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CROPS OF ALL KINDS.

Wheat with a High Acreage Standard—Oats Show an Increase.

A circular, compiled from the reports of practical correspondents, comes from Ottawa, dealing with the crops and live stock situation at the present time.

In reporting, correspondents were instructed to compare the present with last year, measured on a per cent. basis for their several localities. If there was 10 per cent. more of oats in crop, for example, it would be denoted by 110, but if 5 per cent. less it would be denoted by 95; and so if the number of milch cows was 15 per cent. more it would be denoted by 115, but if 10 per cent. less it would be denoted by 90. As regards condition, correspondents were instructed to make the basis of comparison that of a standard, which as applied to crops means the condition for a full crop, and as applied to live stock it means a healthy and thrifty state. "In each case," correspondents were told, "100 represents a standard condition, and any number above or below 100 will show a condition better than or not as good as standard."

Seed Season Opened Early.

Excepting in a few localities in the Eastern Provinces the seeding season opened early and fine growing weather has prevailed in the months of May and June. But in a country of such wide extent as Canada it was inevitable that a low rainfall would be reported for some parts. The high average per cent. of standard condition however is proof of a rainfall fairly adequate.

Wheat is reported with a high average standard of 83 for all the provinces. It is 75 in Quebec and 81 in Ontario and New Brunswick, but in Alberta it is 93, in Saskatchewan 96 and in Manitoba 97. The increase of area in wheat over last year is 468,006 acres for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Mani-

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toba; but in Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island there is a decrease of 18,831 acres.

Oats shows an increase of area sown of 537,434 acres and a standard condition at the end of June of 90. Ontario's increase the largest for any province, being 175,951 acres; but for the three North-West Provinces the increase is 282,047 acres. The area for all the provinces is 7,942,943 acres, which is 1,429,978 acres more than wheat.

Barley's area is 1,746,911 acres. This is only 10,132 acres more than last year, and while there is an increase of 29,207 acres in Alberta there is a drop of 23,007 in Ontario. The per cent. of a standard condition is 85.

Rye, Beans, Hay and Clover.

The areas in rye and beans are relatively small and both show a decrease. The former is reported with a standard condition of 80 and the latter with 74.

The standard condition of peas is 82 per cent. and the area is 413,082 acres, which is 9,582 acres more than last year.

Mixed grains have fallen off in area by 20,621 acres, but they still occupy the large area of 583,225 acres. Quebec alone has 133,213 acres and Ontario 420,945 acres. The standard condition is 84.

The crop of hay and clover shows a larger area than any other field crop in the Dominion. The extent of it is 8,209,562 acres, which is 483,227 acres more than last year. Ontario has 3,552,716 acres, Quebec 2,893,838 acres, and the Maritime Provinces 1,573,909. In the North-West Provinces the farmers depend largely on the native or prairie hay. The per cent. of a standard condition for the Dominion is 86 and that of pasture is 99.

Mr. A. Turner succeeds Mr. John Young as accountant of the Fredericton branch of the Bank of New Brunswick. Mr. Young has left for Charlottetown as acting manager of the bank's branch there.