

417. In cattle there was an increase in each province, except in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in each of which there was a decrease of nearly 5 per cent. More than two-thirds of the total increase took place in the Territories. The increase for the whole Dominion was 18 per cent. In the United States it was about 14 per cent.

418. The number of working oxen showed a decrease of 4,606, which indicates the extent to which oxen have been superseded by horses, the change being brought about partly, no doubt, in consequence of the more cultivatable condition of the land.

419. There was a decrease in the number of sheep of no less than 534,701, or 17 per cent. In the four original provinces of the Dominion, the number of sheep in 1871 was 3,155,509; in 1881 this number was reduced to 2,847,975, or 207,534 less, being a decrease of over 6 per cent, while in 1891 the number was still further reduced to 2,215,738, being 632,237 less than in 1881, and a decrease of 22 per cent. In Prince Edward Island in 1871 the number was 147,364; this number in 1881 had increased by 19,132, or to a total of 166,496. In 1891, however, this number had fallen to 147,097, the decrease in the latter decade exceeding the increase in the earlier one by 267. There were, therefore, 940,038 sheep less in the five older provinces in 1891 than there were in 1871. There was a fair increase in the rest of the Dominion, but comparisons with earlier years are not yet of much value. The increase in the number of sheep in the United States was something over 30 per cent, as compared with a decrease of 17 per cent in Canada.

420. There was an increase in each province in the number of swine, except in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in which provinces there has been a general decrease in live stock, except in horses. The increase of swine in the Dominion was larger than in any of the other live stock, having been 41 per cent. In the United States there was a decrease of about 3 per cent.

421. The following table gives particulars of the live stock in the United Kingdom and her principal colonies, chiefly in 1891, taken from official sources :—