

As illustrating the smaller proportion of cattle to population, the following figures, although it has not in all cases been possible to bring them right up to date, will be of interest :—

	Cattle.	Population.	Number of Cattle to each 1,000 Inhabitants.
United Kingdom :—			
1895 .. .. .	10,800,000	38,800,000	278
1904 .. .. .	11,600,000	42,700,000	271
1911 .. .. .	11,860,000	45,360,000	261
United States :—			
1890 .. .. .	57,600,000	67,600,000	852
1900 .. .. .	62,000,000	75,600,000	820
1910 .. .. .	69,000,000	91,900,000	750
Argentina :—			
1888 .. .. .	27,500,000	4,600,000	5,978
1904 .. .. .	33,000,000	5,900,000	5,593
Australia :—			
1893 .. .. .	11,600,000	3,090,000	3,754
1911 .. .. .	11,740,000	4,470,000	2,626
New Zealand :—			
1904 .. .. .	1,700,000	800,000	2,125
1911 .. .. .	2,020,000	1,050,000	1,923
India :—			
1898 .. .. .	87,000,000	228,500,000	381
1903 .. .. .	85,100,000	231,800,000	367

On the other hand, Canada and Russia show a slight increase in the number of cattle, as under :—

	Cattle.	Population.	Number of Cattle to each 1,000 Inhabitants.
Canada :—			
1901 .. .. .	5,600,000	5,600,000	1,000
1911 .. .. .	7,900,000	7,200,000	1,097
Russia :—			
1888 .. .. .	27,600,000	102,000,000	269
1904 .. .. .	33,200,000	116,000,000	286

The increases, however, have not been sufficiently large to balance matters, as from the latest statistics available the proportion of cattle to inhabitants of the whole world is as follows: In 1880 there were 192,000,000 cattle as against a population of 411,000,000, or 467 cattle to every 1,000 inhabitants; in 1908 the figures were 269,400,000 cattle to 572,700,000 people, or 383 cattle per thousand.

## IMPORTATION OF FROZEN MEAT TO SPAIN.

In forwarding a copy of a despatch on the above subject from H.M. Ambassador at Madrid, the High Commissioner writes as follows :—

It will be noted that the Ministry of the Interior has not yet come to any decision on the question of permitting the importation of frozen meat, although, as is known, the subject has been under discussion for some good length of time. While on the point I might mention that frozen meat was included in the new Customs tariff of Spain, which came into force on the 1st January, 1912, the item reading "Fresh or frozen meat," whereas in the 1906 tariff "fresh meat" only was provided for. The new duties, too, were made 12 pesetas (gold) per 100 kilos (= 4s. 10½d. per cwt., or rather more than ¾d. per lb.) as against the old tariff of 14 pesetas, so that there would seem to be some little ground for the belief expressed by the member of the Royal Council of Health that permission for the importation of frozen meat in some form will probably be given.