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Our trade with Great Britain continues to grow. The importations of the Mother Country from Canada during the six months ended with June were £694,655 greater than in the first half year of 1893, which is an increase of almost forty per cent. The principal articles which conduced to this increase were: bacon, £51,000; sheep, £18,000; cheese, £18,-000; ham, £5,000; eggs, £1,500; fish, £273,-000; wood, £260,000. On the other hand, the exports from Great Britain to Canada during the half year were smaller by 28 per cent. than during the corresponding period of 1893.

THERE is a lively war among the steamship lines sailing from New York, and steerage rates are low. At the present time, says the New York Times, the White Star Line makes a rate of \$10 to English ports, and \$15 from them. The American Line makes a ten-dollar rate to English ports and \$8.64 from England to the United States. It is thought that the White Star people will meet this rate. The Cunard line rate is now \$10 steerage. None of the other lines have taken part in the cutting up to the present time, although it is not improbable that all the pool lines will take a hand in the fight.

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