

# WHEAT SOWN AREA IS LESS

## Oats and Barley are Somewhat Ahead of Last Year—Crop and Stock Bulletin

A despatch from Ottawa says: A bulletin on the crops and live stock of Canada was issued by the Census and Statistics Office on Wednesday. According to the revised figures obtained at the end of June, the total area under wheat this year is 10,047,300 acres, compared with 10,387,159 acres as returned by the census of 1911. The area sown to fall wheat in 1911 was 1,097,900 acres, but winter killing has reduced this area to 781,000 acres. The area sown to oats is estimated at 9,494,600 acres, as compared with 9,233,550 acres in 1911, and to barley 1,449,220 acres as against 1,403,969 acres in 1911. In the three northwest provinces spring wheat covers 9,029,000 acres as against 8,946,965 acres in 1911, the increase being in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Including fall wheat the total wheat acreage in the three provinces is 9,246,100, as compared with 9,301,293 acres in 1911, the decrease being accounted for by the large area of fall wheat winter-killed in Alberta. Oats in the three provinces occupy 5,037,000 acres, and barley 826,100 acres, as compared with last year's census figures of 4,563,203 acres for oats and 761,738 for barley.

Whilst not equal to the exceptionally high figures recorded this time last year, the condition of spring sown crops is generally good. The highest figures for spring cere-

als are recorded in Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, the per cent. condition ranging from 97 to 99 in the former and from 90 to 95 in the latter Province, the average for the Dominion being from 80 to 89. Fall wheat remains low, being only 70 for Canada, 73 for Ontario and 71.6 for Alberta. Last year the condition was also low, viz., 75 for Canada; the average of the four years, 1908-1911, was 81.5. Spring wheat is 89.73 per cent., compared with 94.78 last year and 88.25 the four years' average; oats 86.43, against 94.46 in 1911 and 90.42 average; barley 88.58, against 93 in 1911, and 89.28 average. Rye is 87.84, peas are 80.08 and mixed grains 84.98. Hay and clover show a condition per cent. of 85.59, against 84.97 in 1911; alfalfa 90.59; against 82.31, and wheat, oats and barley range from 80 to 88 per cent., figures which are exceptional records by from about 10 to 15 per cent.

The estimated numbers of live stock show further decreases except as regards horses and dairy cattle, the former being 70,400 and the latter 14,500 more than last year's estimates. The census figures of 1911 are not yet available. The condition of all live stock in Canada is uniformly excellent, the number of points being 97 horses, 98 cattle, 97 sheep and 96 swine.

## 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, July 23.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, \$4.15 to \$4.20, at \$4.20 to \$4.25 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 \$1.12; Bay ports, No. 2 at \$1.10, and No. 3 at \$1.05; Bay ports. Feed wheat by sample, 62 to 65c; Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, \$1.84 to \$1.05, outside.

Peas—Nominal.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario, 46 to 47c, and No. 3 at 45c, on track, Toronto. No. 1 extra W. C. feed, 45c; Bay ports, and No. 1 at 44c; Bay ports.

Barley—Nominal.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 76c, on track, Bay ports, and at 81c, Toronto.

Rye—Nominal.

Buckwheat—Nominal.

Bran—Manitoba bran, \$22, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$24.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, 23 to 24c; bakers', inferior, 20 to 21c; creamery, 27 to 28c for rolls, and 26c for solids.

Eggs—23 to 24c a dozen.

Cheese—New cheese, 14-16c for large and 14-12c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, \$3 per bushel; primes, \$2.35 to \$2.50.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice dressed poultry—Chickens, 15 to 17c per lb.; fowl, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 18 to 19c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

Potatoes—Car lots of Ontario, in bags, \$1.40, and Delawares at \$1.50.

#### HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Lean, clear, 15 to 14-16c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, \$25 to \$25-50; do., mess, \$22.50 to \$23. Ham—Medium to light, 17-18 to 15c; heavy, 16-17 to 17c; rolls, 13-14 to 13-14c; breakfast bacon, 18 to 18-12c; backs, 20 to 21c.

Lard—Tierces, 13-14c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14-12c.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 23.—Corn, American yellow, No. 2 77c; Oats, Canadian Western, 45-1-2 to 47c; Canadian Western, No. 3, 45-1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 46-1-2c; Barley, Man., feed, 63 to 64c; malting, \$1.05. Buck-

wheat, No. 2, 75 to 76c. Flour, Man., Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; seconds, \$5.30; strong bakers', \$5.10; Winter patents, choice, \$5.40 to \$5.50; straight rollers, \$4.95 to \$5.00; straight rollers, bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Rolled oats, barrels, \$5.35; bag, \$2.90. Bran, \$21.00. Shorts, \$26.00. Middlings, \$27.00. Moullie, \$30.00 to \$34.00. Hay, No. 2 per ton car lots, \$17.00 to \$18.00. Cheese, finest westerns, 12-7-8 to 13-1-4c; finest easterns, 12-3-8 to 12-5-8c. Butter, choicest creamery, 25-3-4 to 26c; seconds, 25 to 25-1-2c. Eggs, selected, 25 to 26c; No. 2 stock, 15 to 16c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, \$1.60.

#### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, July 23.—Wheat—July, \$1.05; September, 95-1-2c; December, 95-3-4c; No. 1 hard, \$1.08; No. 1 Northern, \$1.07 to \$1.07-1-2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.05-1-2 to \$1.06. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 73 to 73-1-2c; Oats—No. 3 white, 45 to 45-3-4c. Rye—No. 2, 70c. Bran—\$20 to \$21. Flour—First patents, \$5.10 to \$5.35; do., seconds, \$4.80 to \$5.05; first clears, \$3.50 to \$3.75; do., seconds, \$2.40 to \$2.70.

Buffalo, July 23.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carload store, \$1.98; Winter scarce, Corn—No. 3 yellow, 71-1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 75-3-4c; No. 3 corn, 75-1-4 to 76-1-4c; No. 4 corn, 74-3-4 to 75-1-4c, on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 55-1-4c; No. 3 white, 54-1-4c; No. 4 white, 53-1-4c.

#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, July 23.—Top quality steers sold at \$7.25 to \$7.50, good at \$6.75 to \$7, and fair at \$5 to \$6.50 per 100 lbs. Choice butchers' cows sold as high as \$6, but the bulk of the trading was done at \$5 to \$5.75, and the common and inferior at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per cwt. Common grass-fed bulls sold at \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt, and the better stock at from \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt. Sales of sheep were made at \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt. Lambs met with a fair sale at \$7 per cwt. Selected lots of hogs sold at \$8.50 to \$9.75 per cwt., weighed off cars. Calves ranged from \$3 to \$8 each, as to size and quality.

Toronto, July 23.—Hogs continued their rise of 10c a day, the latest figures being \$8.10 to \$8.30, fed and watered. Spring lambs were dearer again, choice ones selling at \$9.50 to \$10. Milk cows were also a good sale from \$50 to \$70. Common and medium cattle ranged from \$5 to \$6.50, with what few choice ones were offering selling at \$6.75 to \$7.25.

J. Craig, a Hamilton postman, was presented with an oak rocker by the police for his bravery in assisting a constable.

A. J. Vanveit, of East Grand Forks, Minn., handed his wife his will in Victoria, B.C., and then shot and killed himself.

## PRICES STILL ADVANCE.

### Labor Department's Report Shows Increasing Cost of Living.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The steady advance in prices continued during June, the Labor Department's index number having advanced from 135.9 in May, previously the highest recorded, to 136.9 in June, as compared with 126.1 in June of last year. The numbers, it will be understood, are percentages in each case of the average price level prevailing during the ten years 1890-1899, the period selected by the Department as the standard of comparison throughout its investigation into wholesale prices of some two hundred and fifty commodities of representative character. The estimate of the department for the month of June, therefore, shows prices to have been nearly 37 per cent. higher in that month than was the average for the decade 1890-1899. The chief increases during June were in animals and meats, fodders, fruits and vegetables, hides and leathers, there having been slight decreases in dairy products, prepared fish, sugars, coal and coke.

## 62 PERSONS KILLED.

### Number of Deaths in Industrial Accidents in June Last.

A despatch from Ottawa says: According to the records in Canada of the Department of Labor, sixty-two persons were killed and 249 injured during the month of June in the course of their employment. A comparison with the records of the previous month and with June, 1911, shows that there were twenty-eight fewer fatalities than in May and thirty less than in June, 1911. Of the non-fatal accidents there were eight more recorded than in May and one hundred and thirty-seven more than in June, 1911. There were but two accidents recorded involving the death of more than one workman, one of which occurred on June 1, by which eight construction laborers were killed during blasting operations on railway construction work near Stones' Corners, Ont., and the other a head-on collision of railway trains near Nipigon, Ont., in which four railway employes were killed.

## SIR DONALD'S PREDICTION.

### Believes the West Will Have 250,000,000 Bushels This Year.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Sir Donald Mann, in Winnipeg on Wednesday, denied that the New York-Montreal-Toronto syndicate would buy the Winnipeg street railway. "As far as I know there are no negotiations now for the purchase of the street railway stock. At the present time it is worth more in market than prospective purchasers are offering. In regard to the main line, as things are going now, grading will be completed from New Westminster inland for a distance of 350 miles. The intervening gap will also be covered with contractors by the end of the year. I have never seen the crops looking better, and unless some unforeseen accident occurs I believe the crop will run as high as a quarter of a billion bushels," said Sir Donald.

## ENDURED TERRIBLE AGONY.

### Sad Plight of An Old Lady Owing to Paralysis.

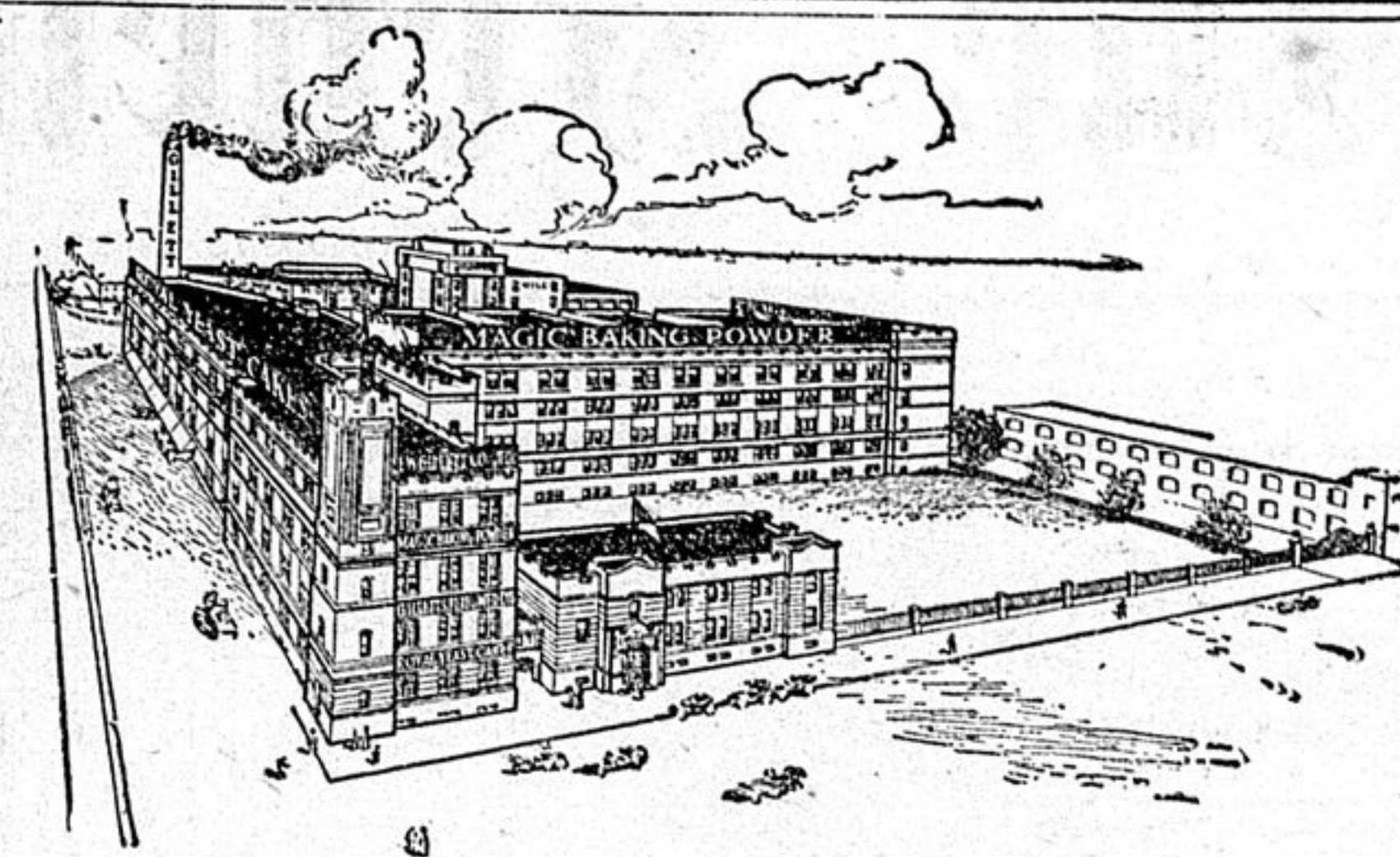
A despatch from Ottawa says: Mrs. Brunet, aged seventy-two, of 117 King Edward Avenue, a paralytic, is dead as the result of terrible burns received when, in endeavoring to pick up a key from the floor, she upset a candle, igniting her clothes. The old lady as a result of paralysis was unable to utter a sound or move to call for assistance, and was only discovered some hours later by occupants of the house, silently suffering terrible agony.

## KING SAVES A GENERAL.

### Spanish Sovereign's Promptitude Averts a Fatality.

A despatch from Pamplona, Spain, says: King Alfonso on Wednesday afternoon prevented what might have been a fatal accident. As he was leaving the Cathedral after a ceremony a General's horse bolted, throwing the rider, and dragging him along the ground. While the spectators hesitated as to what to do, the King with great presence of mind sprang from his carriage, caught the horse and extricated the fallen General. He was roundly cheered by the populace.

The Western grain growers have decided to take over the Manitoba Government elevator system, comprising 104 elevators.



New modern plant of E. W. Gillett Company Limited, Toronto, Ont., consisting of six buildings, with three Railway sidings and separate office building.

## TRYING TO CLOSE THE GAP

### Work on the Transcontinental is Being Rushed in North Ontario

A despatch from Ottawa says: Major R. W. Leonard, the chairman of the Transcontinental Railway Commission, has just returned to Ottawa, and lost no time in issuing an absolute denial to newspaper assertions that he has increased the grades of the railway. There has been no change in the grades, he declared, that will effect the hauling capacity of a locomotive either eastbound or westbound to the extent of a single pound. Neither has he any intention of making any such change.

Major Leonard has just completed a long trip, in which he went as far west as the Yellowhead Pass in company with Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, and in particular went over the line east of Winnipeg for the purpose of doing everything possible to hurry on the work, and expedite the comple-

tion of the road. The track is laid from Winnipeg to a point near Lake Nipigon. There then occurs a gap which by this time is reduced to about a hundred miles. Another gap of about the same length occurs in Quebec, some distance east of Cochrane, and there is a short gap in Quebec on the south side of the St. Lawrence, a short distance east of Levis.

While Major Leonard will not commit himself to a definite statement, he has some hope of closing the Lake Nipigon gap this Autumn, so that the line may be available for hauling this season's wheat east to Cochrane and down by the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario to Montreal. Every effort is being made. The issue is largely a matter of conditions. If they prove favorable, it may be accomplished. Next year the line should be in operation as a grain-carrying route.

## BIG FIRE IN VANCOUVER.

### The Tudhope and "A.B.C." Companies Burned Out.

A despatch from Vancouver, B.C., says: Causing approximately from one and a half million to two million dollars' loss, fire on Saturday morning wiped out practically all of the buildings on the west side of Main Street, one block south of Prior. The fire originated behind Champion and White's warehouse, which was burned, as well as the Tudhope Motor and A.B.C. Motor Company's buildings with most of their contents, including 19 cars and trucks. The latter estimate their loss at a quarter of a million dollars on their stock and garage. The Gibbs tool works, the Angelus, a furnished rooming house, and six street cars were burned before they could be taken from the barns after the power went off, and ten A.B.C. motor cars went up in flames.

## CROPS BELOW AVERAGE.

### Opinion of Judge in Field Crop Contest.

A despatch from Hagerman says: Adam Hood, who this year, as last, has been chosen by the Department of Agriculture as one of the judges for Ontario in the field crop competition, has returned from Guelph, where he was under instruction at the O. A. College. He states that reports from 70 or 80 delegates all over the province indicate that the spring crops are below the average at almost every point. Hay is reported as being very light all over, while none of the grain crops are very good. Mr. Hood is one of the judges on oats, and James Boyd, Cedar Grove, is another York County man chosen.

Galt has an epidemic of burglary. Half a dozen stores have been entered lately.

## MUST DESTROY SWINE.

### Whole Herd at Windsor Found Infected With Hog Cholera.

A despatch from Windsor says: Upon orders from Dr. F. A. Jones, Government veterinarian, an entire herd of swine, owned by M. A. Rounding, a butcher, on Tecumseh Road, has been ordered destroyed. Hog cholera in a virulent form was discovered recently among the animals, three having died before the case was reported to the inspector.

## 76 NEW POSTOFFICES.

### June's Record—Most of Them in Rapidly Filling West.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Seventy-six new postoffices were opened in Canada during the month of June. The great majority of them were in the western provinces, thus indicating the rapid settlement of new districts by the record influx of immigration this year.

## GOLD VEIN UNDER DOCKS.

### Workman Said to Have Made Discovery in Cape Town.

A despatch from Cape Town says: It is reported that gold-bearing quartz has been discovered in excavations under the docks here in a reef 30 feet high. The man who discovered the vein is named Tearnan. He was employed as a workman on the dock eighteen years ago. Since then he has been employed in the mines in the north and suspected the presence of gold in the soil here. He watched the excavations on Wednesday and collected some specimens, which he submitted to experts. These men, who did not know their origin, said they were gold specimens from the Transvaal.

## PLENTY OF RAIN IN WEST

### Samples Show as Good Head and Clean Straw as Ever Exhibited at This Period

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Crop conditions in the three prairie provinces were never better nor more promising at this time of the year. This is the report being sent out by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and is the general result of reports sent in by its agents from every sub-division on the Western lines.

The situation in Manitoba is greatly improved over one week ago. Last week some points still needed rain, but now every district has been greatly relieved. While generally cool, the weather has been good for sturdy growth and filling of the heads. Seventy-five per cent. of the grain is now out in head and a large part of it shows a fairly long head, although on some of the light land owing to previous dry weather the head is a little shorter than it would otherwise have been. There was a slight touch of frost throughout Southwestern Manitoba last Saturday

and Sunday nights, but no damage was done except on some low-lying land in the vicinity of Nipinka, and this was confined to a very small area. There was also some hail in different sections, but the aggregate damage is very small.

What is true in Manitoba is equally true in Saskatchewan. Splendid progress has been made during the past week, there being a fairly good growth of straw and the heads filling well.

All authorities in Alberta state that conditions there were never better. There has been an abundance of rain, and on the light lands the crop looks better than it has in a number of years. It is fully expected that with the average warm weather and plenty of sunshine the fall wheat will be ready for cutting the first part of August. Samples sent in from different sections show as good head and clean straw as was ever shown at this time of year.

## A BRILLIANT STATE BALL

### Premier Borden and His Colleagues and Their Wives Given Place of Honor

London, July 20.—The last Court ever known in recent times. Canadians were given the place of honor in the state entry and the procession, and were seated on the dais to the right of the throne. The Canadian Ministers and their wives had the honor of taking supper at the Royal table, where a profusion of floral decoration and gold plate made a fit setting for the wonderful display of jewels.

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