1902...	285,175,744	31,205,076	445,192,496	99,896,558
1903...	301,768,096	34,332,922	454,797,728	101,220,374
1904...	286,081,376	28,439,695	474,992,560	102,770,189

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

Insulated chambers cooled with ice were introduced on steamers 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 steamers sailing from Canadian ports. This gave a cold storage capacity of 100,000 packages of butter. Other steamers have been fitted with mechanical refrigeration as the increased trade called for more space. In 1904 there were forty steamers with cold storage sailing from the port of Montreal for ports in the United Kingdom, with a total cold storage capacity of 732,321 cubic feet. A cold storage service was also provided on the South African line with monthly sailings. The number of packages of butter carried in cold storage from Montreal during the seasons of navigation since 1898 is as follows:—

1898.....	209,172 packages.
1899.....	429,734 "
1900.....	227,863 "
1901.....	410,893 "
1902.....	525,735 "
1903.....	337,880 "
1904.....	487,182 "

A system of refrigerator cars on railways has been developed so that in 1904 refrigerator cars were started at forty-nine different points and were available for shipments of butter at all stations on routes to Montreal. At the end of the year (1904), by a system of bonusing, 561 creameries had received the first instalment of \$50; 390 the second instalment of \$25, and 270 the full bonus.