

477. When the large quantity of new land that was settled on and brought under cultivation during the decade 1881-1891 is considered, it will be seen that there was, relatively, a considerable decrease in the area under cultivation of potatoes, and had it not been for the large increase in Quebec, there would have been an actual decrease. It would appear as if the consumption of potatoes was declining, since, after deducting the exports of 1881, viz., 2,295,307 bushels, there remained 53,073,433 bushels for food, feed, &c., being at the rate of 12 bushels per head of population, while, after deducting the exports in 1891, viz., 3,668,725 bushels, there only remained 48,738,952 bushels, being at the rate of 10 bushels per head, or 2 bushels per head less than in 1881.

The potato crop.

478. The importation of stock from Europe *via* the St. Lawrence for breeding purposes was less than in 1891, as shown by the following figures:—

Imports of stock from Europe *via* St. Lawrence.

NUMBER OF CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIGS IMPORTED FROM EUROPE—1884-1892.

| YEAR. | Cattle. | Sheep. | Pigs. |
|-----------|---------|--------|-------|
| 1884..... | 1,607 | 473 | 26 |
| 1885..... | 1,356 | 255 | 37 |
| 1886..... | 601 | 328 | 16 |
| 1887..... | 162 | 488 | 10 |
| 1888..... | 229 | 2,016 | 86 |
| 1889..... | 150 | 609 | 70 |
| 1890..... | 15 | 1,902 | 68 |
| 1891..... | 14 | 3,023 | 10 |
| 1892..... | 1 | 2,828 | 19 |

479. The breeds of the animals imported were as follow:—

Breeds of stock imported.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------|
| <i>Cattle.</i> | | |
| Jersey bull calf..... | | 1 |
| <i>Sheep.</i> | | |
| Shropshire Down..... | | 1,997 |
| Oxford "..... | | 387 |
| Dorset "..... | | 173 |
| Cotswold..... | | 97 |
| Cheviots..... | | 84 |
| South Down..... | | 33 |
| Lincoln..... | | 24 |
| Suffolk..... | | 22 |
| Leicester..... | | 6 |
| Hampshire..... | | 5 |
| <i>Pigs.</i> | | |
| Yorkshire..... | | 11 |
| Tamworth..... | | 8 |

Of this number 1,859 sheep were for the United States, and all the other animals for Canada.