

Exports of wheat from United States to United Kingdom.

285. It is almost unnecessary to say that far the largest portion of the above exports went to the United Kingdom, and the next statement gives the amount in each year:—

EXPORTS OF WHEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM—1880-1887.

YEAR.	Amount Exported to the United Kingdom.
	Bushels.
1880.....	67,556,186
1881.....	67,355,844
1882.....	65,583,389
1883.....	48,773,687
1884.....	42,263,293
1885.....	45,309,324
1886.....	46,010,684
1887.....	48,800,000

Amount available for export in United States not likely to increase.

286. It is estimated that of the crop of 1887, the United States will have 104,000,000 bushels available for export. M. Bernard predicts that in twenty years the production will reach 550,000,000 bushels, and the annual export 137,000,000 bushels. But taking into consideration the rapidity with which the population is increasing, the small average yield, not exceeding at its best 13 bushels to the acre, the actual average for a number of years being about 12.4 bushels, and the fact that the area of land available for wheat cultivation is much nearer exhaustion than is generally supposed, while much of the land formerly raising good wheat, has been run down through reckless farming and will require many years of careful nursing to recover its fertility, the amount available for export is not likely to increase to any extent.

Export of wheat from India 1880-1887.

287. India now stands second in importance as a wheat growing country, and judged only by the rapid increase in