

GOVERNMENTS AS SHIPPING AGENTS.

In several of the colonies the government has acted as shipping agents.

In Victoria.—Acting as shipping agents, the government charged $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound from the original point of shipment to stores in London, England.

In Western Australia.—The government took charge of shipments of butter and made agreements with the mail steamship companies to carry it in cold storage compartments at $1\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound.

Employment of Experts.—A special trade expert or dairy produce agent is employed to watch the marketing of Danish products in Great Britain, to prosecute merchants for selling products from other countries under the brand of Danish, and to make suggestions through the official channels in Denmark of any methods that might be adopted to cause the Danish products to obtain the highest possible place and price in the British markets.

The governments of the colonies of New Zealand and Victoria also employed a special expert in Great Britain for periods at different times.

Australasian Butter Export Collectively.—The total quantity of butter imported from the Australasian colonies into Great Britain in 1890, was 4,535,776 pounds.

In 1895, it was 35,083,664 pounds.

BRITISH IMPORTATION OF CANADIAN BUTTER.

The quantity of butter imported into Great Britain from Canada during the calendar year 1895 was 4,362,288 pounds.

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