

had more desire to do good than in Canada; and I trust in whatever I may have to say I shall not lose your good opinion.

VALUE OF THE MILK CROP IN THE UNITED STATES.

The annual milk interest of the United States may be expressed by the following formula: 1,800 quarts of milk at $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. per quart=\$42 by 10,000,000 cows=\$420,000,000.

The 1,800 quarts represent the average annual yield of a cow during the year. If we put the milking season at 300 days, the average yield would be at the rate of six quarts per day. The 1,800 quarts would make about 360 pounds of cheese, or say 150 pounds of butter.

We have statistics showing pretty nearly the value of the milk crop of the United States, in items, as follow:

Milk consumed as food, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. per quart.....	\$213,000,000
Condensed milk.....	1,000,000
Butter product, 700,000,000 lbs., at 25c.....	175,000,000
Cheese product, 240,000,000 lbs., at 12c per pound	28,800,000
Value of whey and sour milk from cheese and butter manufacture. Converted into pork and calves	10,000,000
	\$427,800,000

A value very nearly that expressed in our formula.

Commissioner Wells, in his report on the commerce and industry of the United States in 1869, estimates the annual value of the products of the dairy, after deducting the value of products consumed on the farm, at \$400,000,000. He believes that his estimates fall considerably within the mark, and in proof of this assumption he instances the dietary of factory boarding houses, where the operatives were in a large part French Canadians, notoriously frugal and simple in their habits, and in which they were furnished to their own satisfaction, which showed an average consumption of butter, amounting to about \$16. 51 per year. An average consumption for the entire population taken at one-half this sum or \$8, 25 per head would result in the expenditure on this account of \$321,000,000.

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