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THE CATTLE TRADE.

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Canada is destined to become one of the most important cattle-raising countries in the world. It has every facility for the conduct of an enormous trade. The grazing lands are ample and rich, fodder is comparatively cheap, labour is low, and the means of carriage are unsurpassed for comfort, speed and moderate rates. The export of cattle and sheep on a large scale to Great Britain, has made remarkable advances. Since 1874, when the first shipment of 455 head was made, the increase of business has been very rapid and marked, the quality of the stock has improved most materially, and the prices realized have met the best expectations of the dealers engaged in the traffic. An idea of the growth of the trade may be gleaned from their official returns, which show the number of cattle and sheep exported to Europe during the past six years from Canadian ports:—

Date.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1877.....	6,940	9,504
1878.....	18,655	41,225
1879.....	25,009	80,332
1880.....	50,905	318,143
1881.....	45,535	62,401
1882.....	35,738	75,905