

BRITISH MARKET FOR CANADIAN CATTLE

Export of Live Animals Practically Nil While Demand for Carcass Meat Increases

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—Some additional facts dealing with the falling away of the demand for live animals by Great Britain is contained in a report of the board of agriculture and fisheries for England for the year 1912, which recently reached Ottawa.

According to the report the number of cattle imported into England alive has been declining year by year since 1905, when 565,000 were landed. In 1911 the number had fallen to 200,000, but in 1912 it fell to less than one-fourth of that, the total received being only 49,000. Imports of live sheep, which practically ceased in 1910, but recovered slightly in 1911, fell again to 15,000 in 1912. The decadence of the trade in live animals has been balanced by the increased imports of animals "in the carcass." The quantity of fresh beef imported in 1912 exceeded 8,000,000 cwt., having doubled in ten years. The imports of fresh mutton amounted to over 5,000,000 cwt., being somewhat less than in 1910 and 1911, but over 1,000,000 cwt. more than they were ten years ago. Taking all kinds of meat together, over-sea receipts were in 1912, as in 1911, about 21,000,000 cwt. The total reached \$226,092,060.

Other Trading

During the past six years the quantity of dead meat received from the United States has declined from 6 3/4 million cwt. in 1907 to less than 3 million cwt. in 1912, while those from Canada have fallen from nearly 1,000,000 cwt. to less than half a million cwt. Supplies from New Zealand have shown no expansion, and practically the whole of the increased supply has come from Argentine and Australia. The insignificance to which the import of live animals has been reduced has already been noted, but the tendency to replace this trade by the importation of dead meat has been evident for many years past. The value of the live cattle imported in 1912 was less than \$4,860,000, while in 1897 it was nearly \$51,030,000. The United States supplied 39,987 head of the imports last year, Canada 6,800, and the Channel Islands 2,126. The value of live sheep imported in 1912 was \$115,634, as compared with \$8,663,163 for 1895, in which year the imports were unusually large. The United States supplied 14,237 of the year's total and Canada the remainder.

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