

Informative Crop Report is Final One for This Season

Issuing their fifteenth and final crop report for the season, the Bank of Montreal report is very informative, and should be read with interest by our readers.—

GENERAL

Due to a late spring, which retarded field work and seeding operations, and to cool weather, excessive moisture during most of the growing season, crops of the main staples throughout Canada are substantially lower than in 1942, when the yields were unusually heavy. Total wheat production is estimated at 208,250,000 bushels, or only 50 per cent of the 1942 yield, though it is larger than any crop harvested during the five years from 1933 to 1937 and has been produced on the smallest acreage seeded to wheat in Canada since 1918. Production of feed grain also is substantially lower than last year, the poorest showing in respect to oats being in Ontario and Quebec. Of hay and clover, production is estimated to be some 1,144,000 tons greater than 1942, though in some districts quality has been affected by moisture. The potato crop, at an estimated 43,041,000 cwt., is slightly larger than last year, ravages of rot and blight in many districts being offset by a marked increase in yield in New Brunswick. The yield of sugar beets shows a sharp reduction from last year. In the Prairie Provinces, threshing has been practically completed

following a period of generally ideal harvesting weather. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates wheat production in the three provinces at 279,000,000 bushels, as compared with 528,000,000 in 1942 and an average of 333,750,000 during the past ten years. The average per-acre yield is estimated at 16.7 bushels and by provinces is—Alberta 17.8 bushels, Saskatchewan 15.1 bushels and Manitoba 23.8 bushels, as compared with 27.9, 27.1 and 36.9 bushels last year respectively. The acreage sown to wheat, at 18,738,000, was 19 per cent below the previous year. There was an increase of about 23 per cent from 1942 in the acreage sown to coarse grains and flax, but due to generally lower yields, production is estimated to amount to 82.5 per cent of last year's total. The estimated production of coarse grains and flax, and the yield per acre, is as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: oats, 407,000,000 bushels, yield 34.5 (500,000,000, yield 31.7); barley, 211,000,000 bushels, yield 36.7 (341,000,000, yield 37.6); rye, 7,319,000 bushels, yield 14.5 (23,000,000, yield 18.5); flax, 17,400,000 bushels, yield 63 (16,700,000, yield 100). Sugar beet acreage, at 43,200 acres, was slightly higher than a year ago, but production is lower, being estimated at 443,000 tons, as compared with 471,000 tons in 1942. In the Province of Quebec, yields generally were below average. The hay crop was heavy

but of inferior quality owing to excessive moisture. Grains were a light crop. Pastures were in very good condition throughout the season. Roots were average, apart from potatoes, which suffered from rot and gave a yield considerably below normal. Small fruits were fairly plentiful and apples, while damaged to some extent by scab, yielded an average crop. The production of maple syrup was much below last year. Canning crops were exceptionally light. Fall ploughing is progressing under favourable conditions but rain is required in some districts. In Ontario, a disappointing crop year generally was experienced. An abundance of hay was stored but yields of fall wheat and spring grains were much below normal, with quality generally poor. Satisfactory crops of tomatoes, beans, corn, turnips, and mangolds are reported, with less-than-average outturns indicated for tobacco, sugar beets, potatoes and peas. Grapes were quite plentiful but yields of peaches, plums and apples were below normal. Peaches and cherry returns were very light. Most small fruits turned out well in the Maritime Provinces, spring was later than usual and continuous rains seriously retarded seeding and planting. While growth was rapid, continued wet weather throughout the season retarded the ripening of field crops, and yields in a number of districts were below average. The potato yield in New Brunswick was heavy but below average in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The apple crop will be slightly below average. In British Columbia, fruit yields generally are below average but of good quality. Vegetable crops generally are good. Harvesting conditions

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GEORGETOWN — ONTARIO

A WORD OF CAUTION TO MEN OF MILITARY AGE AND TO THEIR EMPLOYERS

National Selective Service Civilian Regulations authorize the Minister of Labour to require that male employees furnish their employers with evidence that they have not failed to comply with National Selective Service Mobilization Regulations (i.e., the Military Call-Up).

It is intended that an order will be issued shortly, requiring employers to carry out the necessary check on their male employees, and to report any men who do not produce the required evidence of compliance.

The check up will cover every male employee who has reached the age of 18 years and six months and has not reached his 38th birthday. The man will have to show evidence in one of the following forms:—

- (a) A man discharged from the Armed Forces following service during the present war should have his discharge certificate. A discharged man who has not a certificate should apply for one in the following manner:—
Army—District Officer Commanding, Military District in which discharge took place.
Air—Records Office, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, No. 5 Temporary Building, Ottawa, Ont.
Navy—Secretary of Naval Board, Ottawa, Ont.
- (b) A man who has responded to a direction from a Registrar of a Divisional Mobilization Board, to report for medical examination under Mobilization Regulations, should have either a certificate of unfitness or an order for postponement of military training from the Divisional Registrar. (A man entitled to either document who has lost his copies should immediately apply to the Divisional Registrar who issued the original, for a duplicate.)
- (c) A man who has been rejected on application for voluntary enlistment in the Army since the beginning of the war, should have a certificate showing that he was rejected through medical unfitness. (If a man entitled to such a certificate does not possess it, he should apply to the District Military Headquarters of the District in which he applied for enlistment, in order to procure the necessary form.)
- (d) A man in the designated classes who has not reached his 38th birthday, who was married as at July 15th, 1940, or who, having been married before that date, is a widower with children, must be prepared to furnish evidence, such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate of a child, to show that he was married before July 15th, 1940, and that he is now either married or is a widower with children.
- (e) A man who has reported for enrolment in the Army under an Order—Military Training issued under the Mobilization Regulations and who has been rejected should have a certificate showing he was rejected through medical unfitness. If a man entitled to such certificate does not possess it, he should apply to the District Officer Commanding the Military District in which he was rejected.
- (f) (i) A man who is not subject to the Mobilization Regulations because he is an enemy alien who has not made application for naturalization may obtain a certificate from a registrar of his Divisional Mobilization Board indicating that the Mobilization Regulations do not apply to him and such certificates must be obtained by all such enemy aliens.
(ii) A man who is an alien and neither a national of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the United States nor Yugoslavia and has not applied for naturalization may be relieved of his duty under Mobilization Regulations, but he gives up his right to future Canadian citizenship after the war; where such men have applied for such relief and been granted such status, certificates will be issued by registrars in appropriate cases.

This caution is issued to facilitate compliance with the order which is proposed. A reasonable interval will be allowed to permit men to provide themselves with whatever document, as referred to above, they may be entitled to hold.

Employers are requested to give notice of this proposal to their male employees, to facilitate the operation of the order when issued.

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have been favourable and damage to crops from all sources has not been serious.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Seeding and planting were delayed at least three weeks by excessive rains and cold weather, and the work was not completed until late in June. Considerable acreage intended for spring cereal grains was not sown and in some areas substitute crops of corn, rye and buckwheat were planted. Following a late start, growth of most crops was quite rapid under improved weather conditions, but fair progress only was made by fall wheat and spring grains. Potatoes suffered some damage from blight and rot, and tobacco, tomatoes, corn, beans and buckwheat were affected in varying degrees by frosts during September. Fall wheat wintered reasonably well but this year's yield was below normal with quality fair. Production is estimated at 13,823,000 bushels as compared with 23,391,000 bushels in 1942 and a ten-year average of 16,713,000 bushels. A heavy crop of hay and clover was stored in good condition, with production estimated at 5,250,000 tons as compared with 4,770,000 tons a year ago and a ten-year average of 4,032,000 tons. Yields of spring grains were very disappointing and the quality generally was poor. Production of oats is estimated at 34,677,000 bushels, as compared with 84,538,000 bushels last year; barley at 6,417,000 bushels as against 12,170,000 bushels; and mixed grains at 20,406,000 bushels, as compared with 50,750,000 bushels. Ten-year averages of these grains are: oats, 77,897,000 bushels, barley, 14,480,000 bushels and mixed grains 34,480,000 bushels. A fairly light crop of canning peas was harvested. Most small fruits and grapes gave satisfactory returns, but less-than-average yields of apples, plums and pears marketed. Peach and cherry trees in the Niagara Peninsula suffered heavy damage early in the year from frosts and moisture and the yields of these crops were very light. Corn developed favourably after a late start and production of the fodder variety, estimated at 8,080,000 tons, is practically unchanged from last year. Early potatoes were satisfactory in quality and yield, but late potatoes suffered from blight and rot and total production was below average, although up slightly from a year ago. The yield of tomatoes was good, notwithstanding some damage from blight. Satisfactory crops of buckwheat, turnips, mangolds and beans are being harvested, but the yield of sugar beets, estimated at 83,500 tons, is much less than normal and compares with 345,000 tons in 1942. The flue-cured tobacco crop was below average weight, with quality generally good. Some 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 pounds was lost by frosts, and production, now estimated at 50,000,000 pounds, compares with 62,637,000 pounds in 1942 and 68,505,000 pounds in 1941. Burley tobacco yielded only fairly well and production is estimated at 6,000,000 pounds as against 10,220,000 pounds last year and 9,905,000 pounds in 1941. Pastureage generally was very good throughout the season although the lack of sufficient moisture has been felt during recent weeks. Rains in most sections over the past weekend were beneficial. Winter feed supplies are short and purchases of western grain have been heavy.

LIMEHOUSE

Alex Wright son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wright has just been promoted to sergeant at Mount Joll, R. C. A. F. camp. He is home on two weeks furlough. He enlisted late in 1942 and was given his call in May 1943.

Limehouse W. M. S. fall Thanksgiving meeting was held at Mrs. Mitchell's with a splendid attendance. Mrs. Laverne Thompson of Union was guest speaker and held her audience's intense interest with her report of her experiences at the Keswick Conference in Muskoka last summer. Miss Doris Harding entertained with a vocal solo. The text word "Was" was answered by a verse of Scripture. Mrs. Gibby invited the ladies to her home for the November meeting when the text word will be "Yoke".

The Christmas parcels for our seven local men now overseas have been packed and are on their way. Each contained comforts and provisions valued at \$45 and weighed 9 and one half pounds. The W. I. held a measuring party at the home of the president, Mrs. Ellerby to raise funds for the purchase of the contents and a number of friends gave additional donations. They are planning a dance at Kirkpatrick's on Friday night for further war work.

Miss Ruddell and her pupils at S. S. No. 9 have again organized their Junior Red Cross.

Mr. Pirth of Knox College conducted services in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday in the absence of Rev. C. C. Cochrane who was guest speaker at anniversary services at Grand Valley.

Twenty one ditty bags were filled by the ladies of the community for the Navy League.

chre at the home of Doris Harding on Friday evening when eleven tables of cards and two of crokinole were played. Mrs. Hosker and Mr. Don Lindsay held highest scores in cards and Mr. Jno Newton won at crokinole.

Rev. C. C. Cochrane, the chairman called the Misses Smith forward and following a short address read by Doris Harding, Francis Given presented Doris, Ruth and Joyce with a Holy Bible for each. The club members regret that these three active members are about to move to Ballinafad but hope to have them return often. Ruth thanked the members on behalf of herself and sisters. Sandwiches, donuts and coffee were served.

A number from Limehouse attended the funeral of the late Hume Currie on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. McAdams and Gerald of Toronto spent the week end with Mrs. Ellerby.

The Hosker's of Guelph spent the week end with the Miller's. The church looks quite nice in its new coat of white with green trim. Miss Ivens visited Mr. and Mrs. Newton recently.

Sgt. Alex Wright of R.C.A.F. at Mount Joll is home on furlough. LAC Lorne Norton of Mountain View and LAC Edgar Beency of Guelph spent the week end at their respective homes.

Miss Kathleen James of Toronto spent Sunday with Mrs. Sutherland. The Greenlee's of Milton visited the Bentons on Sunday.

ACTON

The Maslides Dairy lost a good delivery wagon and a quantity of the load last Thursday morning when the wheel of the wagon stuck on Church Street and the wagon and load of milk upset. When the Canadian Hospital Ship Lady Nelson docked at Halifax, last Thursday, Gunner J. H. Taylor, son of Mr. James Taylor, Brock Ave., Acton, was one of the passengers.

Acton Public Utilities Commission puts \$2500 in Fifth Victory Loan. Miss Hazel Wilson, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Acton, has been appointed medical supervisor on the staff of the Western Hospital, in Toronto.

A new social club is being organized for the boys and girls of the "Y" who are 14 and over.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. M. McDonald (of the community Auction Sale), reports receipts to date of \$772.34 with more to come and likely put it over the \$800 mark, a new high for this annual event.—Free Press.