

following table gives the statistics of the industry for the four years 1902-05 :

	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.
Tons of beets . . .	51,067	51,159	76,000	118,095
Paid growers . . . \$	221,569	254,564	391,532	575,296
Paid for wages . . "	93,230	121,203	186,656	173,906
Value of sugar . . "	383,678	546,508	751,379	1,045,288

In the four years there was paid to farmers for beets \$1,442,961, and to employees for wages \$525,045, and the value of sugar manufactured was \$2,728,853.

Preferential
trade relations
with other
Colonies.

Correspondence took place through the Colonial Office during the year on the subject of preferential trade between Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia, as well as on an extension of the existing preference with the South African colonies. The communication with the Australian Government was based on a Minute of Council of 22nd July, inquiring if that Government would be willing to enter into negotiations with the Canadian Government for establishing trade relations between the two countries, and if so whether the Commonwealth would be prepared to offer stated tariff concessions to the Dominion, or would prefer to make the subject one for consideration by conference between delegates representing the two Governments. The reply of the Australian Government intimated that a convenient course would be for the Canadian Government to first submit for consideration a memorandum setting out (a) what articles of Canadian produce or manufacture they desire to be favoured on admission to Australia, and (b) what similar articles from Australia to which they are prepared to give a preference and to what extent. Further correspondence indicates that as regards trade relations with Australia and South Africa discussion and consideration will be deferred until the next colonial conference at London.

Embargo on
cattle in the
United
Kingdom.

The embargo on cattle in the United Kingdom was the subject of correspondence last year through the office of the Governor General. An address from the Senate (April 6) called the attention of the Imperial Government to the fact that Canadian