

Minister, viz.: butter, cheese, eggs and bacon, as shown in the table given above, amounted in the Liberal 7-year period to \$250,225,000, against \$116,774,000 under the Conservatives, or an increase of \$133,451,000 in favor of the Liberal period. This is considerably more than half of the total increase in the total exports of all our Canadian agricultural products, and is certainly a startling record.

The profitable sale, by the 471,000 Canadian farm owners, of this additional 133 millions worth of these four products, even excluding from consideration all others, marks the vast difference there is between depression and discouragement on the one hand, and prosperity and contentment on the other.

Of the four perishable products mentioned, there were exported

during the last fiscal year, 1903, the amount of.....	\$49,132,960
Against, for 1896.....	20,262,630
Increase	\$28,870,330

The great bulk of this \$49,132,960 worth of exports was directly benefitted by the mechanical cold storage and the cooled-air accommodation provided through the initiative of the Liberal Minister and now controlled by him through his staff of expert officials.

The Conservatives, who are fond of comparing our trade with that of the United States, will find little comfort in the following statement of the American exports of Butter and Cheese :

	CHEESE.	BUTTER.
1890.....	\$ 8,591,042	\$ 4,187,489
1891.....	7,405,376	2,197,106
1892.....	7,676,657	2,445,878
1893.....	7,624,648	1,672,690
1894.....	7,180,331	2,077,608
1895.....	5,497,539	915,533
1896.....	3,091,914	2,937,203
1890-1896.....	\$47,067,507	\$16,563,507
1897.....	\$ 4,636,063	\$ 4,493,364
1898.....	4,559,324	3,864,765
1899.....	3,316,049	3,263,951
1900.....	4,943,609	3,143,509
1901.....	3,950,999	4,014,905
1902.....	2,745,597	2,886,609
1903.....	2,250,229	1,604,327
1897-1903.....	\$26,401,870	\$23,270,430
1890-1896.....	47,067,507	16,563,507
Decrease for Cheese, 1897-1903.....	\$20,665,637	
Increase for Butter, 1897-1903.....		\$ 6,706,923