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imports of meat for the same year and upon the meat inspection statistics, show that in 1910 the total production of beef for consumption in Canada was about 426,451,000 lb., of mutton 63,582,000 lb. and of pork 466,955,000 lb., or a total for the three descriptions of 956,988,000 lb. For an estimated population in 1910 of seven millions the per capita consumption in Canada works out to 61 lb. of beef, 9 lb. of mutton and 66½ lb. of pork or 136¾ lb. of all kinds of meat.

Similar estimates are available for a few other countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States, France and Germany, and are given in Table 15, together with the estimates for Canada for the census years 1900 and 1910.

15.—Per Capita Consumption of Meat in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, France and Germany.

Countries.	Years.	Beef and Veal.		Mutton and Lamb.		Pork, including Lard.		All kinds.	
		lb.	p.c.	lb.	p.c.	lb.	p.c.	lb.	p.c.
United Kingdom..	1906-08	60	50	26	22	33	28	119	100
United States.....	1909	87½	51	6½	4	78	45	172	100
Canada.....	1900	54	50	11	10	44	40	109	100
".....	1910	61	44	9	7	67	49	137	100
France.....	1904	45	56	9	11	26	33	80	100
Germany.....	1909	43½	39	2½	2	67	59	113	100

The figures for France were quoted in a paper by Sir R. H. Rew, K.C.B., Assistant Secretary of the British Board of Agriculture,¹ and those for the United Kingdom were calculated by Mr. R. H. Hooker of the same Board.² For the United States the authority is Mr. John Roberts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who also quotes the estimates of the total per capita consumption of all kinds of meat in other countries as follows: Argentina 140 lb.; Denmark 76 lb.; Norway and Sweden 74 lb.; Belgium 70 lb.; Austria-Hungary 64 lb.; Russia 50 lb. and Spain 49 lb.³

The Canadian figures may be compared with the report of the Labour Department on retail prices. The average per capita quantities of meat reported as consumed by typical workmen's families of five persons, in localities in Canada having a population of 10,000 or over, and with an annual average income of \$800 per family, amount for the year to 52 lb. of beef, 10½ lb. of mutton and 62 lb. of pork, or a total of 124 lb. of all kinds. These figures are not far below those

¹Observations on the Production and Consumption of Meat and Dairy Products. By R. H. Rew. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, London. Vol. LXVII, 1904, pp. 413-427.

²Meat Supply of the United Kingdom. By R. H. Hooker, M.A., Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, London, Vol. LXXII, 1909, p. 333.

³Slaughter and Consumption of Food Animals in the United States for the year 1909. By John Roberts. 28th Annual Report of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, 1911, pp. 253-267.