

658. The Census returns give the following particulars:—

CANADA, 1891.

Acres in vines, Canada.....	5,951
Grapes, pounds.....	12,252,331
Acres in vines, Ontario.....	4,956
Grapes, pounds.....	11,725,281
All other provinces, acres in vines.....	995
Grapes, pounds.....	527,050

659. The following are some of the principal grape-growing counties of Ontario:—

Essex.....	1,069 acres and	1,771,667 pounds.
Lincoln and Niagara.....	968	“ 2,610,752 “
Welland.....	548	“ 1,449,367 “
Wentworth South.....	849	“ 2,472,055 “
Total.....	3,434	8,303,841

These counties produced 8,300,000 pounds of the total grown in Ontario in 1890. Every county but six in the province produced grapes.

660. The returns connected with the wine-making industry of Canada show that in 1891 the capital invested amounted to \$396,475, that the hands employed numbered 150, the wages paid amounted to \$37,955, and the value of the year's output to \$254,489. In 1881 there were 36 persons employed, and the output for the year was valued at \$59,620. The value of the output has more than quadrupled in ten years.

661. Grape-growing and wine-making were begun in some of the southern islands in Lake Erie in the early "fifties." In 1865, Messrs. Thaddeus Smith and D. J. Williams, then living in Kentucky, U.S.A., hearing of the success in Catawba wine-making, visited the islands, but as they found the price of land very high they came to the Canadian side, and within twelve miles of the island where grape-growing started in the region, they found Pelee Island, then covered with primitive forest. The climate and soil proving to be very similar to those of the island on the United States side, these men selected a locality and purchased about 40 acres of land, and in two years had erected a commodious stone house, with extensive wine cellars, and planted 33 acres in grape vines.

In 1866, Mr. Edward Wardroper, an Englishman, visited the island on a hunting expedition. He thought the prospects good, and bought land and planted several acres of grape vines. The wine made from the grapes was placed upon the market and "took," and now there are about 250 acres in vines upon the island, and from 75,000 to 100,000 gallons of wine are made yearly.

The fame of the industry spread to the mainland, and the development of grape-growing and wine-making made rapid progress.

662. The grapes grown in Canada in 1880-81 amounted to 3,896,508 pounds, and the import for home consumption to 424,848 pounds. These increased in 1890 to 13,334,123 pounds, of which 1,081,792 pounds were imported.