Ms. Nordstrom Corey Dew UVM 2/ 7/ 2015 Short Response Paper #3 In the late 1800’s many assumptions could be made about how industrialization affected the food system during that time period. Industrialization is when a society changes from an agricultural society to a society primarily based on the manufacturing of goods and services. Some may argue that this had not affected the food system at all, but I’d like to disagree with this claim because the industrialization helped the food system evolve more positively. The industrialization during the 1800’s was able to inspire new technologies to be discovered and used for agricultural purposes. One of the pieces of technology I refer to is the “hotbox”. The hotbox is much like a cold-frame with added heat from composting manure below the soil as pointed out in the local banquet website about the Robinsons family. This hotbox was the next step towards farming because it was able to help the Robinsons grow crops in doors whenever they wanted. This became beneficial during certain seasons where it would be hard to grow crops such as winter. It was thanks to industrialization that farmers had an out to the harsh seasons and were able to still have circulation of food through out that time for a food system to even exist.

Along with the new technology the industrialization gave people the opportunity to eat whenever and whatever they wanted. This became possible because the industrialization started a chain of events that led to this conclusion. It caused an increase in marketing because the industrialization convinced people to ship food from all over the place, thus giving people options in the market as implied in “Kitchen Literacy” by Ann Vileisis. Having options in a food system during this time was beneficial because now people can eat foods that are not specific to a certain season in the year.

Many opinions can be drawn on how the food system was affected by industrialization, but based on the evidence we can assume that the food system was affected positively in this ordeal. This is enough to make one wonder exactly how fragile is any food system?