

It has sometimes been too hastily assumed that the falling off in the exports of butter and cheese, as shown in Table 25, represents a decline in the Canadian dairying industry; but dairying experts are well aware that this is not the case, but that owing to the increase of immigration and especially the settlement of immigrants in urban centres, the milk flow has been merely diverted into different channels. Cheese for export has been replaced by the manufacture of butter sold for home consumption, and there has been a larger demand for milk consumed whole.

FOREST PRODUCTS.

The Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior estimates that the total area of land covered by timber in Canada is between 500 and 600 million acres, of which about 225 million acres are covered by commercial timber distributed by provinces in millions of acres as follows: Nova Scotia, 5; New Brunswick, 9; Quebec, 100; Ontario, 70; the Prairie Provinces 11 and British Columbia 30. Since 1887 the Dominion Parliament has created large forest reserves for the permanent supply of timber, for the maintenance of the water supply and for the protection of wild animals and birds. The Provincial Governments having forestry jurisdiction have adopted a similar policy, and under successive enactments and Orders in Council the total forestry reserves of Canada have increased from 7,413,760 acres in 1901 to 152,833,955 acres in 1918. Of this area 107,997,513 acres are in Quebec, 14,430,720 acres are in Ontario, 2,474,240 acres are parks and reserves for water purposes in British Columbia and 27,931,482 acres are on lands under Dominion jurisdiction in the three Prairie Provinces and in British Columbia. In addition all unalienated lands in British Columbia are reserved, and their area is estimated to exceed 20 million acres. The statistics available for exhibiting the progress of forest production include the annual export returns from 1868, the returns of the decennial census and the annual statistics and estimates which have been collected and published since 1908 by the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior. Table 26 shows by decennial averages since 1868 the values of Canadian exports of unmanufactured forest products. In 1868 the total value was \$18,742,625, and in 1917 it was \$55,907,209. The value of manufactured wood products exported was \$71,493 in 1868 and \$4,997,795 in 1908. In addition to the increase in quantities exported, it must be remembered that prices have risen very materially, especially during recent years.

26.—Exports of Unmanufactured Canadian Forest Produce in decennial averages, 1868-1917.

Decennial Average.	Value.	Decennial Average.	Value.
	\$		\$
1868-1877.....	23,317,349	1898-1907.....	32,133,991
1878-1887.....	21,426,956	1908-1917.....	45,356,311
1888-1897.....	25,212,966		