

473. No particulars of the acreage under cultivation of the above-mentioned crops were taken in 1881, and comparisons of yield only are of no particular value, but inasmuch as 1880 and 1890 were both bad harvest years, there seems to be no doubt that, generally speaking, there has been a decided decrease in the area sown with grain in Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In Ontario the acreage under barley and rye was about the same, while there was an increase in that under oats and pease and beans. The latter crops were not separated in the returns of 1881, and have, for purposes of comparison, been added together in 1891. Out of the total quantity in 1891, 14,718,244 bushels were of pease, 12,760,000 of which were grown in Ontario. Sufficient attention, however, is not given to the cultivation of pease, particularly in Ontario, where many parts are well adapted for their growth, and if the right kinds, suitable for human food, are grown, they will always command a distinctly remunerative price in European markets. In the western provinces the increase in area, sown with grain generally, has, of course, been considerable.

Decrease
in area in
eastern
provinces.

Cultiva-
tion of
pease.

474. The average yield per acre of wheat, barley and oats in some of the principal British possessions and foreign countries are given below, the figures, with the exception of those for Canada and the United States, having been taken from the "Victorian Year Book," 1890-91.

Average
yield of
wheat, bar-
ley and
oats in
various
countries.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE IN BRITISH AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES, OF WHEAT, BARLEY AND OATS.

COUNTRIES.	BUSHEL PER ACRE.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
United Kingdom.....	30.6	35.0	41.4
Canada.....	14.6	24.7	26.7
Ontario.....	17.9	26.0	35.1
Manitoba.....	18.4	25.0	32.5
Australasia.....	11.0	22.2	28.7
Victoria.....	11.5	19.8	21.0
New South Wales ..	14.1	19.7	20.4
Queensland.....	10.9	20.4	13.8
South Australia.....	7.6	12.5	12.9
Western Australia ..	11.4	14.8	16.5
Tasmania.....	18.0	23.6	25.5
New Zealand.....	25.8	27.7	31.8
Cape of Good Hope.....	20.3	25.8	10.7
Austria.....	17.2	19.9	22.0
Belgium.....	23.3	35.7	44.5
Denmark.....	34.7	24.4	25.8
France.....	18.0	19.7	25.3
Germany.....	18.0	20.7	24.1
Holland.....	31.8	45.7	41.2
Hungary.....	12.6	13.4	16.8
Italy.....	8.6	7.7	12.5
Norway.....	25.1	31.0	39.7
Russia in Europe.....	5.9	9.0	13.6
United States.....	12.8	21.4	25.1