

# CANADIAN CROP ACREAGE

## Heavy Percentage of Winter-Killed Wheat ---Large Decrease in Yield.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A bulletin of the Census and Statistical Office makes the following report on the crops and live stock of Canada. The area sown to winter wheat last fall was reported as 1,097,900 acres, of which 707,200 acres were in Ontario, and 300,700 acres in Alberta. From reports of correspondents at the end of April, it is estimated that about 31.50 per cent. of this area has been winter killed, the proportion being 23.72 per cent. in Ontario, and 38.50 per cent. in Alberta. This represents a total deduction from the area sown of about 345,000 acres (229,000 acres in Ontario and 116,000 acres in Alberta). The average condition of winter wheat on April 30 was 72.62 of a standard (71.24 per cent. in Ontario and 76.80 per cent. in Alberta). From these figures it is calculated that the yield per acre from winter wheat in 1912 is likely to be about 20 bushels per acre, or 13 per cent. less than the average yield of the three years, 1909-11, viz., 23.33 bushels per acre, provided that average conditions prevail between now and harvest.

In the Maritime Provinces spring seeding on April 30 had only begun here and there, most of the ground being still under snow. Very little progress had been made by the same date in Quebec, the amount of seeding done representing not more than about 3 or 4 per cent. In Ontario about 15 per cent. of the

total seeding was completed, but this applies chiefly to the western and southern parts of the Province. In the North-West Provinces the wet condition of the ground, coupled with cold weather and the small amount of fall plowing completed last year, has caused seeding operations to be somewhat backward.

In Manitoba 50.13, in Saskatchewan 71.54, and in Alberta 61.26 per cent. of the seeding of spring wheat was completed by the end of April, and of total seeding done the percentage proportions were Manitoba 36.63, Saskatchewan 49.30, and Alberta 51.50.

Nearly 14 per cent. of the hay and clover meadows have been winter killed, and their average condition is represented by 74.63 for all Canada, the figures for Quebec taking 50, for Ontario 80.46, for Manitoba 88.48, for Saskatchewan 87.82, for Alberta 95.60, and for British Columbia 97.72.

The report on the condition of live stock shows a high average for the Dominion, being over 90 per cent. of a standard. West of Ontario the figures exceed 90 for all descriptions of live stock. In Ontario, for milch cows and other cattle, in Quebec, for horses and milch cows, and in Prince Edward Island, for milch cows and other cattle, the percentage figures of condition fall below 90, the range being from 83 to 88.

### ANGLOPHOBIA IN POTSDAM.

#### City Where Kaiser Resides Declines to Entertain British Visitors.

A despatch from Berlin says: As an indication of the feeling against England, the Potsdam City Council, by a large majority, has voted down the Mayor's request to appropriate \$225 to entertain the members of the British Royal Institute, who are going to the Health Congress in Berlin, June 25 and 27. Some of the speakers of the city where the Kaiser resides referred bitterly to England's attitude toward Germany last summer.

### \$3,000,000 CUSTOMS HOUSE.

Such, it is reported, is to be built in Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: According to local report Montreal will soon possess the largest and most magnificent Customs examining warehouse in Canada. It is said that plans are being prepared for the erection of a building that will cover an entire block. The site is about 150 feet in width and 550 feet in length. Between two and three million dollars is said to be involved in the purchase of the land and the erection of the building.

### BLACK PERIL IN AFRICA.

Drives of Natives in Cases of Suspected Attack are Common.

A despatch from London says: Advices from Johannesburg state that the black peril in South Africa is straining the temper of the European population to the snapping point. There has been a recrudescence of trouble in the last few days and the number of vigilance associations has increased rapidly. Drives of natives where cases of assault are suspected have been quite common.

### DEVELOPMENT OF FEMINISM.

700-Acre Farm Financed and Worked by Women.

A despatch from London says: A seven hundred acre farm in Sussex on the Surrey border, controlled, financed and worked exclusively by women, is the latest development of feminism. Sympathizers with the scheme have subscribed \$50,000. The farm is to have cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry and many institutions run by women have promised to patronize it with orders for milk and dairy products.

### THIS ADVENTUROUS LIFE.

"Are you going abroad this summer?"  
"I can't tell. Every time we get the Titanic on our minds and decide to go out west this year, a train rolls off the track somewhere, and goodness knows what we will do."

It is now stated that Mr. Hays' successor will be chosen from among the present Grand Trunk official staff.

### CHINESE PREMIER SHOT.

#### Crank Empties Revolver While Official is Dining.

A despatch from Pekin says: While President Yuan Shi Kai was dining with members of the Cabinet, Governors of provinces and leading Chinese officials, on Friday, Chung Ping Lin, a disgruntled office seeker, bribed the attaches and entered the hall flourishing a revolver. He fired several shots point blank at Tang Shao Yi, the Premier, whom he blamed for his failure to get the political promotion he had sought. His aim was bad and all the shots went wild. After his ammunition was exhausted Chang was overpowered by the attendants and taken to jail.

### GREAT GOLD RUSH.

#### Prospector Has Made Discoveries North of Massey.

A despatch from North Bay says: Another gold rush is in full swing, following discoveries of gold and copper in the region north of Massey Station, on the "Soo" branch of the C.P.R., by a prospector named Teasdale. Prospectors are flocking in large numbers to the scene of the latest excitement, which entails a 40-mile drive north of Massey to Whiskey Lake, then a canoe trip some miles further into the wilderness.

### NEW PRESIDENT OF G.T.R.

#### E. J. Chamberlin Succeeds the Late C. M. Hays.

A despatch from London says: It was officially announced here on Friday that Edson Joseph Chamberlin, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has been appointed president of the Grand Trunk Railway, of Canada, to succeed Chas. M. Hays, who died in the Titanic disaster. Mr. Chamberlin has also been elected a member of the Grand Trunk board of directors, vice Mr. Hays.

### SEEK HARBOR ON JAMES BAY.

#### Prof. Ells to Examine the Mouth of Moose River.

A despatch from Toronto says: Professor Sydney C. Ells, of Ottawa, whose exploring expedition through the James Bay district last summer upset the popular misconception that the bay was absolutely without natural harbors for seagoing vessels, will, it is stated, be sent north by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission this year to make an exhaustive report upon harbor facilities, possible channels, and the tides at the mouth of the Moose River.

A license reduction campaign will be started in London, Ont.

## PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

### REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

#### Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

**BREADSTUFFS.**  
Toronto, May 28.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, \$4.05 to \$4.10 at seaboard, and \$4.15 to \$4.20 for home consumption. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.70; second patents \$5.20, and strong bakers', \$5, on track, Toronto.  
Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.10. Bay ports. Feed wheat is quoted at 63c. Bay ports.  
Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, \$1.05 to \$1.06, outside.  
Peas—No. 2 shipping peas, \$1.25, outside.  
Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario, 43 to 43 1/2c, and No. 3 at 47c outside. No. 2 Ontario, 50 to 51c, on track, Toronto. No. 1 extra W. C. feed, 49c. Bay ports, and No. 1 at 43c. Bay ports.  
Barley—Market continues dull.  
Corn—No. 3 American yellow quoted at 82c. Bay ports, and at 85c, on track, Toronto.  
Rye—Prices nominal.  
Buckwheat—70 to 72c, outside.  
Brant—Manitoba brant, \$25, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$27.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—The market is dull and featureless.  
Beans—Small lots of hand-picked, \$2.70 to \$2.75 per bushel; primes, \$2.60 to \$2.65.  
Honey—Extracted in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per dozen.  
Baled hay—No. 2, \$18 to \$19 a ton. Clover, mixed, \$14 to \$15.50, on track, Toronto. Baled straw—\$11 to \$11.50, on track, Toronto.  
Potatoes—Car lots of Ontario, in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.80, and Delaware at \$1.85 to \$1.90. Out-of-store, \$2.95 to \$2. Imported potatoes, \$1.60, in car lots, and \$1.80, out-of-store.  
Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice poultry:—Chickens, 15 to 17c per lb., fowl, 12 to 13c; ducks, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 20 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

#### BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, 24 to 25c; bakers', inferior, 20 to 21c; creamery, 27 to 28c for rolls, and 25 to 26c for solids.  
Eggs—New-laid, 22 to 23c per dozen, in case lots.  
Cheese—New cheese, 14 to 14 1/2c per lb.

#### HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14 to 14 1/4c per lb., in case lots. Pork, short cut, \$23 to \$24; do. mess, \$20 to \$21. Hams—Medium to light, 18 to 18 1/2c; heavy, 16 to 16 1/2c; rolls, 12 1/2c to 13c; breakfast bacon, 17 to 18c; backs, 19 to 20c.  
Lard—Tierces, 14c; tubs, 14 1/4c; pails, 14 1/2c.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, May 28.—Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 86c. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 55 to 55 1/2c; do., Canadian Western, No. 3, 51 to 51 1/2c; do., extra No. 1, feed, 51 1/2 to 52c. Barley—Man., feed, 65 to 66c; do., malting, \$1.05 to \$1.07. Buckwheat—No. 1, 74 to 75c. Flour—Man., No. 1, \$5.30; do., strong bakers, \$5.30; do., winter patents, choice, \$5.25 to \$5.35; do., straight rollers, \$4.50; do., straight rollers, bags, \$2.25 to \$2.35. Rye—Out-of-store, \$25.00; do., bags, 90 lbs., \$2.55. Bran—\$25.00; shorts, \$27.00; middlings, \$29.00; mouillie, \$30.00 to \$34.00. Hay—No. 2 per ton, car lots, \$19.50 to \$20.00. Cheese—Finest Westerns, 13 1/4 to 13 3/4c; do., finest, 13 1/2 to 13 5/8c. Butter—Choice creamery, 27 to 27 1/4c; do., second, 25 3/4 to 26 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh, 23 to 23 1/2c; do., No. 2 stock, 18 to 19c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$1.70 to \$1.75.

#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, May 28.—Top quality steers sold at \$8, good at \$7.50 to \$7.75, and the lower grades from that down to \$6 to \$6.50 per cwt. Butchers' cows at from \$4 to \$6.75, and the bulls offered brought from \$4.50 to \$6.25 per cwt. Sheep at from \$5 to \$6 each, and Spring lambs at from \$4 to \$6 each, while calves sold freely at from \$3 to \$8 each. Selected lots at \$9.75 per cwt., weighed off cars.

#### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, May 28.—Wheat—May, \$1.14 1/8; July, \$1.15 3/8; September, \$1.05. No. 1 hard, \$1.16 5/8; No. 2 Northern, \$1.15 7/8; No. 3, \$1.14 1/2; No. 4, \$1.13 1/2; No. 5, \$1.12 1/2. No. 3 white oats, 50 to 52c. No. 2 rye, 86 1/2c. Bran, \$23.50 to \$24. Flour—First patents, \$5.50 to \$5.75; second patents, \$5.30 to \$5.45; first clear, \$3.50 to \$4.15; second clear, \$2.80 to \$3.10.  
Buffalo, May 28.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, car lots, store, \$1.23 1/2. Winter, No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 3 red, \$1.17; No. 2 white, \$1.18. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 83c; No. 4 yellow, 80 1/2c; No. 3 corn, 80 1/4 to 82 1/4c; No. 4 corn, 79 1/4 to 79 3/4c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 59 1/2c; No. 3 white, 58c; No. 1 white, 57c. Barley—Malting, \$1.16 to \$1.23.

### TITANIC WAS WARNED.

#### British Investigators Believe Vessel Hit the Identical Berg.

A despatch from London says: That the iceberg with which the Titanic collided was one of those of which she had warnings from other ships is the conclusion reached by the Board of Trade court of inquiry, after a careful examination of the wireless telegrams passed to and from the steamer on the day of the disaster.

### CANADIAN FRUIT WINS.

#### Gold Medals Were Awarded Canada and Australia.

A despatch from London says: At the International Flower Show on Thursday Canada and Australia were awarded blue ribbons in the form of large gold medals for the best collection of fruit. The King expressed great satisfaction at the admirable arrangements of the exhibits.

### EIGHT DROWNED IN POTOMAC

#### Excursion Vessel Runs Down Motor Launch Near Washington.

A despatch from Washington, D.C., says: Eight persons, two of them women and two girls, were drowned when the excursion boat Angler ran down a gasoline launch in the Potomac off Alexandria on Sunday evening.

## WELLAND CANAL.

### Good Progress Made on the Preliminary Work.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Good progress has been made in the preliminary work of the new Welland Canal, according to reports of engineers at the Department of Railways and Canals. New borings are being made and the department will be in possession of definite information as to the character of the new route before the tenders are called for next fall. The Government has appointed a new assistant engineer for the work in the person of Frank E. Sterns, a Canadian who has been engaged on the Panama Canal work as an expert on locks.

### FIVE CAPITAL CASES.

#### Largest Number in Any Month for Some Years.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Five capital cases are under consideration at present by the Minister of Justice, which is the largest number of any month of the past two years. The executions are scheduled to take place between June 1 and June 27. All the cases are in the West. One execution to take place on June 1 has been postponed pending the consideration of Hon. C. J. Doherty, who has not had time to weigh the facts.



**KING CHRISTIAN X. OF DENMARK,**  
who is 42 years old. He has two sons.



**QUEEN ALEXANDRINE OF DENMARK,**  
who is a sister of the German Crown Prince.

### BIG COAL PLANT BURNED.

#### Loss of \$40,000 at West Coal Company of Edmonton.

A despatch from Edmonton, Alta., says: The whole of the above ground plant of the West Coal Company at Clover Bar has been destroyed by fire, which did damage to the extent of from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The mammoth blaze broke out in the roof of the boiler room at the mine on Saturday, spreading from that point until the entire buildings at and around the pit head were enveloped in the flames.

### BAD DRINK KILLED TWO.

#### Three Others Poisoned by Supposed Bottle of Cherry Brandy.

A despatch from Montreal says: Two men are dead and two others and one woman are seriously sick as a result of a party held on Alexis Street, at which what was supposed to be cherry brandy was consumed by them. The dead are John B. Monette and his nephew, Ovide St. Jacques, while the sick are Hippolyte Chalefeux, Ernest Duval, and Mrs. Adelaide Cox. The detective force is now engaged in attempting to find out where the bottle labelled "cherry brandy" came from.

## THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

### HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

#### Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

### CANADA.

Plans for the new barracks near Toronto will be patterned after British models.

Canada's trade increased by more than a hundred million dollars during the past year.

Sarnia Ministerial Association has passed a resolution against marrying divorced persons.

Murray and Eric Simmons, lads of eight and twelve years, were drowned at Hamilton Beach.

W. J. Kerst, a post office clerk, has been arrested at Vancouver, charged with theft of registered mail.

Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of the Interior, has decided that the two wives of Sikhs now in Canada may remain, but this is not to be a precedent.

Miss Lillian Stein was fatally injured, and Miss Jennie Weinstein, of Toronto, was badly hurt by being thrown into an open cellar by an automobile on Friday.

City postmasters have been warned to prevent certain business houses in other places sending their city mail by express to be posted in the city limits, thus saving one cent in postage on each.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The British House of Commons has adjourned.

The strike of lightermen on the Thames may stop all work on the London docks.

London strikers paraded through the metropolis and held a meeting in Trafalgar Square on Sunday.

The Welsh coal miners are dissatisfied with the minimum wage scale fixed by the district boards.

Sir Julius Wernher, head of the great De Beers Diamond Syndicate, is dead in London.

Mrs. Pankhurst and her colleagues were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and assessed in costs of conspiracy trial.

The English House of Commons "kitchen committee," by vote of the Labor and Nationalist members, decided that instead of increasing the price of the House dinner from 25 to 36 cents, that a necessary saving could be effected by omitting sweets from the menu.

### UNITED STATES.

The United States warship Nebraska went aground in the Mississippi on Friday.

The United States has despatched warships to Key West to provide against contingencies in the Cuban revolt.

Chas. W. Hopping, a waiter, is under suspicion at Boston in connection with the murder of Mrs. Jewar, a Montreal widow.

### GENERAL.

Russia will spend \$251,000,000 on a naval ship building programme.

The German Reichstag passed the third reading of the army and navy bills.

Angry scenes took place in the German Reichstag following a Socialist attack on the Kaiser.

President Gomez, in a published statement, seeks to minimize the gravity of the Cuban revolt.

Italy's renewed operations in the Aegean Sea have stirred up the powers to further efforts to end the war, as Italy has now entered the dominion of the Triple Alliance.

### PRICELESS ORCHIDS.

#### One Group Alone at Chelsea Show Valued at \$1,000,000.

A despatch from London says: The greatest display of the world's floriculture ever known was opened by the King and Queen at the grounds of Chelsea Hospital on Wednesday. The show is in a tent covering four acres. It is filled with priceless blooms from many climes, among which is one group of orchids alone valued at a million dollars.

### SALE OF HUDSON BAY LAND.

#### Over Two and a Half Millions' Worth Disposed of.

A despatch from Edmonton, Alta., says: Property to the total value of \$2,560,650 had been sold in the portion of the Hudson Bay reserve recently thrown on the market up to 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. In Edmonton alone the value of the lots sold is \$1,830,500, a total of 486 lots having been disposed of to date.