

BACON

United Kingdom

Imports into United Kingdom:	1930 (Cal. Year)	
	Gwt. of 112 lbs.	£
From Denmark	6,117,866	27,635,729
Netherlands	842,509	3,756,644
Sweden	550,278	2,413,473
U.S.A.	479,097	2,096,890
Poland	485,295	1,883,839
Irish Free State	330,679	1,738,499
Canada	<u>99,298</u>	<u>488,759</u>
Total, all countries	<u>9,191,182</u>	<u>41,151,872</u>

Exports from Canada to U.K.      1931 (Fiscal Year)  
5,550,160 lbs.      \$2,279,000

Canadian Total Pork Production:  
1930      -      745,500,000 lbs. (estimated)  
1931      -      879,078,690      "      "

British Tariff:      Free      -      Free

Remarks: The Canadian bacon industry is vitally interested in the U.K. market. Canada's productive capacity is practically unlimited.

Exports for 1932 under favourable market prices might easily reach 1,000,000 cwts. and be increased over a ten-year period to half present British imports.

Canadian bacon is of high quality and well able to meet our chief high-quality competitor, Denmark, in this market.

United Kingdom market now badly disorganized by low-grade, cut-price product from Poland and other foreign countries. Had the market not been thus glutted, Canada would have been able in 1931 to place 100,000,000 lbs. of bacon there. Stability of price would help the U.K. pig producer, and in the long run would be of benefit to the consumer.

Recommendations:

(1) A duty of 5s a pound against foreign products, and a free rate on Empire products, in line with the suggestion of the Canadian industry and meat trade.

(2) Canadian pig raisers are unanimously of the opinion that the establishment of a United Kingdom policy satisfactory to U.K. pig raisers would be satisfactory to Canada and would welcome the extension of such a policy to include Empire products.

(3) It is suggested that the establishment of an Empire Bacon Committee would be valuable in stimulating pig production along uniform lines within the Empire.