

Imperial Conference—Trade Agreements

dairy products and eggs, still further illustrating the size of this great market which will be opened for the Canadian producer:

Dominion Bureau of Statistics
External Trade Branch
Imports of butter, cheese and eggs in the shell
into the United Kingdom
(Calendar year, 1930)

| Commodities | Quantity long hundredweight |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Butter— | |
| Total imports.. | 6,821,620 |
| Imports from— | |
| Russia.. | 165,451 |
| Finland.. | 233,510 |
| Estonia.. | 96,338 |
| Latvia.. | 49,200 |
| Lithuania.. | 20,574 |
| Sweden.. | 279,565 |
| Norway.. | 2,077 |
| Denmark.. | 2,318,525 |
| Poland and Danzig.. | 64,997 |
| Germany.. | 8,175 |
| Netherlands.. | 89,084 |
| France.. | 7,054 |
| United States.. | 134 |
| Argentina.. | 414,050 |
| Other foreign countries.. | 2,720 |
| Total foreign countries.. | 3,751,464 |
| Irish Free State.. | 521,963 |
| South Africa.. | 25,825 |
| Australia.. | 950,582 |
| New Zealand.. | 1,564,436 |
| Canada.. | 210 |
| Other British countries.. | 7,140 |
| Total British countries.. | 3,070,156 |

The same comparison holds good with regard to cheese, though in this case the margin is in favour of British countries. Total importations from foreign countries amounted to 407,595 long hundredweight, while importations from British countries totalled 2,704,721 long hundredweight. These importations were made up as follows:

| Cheese— | Long hundredweight |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Finland.. | 755 |
| Norway.. | 324 |
| Denmark.. | 6,947 |
| Germany.. | 988 |
| Netherlands.. | 183,076 |
| Belgium.. | 1,617 |
| France.. | 26,660 |
| Switzerland.. | 37,715 |
| Italy.. | 144,650 |
| United States.. | 4,336 |
| Other foreign countries.. | 523 |
| Total foreign countries.. | 407,595 |
| Irish Free State.. | 1,919 |
| South Africa.. | 15,856 |
| Australia.. | 47,685 |
| New Zealand.. | 1,960,901 |
| Canada.. | 678,294 |
| Other British countries.. | 66 |
| Total British countries.. | 2,704,721 |

[Mr. Shaver.]

Now I come to a comparison of egg imports, and this is of interest to my own county as well as to many other counties throughout Ontario and Quebec where egg production has reached a high level. The importations of eggs in the shell were as follows:

| Eggs in shell— | Dozen |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Russia.. | 848,420 |
| Estonia.. | 28,710 |
| Latvia.. | 416,730 |
| Lithuania.. | 325,430 |
| Sweden.. | 4,911,680 |
| Norway.. | 1,054,940 |
| Denmark.. | 67,283,830 |
| Poland and Danzig.. | 36,125,640 |
| Germany.. | 3,911,010 |
| Netherlands.. | 36,806,960 |
| Belgium.. | 23,336,560 |
| France.. | 6,587,310 |
| Italy.. | 649,120 |
| Austria.. | 600 |
| Yugoslavia.. | 111,700 |
| Roumania.. | 12,000 |
| Egypt.. | 4,514,790 |
| China.. | 17,125,680 |
| United States.. | 1,921,280 |
| Uruguay.. | 148,140 |
| Argentina.. | 773,190 |
| Other foreign countries.. | 154,520 |
| Total foreign countries.. | 207,048,240 |
| Irish Free State.. | 47,810,960 |
| South Africa.. | 4,674,550 |
| Australia.. | 5,546,530 |
| Canada.. | 150,250 |
| Other British countries.. | 182,270 |
| Total British countries.. | 58,364,560 |

These examples merely show the great, assured and preferred market which will be opened to producers of Canadian farm products when these agreements come into effect.

I am sure every member of the house, and particularly those on this side, listened with the greatest interest to the splendid address given the other evening by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Weir), in which he placed before the house and the people the effective measures already taken by this government for the development of agriculture, as compared with the comparatively feeble efforts of the party who sit across the way during the nine years they were in office. I am convinced, Mr. Speaker, that these agreements will provide a greater market than Canadian farmers have ever known, and will work to the lasting benefit of every type of agriculture in Canada.

In thinking of the part played by the Prime Minister in bringing about these agreements I am reminded of a sentence from Carlyle's essay on history, in which he said that history is the essence of innumerable biographies. That is a very true statement, and to my