

the quantity exported seems likely to be able soon to rival the United States, to whom she has already proved herself a formidable competitor. The following table gives the total quantities of wheat exported, and the quantities exported to the United Kingdom, from British India, in the years 1880 to 1887:—

EXPORTS OF WHEAT FROM INDIA - 1880-1887.

YEAR.	Total Exported.	Exported to United Kingdom.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
1880.....	13,896,168	6,027,560
1881.....	37,078,571	13,691,283
1882.....	26,402,893	15,793,874
1883.....	39,118,791	20,998,111
1884.....	29,550,741	14,897,551
1885.....	30,312,969	22,717,802
1886.....	41,558,250	20,578,038
1887.....		11,344,000

288. In 1886 the total area under wheat cultivation was 20,658,163 acres in British India, and about 7,000,000 acres belonging to the Native States. The average production varies very much, ranging from 21 bushels to 6 bushels per acre, the general average being about 13 bushels, the same as in the United States, the conditions of production, however, are very different, the price of labour in India being excessively cheap, the average wages of the agricultural labourer not being more than 6 cents per day, and the extension of the railway system and of the system of irrigation have both progressed so rapidly of late years that the question of Indian wheat taking the place of American wheat on the European markets has often been seriously discussed. But the total population of India is about 250,000,000, and the amount used for home consumption is at

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