

347. The yield of root crops was inferior and generally below the average, while hay was good and above the average, as shown by the following figures :—

Yield of root crops in Ontario, 1888 and 1889.

YIELD OF HAY AND ROOT CROPS IN ONTARIO, 1888 AND 1889.

CROPS.	1888.	1889.	Average yield for seven Years.	Average yield per Acre.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Hay and clover. . . . .	2,009,017	3,728,313	3,041,077	1·36
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Potatoes. . . . .	22,273,607	14,355,529	18,348,728	118·7
Mangel-wurzels. . . . .	10,020,659	7,223,478	7,750,874	423·1
Carrots. . . . .	3,898,584	3,431,959	3,571,114	346·7
Turnips. . . . .	47,640,237	37,021,260	39,239,849	386·5

348. Contrary to general expectation at the commencement of the season, the yield per acre of the grain crops in Manitoba in 1889 was about the smallest on record, owing to the dryness of the season, but the weather at harvest time was most favourable, and the several crops were taken off in exceptionally good condition. There was an increase of 191,111 acres in the area under wheat, but the yield was much below the average, the quantity per acre being only 12·4 bushels. The following are particulars of the principal crops in 1889 :—

Crops in Manitoba, 1889.

CROPS IN MANITOBA, 1889.

CROPS.	Yield.	Yield per acre.	Average Yield per Acre, 1883-1887.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Wheat. . . . .	7,201,519	12·4	20·6
Oats. . . . .	3,415,104	16·8	33·7
Barley. . . . .	1,051,551	13·6	25·8
Potatoes. . . . .	1,393,385	119·0	205·0
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Hay. . . . .	199,501	1·04	1·53