

quantity of grain is frequently fed on the farm should also be taken into consideration, and it is considered that a deduction of 10 per cent. may fairly be made from the gross yield to cover these several deficiencies. In the following table, therefore, the first column gives the gross production of wheat in each year, as derived from the official estimates and from the census returns. The second column provides for the above-mentioned deductions for loss, consumption on farm, etc., and the third column gives the apparent net quantity available for distribution.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF WHEAT IN CANADA.

YEAR.	Estimated Crop. Bushels.	Deductions for cleaning, short meas't, feed, etc. Bushels.	Estimated net quantity available for distribution. Bushels.
1882.....	47,751,703	4,775,171	42,976,532
1883.....	30,810,762	3,074,076	27,736,686
1884.....	45,363,417	4,536,342	40,827,075
1885.....	42,736,327	4,273,633	38,462,694
1886.....	38,224,503	3,822,450	34,402,053
1887.....	38,954,233	3,895,423	35,058,810
1888.....	32,964,851	3,296,485	29,668,366
1889.....	30,791,656	3,079,165	27,712,491
1890.....	41,372,134	4,137,213	37,235,921
1891.....	60,721,193	6,072,120	54,649,073
1892.....	48,182,295	4,818,229	43,364,066
Total.....	457,903,077	45,790,307	412,112,770

It will now be in order to endeavor to ascertain how far distribution will dispose of the above quantities, and this has been attempted in the next table.

ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF WHEAT IN CANADA.

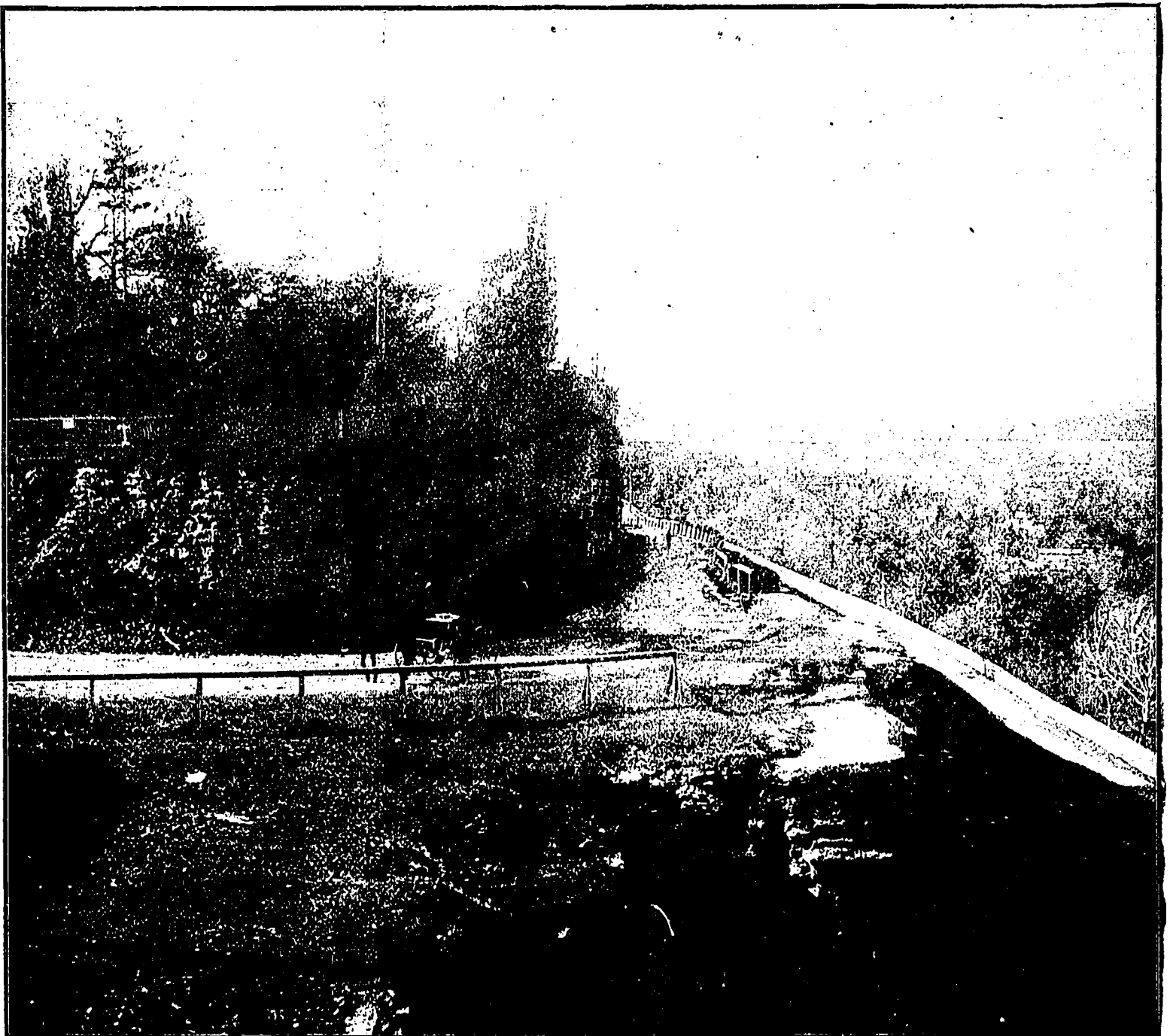
Crop Year.	Net Exports. Bus.	Allow-ance for Seed. Bus.	Amount required for consumption Bus.	Excess of crop over distribution. Bus.	Excess of distribution over crop. Bus.
1882	7,222,265	3,427,917	24,378,200	7,918,123	.....
1883	*3,516,412	3,363,911	24,661,615	3,247,602	.....
1884	2,793,330	3,664,674	24,952,395	9,417,676	.....
1885	4,662,975	3,360,614	25,228,150	5,180,655	.....
1886	6,133,283	3,368,939	25,490,755	.....	591,924
1887	2,761,653	3,247,172	25,768,446	3,281,239	.....
1888	*1,218,636	3,457,346	26,019,936	1,379,220	.....
1889	96,076	3,808,760	26,539,654	.....	2,531,339
1890	4,062,559	4,010,979	26,637,908	2,523,475	.....
1891	12,343,426	4,325,819	26,945,039	11,024,789	.....
1892	11,796,379	4,027,575	27,288,404	.....	2,748,292
Total	51,870,916	40,101,536	283,744,802	44,002,779	5,875,215

* Excess of Imports.

The above figures show an apparent excess of crop over distribution at the end of the eleven years of about forty million bushels, which would indicate a large over-estimate of yield, but a considerable portion of this surplus can be accounted for. There is no doubt in the minds of those who have at all interested them-

selves in the matter, that the official returns of exports of wheat and flour by no means represent the actual quantities that are shipped out of the country. The Customs Act in Canada provides for the report of all exports, and also provides a penalty for neglect to make the Customs entry; but this regulation is very frequently disregarded. As a consequence, it is certain that a considerable quantity of wheat (especially in the form of flour), of which no record of any kind is taken, goes out of the country, *via* the United States, for foreign ports, principally the United Kingdom, and probably 25 per cent. would not be too much to add to the exports to meet this shortage in returns. This would account for, say 15,000,000 bushels of the surplus. Another five or six million bushels should certainly be written off the Manitoba crop of 1891, which, it is well known, was badly damaged by frost and rain, and a very considerable quantity rendered quite unsaleable. Some deduction also, which cannot well be put into figures, must be made for loss by fire, water, and in transport, leaving, perhaps, 15,000,000 bushels, or about 3½ per cent. of the total quantity not in any way accounted for. But it is probable that the actual excess of estimate over production above would account for this.

Whatever the opinions may be of the relative accuracy, year by year, of the figures given above, it will, no doubt, be generally admitted that they are trustworthy enough to show that



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