

FROZEN PORK.

Owing to the high price of mutton and beef, the demand for fresh pork has increased very greatly during the past year. Large quantities of fresh pork are consumed, being supplied both locally by the United Kingdom and by importation from the Netherlands. The frozen article, is now, however, finding ready sale. Light pigs are preferred. Carcasses weighing as low as 90 lbs. each are popular. While the war lasts and possibly for some time afterward, large quantities of pork may be shipped to Great Britain in a frozen condition and disposed of at an advantageous price. In 1915, the importation of this commodity amounted to £435,908, of which the United States supplied £288,524. The total importation in 1913 amounted only to £43,255.

CANNED GOODS.

Under this head may be enumerated, canned corned beef, pork and beans, army rations, canned fruits and vegetables, dried vegetables and fruit jams. Enormous quantities of these articles are being purchased by the British War Office. From what I could learn, for such requirements as are needed, Canada will receive every consideration in the contracts placed, although of course she will be expected to parallel the price quoted in tenders offered by competing countries such as the United States and the Argentine. The importation of preserved and canned beef amounted in 1915, to £10,315,653 as against £2,692,443 in 1913.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Under this category are included frozen beef for mincing purposes, frozen beef cuts, hearts, tongues, livers, tripe, etc. Meat for mincing has a special market and for such supply as is required reasonable returns are obtained. Offal of all descriptions can be sold to excellent advantage at Smithfield. The sale of the latter product, if put up carefully according to market requirements, may be made to yield such a revenue as to assist greatly in securing a remunerative return in the handling of carcass beef. It was freely stated, however, and was in fact very apparent, that in the condition in which material of these descriptions arrived from Canada, much improvement would have to be effected before anything better than mediocre prices could be expected.