

409. The area and production of hay and potatoes, according to the census returns of 1881 and 1891, are given below :—

PRODUCTION OF HAY AND POTATOES IN CANADA, 1880 AND 1890.
(Census 1881 and 1891.)

HAY.

PROVINCES.	ACRES.		Increase.	YIELD IN TONS.	
	1881.	1891.		1881.	1891.
Ontario.....	1,795,965	2,528,894	732,939	2,038,659	3,465,633
Quebec.....	1,495,494	2,457,023	961,529	1,612,104	2,243,395
Nova Scotia.....	519,856	539,057	19,201	597,731	632,391
New Brunswick....	389,721	470,834	81,113	414,046	476,069
Manitoba.....	100,591	185,279	485,230
British Columbia...	28,449	64,611	36,162	43,898	102,146
P. E. Island.....	119,936	150,108	30,172	143,791	132,959
The Territories.....	8,337	17,500	156,273
Canada.....	4,458,349	6,210,527	1,861,106	5,053,008	7,694,096

POTATOES.

PROVINCES.	ACRES.		Increase or Decrease.	YIELD IN BUSHEL.	
	1881.	1891.		1881.	1891.
Ontario.....	181,394	179,663	— 1,731	18,994,559	17,580,051
Quebec.....	123,082	138,992	+ 15,910	14,873,287	15,025,444
Nova Scotia.....	60,192	44,154	— 16,038	7,378,387	4,920,612
New Brunswick....	51,362	42,703	— 8,659	6,961,016	4,827,830
Manitoba.....	4,306	9,791	+ 5,485	556,393	1,757,231
British Columbia...	3,272	4,213	+ 941	473,831	685,802
P. E. Island.....	39,083	43,521	+ 4,438	6,042,191	7,071,308
The Territories.....	811	3,901	+ 3,090	89,326	539,399
Canada.....	463,502	466,938	+ 3,436	55,368,790	52,407,677

410. The average yield of hay in 1891, exclusive of Manitoba and the Territories, was 1·24 tons per acre, as compared with 1·16 tons in 1881. As so much of the hay cut in Manitoba and the North-west is wild hay, the area cannot be given. The largest increase in area was in Quebec, this province having turned its attention more particularly to dairy farming, which may partly account for the decrease in the grain area. The hay