

Up to 1900.

The record of the Laurier Government before the farmers of Canada, as shown by the administration of the Department of Agriculture, was completely endorsed in the elections of 1900.

The main items of that administration then before the public were :

The establishment of a complete chain of cold storage transportation from the farm in Canada to the consumer in Great Britain ;

The removal of the cattle quarantine restrictions between the United States and Canada ;

The enactment of the San José Scale Act, for the protection of our orchards against that insidious pest ;

The inauguration of the distribution of agricultural information to the farmers ;

The appointment of a practical agriculturist to manage the tillage and live stock at the Central Experimental Farm ;

The appointment of a Live Stock Commissioner to deal with the varied interests of live stock production and management in Canada.

THE SYSTEM OF COLD STORAGE TRANSPORTATION provided refrigerator chambers at the creameries ; refrigerator car service to carry perishable products to the seaboard ; the establishment of cold storage warehouses at the chief points of export ; the provision on the ocean-going vessels of efficient mechanical cold storage chambers.

By reason of these improvements, Canadian butter and other perishable products could be laid down in the British market in good condition ; the result was an immediate advance in the position of these Canadian products in the English market, where before Danish, Australian and New Zealand butter stood considerably higher than Canadian butter ; Canadian butter advanced to the second place, running the Danish pretty hard in the race

Tender fruits were shipped and successfully sold on the English market, which the Canadian producer never had been able before to do.

The Canadian farmer, by this work of the Laurier Government, was given the same advantages as his competitors in other lands. Before 1896 Australia, New Zealand and the United States had first-class cold storage facilities for landing their perishable products in England. The Tory Government had failed to provide these for the Canadian farmer, and it was left to the present Liberal Government to inaugurate this service.