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as a fruit-growing country. Peaches pears, apricots, grapes and similar fruits do exceedingly well in some parts, while the citrus fruits flourish in others Lack of a convenient market appears to be the only obstacle in the way of large and profitable production.

The following figures, quoted from an Argentine government publication, will give some idea of the growth of the export trade :

ŀ	-	Wheat	Flour	Bran
		(Bush.)	(Tons)	(Tons)
	1899	 63,000,000	39,464	78,890
	1908	 135,000,000	113,500	208,309
		Frozen	Frozen	Other
		Beef.	Mutton.	Meats.
		(Tons)	(Tons)	
	1899		56,627	3,322
1	1908	 180,814	78,846	14,008
1		ARGENTINE E	EXPORTS	

The total exports in 1908 were valued at \$366,005,341, or more than double what they were in 1889. About \$10,-000,000 represents the value of dye woods and sundries, the balance being for animal and agricultural products.

The area devoted to wheat culture was doubled between 1900 and 1908, when it comprised about fifteen million The same ratio of increase applies to the total cultivated area.

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	1908:													
I	Horned	Ca	ittle								,		29,116,6	25
l	Sheep .												67,211,7	58
l	Herses												7,531,3	76
l	Mules.												465,0	
l	Swine.												1,403,5	
ì	Goats.												3,945,0	86
	Asses .					٠			٠		٠		285,0	88

Farming operations are conducted on a large scale, some of the estancias comprising nearly 100,000 acres.

In the list of countries to which produce is exported, Great Britain stands at the head, with over 20 per cent. to her credit. Belgium is next, taking 15 per cent., followed by France, Brazil and the United States, in the order named.

The population of the Argentine in 1908, according to the National Demographic Bureau, was 6,489,023, having increased from 3,954,911 in 1895.

Arrival of immigrants in the Argentine Republic, 1857-1908: Years. Number

20,000

159,570

260,613

846,568

648,326

1857-1860.

1861-1870.

1871-1880.

1881-1890.

1891-1900.

1901–1908
Total
Nationalities:
Italians $1,799,4\overline{23}$
Spaniards 795,243
French
Austrians
Britons 42,765
Germans
Swiss
Belgians 20,668
Others 209,792
Total
Arrivals in 1908 :
Allivais in 1900 .

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Total		 3,	178,456
Arrivals in 1908:			
Spaniards		 ]	125,497
Italians			93,479
Syrians		 	9,111
Russians		 	8,560
French		 	3,823
Austrians		 	2,551
Germans			2,469
Portuguese			2,083
Britons			1,879
Hungarians		 	934
Swiss			655
Brazilians			626
Danes			463
North Americans			341
Others. '			3,229

.255,710Total. . . These figures show that the tide of immigration to the Argentine is very similar in point of numbers to that which comes to Canada, but we have the advantage in the matter of nationalities.

The preponderance of Spaniards and Italians in the population explains why the dairy industry has not prospered. The exports are less now than they were in 1902, and amount to about 3,000 tons of butter a year.

I do not see any probability of the Argentine becoming a serious competitor of Canada in the dairy markets.

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