

represented by the Minister of Agriculture himself, the Hon. Sydney Fisher. At this gathering the scheme for the organization of the Institute was definitely adopted, and the principal officers were chosen, including the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs as President and Mr. Sydney Fisher as First Vice-President, appointed for the term of three years.

A census of the manufacture of butter, cheese and condensed milk in Canada for the calendar year 1907 was taken through the post during 1908, the form of schedule used for the purpose having been passed by Order in Council on January 17. The results were published as Bulletin VII of the Census and Statistics Office, entitled Dairy Production 1907, and the statistics of this bulletin were compiled from the returns of 3,516 butter and cheese factories and seven factories producing condensed milk and cream. The value of land, buildings and plant was returned as \$8,564,440 and of working capital as \$1,641,787. The number of persons employed in factories during the year 1907 was 6,586 and the amount paid for salaries and wages was \$1,811,875. The quantity of butter made in factories during 1907 was 45,930,294 lb. with a value of \$10,949,062; the quantity of cheese made was 204,788,583 lb. with a value of \$23,597,639; and the quantity of condensed milk and cream made was 12,176,135 lb. with a value including all products of condenseries of \$910,842. The value of all dairy products at factories was \$35,457,543 in 1907, \$33,257,674 in 1905 and \$29,731,922 in 1900. This was a gain at the average rate of 11.86 per cent in the five years 1900 to 1905, of 6.61 per cent in the two years 1905 to 1907 and of 19.26 per cent in the seven years 1900 to 1907. In consequence of the drouth prevailing in some localities the dairying season of 1907 was not a good one and production was short.

Dairying
statistics for
Canada, 1907.

Owing to objections raised by the Senate of the French Parliament to certain items in the proposed tariff under the convention respecting the commercial relations between Canada and France, signed on September 19 1907, the commercial treaty between the two countries has not yet been ratified. Modifications of the treaty have now been agreed to by means of a supplementary convention and this awaits approval by the Canadian and French Parliaments.

New
commercial
treaty with
France.

The total foreign trade of Canada for the calendar year 1908 amounted to \$558,023,454, exclusive of coin and bullion, as compared with \$632,405,645 in 1907. Imports in 1908 amounted to \$292,877,647, as compared with \$378,369,161 in 1907 and exports to \$265,145,807 in 1908, as compared with \$254,036,484 in 1907. Trade with Great Britain reached a total of \$211,788,891, as compared with \$223,516,536 in 1907. Imports from Great Britain in 1908 were \$70,718,929, as compared with \$97,411,916 in 1907, and exports to Great Britain in 1908 were \$141,069,962, as compared with \$126,104,620 in 1907.

Canada's trade
with other
countries.