APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A .-- FREIGHT RATES.

THE following tables have been drawn up to illustrate the war and post-war advances in the freights

on our principal exports. With regard to these tables it is necessary to note that—

1. Variations occurred in the freight rates charged for wool in 1917, but careful inquiry shows that an average flat rate of 24d. represents the charges for that year with approximate exactness. There was also variation in the 1917 dairy-produce rates, but the figures shown are the most approximately exact obtainable.

2. Except in the case of wool, the quantities actually exported in 1919 are used as estimates of

the 1921 exports.

3. The number of sheep in New Zealand in 1913 was 24,789,763, and the number on 30th April, 1920 (vide interim return) was 23,957,200. It has therefore been assumed that the quantity of wool available for export from the 1920-21 clip should be approximately equal to that exported in 1914. Hence exports for 1914 are used as estimates for the 1920–21 exportable surplus.

4. In all instances the figures are for calendar years.

5. The Census and Statistics Office, the Imperial Supplies Department, the Customs Department, the Dairy Division, and the National Dairy Association have been consulted in connection with these compilations. C. J. Reakes. FREIGHTS-1913, 1917, 1921.

Total Freight Year. Exports. Freight Rates. Expenses. Meat. Cwt. 68,890 1913 276,112 Beef 9_6 d. per pound, less 5 per cent. Lamb 1,088,457 361,902 . . $\frac{11}{16}$ d. 1,111,212338,364 Mutton Total 2,475,781 Total 769,156 1917 736,465 Beef 890,526 $1\frac{11}{16}$ d. per pound, plus 5 per cent. Lamb 470,080 $1\frac{15}{16}$ d. 446,106 $1\frac{13}{16}$ d. 924,620 Mutton 1,041,239 Total ... 2,401,845 Total 2,107,191 1921 (estimated) Beef 776,708 13d. per pound, plus 10 per cent. 697,872. . Lamb 1,049,320 2d. 1,077,126 1,877,950 Mutton 17d. 1,717,527 Total .. 3,703,978* Total 3,492,525 Wool.Lb. 155,342,727 1913 404,538Greasy 5d. Scoured ... 13,900,152 åd. ٠. 45,126 Washed .. **3**d. 540,144 47,981 Sliped 16,750,013 ₩d. Total ... 186,533,036 Total 497,645 1917 145,778,614 Greasy Scoured .. 13,720,69121d. per pound, flat rate 1,671,323 . . Washed ... 282,042 18,493,139 Sliped Total... 178,274,486 Greasy 1921 (estimated) 183,984,668 1§d. per pound 1,245,730 Scoured .. 13,205,219 $2\frac{1}{2}d$ ٠, 122,146 Washed .. 590,162 $2\frac{1}{3}d$ 22,692,849 177,288 Sliped 17d. Total ... 220,472,898† 1,545,164 Butter. Cwt. £ 93,065 372,258 2s. 6d. per box 1913 3s. 9d. 254,397 95,302 1917 5s. 4d. per box, plus 5 per cent. 1921 345,818‡(estimated) 193,658 Cheese. Cwt. £ $\frac{9}{16}$ d. per pound $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. per pound, plus 5 per cent. 160,561 1913 611,663 885,743 542,517 1917. . 1921 1,572,311‡(estimated) $1\frac{1}{4}d$. 963,041

^{*}Quantity exported during 1919. † Quantity exported during 1914. ‡These are the quantities exported during 1919. They appear to be reasonable estimates for 1921. As the prices offered for cheese are still much more attractive than those offered for butter, there is little likelihood of any change towards the production of butter.