

advanced prices for materials, and 45s. again became the current quotation. Closing value cannot be put under 46s. 6d. in bulk F.O.B. at works.

"There are three facts which I think manure manufacturers would do well to take into account in making provision for the future—the increased buying capacity of the English farmer, the enormously increasing demand for all kinds of manure material for the United States, and the inadequacy of new sources of supply.

"I think these facts point to a higher range of prices over 1890 than we have had in 1889, excepting, for nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia, in so far as it may be affected by nitrate."

I cannot conclude my report without tendering my sincere thanks to Mr. Fred White, the Commissioner of North-West Mounted Police, who kindly gave me letters of introduction to Colonel Herchmer and other members of the North-West Mounted Police force. I was provided with transport at the different points when travelling through the North-West Territories, and I cannot speak too highly of the courtesy and attention paid to me by the officers. The whole force is held in general esteem and admiration by the settlers in the North-West, and more especially by those in the foreign colonies, who have received from it so much assistance and advice.

My thanks are again due to the High Commissioner, for his kindly instructions, the great interest he has taken in my efforts and the advice so readily given to me from time to time. My relations with my colleagues in the United Kingdom and with the representatives of the steamship companies and the Canadian Railroad companies, and with those interested in the cattle and other trades, have continued of a friendly nature, and my connection with the members of the press, both British and continental, and more especially the agricultural section of it, has remained unbroken.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN DYKE,
Canadian Government Agent.

The Honourable
The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN of Emigration from the Port of Liverpool, for the Twelve Months ending
31st December, 1888 and 1889.

Destination.	1888.	1889.	Increase.	Decrease.
United States.....	196,619	163,280	.....	33,339
Quebec.....	29,415	22,910	.....	6,505
Halifax.....	9,164	7,651	.....	1,513
West Coast of Africa.....	1,049	1,082	33	.....
China.....	202	56	.....	146
East Indies.....	2,067	1,975	.....	92
Australia.....	15	3	.....	12
Cape Colony.....	3	29	26	.....
South America.....	2,599	1,849	.....	750
British West Indies.....	70	61	.....	9
New Zealand.....	3	.....	.....	3
Total.....	241,206	198,896	59	42,369
Less—Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	59
Net Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	42,310