

HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP AND SWINE IN CANADA, 1881 AND 1891.—*Con.*

SHEEP AND SWINE.

PROVINCES.	SHEEP.		Increase or Decrease.	SWINE.		Increase or Decrease.
	1881.	1891.		1881.	1891.	
Ontario	1,359,178	993,748	— 365,430	700,922	1,112,247	+ 411,325
Quebec	889,833	722,025	— 167,808	329,199	348,397	+ 19,198
Nova Scotia	377,801	318,855	— 58,946	47,256	45,760	— 1,496
New Brunswick	221,163	181,110	— 40,053	53,087	51,093	— 1,994
Manitoba	6,073	35,816	+ 29,743	17,358	53,019	+ 35,661
British Columbia	27,788	50,406	+ 22,618	16,841	33,324	+ 16,483
Prince Edward Island	166,496	147,097	— 19,399	40,181	42,652	+ 2,471
The Territories	346	64,920	+ 64,574	2,775	16,293	+ 13,518
Canada	3,048,678	2,513,977	— 534,701	1,207,619	1,702,785	+ 495,166

667. There was an increase in every province in the number of horses, that in Manitoba and the Territories being naturally the largest, the proportion of increase having been 418 per cent and 295 per cent respectively; in Ontario it was 29 per cent, and in Quebec 26 per cent. The increase for the Dominion was 36 per cent. In the United States, during the same period, the increase was a little over 44 per cent.

668. In cattle there was an increase in each province, except in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in each of which there was a decrease on 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 the increase was about 14 per cent.

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 The number of working oxen showed a decrease of 4,606, which indicates the extent to which oxen have been superseded by horses, the change being brought about partly, no doubt, in consequence of the more cultivated condition of the land.

670. 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 307,534 less, being a decrease of over 9 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 in 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.