

(1) ONE COLL STORAGE DEPOT (say at Montreal) fitted up for storing meat, etc., awaiting shipment and also with accommodation for all kinds of perishable food stuffs, to cost say.....	\$200,000
(1) ONE COLD STORAGE Depot (at open winter port) similar to the above, but of smaller capacity.....	\$100,000
Land for Thirty Feeders, say 30 ½ sections at \$50 per acre....	\$240,000
Land for five central plants, average \$50,000.....	\$250,000
Land for two depots at ports, say.....	\$200,000
Railway sidings, water supply, drainage, yards, etc.....	\$325,000
Refrigerator cars say 500 at \$1200 .....	\$600,000
Fitting up say 100 retail depots for the disposal of Canadian chilled meat and other produce in Great Britain, say	\$200,000
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	\$4,915,000

The sketch plans which accompany this report, are only intended to give a general idea of the proposed works. They are not to be considered in any way as complete working drawings, but are submitted merely with the object of explaining the scope of the various operations, and for the purpose of giving a better idea of the size and general arrangement of the establishments suggested. Sketch plans

These plans have been prepared by Mr. E. J. Greenstreet, F.A.I.C., an expert in this special class of work, who has had extensive experience in designing and superintending the erection of cold stores, chilling works, and packing plants, in various countries.

In addition to the cost of establishing the works, and providing a complete refrigerator car service, as scheduled above, the necessary working capital for conducting operations would have to be found, and provision would also have to be made for paying interest on a portion of the capital, during the erection of the works, and prior to commencement of operations. Allowing the approximate sum of \$3,000,000 for working capital, preliminary expenses, and interest prior to the commencement of operations, we get a total capital value of say \$8,000,000. Working capital, &c.

The sum of \$200,000 allowed for fitting up retail depots in Great Britain, would not necessarily be needed, and the establishment of such depots is not essential for the success of the scheme. We believe, however, that the value of some means of distribution at the other end would be very great, and would justify the expenditure of that amount. Not only could these depots be worked to advantage in connection with a meat export trade from this country, but they would serve the additional purpose, of acting as a valuable advertising medium for the resources of Canada, and in that respect would prove of great benefit to the country generally. In any case it would probably be found advisable to provide for completing on British soil certain portions connected with the production of mild cured bacon, in order to compete successfully with the home cured article. Retail depots in Great Britain

The total capacity of works, such as we have outlined above, would be equal to handling 1250 head of cattle, and 10,000 hogs daily or (working say 300 days) 375,000 head of cattle and 3,000,000 hogs a year. Assuming that only half that quantity is treated per annum, we estimate, that after allowing for interest and depreciation, working expenses, etc., and with the PRESENT WHOLESALE EXPORT PRICES for hams, bacon, Price to producer