



It will be seen from this chart that wool production increased till approximately the general introduction of the modern factory system in the Province. From the decade of 1871 it ceased to grow with population, and has since declined to 4,500,000 pounds, or 1,900,000 pounds less than in 1871. If production had increased in same ratio as population the Ontario wool clip of 1907 would have been 9,600,000 pounds at the average weight of fleece in 1871 ($3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds). But the average weight of fleece has increased from $3\frac{3}{4}$ pounds in 1882 (in 1851 it was only 2 to 16 pounds) to 6 3-5 pounds in 1907, at which rate the clip of 1907 would have been over 13,700,000 pounds. It will also be seen that woollen manufactures developed under the old system, along with wool production, till the advent of the factory system in the Province.