

The shipments of horses for the season show a decrease of 2,668 head as compared with last year. The table below shows that London was the favorite port, there being over 5,000 head shipped to it. Trade in the early part of the season was good and some handsome profits were made, but towards the end the market became very bad owing to heavy supplies, and large losses were made, which curtailed shipments considerably.

The following table shows the shipments of horses to the different markets for the season 1896, with comparisons :—

|                | 1896.  | 1895.  |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| Liverpool..... | 2,648  | 3,689  |
| London.....    | 5,004  | 4,727  |
| Glasgow.....   | 2,177  | 3,271  |
| Bristol.....   | 43     | 327    |
| Newcastle..... | 1      | 218    |
| France.....    | 60     | 523    |
| Belfast.....   | 155    | ....   |
| Total .....    | 10,087 | 12,755 |

## CATTLE EXPORTS FOR TWENTY YEARS.

| Year.     | Cattle. | Sheep.  |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| 1896..... | 100,360 | 80,671  |
| 1895..... | 96,582  | 217,399 |
| 1894..... | 87,604  | 139,763 |
| 1893..... | 83,322  | 3,743   |
| 1892..... | 98,731  | 15,932  |
| 1891..... | 109,150 | 32,042  |
| 1890..... | 123,136 | 43,372  |
| 1889..... | 85,670  | 59,334  |
| 1888..... | 60,504  | 45,528  |
| 1887..... | 64,631  | 36,027  |
| 1886..... | 63,932  | 93,850  |
| 1885..... | 61,947  | 39,401  |
| 1884..... | 57,288  | 62,950  |
| 1883..... | 49,090  | 84,790  |
| 1882..... | 28,358  | 63,667  |
| 1881..... | 27,536  | 55,538  |
| 1880..... | 41,750  | 74,502  |
| 1879..... | 21,626  | 62,550  |
| 1878..... | 15,963  | 31,841  |
| 1877..... | 6,940   | 9,509   |