

were under crop. There were 464,462 acres in gardens and orchards, and 15,284,788 acres in pasture. Relatively to the whole area of Canada, the area under crop and in pasture is about 10 per cent. There are, therefore, great possibilities of expansion in the future, even in the older provinces, while in Manitoba and the organized districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan there are nearly 239,000,000 acres, which have been brought to the uses of farmer and rancher to the extent of 7,832,200 acres. Included in this statement are the ranching grounds, which covered in 1893 an area of 1,579,285 acres, distributed among 159 lessees.

377. The increase in lands under crop in 1891, compared with 1881, was 4,792,542 acres or over 30 per cent.

378. The census returns of 1891 gave the following information for the Dominion. A comparison with the census of 1881 is also given.

—	1890.	1880.	1890 compared with 1880, Inc. or Dec.
Acres in wheat	2,723,884	2,366,554	+ 357,330
Bushels, wheat crop, 1890 and 1880	42,144,779	32,350,269	+ 9,794,510
Average per acre, bushels	15.4	13.7
Increase in bushels	30.2

379. By provinces the wheat crop of 1890 and 1880 were :

—	1890.	1880.	Increase or Decrease.
Ontario—			
Acres	1,430,530	1,949,135	— 518,605
Bushels	21,314,582	27,406,101	— 6,091,519
Quebec—			
Acres	191,599	224,678	— 33,079
Bushels	1,568,289	2,019,004	— 450,715
Maritime Provinces—			
Acres	76,166	127,818	— 51,652
Bushels	988,979	1,598,193	— 609,214
British Columbia—			
Acres	15,156	7,952	+ 7,204
Bushels	388,300	173,653	+ 214,647
Manitoba—			
Acres	896,622	51,293	+ 845,329
Bushels	16,092,220	1,033,673	+ 15,058,547
The four Organized Territories—			
Acres	113,811	5,678	+ 108,133
Bushels	1,792,409	119,655	+ 1,672,754