

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

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PROVINCES.	SHEEP.		Increase or decrease.	SWINE.		Increase or decrease.
	1881.	1891.		1881.	1891.	
Ontario.....	1,359,178	1,021,769	—337,409	700,922	1,121,396	+ 420,474
Quebec.....	889,333	730,286	—159,547	329,199	369,608	+ 40,409
Nova Scotia.....	377,801	331,492	— 46,309	47,256	48,048	+ 792
New Brunswick.....	221,163	182,941	— 38,222	53,087	50,945	— 2,142
Manitoba.....	6,073	35,838	+ 29,765	17,358	54,177	+ 36,819
British Columbia.....	27,788	49,163	+ 21,375	16,841	30,764	+ 13,923
Prince Edward Island..	166,496	147,372	— 19,124	40,181	42,629	+ 2,448
The Territories.....	346	64,920	+ 64,574	2,775	16,283	+ 13,508
Canada.....	3,048,678	2,563,781	—484,897	1,207,619	1,733,850	+ 526,231

521. 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 461 per cent respectively; in Ontario it was 31 per cent, and in Quebec 26 per cent. The increase for the Dominion was 39 per cent. In the United States, during the same period, the increase was a little over 44 per cent.

In cattle there was an increase in each province, except in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; in the latter province there was a decrease of nearly 4 per cent. Ontario and the Territories furnished two-thirds of the total increase. The increase for the whole Dominion was 20 per cent. In the United States the increase was about 14 per cent.

The number of working oxen showed a decrease of 9,030, which indicates the extent to which oxen has been superseded by horses, the change being brought about partly, no doubt, in consequence of the more cultivated condition of the land.

There was a decrease in the number of sheep of no less than 484,897, or 16 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 2,266,488, being 581,487 less than in 1881 and a decrease of 20 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 147,372, the decrease in the latter decade and the increase in the earlier one being almost the same. There was, therefore, 889,013 sheep less in the five older provinces in 1891 than there were in 1871. There was a fair increase in the rest of the Dominion, but comparisons with earlier years are not 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 16 per cent in Canada.