

to the census returns of 1891, the following number of live stock were then in the three districts :—

	Alberta.	Assiniboia.	Saskatchewan.
Horses .....	31,970	23,449	5,220
Cattle.....	145,658	69,420	16,144
Sheep.....	16,057	44,376	4,487
Swine.....	5,103	10,020	1,098

These figures, when compared with the figures for the same district, as given in the census returns of 1885, show increases as follow :—

Horses.....	36,514
Cattle.....	144,086
Sheep.....	45,512

while swine show a decrease of 6,321. In 1881 the whole of the North-West Territories only contained 18,763 head of live stock, while in 1891, in the three provisional districts alone, there were 373,002 head. There seems good reason to believe that at the end of the present decade the increase will be found, both actually and proportionately, to be infinitely larger.

The experimental farms.

434. There is no space to go into any details of all the work that was done on the several experimental farms during the year ; they must be obtained, if required, from the Director's report, published by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. However, much useful work was done at all the stations in testing new varieties of agricultural products, fruit and forest trees, and in making numerous experiments of various kinds with a view of benefiting the position of the farmers generally. As evidence of the amount of work done and of the interest taken by the farmers, it may be stated that during the year 12,360 bags of grain, 1,316 packages of seedling forest trees and small fruit, and 563 bags of tree seed were distributed ; 2,152 samples of grain were received for report ; the total number of bulletins and reports sent out was 218,129, and the farmers who have, by request, been placed on the list to receive bulletins, etc., now number 24,609. The expenditure during the year on the several farms was as follows :—

Central Farm, Ottawa.....	\$44,802
Farm, Nappan, N.S.....	6,994
do Brandon, Man.....	10,479
do Indian Head, N.W.T.....	7,666
do Agassiz, B.C.....	9,207
Total.....	<u>\$79,148</u>