

According to the above table, the production of wheat has exceeded the quantity apparently required for consumption and seed during the period named by 25,711,314 bushels, being an average annual excess of 2,856,812 bushels.

365. The following table gives the apparent production, consumption and quantity of wheat available for export, after providing for seed, per head of population in the years named:—

Production and consumption of wheat per head of population in Canada, 1881-1889.

APPARENT PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF WHEAT IN CANADA, PER HEAD OF POPULATION, IN THE YEARS 1881 to 1889, INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Production.	Consumption.	Quantity available for export.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1881	8.58	6.42	1.13
1882	10.59	8.03	1.54
1883	6.71	6.00	-0.27
1884	9.68	8.65	-0.02
1885	8.93	7.09	0.89
1886	7.86	5.45	1.50
1887	7.85	6.25	0.72
1888	6.51	5.62	-0.03
1889	5.95	4.97	0.00
Average	8.07	6.49	0.61

It is not contended that the above figures are absolutely correct, since, in the absence of fuller information, it is impossible for them to be anything but approximate, but it is believed that taking the table as it stands (the result of any one year must not be compared separately with that of any other year), the figures of average consumption and production are not very far astray. It will be seen that in the years 1883, 1884 and 1888, the quantity produced fell short of that required, and in 1889 the quantity produced was precisely the amount required, the