

and the fastest and cheapest facilities of transport, will obtain the largest share of the world's purchases; and as scientific discoveries are perpetually being made which tend to shorten time and space between the producer and consumer, it would seem inevitable that the price of wheat must fall in harmony. If farmers would realise that wheat will never again obtain its former prices (excepting of course any special combination of a failure of crop and a general war, or some such other untoward circumstances) and never again be the profitable crop that it was, and would turn their attention to mixed farming on scientific principles, they would probably not feel so keenly the present agricultural depression.

The price of wheat not likely to rise.

300. The following table gives the estimated wheat crop of the world, 1887* :—

Wheat crop of the world 1887.

Countries.	Crop.	Countries.	Crop.
	Bushels.		Bushels.
United States and Canada....	480,000,000	Egypt.....	16,800,000
France.....	320,000,000	Netherlands.....	5,200,000
Russia.....	216,000,000	Belgium.....	20,000,000
British India.....	228,000,000	Denmark.....	4,800,000
Austria-Hungary.....	168,000,000	Greece.....	4,800,000
Germany.....	88,000,000	Portugal.....	8,000,000
United Kingdom.....	76,000,000	Norway and Sweden....	2,400,000
Spain.....	80,000,000	Switzerland.....	2,000,000
Italy.....	120,000,000	Servia.....	5,600,000
Australasia.....	32,000,000	Sundries—	
Turkey.....	44,000,000	Africa, Tunis, Asia	
Persia and Syria.....	44,000,000	Minor and Mexico....	48,000,000
Roumania.....	32,000,000		
Chili and Argentine Republic	36,000,000	Total.....	2,081,600,000

* Foreign Commerce of the United States, 1887, p. 28.