

**IMPORTS OF FOOD INTO GREAT BRITAIN.**

**SOURCES OF SUPPLY DETAILED AND COMPARED.**

The United Kingdom is of all countries the most dependent upon outside sources for supplies of food. This is not owing to any incapacity to raise sufficient food products, but is mainly a consequence of conditions, created by a system of land tenure established long years ago and still maintained in the old land.

In this connection Canada is promising to occupy a much more prominent position in the future. Her wheat growing lands are coming under cultivation more and more every year, from which the crops, ere long, will be sufficient to provide breadstuffs

for a large section of the British people "at home." At the same time the surplus wheat grown in the United States is gradually decreasing, so that the date is not far distant when the wheat grown in that country will only be sufficient for domestic consumption.

The other countries from which Great Britain draws supplies of breadstuffs with one exception, give no indication of enlarging their surplus for export. The exception is Argentina, which, in some respects, is in the condition of Canada, so far as its undeveloped resources are concerned.

The following is a schedule of the imports into the United Kingdom for the 10 months ended 31st

**IMPORTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS INTO UNITED KINGDOM**

FOR THE TEN MONTHS UP TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1905.

COUNTRIES.	Wheat.	Flour, Indian Corn, etc.	Live Animals.	Beef and Mutton.	Bacon and Hams.	Butter.	Cheese.	Eggs.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States.....	7,028,000	9,432,000	30,763,000	19,885,000	35,580,000	1,383,000	1,696,000	....
Canada.....	7,086,000	2,426,000	10,807,000	....	14,987,000	6,623,000	19,391,000	146,000
Russia.....	38,994,000	477,000	....	....	....	9,737,000	....	9,588,000
Argentina.....	38,393,000	....	....	25,426,000	....	....	....	....
France.....	....	2,167,000	....	....	....	7,779,000	623,000	3,050,000
Germany.....	545,000	1,250,000	....	....	....	74,000	....	2,740,000
Belgium.....	....	....	....	....	327,900	....	....	3,377,000
Sweden.....	....	....	....	....	....	4,260,000	....	....
Denmark.....	....	....	....	....	16,665,000	37,399,000	....	6,500,000
Netherlands.....	....	....	....	2,018,000	5,450,000	4,532,000	2,017,600	....
Australia.....	18,400,000	....	....	3,398,000	....	8,795,000	....	....
New Zealand.....	568,000	....	....	15,651,000	....	6,421,000	973,000	....
East Indies.....	36,293,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Roumania.....	1,559,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Turkey.....	279,500	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Austria.....	....	1,547,000	....	....	....	....	....	....
	149,150,500	17,239,000	41,570,000	66,378,000	73,009,900	87,003,000	24,700,000	25,401,000

**SYNOPSIS FOR TEN MONTHS.**

From United States.....	\$105,767,000
" Canada.....	61,466,000
" Argentina.....	63,824,000
" Russia.....	58,796,000
" Australasia.....	54,206,000
" East Indies.....	36,293,000
" Denmark.....	60,564,000
" Other Countries.....	43,625,000
<b>Total Imports of Agricultural Products.....</b>	<b>\$484,541,000</b>

Wheat and Flour.....	\$166,359,500
Animals and Meats.....	180,957,900
Butter, Cheese and Eggs.....	137,194,000
	<b>\$484,541,400</b>
Foultry, Game, Rabbits, &c.....	6,136,000
Fish, including cured and salted.....	13,570,000
<b>Total, 10 months.....</b>	<b>\$504,247,400</b>
<b>Estimate for November and December.....</b>	<b>85,000,000</b>
	<b>\$589,247,400</b>