

India as a wheat exporting country.

376. It seems probable that the anticipations formed some time ago respecting India as a wheat-exporting country will not be realized, and there is every indication that that country has reached the limit of its exporting capacity, neither the area under cultivation nor the amount exported having made any material increase of late years.

Exports of wheat from the United States, Russia and India.

377. The following table, the figures in which are taken from the report of the United States Department of Agriculture,* gives the total exports of wheat from the three largest wheat-exporting countries during the ten years, 1881 to 1890, inclusive :—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE EXPORTS OF WHEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND INDIA DURING THE YEARS 1881 TO 1890.

Year.	United States.	Russia.	India.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
1881.	186,321,514	36,565,653	13,896,167
1882.	121,892,389	48,972,597	37,148,543
1883.	147,811,316	76,373,532	26,495,024
1884.	111,534,182	83,780,050	39,202,636
1885.	132,570,367	67,725,539	29,588,311
1886.	94,565,794	91,756,992	39,328,658
1887.	153,804,970	51,612,111	41,558,765
1888.	119,625,344	77,796,105	25,271,249
1889.	88,600,743	126,114,840	32,874,628
1890.	109,430,476	107,250,883	25,764,123
Total	1,266,157,095	767,948,302	311,128,104

Possible decline of wheat supply in United States.

378. From the above figures it will be seen that, as already stated, the wheat exports of India are practically stationary, while those of the United States are decreasing, and those of Russia are on the increase. Statistics concerning the latter country are not very reliable, but there is said to have been a

* March, 1891.