

Root crops
in Ontario
1890 and
1891.

372. The yield of potatoes was unusually large, though the losses from the rot have been very severe, in some cases having been estimated as high as 50 per cent. Turnips were very good, and carrots and mangels were fair, but they suffered considerably from dry weather at seeding time. The hay crop was very short. The following are particulars of the above-named crops :—

YIELD OF HAY AND ROOT CROPS IN ONTARIO, 1890 AND 1891.

CROPS.	1890.	1891.	AVERAGE YIELD.	
			For Ten Years.	Per Acre.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Hay and clover.....	4,305,915	2,392,798	3,102,733	1·35
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Potatoes	17,561,117	24,055,886	18,840,683	121·2
Mangel-wurzels	11,594,518	11,779,448	8,538,096	437·0
Carrots.....	4,210,543	3,814,016	3,659,347	351·0
Turnips	47,040,563	68,853,452	42,981,280	410·0

The yield of potatoes, mangels, carrots and turnips were above the average of ten years, but that of hay was considerably below.

Crops in
Manitoba,
1891.

373. The wheat crop of Manitoba in 1891 was the largest in the history of the province, being placed at 23,191,599 bushels, and it is believed that threshers' returns will, when complete, increase this amount. Unfortunately the grain suffered from early frost to a considerable extent, but this damage was partly offset by the heavy yield. The oat crop was very satisfactory, and the yield of barley was good, but the colour was bad. Potatoes did not do as well as 1890. The following are particulars of the yield of the principal crops in 1890 and 1891 :—

CROPS IN MANITOBA, 1890 AND 1891.

CROPS.	1890.	1891.	Average Yield per Acre in 1891.
			Bush.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Wheat	14,665,769	23,191,599	25·3
Oats	9,513,433	14,762,605	48·3
Barley	2,069,415	3,197,876	35·6
Potatoes.....	2,540,820	2,291,982	180·4