

PRODUCTION OF BARLEY AND OATS IN CANADA, 1882-1891.

YEAR.	BARLEY.			OATS.		
	Area.	Production	Net Export.	Area.	Production	Net Export.
	Acres.	Bush.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Bush.
1882.....	1,037,611	27,658,444	8,800,751	3,135,965	82,097,997	806,561.
1883.....	961,431	22,516,804	7,752,169	3,269,290	92,052,573	1,302,151
1884.....	865,402	22,757,006	9,052,822	3,245,865	90,803,383	2,106,948
1885.....	786,867	20,132,624	8,546,090	3,329,295	87,729,742	4,051,606
1886.....	932,772	21,806,315	9,451,911	3,413,167	91,749,467	2,028,443
1887.....	967,451	21,354,098	9,363,302	3,473,189	85,113,338	546,299
1888.....	1,004,426	27,285,606	9,941,365	3,660,418	98,716,911	273,952
1889.....	1,099,518	26,731,976	9,963,358	3,777,738	95,761,405	405,006
1890.....	911,355	19,963,621	4,892,137	3,753,450	90,281,640	181,385
1891.....	786,988	21,634,817	5,201,215	3,781,830	117,772,147	6,410,343
Total..	9,353,821	231,841,311	82,965,120	34,840,207	932,078,603	18,112,694
Average ..	935,382	23,184,131	8,296,512	3,484,020	93,207,860	1,811,269

470. The estimated areas and production in the above table are, as in the case of wheat, based on the official returns for the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, and on the census figures of 1881 and 1891 for the rest of the Dominion, and there is reason to believe that the figures very fairly represent the actual facts. The export figures are those of the fiscal year ended in the June following the crop year. The effect of the present customs law of the United States on the cultivation of barley is plainly seen in the reduced area and production in 1890 and 1891, and is still more clearly visible in the figures of 1892, which are, area, 740,863 acres, and production, 17,500,000 bushels, the smallest quantity since the harvest of 1880, which, according to the census of 1881, only yielded 16,844,868 bushels. The average yield per acre for the Dominion during the ten years was 24·7 bushels. In Ontario alone it was 26·0 bushels.

Figures, how estimated.

Decrease in area under barley.

471. The area under cultivation of oats has been steadily increasing, and in 1891 was the largest on record, the crop itself being also the largest, due to the exceptional yields in Ontario and Manitoba. The export of this grain had fallen off very much since 1885 and 1886, but in 1891 the trade revived again in a remarkable manner, the quantity exported having been 2,358,737 bushels more than in any previous year. The area under crop showed a further increase in 1892, having been 3,829,993 acres; the yield, however, was not so great, reaching a total only of 104,412,143 bushels. The average yield per acre for the Dominion was 26·7 bushels per acre. In Ontario alone, for the same period, it was 35·1 bushels.

Increase in area under oats.

472. The next table gives particulars of the production of barley, oats, rye, pease and beans according to the census of 1881 and 1891.

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