

443. No particulars are available concerning the crops in Quebec or in the other portions of the Dominion. Crops elsewhere in Canada.

444. The wheat crop of 1892, calculated on the basis used for similar estimates in previous years, may be put down at 48,182,295 bushels, the yield being much less than in 1891, but, as previously stated, the quality generally was of a much higher grade. Wheat crop in Canada, 1892.

445. The wheat crop of 1891 was estimated in the last issue of the Year Book at 61,592,822 bushels; subsequent information, however, has reduced that estimate to 60,721,193 bushels. If to this quantity is added 5,065,723 bushels imported, and from the total thus made, 17,409,139 bushels exported are deducted, the quantity available for home consumption is found to be 48,377,777 bushels, and if from this latter quantity are deducted 4,335,819 bushels for seed and 26,945,039 bushels for food, &c., a quantity still available for distribution of 17,096,919 bushels is found to remain, this amount however being reduced by deduction for cleaning, feed, &c., and by additions to exports for short returns to about 9,280,000 bushels. Wheat crop of Canada, 1891.

446. The Dominion Government does not, unfortunately, collect any agricultural statistics, and the only information directly available is such as is furnished by the Provincial Governments, those of Ontario and Manitoba being the only ones that collect statistics of the actual yield of crops, the other provinces merely affording information as to their general condition. The two provinces named, however, are the only ones at present in which wheat is grown in any quantity, for, though the land is there, the crop in the Territories, while increasing every year, is still inconsiderable for want of population; therefore the figures of the yield of wheat in these two provinces form a very important basis for an estimation of the entire crop of the Dominion. Collection of agricultural statistics.

447. The table of the estimated production and consumption of wheat in Canada for a series of years, given in several previous issues of the Year Book, has been thoroughly revised in accordance with the latest information and reconstructed upon a somewhat different basis, the whole question of the production and distribution of wheat in this country having been very carefully and thoroughly gone into, and it is believed that the figures are now as accurate as, under the circumstances, they can be made.* The first column contains the estimated crop in each year; the second column contains a deduction of 10 per cent Production and distribution of wheat in Canada.

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