

The following were the receipts and shipments of Butter and Cheese at Montreal during the past five years:—

	1888.	1887.	1886.	1885.	1884.
BUTTER.	pkgs.	pkgs.	pkgs.	pkgs.	pkgs.
Receipts.	91,043	113,382	137,015	135,021	163,336
Shipments.	36,023	97,541	87,268	107,281	148,521
CHEESE.	boxes.	boxes.	boxes.	boxes.	boxes.
Receipts.	1,137,372	1,059,039	1,041,480	1,119,243	1,093,555
Shipments.	1,129,951	1,192,152	1,106,541	1,215,113	1,238,338

N.B.—It is estimated that about 100,000 boxes more Cheese were received than reported, receipts from some near points and by irregular boats not being recorded.

Butter and Cheese.—Business in Butter and Cheese during the past season has been in a healthy condition; the quantity of Butter produced has, however, been small, dairy farmers throughout Canada turning their attention mostly to Cheese, the makers of which have had their skill tried to the utmost by the dryness of the early summer, and the excessive rains in the autumn.