

FEEDING OF CATTLE:*

Number of cattle fed	7,440
Value of same when bought	\$252,000
Tons of hay consumed	9,450
Value of same	\$111,450
Number of hogs or other animals fed	795
“ men employed in feeding	83
Amount of wages paid them	\$21,206
Total number of men employed in and about distillery	451
Total amount of yearly wages paid employees, including cost of management	\$384,802

FEEDING OF CATTLE AT DISTILLERIES.

Regarding the two items in the above table concerning which full information is not to hand; the matter of cartage is not to be considered as outside of local importance, but with reference to the feeding of cattle a different story is to be told. This is a subject of very great importance indeed, so much so that I desire to devote a short space to its consideration. In this regard we are fortunately in possession of data that enables us to arrive at an absolute conclusion. I beg herewith to submit a statement furnished by Messrs. Gooderham & Worts of Toronto, to Mr. Geo. Johnston, the Dominion statistician, containing the number of cattle and hogs fed, and hay consumed (together with other information) fed at these byres, from 1882 to 1892. Upon this subject I speak with a certain amount of personal knowledge, having once been connected with that business, and I have no hesitation in saying that the figures given by Messrs. Gooderham & Worts are below rather than above the mark. The statement is as follows:—

GOODERHAM & WORTS, LIMITED,

Established 1832.

Distillers, Maltsters and Millers,
Toronto, Canada, May 9th, '92.

SIR,—In accordance with your letter of the 14th April we have had prepared and now submit herewith the following table setting forth the number of cattle and hogs fed and the quantity (in tons) of hay used for same during the 11 years 1881-2 to 1891-2:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Hay.
1881-2	4,197	470	6,295
1882-3	4,702	568	7,053
1883-4	4,631	568	6,917
1884-5	4,370	487	6,555
1885-6	4,514	568	6,771
1886-7	4,794	620	7,191
1887-8	4,742	620	7,113
1888-9	4,279	568	6,419
1889-90	4,480	466	6,720
1890-91	3,195	410	4,793
1891-92	3,226	410	4,839

The quantity of hay was arrived at by estimating $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons per head per season. It may be mentioned that in the earlier part of the period referred to the stock of this distillery—and no doubt of others also—was somewhat low and we were running above the normal capacity; and then for the next few years up to 1887-8 distillers were accumulating stock to comply with the two-year clause of the Inland Revenue Act lately put into force. Since then the out-put of distilleries has slightly decreased and is now about normal.

*In the case of one distillery the cattle are fed by a company, in another all the “grains” are sold. These two are not included in statement. In each of the distilleries “grains” are sold to a greater or less extent.