

“lately become liberal, but the good yield is practically unquestioned, and there must still remain in that vast empire a large supply, which can come forward if prices in 1888 are good enough to draw it forth.”

Exports of  
Australasian  
wheat.

291. The Australasian colonies have undoubtedly a very important future before them as wheat exporting countries, though owing to bad harvests the amount exported has been comparatively small, but the climate is favourable, and the area available exceedingly large. The average yield appears to be about 14 bushels per acre, varying from 7·10 bushels in South Australia to 26·21 bushels in New Zealand\*.

The export of wheat from the Australasian colonies has been as follows:—

QUANTITIES OF WHEAT EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1880-1886.

YEAR.	Total Exported.	Exported to United Kingdom.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
1880.....	13,999,415	7,926,569
1881.....	9,729,596	5,541,629
1882.....	8,506,904	4,620,237
1883.....	7,481,949	5,345,368
1884.....	19,466,921	9,503,596
1885.....	12,593,890	9,854,566
1886.....	2,462,763	1,378,905

The crop of 1887-88 is said to be 8,000,000 bushels in advance of that of the preceding year. Victoria, South Australia and New Zealand are at present the principal wheat exporting colonies.

Production of  
wheat in  
Canada.

292. Canada has the reputation of producing, in the Province of Manitoba, the finest wheat in the world; and there

\* Victorian Year Book 1885-86, p. 499.