

chiefly caused by the low prices realized for dairy products in 1895.

In 1897 we regained our old position so far as cheese was concerned, and a better price was realized for the output of the factories, but the creameries did not fare so well, and there was a still greater decrease in the make than in 1896, the whole output being reduced to about twenty tons. The rate of increase from 1897 up to the present time in cheese has been about one-half a million lbs. per year, while over three times as much butter has been made this year than last, the total output of the season of 1890 being 2,000,000 lbs. of cheese and 305,000 lbs. of butter.

OUR EXPORT TRADE.

Our export trade has been steadily increasing from year to year, as the following will show:

CHEESE.

1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
205,000	442,000	450,000	465,000	832,767	1,500,000 lbs.

BUTTER.

1894.	1895.	1899.
40,000	55,000	243,705 lbs.

Reports from across the water have been very flattering regarding the quality of our goods, and now that we have a place in the Old Country market, extra efforts are being made by all our dairymen to hold the ground that we have acquired, which we realize is not so easy a thing to do in face of so many competing countries.

WINTER DAIRYING.

The winter dairying was first started in New Brunswick in 1897, when the Department of Agriculture leased the factory at Sussex, King's County, and established three skimming stations in connection therewith. A fair business was done during the winter of 1897-8, and it was decided to operate in the same county the following winter on a more extensive scale.

During the summer of 1898 a creamery was erected in Carleton County by private parties, and the work was continued in both King's and Carleton Counties during the winter of 1898-9.

The quantity of butter made was greatly in excess of that made the previous year, and the prospects for this winter are very encouraging.

It is now a dominant fact that the great industry is fairly established, and with the co-operation of all dairymen grand results must surely follow.