

There was an increase in all these articles with the exception of rye and buckwheat. Of course the Census returns, being taken only once in ten years, are an uncertain index of the development of the agriculture of the country, since the years of comparison may be, the one a good year, and the other a poor year.

478. The Province of Ontario has yearly Agricultural returns, the Legislature of that province having wisely provided for such returns since 1882.

According to these returns the crops of that province have resulted as under :—

	1895.	1894.	1882-95.
Fall wheat .....	bush. 14,155,282	16,512,106	17,806,963
Yield per acre .....	" 19·0	21·2	20·1
Spring wheat .....	" 3,472,543	3,367,854	7,724,774
Yield per acre .....	" 15·5	14·6	15·2
Barley .....	" 12,090,507	10,980,404	17,046,059
Yield per acre .....	" 25·3	22·6	25·5
Oats .....	" 84,697,566	70,172,516	61,594,192
Yield per acre .....	" 35·7	30·0	34·3
Rye .....	" 1,900,117	1,386,606	1,589,008
Yield per acre .....	" 15·8	15·4	16·0
Pease .....	" 15,568,103	14,022,888	14,095,782
Yield per acre .....	" 19·5	17·9	20·2
Buckwheat .....	" 2,791,749	2,534,335	1,740,483
Yield per acre .....	" 20·6	17·4	19·8
Beans .....	" 1,494,179	827,514	586,847
Yield per acre .....	" 20·5	14·0	17·3
Potatoes .....	" 29,390,884	17,163,130	18,582,991
Yield per acre .....	" 159·2	102·6	118·5
Mangel-Wurzels .....	" 15,961,502	11,532,127	9,414,830
Yield per acre .....	" 464	417	438
Carrots .....	" 4,581,373	3,716,140	3,692,128
Yield per acre .....	" 352	332	350
Turnips .....	" 63,496,702	61,694,487	48,251,499
Yield per acre .....	" 418	418	418
Corn for husking .....	" 24,819,899	16,275,352	16,599,428
Yield per acre .....	" 81·9	60·9	68·5
Corn for silo and fodder .....	tons. 1,775,654	1,049,765	1,205,963
Yield per acre .....	" 11·84	9·43	10·75
Hay and clover .....	" 1,849,914	3,575,200	3,271,488
Yield per acre .....	" 73	1·39	1·38

479. The Province of Manitoba has also made provision for the annual collection of crop statistics.

The following figures, published by the Manitoba Government, give the area and yield of the principal crops of the province in 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895, and the average per acre :—

AREA UNDER CULTIVATION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN MANITOBA,  
1892, 1893, 1894 AND 1895.

CROPS.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Wheat .....	875,990	1,003,640	1,010,186	1,140,276
Oats .....	332,974	388,529	413,686	482,658
Barley .....	97,644	114,762	119,528	153,839
Potatoes .....	10,003	12,387	13,300	16,716