

ARGENTINA.

The possibilities and probabilities of Argentina as a wheat producer have not received much serious attention from wheat experts. She is usually looked upon as an undeveloped country, and one far from her markets. Whilst these statements are undoubtedly true, there are yet many indications of a bright future for Argentine wheat. Conditions are changing for the better. Elevators are being built at the ports; the milling industry is becoming better organized; the Department of Agriculture, established about ten years ago, is doing excellent work; transportation facilities are being improved; the marketing system is slowly developing into a more perfect form; the right localities for raising wheat are being more certainly determined; and improved methods of farming are being slowly adopted. With his great natural advantages of climate and short haul to the seaboard, the Argentine wheat-producer, making the best use of his opportunities, must be a strong competitor in the world's wheat markets.

The population of Argentina increases slowly, and with such slow growth it will be many years before the wheat tracts are fully developed. The following figures show the growth of population :

1869	..	..	..	..	..	1,830,214
1872	..	..	..	..	..	2,231,049
1888	..	..	..	..	..	3,158,434
1895	..	..	..	..	..	3,954,911
1909	..	..	..	..	..	6,805,684

Immigration mainly supplies the labour on the wheat-fields, and the immigrants are largely Italians and