

Clause 6. I agree with this. I have often reported to the colony that the producers must undertake the work of introducing their produce to the consumers themselves; they cannot expect any private individuals to do this for them.

Clause 7. The taste of the working-classes is always for small lean meat. River Plate and Australian mutton is suitable for this trade. New Zealand mutton is more suitable for a better-class trade. Manchester dealers or salesmen will not buy c.i.f., as is often done in London. The Argentine shippers have a monopoly of the trade, and will fight strenuously to oppose now, as formerly, the introduction of any other mutton to the district.

Clause 9. New Zealand producers must push their own interests here, as the Canadians are doing, although possibly not adopting the same means.

Clause 17. The facilities for dealing with traffic at the Port of Manchester are really excellent.

Clause 19. The Australian Colonies are not at all likely to develop a live-cattle trade; their aim being more probably the development of the "chilled" trade.

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