

THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE TOMATO PLANT AND THE COST OF PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO THE PRICE PAID BY THE CANNING FACTORIES.

The average yield of the main crop in this Province is about 175 bushels to the acre. The actual yields vary all the way from 50 to 700 bushels, numbers of growers regularly producing 400 bushel crops. Estimating the cost of production at from forty-five to fifty dollars, then the average yield is bringing the grower no profit whatever. A 300 bushel yield costing to produce \$61 is bringing the growers a profit of \$21.50 per acre. A 400 bushel yield at the estimated cost of production of \$67.50 is bringing a profit per acre of \$42.50. Now the growers claim that the present price paid, viz., 27½c. per bushel of 60 lbs., is not enough, whilst the canners stoutly affirm that it is more than they can afford. The profits quoted are being obtained by men who are producing as other crops beside tomatoes, grains, roots, corn and potatoes.



Plentiful. Pink variety.

The following table gives some idea how the profit obtained per acre from these different crops compares with those obtained from tomatoes:—

Crop.	Fair yield in bushels.	Price	Value	Cost of Production	Profit
Fall wheat.....	30	\$0.94	\$28 20	Since the cost of production for these crops is not definitely known, the profit from the yield of tomatoes compares very favorably with the total value of the yield per acre of the other crops.	
Barley	34	.55	19 25		
Oats	45	.30	18 00		
Peas	20	.87	17 40		
Beans	20	1.75	35 00		
Corn (in ear).....	85				
Potatoes.....	150	.75	112 50		
Turnips	350	.10	35 00		
Tomatoes.....	400	.27½	110 00	\$67 50	\$42 50