

United Kingdom Importation of Live Animals

Official returns of imports of live animals in the United Kingdom in 1894 and 1893 show the following comparisons:

	1894.	1893.
From United States.....	381,241	248,766
From Canada.....	82,326	82,935
From Argentine Republic	9,546	6,884
From Channel Islands....	1,603	1,301
All other.....	39	41
Total	471,755	339,927

This represents a gain in 1894 of 40 per cent in comparison with the arrivals in the preceding year.

A large importation of sheep in 1894 is shown by the returns, exceeding any year since 1889, and very greatly in excess of 1893. The exhibit is as follows:

	1894.	1893.
From United States.....	193,837
From Canada.....	136,692	3,590
From Argentine Republic	73,442	22,372
From Iceland.....	65,524	29,249
From Norway.....	10,837	6,807
All other.....	42	694
Total	480,374	62,712

In referring to these statistics the Journal of the Board of Agriculture says: "There has been a remarkable increase in the trade in sheep from Argentina, which was more than three times greater than in 1893. This export would appear to have sprung into importance in 1890, when 22,000 Argentine sheep reached our ports. But for the next three years there was no augmentation in the supply. In 1892 the total fell to 14,550 head, and in 1891 and 1893 our imports of Argentine sheep were 20,041 and 22,372 head respectively. The imports of sheep from Iceland in 1894 were more than double those of 1893."

Canned Salmon.

The season for new packed salmon has opened, and the market is very strong, prices showing an advance of \$1 to \$1.25 per case over the opening prices last season, which is no doubt due to the fact that a combine has been formed among packers at the coast, and they intend to endeavor to keep prices up throughout the season. There has been considerable enquiry and quite an active business has been done, sales being reported of about 5,000 cases at \$1.35 f.o.b. coast for Montreal account, says the Gazette, but since these transactions have taken place packers have advanced prices to \$4.50 to \$4.85, with great prospects of them going to \$5.

The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says:—Salmon is still bought quite freely in a jobbing way, but the large buyers are holding off awaiting quotations on new pack red Alaska. Some brands on the spot have been advanced to \$1.12½, though others, and perhaps the majority are still procurable at \$1.10. Pink sells well at the range of 90c to 95c, as to brand, and with reduced stocks of desirable goods the tone is firmer.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: This is the year when a failure of run of fish in the Fraser River is due. Anticipating this, canners on that river are asking \$4.75, but it is probable \$4.50 would be accepted from regular customers for round lots. Outside commission houses are quoting \$4.40, but are not prepared to contract so far. Canners on the Northern Rivers are offering to contract for limited quantities, representing about half their pack at \$4.25, and at this a considerable amount of business has already been done, about 10,000 cases having been placed.

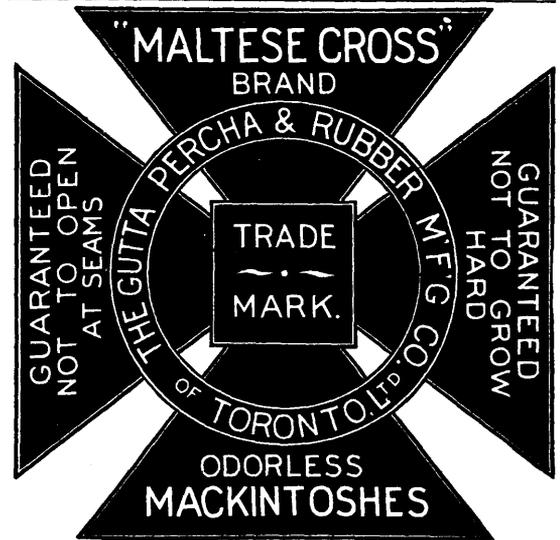
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Grocery and Produce Trade Notes.

Reports regarding the Columbia river salmon industry are to the effect that operations have continued heavy on the lower river, but the upper and middle river canneries have been making poor catches. There is a possibility that the season's pack will fall to 400,000, against 450,000 cases last year.

The West Coast Trade says the English buyers are bidding for all the stock of canned salmon they can secure, and an extensive operator states that 100,000 cases of Columbia river fish will find a market in England this year, as compared with 30,000 cases in 1894.

The world's visible supply of coffee just completed by the New York Coffee exchange show 3,086,491 bags, against 3,115,920 bags May 1st, a decrease of 29,499 bags, and compares with 2,189,988 bags June 1st, 1894.

A lot of Valencia raisins has been sold in bond in New York to come to Canada. The price of these goods in that market is up ½¢ from the low price.

Canadian canned beef is 20 per cent higher than it was a year ago. When the demand begins a little later on prices may be higher than they are now.

The Toronto Globe of June 10 says: "A feature of this week has been the arrivals of new crop high grade Japan teas. Samples of new Indian and China teas have also been shown here the past week. Low grade and medium Japan teas are firmer. There is not much doing in sugars but the market is firm and jobbers are getting full prices for whatever is being sold. New salmon is offering at the coast at \$4.50. This is \$1 a case higher than last year, and the freight is 10c more, so that salmon would cost \$1.10 more to lay down here than last year.

There has been no improvement in the situation of the tea market since our last business on the whole having been quiet. The 300 packages of new crop Japan tea which have arrived at Montreal were sold at prices ranging from 24 to 32c. There has been some inquiry at Montreal from buyers for low grade blacks, and sales of a few hundred packages are reported at 11 to 13c.

The Montreal Gazette says: "The strong tone to the molasses market already noted continues and a further advance of 1 to 2c has taken place in prices for Barbadoes and Porto Rico. The demand continues good for 25 and 50 puncheon lots and sales have been made at 35 to 36c for Barbadoes. About 400 puncheons of Porto Rico have changed hands this week at 34c for round lots and 35c for small quantities. Owing to the short crop of Barbadoes the general impression here is that values are going higher. In addition con-

tracts have been settled on behalf of wholesale grocers here of a cargo lot of Barbadoes at 25½¢ cost and freight at the islands. This is equivalent to 35c laid down on the wharf here. A round lot has been placed on Boston account at a higher price than could be obtained here, and this will help to decrease the stock on spot and strengthen the market here some."

Canned oysters are comparatively scarce. The supply at Baltimore is said to be 75 per cent less than a year ago.

The Canadian Packers Association has come to grief, as was indicated in The Commercial as likely to occur some few weeks ago, on account of cutting in prices. A meeting was held at Toronto recently, when it was resolved to throw up the attempt to regulate prices. The central selling committee was dropped and the central office in Toronto will be closed. Infractions of the agreement have become general of late, notwithstanding that a fine was attached to violations of the agreement. They became so general of late, however, that all attempt to follow up the cases and fine the offenders was given up. Packers now have a free hand to sell as they like. Prices of domestic canned vegetables are somewhat demoralized as a result.

Woodenware manufacturers in the east have rearranged prices and have prepared a new list to govern sales in Manitoba and the west.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York on June 7 and a year ago.

	June 7, 1895.	June 8, 1894.
Flour, straight spring..	\$3.51 to \$4.20	\$3.00 to \$3.40
Flour, straight winter..	\$3.50 to \$4.00	\$2.45 to \$2.85
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	82½c	61½c
Coru, No. 2 mixed.....	56½c	46½c
Oats, No. 2.....	33½c
Rye, No. 2, Western.....
Farley, No. 2 Milwaukee
Cotton, mid. upld.	7 5-16c	7½c
Print cloths, 04x64....	2 13-16c	2 11-16c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X....	15 to 16½c	19 to 20c
Wool, No. 1 combg....	19 to 20c	23 to 24c
Pork, mess new.....	\$13.75 to 14.50	\$13.25 to 13.50
Lard, westn., stm.....	6.80c	7.05c
Butter, creamery.....	18c	18c
Cheese, ch. east ft.	7c	8½c
Sugar, centrif., 96°....	3½c	2½c
Sugar, granulated.....	4 7-16c	3½c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	16½c	16½c
Petroleum, N. T. Co....	\$1.46	90c
Petroleum, rfd. gal., ..	\$7.65c	\$5.15
Iron, No. 1 anth.....	\$12.00	\$12.50 to 13.00
*Iron, Bess. pg.....	\$12.00
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$18.00	\$19.00 to \$19.50
Ocean Steam Freights
Grain, Liverpool.....	1 to 1½d	1d
Cotton.....	12c per 100 lbs	5-64d

* Pittsburgh.

The Carnduff Milling & Elevator company are well on with the work on their new 25,000 bushel elevator at Carievale, Assa.