

A YEAR'S IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF DAIRY PRODUCE, GRAIN,
AND HAY
(1905.)

Ninth Day.
1 May 1907.

PREFERENTIAL
TRADE.

—	From Australia.	From Other British Possessions.	From Foreign Countries.	Total Imports.
	£	£	£	£
Butter	2,307,836	2,905,382	16,373,405	21,586,623
Cheese	...	5,007,516	1,332,295	6,339,811
Flour and wheat...	4,291,027	11,110,194	25,923,555	41,324,776
Maize, oats, barley, and other grain	8,585	5,031,260	23,790,922	28,830,767
MEAT :—				
Bacon	...	2,755,149	10,019,706	12,774,855
Fresh beef	30,748	217,738	8,683,107	8,931,593
Salted beef	...	8,414	199,893	202,307
Hams	...	698,471	2,419,901	3,118,372
Fresh mutton . .	988,049	3,164,712	3,183,729	7,336,490
Fresh pork	10,837	14,124	1,137,409	1,162,370
Salted pork	...	16,226	236,380	252,606
Rabbits	485,935	82,406	267,498	835,929
Preserved meat ...	223,086	220,339	2,203,770	2,647,195
Unenumerated ...	12,059	44,913	1,168,720	1,225,692
	1,750,714	7,222,582	29,514,113	38,487,409
LIVING ANIMALS :—				
Oxen... ..	...	2,488,701	7,129,293	9,617,994
Cows and calves ...	...	27,966	19,846	47,812
Sheep and lambs ...	...	45,580	233,173	278,753

Sir JOSEPH WARD: Lord Elgin and Gentlemen,—I think we have been all very much interested in the very full and very able speech delivered by my friend Mr. Deakin. He has placed an immense amount of matter before the Conference which I feel sure will be read with the deepest interest by the people of Australia whom he represents. I am equally certain that it will be read by the people in the Colony that I have the honour to represent. We are approaching this matter from a similar standpoint, and we are anxious to bring about that which Mr. Deakin has at length placed before the Conference. I feel justified in saying that in view of the important details that Mr. Deakin has in many respects furnished, it will very appreciably save my time in placing some other aspects of this important matter before the Conference. I feel, however, that the historical occasion should not be allowed to pass by without saying something from the standpoint of the important Colony that I have come here specially to represent. I would like briefly to state what the attitude of New Zealand in connection with preferential trade is. We come here with an honest desire to place our position before the British Government, and the British people through the British Government, in the hope that if they see proper to return the preference which we have already on some articles given we should be only too glad in that respect to extend the system and have them added to on a mutual basis. I should like so much to say that if this comparatively new question as between the Motherland and the Colonies could be by all