

This demand is not a demand for New Zealand products as such, but generally for products which New Zealand is specially fitted to produce and in the supply of which she has several dangerous competitors. Should these succeed in placing these products on the world markets in suitable qualities at a lower price than the cost of production in New Zealand, the demand for those exported from New Zealand would fall away, and the Dominion generally would suffer, even though foodstuffs for a time might be lower in price to the local consumer.

2. New Zealand's chief market is the United Kingdom, and it is interesting to note the extent to which we contribute to her supplies of foodstuffs in comparison with competing countries.

New Zealand's contribution to Home markets.

The following table* states the quantity of frozen mutton and lamb (in carcasses) imported into the United Kingdom since the trade commenced, and summarizes the principal sources of supply and the leading ports of delivery :—

TABLE NO. 43.

Year.	Australia.		New Zealand.		South America.			Other Countries.	Totals.	New Zealand's Supply as a Percentage of the Total.
	London.	Other Ports.	London.	Other Ports.	London.	Liverpool.	Other Ports.	U.K. Ports.		
1880 ..	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	..
1881 ..	17,275	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,275	..
1882 ..	57,256	..	8,839	..	..	..	..	..	66,095	13·37
1883 ..	63,733	..	120,893	..	17,165	..	..	..	201,791	59·91
1884 ..	111,745	..	412,349	..	108,823	..	..	..	632,917	65·15
1885 ..	95,051	..	492,269	..	190,571	..	..	..	777,891	63·28
1886 ..	66,960	..	655,888	..	331,245	103,454	..	30,000F	1,187,547	55·24
1887 ..	88,811	..	766,417	..	242,903	398,963	..	45,552F	1,542,646	49·68
1888 ..	112,214	..	939,231	..	169,282	754,721	..	..	1,975,448	47·54
1889 ..	86,547	..	1,068,286	..	167,936	842,000	..	..	2,164,769	49·35
1890 ..	207,984	..	1,533,393	..	124,413	1,072,118	..	10,168F	2,948,076	52·01
1891 ..	334,684	..	1,894,105	..	160,340	950,797	..	18,897F	3,358,823	56·39
1892 ..	449,488	55,250 L	1,505,377	34,228 L	166,508	1,081,353	..	17,818F	3,310,022	46·51
1893 ..	636,917	..	1,821,595	36,003 L	109,808	1,263,915	..	16,425F	3,884,663	47·82
1894 ..	939,360	..	1,947,609	10,650 L	171,802	1,199,585	43,428	11,675F	4,324,109	45·29
1895 ..	969,943	35,560 L M	2,412,331	..	142,038	1,360,968	112,789	19,438F	5,053,067	47·74
1896 ..	1,565,360	77,883 M	2,211,895	..	245,573	1,392,700	154,007	..	5,647,418	39·17
1897 ..	1,338,964	68,453 M	2,703,845	..	161,744	1,771,542	188,185	..	6,232,733	43·38
1898 ..	1,238,653	10,000 M	2,784,101	..	201,895	1,935,365	260,077	..	6,430,091	43·30
1899 ..	1,189,563	15,038 L	3,250,100	..	239,703	1,805,646	369,369	..	6,869,419	47·31
1900 ..	906,766	37,158 L	3,157,060	..	271,432	1,773,381	288,024	..	6,433,821	49·07
1901 ..	1,194,157	32,401 L	3,234,119	..	342,525	1,952,625	338,955	..	7,094,782	45·58
1902 ..	648,929	75,368 L C	3,668,061	..	411,913	2,081,128	334,455	.. U S	7,219,854	50·81
1903 ..	449,090	28,947 L	4,566,257	17,503 C	650,004	2,141,469	326,964	.. N A	8,180,234	56·03
1904 ..	413,322	37,001 L	3,695,088	190,143 w	746,096	1,831,149	360,456	..	7,273,255	53·42
1905 ..	1,190,584	177,854 L C	3,479,757	224,809 w	1,102,282	1,697,367	403,561	..	8,276,214	44·76
1906 ..	1,339,677	392,651 w	3,818,506	329,782 w	932,986	1,582,606	403,684	..	8,799,892	47·14
1907 ..	1,762,047	575,884 w	4,353,088	444,279 w	1,002,403	1,607,520	405,306	..	10,150,527	47·26
1908 ..	1,214,753	616,493 w	3,833,012	401,146 w	1,435,137	1,681,620	469,257	..	9,651,418	43·87
1909 ..	1,583,928	1,094,910 w	4,587,217	447,886 w	1,258,007	1,641,430	453,774	.. N O	11,067,152	45·50
1910 ..	2,634,274	1,585,534 w	4,842,959	564,515 w	1,095,555	1,753,166	505,041	..	12,981,044	41·66
1911 ..	2,330,572	1,281,707 w	4,513,457	709,038 w	1,126,303	2,400,959	598,347	..	12,960,383	40·22
Totals	25,239,007	3,198,092	74,277,104	3,409,982	13,326,392	38,077,547	6,015,679	169,973	166,713,776	46·60

L—Liverpool. M—Manchester. C—Cardiff. L M—19,560 Liverpool, and 16,000 Manchester. L C—68,558 Liverpool and 6,810 Cardiff. F—Falkland Islands. U S—United States additional 49,924 (chilled). N A—North America additional 53,577 (chilled). W—West Coast Ports (Liverpool, Cardiff, Bristol, Glasgow, Manchester). N—Natal additional 189. O—Orange River Colony additional 40.

* Weddel's Twenty-fourth Annual Review of the Frozen-meat Trade, 1911.