

In the fertile valleys the choicest varieties of apples, pears, plums, and cherries grow in abundance. Large shipments of fruit are sent to the United States and to Europe. Strawberries and other small fruits ripen here after the earlier harvests of the south have been consumed, and find a ready market in the New England cities.

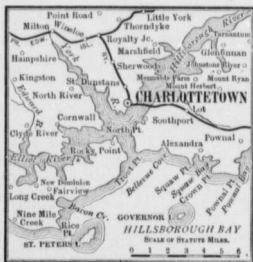
The other important crops are oats, wheat, potatoes, and hay. Barley, buckwheat, and rye also are grown. Stock-raising is on the increase. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia "new" land is each year brought under cultivation.



STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE.

YIELD OF GRAINS, ROOTS, AND HAY.

1900	Nova Scotia bushels	N. Brunswick bushels	P. E. Island bushels
Spring wheat	246,325	376,736	738,679
Fall wheat	2,151	4,973	105,625
Oats	151,085	99,050	105,625
Barley	2,347,598	4,816,173	4,561,097
Rye	15,702	2,809	65
Corn in ear	9,358	12,509	834
Buckwheat	196,498	1,390,885	49,689
Peas	3,067	16,808	2,945
Beans	16,084	13,573	496
Mixed grains	90,809	27,796	227,146
Potatoes	4,394,413	4,649,059	4,986,653
Other roots	2,074,806	2,070,485	3,932,591
Hay	658,330	512,584	168,326



VALUES OF FARMS, 1901.

	Total value.	Average per farm.
New Brunswick	\$51,358,311	\$1,441
Nova Scotia	72,564,907	1,488
Prince Edward Island	30,626,713	2,314

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Agriculture in British Columbia.

Population 1901	No. of farmers 1901	Land acres 1901	Per cent of improved land under crop 1900	Average size of farms acres 1901
178,657	6,739	236,922,177	36%	252

British Columbia is the great mining Province of Canada. Its many splendid valleys and level plateaus are exceedingly fertile, while its climate is mild and equable. The weather in British Columbia is much like that of many parts of England, and the holly, yew, and laurel flourish with the apple, pear, plum, cherry, and, in some districts, the peach.

The heavy growth of timber in many parts has prevented farming being carried on extensively, but of recent years ranching and dairying have been growing. Of the cereal crops oats are the most important. The extent of agriculture in this Province will grow with the spread of mining both in the south and in the north.



STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE.

YIELD OF GRAINS, ROOTS, AND HAY.

	1890	1900
Oats	943,088	1,442,566
Spring wheat	318,453	267,678
Fall wheat	9,847	91,741
Barley	79,024	73,790
Rye	6,141	17,528
Potatoes	685,802	955,046
Other roots	516,242	635,588
Hay	102,146	170,187
Tobacco	343	61,830
Hops	55,288	299,717
Butter	393,089	1,092,555
Eggs		1,649,741

FARM PROPERTY VALUES, 1901.

Total value of farm property	\$33,491,978
Average value per farm	\$5,467
Value of farm buildings and implements	\$27,287,065
Value of live stock	\$6,204,313

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