

663. The tobacco plant is cultivated in many parts of the Dominion. The census returns give the following particulars :—

PROVINCE.	1881.	1891.	Increase or Decrease.
	Lbs.	Lbs.	
Prince Edward Island.....	1,367	795	— 572
Nova Scotia	1,216	228	— 988
New Brunswick.....	6,414	702	— 5,712
Quebec.....	2,356,581	3,958,737	+ 1,602,156
Ontario.....	161,251	314,086	+ 152,835
Manitoba.	2,037	1,807	— 230
North-west Territories.....	1,238	+ 1,238
British Columbia.....	96	343	+ 247
Total.....	2,528,962	4,277,936	+ 1,748,974

These figures show an increase in the ten years of 69·2 per cent. The cultivation of the plant is limited practically to the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the latter province supplying over 90 per cent of all grown in the Dominion.

Near Walkerville, in the county of Essex, Province of Ontario, is a tobacco farm of 110 acres. But this is an exception to the general rule, nearly all grown in Canada being the produce of the few acres devoted to it by each farmer, especially in Quebec.

664. The amount of tobacco leaf imported into Canada for manufacturing purposes averages during a twelve year period about 12,300,000 pounds.

In addition to the leaf there are imported annually about 290,800 pounds of cut tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, &c. In 1864 there were 13,929,560 pounds of leaf imported for manufacturing purposes, and in 1894 the import was 14,253,749 pounds.

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665. Apparently the country is depending more and more upon the home grown leaf, and seemingly the farmers, especially of Quebec, are turning their attention more and more to the cultivation of the leaf, since in 1894, out of 18,737,851 pounds of tobacco consumed, 22·8 per cent was native grown, against 16,851,276 pounds consumed in 1884, of which 15 per cent was native grown.

Considerable attention has been given to the cultivation of flax in Manitoba for seed, and in Ontario for both seed and fibre. The price realized for flax seed in 1894 ranged at one dollar and upwards per bushel. The yield in Ontario is estimated at ten bushels per acre, and in Manitoba nearly double that average is secured. It is stated that the soil of Manitoba is too