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**CUT IN DUTY DOES IT**

**CANADA EXPORTS OATS TO THE UNITED STATES**

This Dominion Comes Fourth in the World's Production of Oats—Last Year's Crop was a Bumper One—The Duty-Affected Exports Toronto Weekly Sun.

Canada, in the four months ending January last, following the reduction in the duty on oats entering the United States from fifteen cents to six cents a bushel, exported about sixteen million bushels to that country, supplying practically all of the United States imports during the time covered.

That Canada was able to make such heavy exportations was due to the fact that she is exceeded in oat production only by Russia, Germany and the United States itself, having a crop last year of 404,500,000 bushels, which was in excess of the Dominion's requirements.

Oats are produced almost exclusively in the northern and central countries of Europe, in Canada, and the northern sections of the United States.

A recent bulletin from the department of agriculture of the latter country says that oats have retained their traditional rank as a stock food, and that the tendency in many countries has been toward expansion rather than the curtailment of culture, in spite of the introduction of other cereals. It is from this report that the information was gleaned for this article.

The following table shows the yield in bushels of oats for the principal countries which go to produce the total world's crop of 4,700,000,000 bushels:

Russia	1,168,490,000
United States	1,121,786,000
Germany	669,231,000
Canada	404,569,000
France	332,131,000
Austria	268,864,000
Great Britain	181,126,000

In Canada the increase in oat growing has been general throughout the Dominion, though New Brunswick and Manitoba show a slight falling off in the last three years. It is pointed out that the bulk of the Canadian crop is produced in sections of the Dominion accessible by boat or rail to the leading grain market of the United States.

Canada has, for a number of years at least, raised more oats than the local demand called for, and, in spite of the heavy duties, has sent large quantities to the United States markets. In fact, official figures from that country show that Canada has furnished the larger portion of the oats imported by that country each year since 1906.

Last year the oatcrop in the United States was almost 300,000,000 below the previous year, which was, however, an exceptionally good year. For a number of years the United States has exported more oats than it imported, the importations being

comparatively small. The most that had been imported in one year previous to 1913 was 6,500,000 bushels. Then, immediately after the duty on oats entering the country was removed, importations in four months from Canada jumped to sixteen million bushels, or more than the entire imports during the seven years ending June, 1913.

This unprecedented exportation of Canadian oats occurred after a crop in this country of over thirteen million bushels in excess of the previous year had been harvested, and may be taken as showing where a market may be had for almost unlimited Canadian surplus, as the 1913 United States crop, although smaller than that of 1912, was still fourteen million bushels in excess of the 1911 crop.



**JOE KELLEY.**  
A new picture of the captain of the Toronto International League team which is showing great form since the opening of the season. The raids of the Federals does not seem to have had much effect on Kelly's Kian.

**THE SPORT REVIEW.**

**Notes About Baseball—Some Exhibitors at Toronto Horse Show**

J. Bray, a Boston amateur boxer, going to find-out for himself whether he is or isn't a real fighter. He has enlisted in the navy and is on his way to Mexico.

With all the National Baseball League magnates shouting for a later opening and Ban Johnson expressing himself as favoring a change the eyes seem to have it.

The Hamilton Football Grounds Association has been granted a charter. The aim of the club is to promote football at Hamilton. The directors are Sidney L. Heaton, Daniel Thompson, Alfred Crompton, Lyle Harbison and Robert Wilson.

The Toronto Sunday World says: "It is regrettable that the Toronto horse show, although successful in every other way, should have been, to a certain extent, marred by the unsportsmanlike conduct of the exhibitors in refusing to accept the awards of the judges."

The "South American" tour McGraw has been framing for the winter of 1915-16 threatens to develop into a far longer jaunt than had been intended. South Africa also craves a sight of the Giants, with a craving so intense that Johannesburg is willing to guarantee \$5,000 for a single game, with Cape Town almost as eager for a sample of the game.

**PRINCE ARTHUR ON ART.**

Does Not Approve of Fantastic Futurist School.  
London, May 5.—Prince Arthur of Connaught withheld the royal approval from futurist art in a speech at the royal academy dinner. Responding to the royal toast, after allusions to the visit of the king and queen to Paris and the losses the academy had sustained by deaths, expressed his opinion of the high standard of British art at the present moment.

"In England," he said, "we have slowly and not easily take up new ideas; but herein lies the safety of the future of art in this country. I hope I am not treading on dangerous ground and I do not wish to curb legitimate originality or true inspiration of artistic sense, but would new schools of art to follow more it not be prudent for some of the closely in the footsteps of the great masters instead of indulging in fantastic vagaries such as are seen occasionally in exhibitions of modern art."

The prince added the hope that the sound sense of the academy would keep the rank and file of artists from indulging artistic license to an extreme.

The man who does but little talking may be doing much good planning.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**SEVENTY-CENT WHEAT IS THE PROPHECY OF PATTEN**

Grain Export Estimates—1914 Crop at 1,000,000,000 Bushels—Commercial Terms

New York, May 4.—James A. Patten's prophecy of 70c wheat with a possible crop of 1,000,000,000 bushels in the United States did not cause a decline in that cereal. May contracts were quoted in Chicago at 92c per bushel.

Should, however, Mr. Patten's expectations be realized in wheat and should equally good results follow in other farm products great advantages will accrue to the carriers of crops.

Crops of 1913 Crops of 1914

Wheat	720,000,000	900,000,000	
Corn	2,400,000,000	3,000,000,000	
Oats	1,400,000,000	1,400,000,000	
Rye, barley and small grains	275,000,000	300,000,000	
Hay	(tons)	72,000,000	75,000,000
Potatoes	(bush.)	375,000,000	400,000,000
Cotton	(bales)	15,000,000	15,000,000

**Enlarge Milling Plant**  
Winnipeg, May 4.—In the near future Lake of the Woods Milling company will spend large sums in Western Canada increasing its plant, according to a statement made by Colonel Meighen, president of the firm, who left for home this afternoon.

"Now that the free wheat question is settled," declared the colonel, "the Lake of the Woods Milling company is preparing to invest large sums of money in furthering the plans in the western farmers, and to grind it into flour on Canadian soil. This company has always believed in the Canadian West, as is shown by the fact that it is the only large flour company that has all its mills west of the Great Lakes, but, I say emphatically, that if this company thought that free wheat was to be the policy of the government, we would not invest another dollar west of Fort William."

**C.P.R. Profit Decreased**  
Montreal, May 4.—Canadian Pacific Railway gross earnings for the month of March are \$3,447,461; working expenses, \$6,348,222, and net profits, \$3,099,239.

For the nine months ended March 31st, 1914, the figures were: Gross earnings, \$100,244,012; working expenses, \$67,461,586; net profits, \$32,782,426. In March, 1913, the net profits were \$2,853,417 and for the nine months ended March 31st, 1913, the net profits were \$35,169,012. The decrease in net profits is therefore, for March \$766,178 and for the nine months ended March 31st \$2,386,586.

**Only Question of Time**  
Washington, May 4.—After reviewing in detail the statistical exhibits submitted showing the large increase in capital investment between 1902 and 1913, as well as between 1910 and 1913 and reduced net the railroad briefs in the freight rate case declare that "unless the railroads are permitted to increase their revenues by reasonable increase in rates for transportation services, so as to help meet large and permanent increases in cost of capital, wages, taxes and other expenses then it will be only a question of time when there will result not merely the reduction or suspension of dividends, but also, in some cases at least a default in the payment of interest and other obligations."

**New Merger in Berlin**  
Berlin, May 4.—It was announced that the Disconto Gesellschaft of Berlin is absorbing the Schiffbau Bankverein, raising its capital to \$71,400,000. The effect of this union of interests will make the Disconto Gesellschaft the largest joint stock company in Germany. The absorbed company will continue to exist, but only nominally.

**Twin City Surplus**  
St. Paul, May 4.—Twin City lines for the month of March show a total operating revenue of \$751,174, against \$710,623 for the same period last year. An increase of \$40,551. The net revenue for the month was \$339,153 or a decrease of \$6,108.

After deducting taxes, interest, dividends, rentals, and allowing for depreciation and renewals, the surplus was \$106,517, as compared with \$105,912 a year ago, an increase of \$605.

**Merger of Central Lines**  
New York, May 4.—Directors of the New York Central and Hudson River Railway company to-day adopted the agreement consolidating the Central, the Lake Shore, the Michigan Southern and various subsidiaries of the Vanderbilt lines. This merger all these properties under one head, with a blanket mortgage of \$20,000,000, recently authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission.

**Another Drop in Oil**  
Sarnia, Ont., May 4.—For the third time in the past week there was a decline of five cents in Canadian crude oil, making the present price \$1.74 per barrel. The existing quotation is still much higher than was the case a year ago, several advances having been made during the past twelve months.

**Standard Oil Earnings**  
New York, May 4.—The Standard Oil Co. of New York reports earnings for 1913 equal to 21 1/2 per cent. on its stock, against 20 per cent. in 1912. Earnings totalled \$16,212,915, compared with about \$15,000,000 in the previous year.

**Tuckett Tobacco Company**  
Hamilton, May 4.—In the annual report of the Tuckett Tobacco com-

pany, of Hamilton, there is shown a net profit of \$214,325 in the year ending March 31st, which, with \$141,842 carried forward from the previous year, left \$356,167 to be distributed.

Of this preferred stock dividend took \$140,000, leaving \$216,167 to be carried forward.

**Financial Notes**  
Stockholders of Youngstown Iron and Steel company vote to increase stock from \$1,200,000 to \$3,000,000. The stockholders of the Nipissing Mines company have elected M. A. Veil, a director to succeed J. L. Feeny. The rest of the board were re-elected.

U.S. Steel Corporation has declared the usual dividends on the common and preferred stocks. Steel's net earnings for the quarter are \$1,394,000.

The report of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company in March shows an increase of 8,500 tons of coal mined, but a falling off in the iron and steel business.

Independent oil producers in Oklahoma will organize and ask congress for protection from interests said to be controlling prices and transportation in oil in Oklahoma fields.

Fairweather & Co., the million dollar Toronto retail store concern, with branch in Winnipeg, will soon open branch stores in Calgary, Ottawa and Vancouver.

Tennessee Coal and Iron Railroad company, a subsidiary of the Steel Corporation, has declared a dividend of one per cent. on the common. This is the first dividend paid since the panic of 1907.

It is said that the annual report of the Ames-Holten-McCreedy company will show a falling off of around seven per cent. in sales and a shrinkage in net earnings as compared with the previous year.

The Porcupine Gold Mines, limited, has arranged for the sale of the Vipond properties, consisting of 120 acres, adjoining the Hollister, to the Porcupine Vipond Mines, limited, for 750,000 shares in the latter company of a par value of \$1 per share.

**HUERTA AS HE REALLY IS**

Silent, Fearless, Conscienceless, Heartless and a Drunkard

To those who know him best, General Huerta is the silent man. He seldom speaks, and always his face seems the same—expressionless, lips tightly compressed, eyes cold and black and penetrating, looking straight ahead. When he speaks it is slowly, and at times his voice is so low that his words are scarcely audible. And then he will clench his hands and strike as if to accentuate his power to command obedience.

Here is a picture of the dictator at home. Deep down in a comfortable chair reposes General Huerta. At his side is a table littered with papers. Within reach of his right hand is a bottle of cognac and a glass. As the night wears on the contents of the bottle diminish and, finally, the glass is no longer used. Huerta drinks from the bottle.

Hours roll by, but deep in his easy chair General Huerta takes no care of the feeting hours. His waistcoat is unbuttoned and his old brown suit, showing the wear of months, is stained here and there. His eyelids become heavy, and his head nods from side to side, and not infrequently he falls asleep in his chair by the empty cognac bottle.

But there is another side to the man. No one doubts Huerta's bravery. He does not know fear. Into the muzzle of a gun he will look with the very same indifference with which he regards a plea for mercy. He is nothing more than a rough soldier, but down in his heart he has admiration and great respect for a brave man. On the man who would run away Huerta wastes no sympathy.

Huerta is a fighter of the old Porfirio Diaz school—the kind who takes few prisoners. He believes that the best place for a disturber of the peace is the grave, and it makes little difference to him if the grave be shallow. He lets nothing stand in his way of hold him from his ambitions.

Huerta was once almost blind from a cataract on one of his eyes. Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, a noted Mexican surgeon, was interested in the case and consented to operate to remove the cataract. Huerta entered Dr. Urrutia's sanitarium at Tlalpam, a suburb of Mexico City, and the operation was performed without the use of an anesthetic, it is said.

"Cut it off," Huerta told the surgeon, and Dr. Urrutia, as a cold-blooded as Huerta, proceeded to do it. Huerta is a man to play a big game. Conscience he has none, or his waking moments would be a wild delirium of remorse, and his nights a mad fantasy, in which the spirits of thousands of slain would hover over his couch and in fearful accusation shake at him their skeleton fingers.

Strength, indomitable will, fixity of resolve, absolute ignorance of fear, cruelty, mercilessness—those are the elements the fates gathered together and poured into the crucible where was moulded Victoriano Huerta.

On the firing line, where death-dealing rapid fire guns and Mausers are pouring volleys into a swaying mass of troops, and shrieking shells are bursting overhead; in the halls of congress or in the Palacio Nacional; with his game fighting chickens or drinking cognac from a telescope in the El Globo tea room, always there is that same look on Huerta's face. It never changes. And when death comes and carries him away it is said of him that he will meet it with that same expressionless countenance and ride away with the grim spectre.

"I am a common Indian," he proudly boasts.

**Renew Prescott Licenses**  
Brockville, Ont., May 5.—The board of license commissioners for Grenville has granted renewals of licenses to five hotels in Prescott which is the only licensed town in the country. There was also a license given to one shop.

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