

Future
probabilities
for
Canadian
wheat.

294. Almost the entire quantity exported goes to the United Kingdom, which is and probably always will be the best and nearest market. The area at present under wheat cultivation is only small, not amounting to 2,000,000 acres, but the area available is enormous, and with increased population and extended transport facilities the future of Canada as a wheat exporting country is very promising. In the article already alluded to, M. Bernard appears to have entirely overlooked Canada as one of the future sources of the wheat supply, thinking, it is presumed, that the quantity available for export, would always be too small to be worth much consideration, but it is believed that it will not be many years before the export of Canadian wheat becomes a very important item in the consideration of the world's supply.

Wheat in
the Argentinian
Republic.

295. The valley of the La Plata is also undoubtedly destined at some future time to produce an enormous quantity of wheat. M. Bernard predicts that in twenty years it will hold the position with reference to wheat, now occupied by the United States.

Imports of
wheat into
United
Kingdom
from principal
countries
1871-1886.

296. The following table, taken from the report of the Foreign Commerce of the United States, 1887, p. 33, shows the share of the principal countries in the import of wheat into the United Kingdom during the years 1871 to 1886 inclusive :—