

THE HOME MARKET.

Changes were made in the tariff during the past year, with a view to further protecting the home market of the Canadian farmer. It was found that the local consumption of meat products in particular had been met, to a considerable extent, by American producers. During the year 1889 3,795,105 pounds of fresh beef were sent into Canada from the abattoirs of Chicago and other large cities, while pork, lard, hams and bacon aggregated 27,147,491 pounds. It was felt that our farmers should be saved from this serious competition, as far as possible, and in keeping with the prevailing policy of protection, the scale of duty on these articles was raised. At the same time the duties on fruit were restored. It may now be said that our farmers enjoy a high measure of protection in so far as the home market is concerned.

NEW MARKETS.

The efforts which are being put forth by the Government to obtain new markets are of vital concern to the farming community. Should the steps being taken prove successful the farmers of Canada will be the chief gainers.