

652. The steady fall in price of wheat of late years is shown in the following table, which gives the average price per bushel in London and the average export price per bushel in New York in each year since 1871:—

London.				New York.			
Year.	Price.	Year.	Price.	Year.	Price.	Year.	Price.
	\$ cts.		\$ cts.		\$ cts.		\$ cts.
1871.....	1 73	1883.....	1 26	1871.....	1 31	1883.....	1 13
1872.....	1 73	1884.....	1 09	1872.....	1 47	1884.....	1 07
1873.....	1 78	1885.....	0 99	1873.....	1 31	1885.....	0 86
1874.....	1 70	1886.....	0 94	1874.....	1 42	1886.....	0 87
1875.....	1 37	1887.....	0 99	1875.....	1 12	1887.....	0 89
1876.....	1 40	1888.....	0 96	1876.....	1 24	1888.....	0 85
1877.....	1 73	1889.....	0 90	1877.....	1 16	1889.....	0 89
1878.....	1 43	1890.....	0 97	1878.....	1 33	1890.....	0 83
1879.....	1 33	1891.....	1 26	1879.....	1 06	1891.....	0 93
1880.....	1 35	1892.....	0 92	1880.....	1 24	1892.....	1 03
1881.....	1 28	1893.....	0 80	1881.....	1 11	1893.....	0 80
1882.....	1 37	1894.....	0 73	1882.....	1 18	1894.....	0 67

653. The average yields 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," 1891-92.

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

COUNTRIES.	Bushels Per Acre.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
United Kingdom.....	26·6	35·1	40·2
Canada.....	14·6	24·7	26·7
Ontario.....	17·6	25·7	34·6
Manitoba.....	15·6	22·1	25·3
Australasia.....	10·8	20·8	27·8
Victoria.....	11·0	20·6	25·7
New South Wales.....	15·0	19·8	22·3
Queensland.....	14·6	18·1	21·9
South Australia.....	6·1	13·2	10·6
Western Australia.....	12·2	15·5	17·5
Tasmania.....	17·3	20·4	27·5
New Zealand.....	22·0	26·3	30·2
Cape of Good Hope.....	14·5	31·8	15·7
Austria.....	14·5	19·0	22·7
Belgium.....	19·6	34·0	46·8
Denmark.....	37·4	30·5	31·2
France.....	15·0	23·1	27·9
Germany.....	18·4	24·9	28·3
Holland.....	29·7	42·7	45·6
Hungary.....	18·1	20·6	25·3
Italy.....	12·3	11·1	15·0
Norway.....	27·8	37·5	43·9
Sweden.....	25·4	24·6	29·0
Russia (in Europe).....	5·7	10·9	11·9
United States, 1892.....	13·4	21·4	24·2