

for general information, a circular was issued from the Department to its correspondents throughout the entire district, asking for the fullest particulars available of the respective areas under wheat, oats and barley, that were fully or partially destroyed, together with what the partially injured might be expected to yield.

Replies have been received from almost all, and, while they show that some townships suffered no loss, or practically none, others suffered very severe losses. In township 3, range 16 west, and in townships 2 and 3, range 21, the crops are reported totally destroyed.

The reports show that 31,851 acres of wheat, 8,403 acres of oats, and 1,180 acres of barley, were totally destroyed.

Over and above this 2,636 acres of wheat, 1,103 acres of oats and 460 acres of barley were "partially destroyed" but no estimate can be given of the respective quantities in bushels, as the percentages of injury are not given.

In the majority of cases the correspondents gave what they considered the average yields would have been, had the crops not been injured, and in this way an idea can be had of the actual loss in