

A REVIEW OF THE DAIRY PRODUCE TRADE.

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For some years past I have prepared an annual review of the dairying industry with special reference to the international trade in butter and cheese. The situation has been changing so rapidly during the past decade, at least as far as Canada is concerned, that it has been possible to present this subject with a sufficiency of new matter each succeeding year to avoid the charge of repetition, although I am well aware that the subject is naturally a dry one. I do not choose it for a popular one, but because I feel that it deserves the attention of the members of this association. In previous years, I have given more or less prominence to the Canadian export trade, but on the present occasion, I propose to deal more particularly with the home trade which is every year becoming more important and which is now at least five or six times as large as the export trade.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

Before going on to discuss the home trade, we will do well, however, to consider for a moment some of the leading features of the international trade in butter and cheese during the past season. If we take the imports of butter and cheese into the United Kingdom we have a fair presentation of the world's commerce in these articles, together with the names of most of the countries participating in it. The following table will be of interest in this connection:

IMPORTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE (Quantities only) into the United Kingdom for twelve months ended November 30, 1911 and 1912.

From	BUTTER		CHEESE	
	1911.	1912.	1911.	1912.
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
Russia.....	71,534,624	77,019,152		
Sweden.....	40,681,256	37,195,760		
Denmark.....	193,914,496	177,649,136		
Netherlands.....	11,992,960	12,499,648	23,822,400	28,708,736
France.....	20,309,072	26,543,440		
United States.....	2,611,392	290,864	16,851,856	2,839,872
Argentina.....	1,500,912	6,733,216		
Australia.....	99,467,648	65,211,328	1,411,421	159,264
New Zealand.....	35,971,936	36,817,536	46,307,296	65,009,728
Canada.....	6,934,928	4,236	170,684,976	151,238,416
Italy.....			8,504,018	9,887,808
Germany.....	26,880			
Other countries.....	9,404,080	5,597,424	3,522,176	3,458,896
	494,287,184	445,561,760	271,104,176	261,307,720