

The quantity of Potatoes raised last year exceeds that of 1851 by 44.72 per cent. The greatest ratio of increase — 103.79 per cent. — being in Westmorland, and the smallest — 4.73 per cent. — in Victoria. Westmorland produced the largest quantity.

There were 30,677 bushels of Peas and Beans raised in 1861. being 28 per cent. less than the produce of 1851. There was a small increase in the Counties of Gloucester, Victoria and Westmorland. The Returns show that the largest quantity was raised in Victoria.

There was an increase in the quantity of Butter made during the past year of 50.49 per cent. over the Returns of 1851, the greatest ratio of increase — 105.21 per cent. — being in Carleton, and the smallest — 14.04 per cent. — in Gloucester. King's County produced the largest quantity.

There is a large falling off in the quantity of Maple Sugar made during the past year, it being 34.46 per cent. less than the produce of 1851. The decrease is general in every County in the Province. It is to be regretted that so little care is taken of the Maple Trees, as with a little attention they prove a valuable source of income to the farmers, furnishing remunerative employment at a season when they would otherwise be disengaged. The Sugar made during the past season would readily produce in the St. John market \$3,150. The greatest quantity was manufactured in Albert County.

A comparison cannot be made between the several other descriptions of produce, as no Returns of them were made in 1851.

LIVE STOCK. As compared with 1851, there are now 60 per cent. more Horses, 36 per cent. more Milch Cows, 68 per cent. more "other Neat Cattle," 27 per cent. more Sheep, and 56 per cent. more Swine.

The following is a comparison between the quantities of some of the more important descriptions of produce raised in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick : —

PRODUCE.			NOVA SCOTIA, 1861. QUANTITIES.	NEW BRUNSWICK 1861. QUANTITIES.	NEW BRUNSWICK AVERAGE PER ACRE.
Hay,	Tons.	..	334,287	324,160	1.12
Wheat,	Bushels.	..	312,081	279,775	13.91
Barley,	"	..	269,578	94,679	18.11
Oats,	"	..	1,978,137	2,656,883	27.59
Buckwheat,	"	..	195,340	904,321	12
Indian Corn,	"	..	15,529	17,420	27.43
Rye,	"	..	59,706	57,504	14.57
Turnips,	"	..	554,318	634,364	191
Potatoes,	"	..	3,824,864	4,041,339	107
Butter,	Pounds.	..	4,532,711	4,591,477	
Cheese,	"	..	901,296	218,067	

MINERALS.

The number of persons engaged in Mining operations form but a very inconsiderable portion of our population, yet indications are not wanting that ere long their numbers will become considerably increased. Since the taking of the last Census, the County of Albert has become noted for its Mineral resources, the opening up of which has been the chief cause of the proud position which that County occupies in these Returns. The County of Westmorland has also been materially benefitted by the operations at the Quarries.

FISHERIES.

Although the value of the Fish shown in the accompanying Returns is 56.50 per cent. greater than appears in the Returns of 1851, we are led to believe that a considerable proportion of the catch of the past year has not been reported. Considerable numbers of Fish are