

demand was also small. Not many stockers and feeders were offered, though they were in fair request.

Provisions.—The situation in eggs is slightly weaker, owing to large supplies for this time of the year, and to the large quantities held over in cold storage. Strictly new laid are to be obtained for 19 to 20c. Dairy rolls offering now seem to be of somewhat better quality, showing less trace of feed. Creameries and prints are quite firm. For cheese the demand is fair, and export lots have been sold at 13 to 13½c. There is a pretty good demand for poultry. The enquiry for hogs seems to be falling off a little. Hogs are not coming in in very large quantities, but the demand is a little slow, as fresh meats are popular at this time of the year. Prices for hog products, however, hold fairly steady.

FORTUNES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer in his budget speech estimated the yield of the death duties for the current financial year ending March 31st, 1903, at a million less than in the year ended March 31st, 1902, when the revenue from this source—the largest ever obtained—was £18,513,714. The London Telegraph says that during the present year reports have been published of estates over £100,000 each, with an aggregate gross value of £58,045,142, upon which death duties have been levied, including:

	No. of Estates.	Gross Value.
Over £1,000,000 each..	5	£10,073,278
From £500,000 to £1,000,000 each	17	11,673,585
From £300,000 to £500,000 each.....	24	9,473,596
From £200,000 to £300,000 each	30	9,400,790
From £150,000 to £200,000 each	41	6,919,532
From £100,000 to £150,000 each	89	10,504,361
Total	206	£58,045,142

For the most part this wealth has been slowly gained by people who were careful in their investments and lived long. Of fortunes quickly acquired by speculation little trace is to be found in the calendars of the probate registries. The average age of these 206 persons leaving 58 millions was about 73 years. Mr. Benjamin Buck Greene, a director of the Bank of England, was ninety-three; Mr. Benjamin Weir, formerly chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, who left the greater part of his wealth to found an hospital, was ninety-four.

Among the estates reported during the year 1902 have been those of:

Earl Fitz William, K.G., aged 77	£2,949,830
Panaghi Athanasius Vagliano 87, Greek merchant	2,888,095

William Richard Sutton, of Golden Lane, carrier	2,089,795
James Dick, 70, of Glasgow, rubber merchant	1,077,034
Stephen Augustus Ralli, 73, Greek merchant	1,068,524
Charles Gassiot, 76, of London and Oporto, wine shipper...	830,210
Mrs. Emma Montefiore, 82 daughter of Sir Isaac Lyon Goldsmid, ex-M.P.	813,258
John Corbett, 84, of Droitwich, salt merchant	768,838

The estate of Mr. J. W. Mackay, of the Commercial Cable Company, which was expected to be at least £2,500,000, was sworn for probate at £1,537 gross in the United Kingdom, and £70 real and personal, in the United States. The remainder of his estate was stated in his will to be the community property of Mrs. Mackay and himself.

In the year 1887, Baron de Stern and Hugh McCalmont died leaving respectively £3,544,000 and £3,121,000. Later, John Ryland died at Manchester, aged

87, and leaving £2,574,922. Right Hon. W. H. Smith, the newsman and statesman, left £1,764,000 in 1892, and next year Sir A. B. Walker, brewer, £2,874,000. James Bibby, of Liverpool, shipowner, left £1,776,000. In 1900 Baron A. C. de Rothschild left £2,257,979, and in 1901 Marquis of Bute, K.T., aged 53, left £1,864,310.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

It has been, perhaps, because Canadian lithographers have been so crowded with work as to be unable to furnish calendars for 1903 earlier, that they are this year later in distribution than usual. Many have reached us, and we wish to thank the donors for them. Some we have already acknowledged, and we now mention the plain and sensible Manufacturers' Life calendar, which bears a good-sized map of the Dominion. The latest to reach us have been those of Messrs. Scott and Walmsley's companies, four in number, the Queen City,

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Death Losses, 1902 — — — — —	\$210,596
The Cash Income from Interest Exceeded the Death Losses for the year by — — — — —	\$64,719

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