

436. There were 272,866 acres planted with corn, of which 91,403 acres were sown for the silo and soiling, and 181,463 acres for husking. The yield for silos was 948,907 tons, being an average of 10.3 tons per acre, while the production for husking was 11,229,498 bushels in the ear, being an average of only 61.9 bushels per acre.

Area and yield of corn in Ontario.

437. Root crops generally were fairly good, with the exception of potatoes, which suffered severely from the rain, drouth and rot, and the average available yield was probably much less than that given below, in consequence of the great tendency to rot after being stored. The hay and clover crops were remarkably good. The following are particulars of the hay and principal root crops:—

Hay and root crops in Ontario, 1891 and 1892.

AREA AND YIELD OF HAY AND ROOT CROPS IN ONTARIO, 1891 AND 1892.

CROPS.	1891.		1892.		Average Yield for Eleven Years.	
	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Tons.	Total Quantity.	Per Acre.
Hay and clover ..	2,549,975	2,392,798	2,515,367	4,384,838	3,219,288	1.39
		Bush.		Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Potatoes	160,218	24,055,886	145,703	12,289,817	18,245,150	118
Mangel-wurzels ..	22,961	11,779,448	22,026	10,350,474	8,702,857	440
Carrots	9,858	3,814,016	9,941	3,827,361	3,674,621	354
Turnips	126,075	68,853,452	129,627	63,541,641	44,850,404	418

The yield of potatoes in 1892 was only 84 bushels per acre against an average of 118 bushels, while the yield of hay was 1.74 tons per acre compared with an average of 1.39 tons.

438. Though the wheat crop in Manitoba in 1891 was far the largest ever raised in the province, yet its value was very largely discounted by the amount of injury done to it by early frosts and heavy rain, rendering a large portion of it almost unsaleable. In 1892, however, though the yield was not nearly so large, being estimated by the Provincial Department of Agriculture at 14,453,835 bushels as compared with 23,191,599 bushels in 1891, the quality was very much better throughout the province, that of "Manitoba hard" being exceptionally good. The area under cultivation was 875,990 acres as compared with 916,664 acres in 1891, being a decrease of 40,674 acres. The other grain crops were fairly good, but, though the yield is sure, little attention is paid to any of them except oats. Pease are said to have averaged 22.16 bushels per acre, and rye and flax about 20

Crops in Manitoba, 1892.