

Seeding Has Started

Probable Decrease in Land Under Wheat—More Oats and Flax To Be Sown

Seeding commenced in many parts of Saskatchewan during the past week according to reports solicited by the Department of Agriculture. In a number of places the land is dry enough to enable the farmer to harrow preparatory to seeding, which should be general this week under favorable conditions. Owing to the general lateness of the sowing season, it is anticipated that there will be a considerable decrease in the amount of land sown to wheat. This will probably be offset by a marked increase in the area sown to both oats and flax. Owing to the high price of seed-wheat many farmers are buying flax to sow on wheat lands that will be irretrievably late. The following reports were received during the week-end:—

CRAIK. Seeding started last Friday and is now general. Average acreage of wheat and other crops. Conditions good but late.

MANOR. Seeding started last Monday but not general yet. Practically no change in the wheat acreage and other crops much the same. All stock look good.

KRONAU, LAJORD, FRANCIS. Most fields will be fit to harrow today and some will start seeding by Wednesday. With favourable weather seeding should be general by the end of the week. Water is drying up fairly well, farmers because of the lateness of the season will sow flax in the place of wheat. Oat acreage will also increase.

CUPAR. Seeding started on Friday, not general yet. Slight decrease in area for wheat, increase in oats. Stock good.

SWIFT CURRENT. Seeding started on Wednesday, general now. No decrease in any crops. Stock about average.

LANG, MILESTONE. Some fields will be fit for harrow the first of the week

although little or no seeding will be done this week. With good drying weather some will be seeding by Friday. A good many farmers are buying flax to sow on wheat grounds because of late season and high price of seed-wheat. Increase in oat acreage.

YORKTON. Seeding started but not general. Decrease in wheat acreage. All stock in good condition.

ASSINIBOIA. No seeding for five days yet, snow still on the ground. Considerable decrease in wheat acreage but corresponding increase in other grains.

MONTMARTRE. Seeding on Monday in some parts, land wetter than usual. Decrease in wheat acreage, increase in others.

BIGGAR. Seeding started a week ago, considerable amount already seeded, considerable increase in area to be sown to wheat. Stock wintered well.

BATTLEFORD. Seeding started on Thursday, general today. Acreage about the same as last year. Land drying up well.

ROSTHERN. Seeding will commence about Thursday or Friday. Large increase in area if weather favorable.

HUMBOLDT. A few farmers have started seeding on the high lands and will be general about the middle of the week if good weather. There will be slight decrease in wheat acreage which will be made up in other grains.

ROULEAU. Seeding with favorable weather will commence in about a week. In full swing around Truax and Avonlea. Wheat will show a decreased acreage on account of scarcity of and high price of seed.

WOLSELEY. Commenced work on land on Saturday, seeding in five days. Slight decrease in area to be sown to wheat but more oats.

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OF INTEREST TO HOMEMAKERS

The success of this sponge cake, recipe for which is given here, depends mostly on the method of mixing and baking. The beaten egg-whites are folded not beaten in and also the flour. The oven needs to be kept very moderate indeed and care taken to remove the cake before it shrinks. It is a most delicate and delicious cake, well adapted for summer and suitable for serving with ice-cream or fresh fruit with cream. Whipped cream spread over it is delicious.

Sponge Cake

- 6 egg yolks
- 6 egg whites
- 3-4 cup potato flour or
- 4 tbsps. white flour and
- 8 tbsps. potato flour
- 1 1-2 tps. baking powder
- 1 1-2 tps. vanilla or 1 1-2 tps. lemon (almond extract may be used)

- 1-4 tsp. salt
- 1 1-8 cup castor sugar (bar or fruit)

Method: Beat yolks until thick and lemon colored, add 6 tbsps. castor sugar and the flavoring and beat 5 minutes with Dover beater. Make a meringue of the whites and 2 tbsps. or 3-4 cup castor sugar. Drop meringue on to yolks and make four folds. Have flour, baking powder and salt mixed and sifted and sift a thin layer over the mixture. Cut and fold in. Add all dry ingredients in this way. Pour into greased, unlined pan and bake in very moderate oven until set. Remove before it shrinks. If desired this cake may be spread with Mocha Frosting.

Mocha Frosting

- 1-3 cup butter
- 1 1-2 cups confectioner's sugar
- Strong Coffee.

Method: Wash the salt from the butter or better have fresh unsalted butter. Cream butter and sugar together and beat until light. Keep adding drop by drop the coffee until frosting is of the right consistency to spread.

Culture is a slow process. It comes from long and close contacts. It is the fruit of reflection, of travail of soul and of mind. Grappling with something until the very essence of it has been extracted is a first step. Thus the taste of essences is learned, and once learned lesser distillations do not satisfy.—Ida M. Tarbel.



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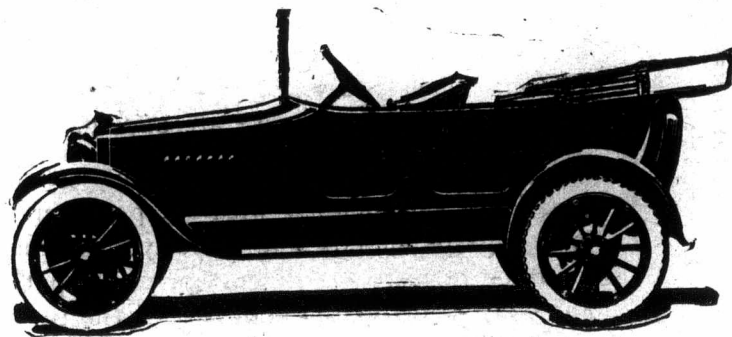
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