

Fall Plowing Was Well Advanced.

The monthly crop report of the Census and Statistics Office, issued November 13th, deals with the area, yield and value of potato, root and fodder crops during the past season, with the area and condition of fall wheat sown for next year's crop, and with the progress of fall plowing and summer-fallowing.

Root and fodder crops in Canada, consisting of potatoes, turnips, mangels, etc., hay and clover, alfalfa, fodder corn and sugar beets, occupied this year a total area of 9,070,700 acres, as compared with 9,243,000 acres in 1913, and their estimated value is \$226,668,000, as compared with \$197,988,000 in 1913. Potatoes give a yield of 85,672,000 bushels, from 475,900 acres, showing the excellent average per acre for the Dominion of 180 bushels, which is higher for this crop than in any year since 1908, excepting only in 1909, when the average reached was 193 bushels. At an average price per bushel of 49 cents—the same as last year—the total value of the potato crop is \$41,598,000, against \$38,418,000 in 1913. The potato yield in the Maritime Provinces is especially good, the yield per acre being 213 bushels in Prince Edward Island, 220 bushels in Nova Scotia, and 240 bushels in New Brunswick. Turnips and other roots yielded 69,008,000 bushels of the value of \$18,934,000, compared with 66,788,000 bushels, value \$18,643,000, in 1913; hay and clover 10,259,000 tons, value \$145,999,000, compared with 10,859,090 tons, value \$124,696,000 in 1913; alfalfa 218,400 tons, value \$3,096,000, compared with 237,770 tons, value \$2,819,000 in 1913; fodder corn 3,251,000 tons, value \$15,950,000, compared with 2,616,200 tons, value \$12,506,000 in 1913; and sugar beets 146,000 tons, value \$1,092,000, compared with 148,000 tons, value \$906,000 in 1913. The average yield per acre of turnips, etc., is 394 bushels, against 358; of hay and clover, 1.28 tons, against 1.33; of fodder corn, 10.25 tons, against 8.62, and of alfalfa, 2.42 tons, against 2.54 in 1913. The average quality of these crops for all Canada is high, ranging from 89 per cent. of the standard for sugar beets to 96 per cent. for fodder corn. As usual, estimates of the acreage sown to fall wheat this year for the crop of 1915, were collected from correspondents at the end of October. The compilation of the results shows an area estimated in the five fall-wheat Provinces of 1,294,000 acres, compared with the area sown in 1913 of 1,184,800 acres, and the area harvested this year of 973,300 acres. The acreage sown for 1915 represents a net increase over that sown for 1914 of 9.2 per cent. Last year the acreage sown was reported as 7.37 per cent. less than in 1912. The bulk of the fall-wheat crop is grown in Ontario, where, this year, the estimate is for 1,043,000 acres, as compared with 898,000 acres, the area sown in the fall of 1913. The increase under fall wheat for Ontario, therefore, is in the ratio of about 16 per cent. In the three Northwest Provinces, the area sown to fall wheat has again decreased in continuation of a decline attributed to consecutive discouraging seasons for this crop. Alberta, however, is the only Western Province where fall wheat is largely grown, and the area estimated to be sown is 230,000 acres, compared with 262,000 acres last year, a decrease of about 12 per cent. In British Columbia there is an increase of 5,500 to 6,000 acres, or 10 per cent. The condition of the fall-wheat crop on October 31 is reported for the five provinces as 96.5 per cent. of the standard, which, upon the assumption that average conditions prevail between now and next year's harvest, indicates a yield per acre of about 1.5 per cent. above the average of the past four years, 1910-13. In Ontario, the condition on October 31, was 99; in Manitoba, 82; in Saskatchewan, 60; in Alberta, 92, and in British Columbia, 96 per cent. of the standard.

The early harvest and favorable conditions for threshing in the Western Provinces enabled farmers to make excellent progress with fall plowing on land intended for sowing in the spring. Measured in percentage of the total land intended for next year's crop, it is estimated that in Manitoba 92, in Saskatchewan 77, and in Alberta 56 per cent. of the fall plowing was completed

by October 31. These figures compare very favorably with the two previous seasons, when the highest percentage was not more than 58 in Manitoba (1913), and the lowest only 24 in Saskatchewan and Alberta (1912). The progress made this year, therefore, augurs well for next year's crops. In Eastern Canada the percentage of fall plowing completed by October 31 ranges from 51 in Nova Scotia to 75 in Quebec; but in the East, especially in the Maritime Provinces, there is a longer fall plowing season. The average figure for all Canada is 71, compared with 54 last year and 44 in 1912.

The practice of summer-fallowing in the West shows further progress, an increase of about 6 per cent. being reported in Manitoba, and of 3 per cent. in Saskatchewan, as compared with last year. Alberta, however, shows a decline of about 5 per cent.

Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

Fistula.

About 15 months ago my horse was in the field on pasture, and when I went for him I found him stiff, with a slight swelling and soreness on the side. I thought he had run against something and broken a rib. The swelling increased to about eight inches in length and three inches in width. It then broke and discharged matter and the swelling disappeared, but the hole remains, and there has been a constant discharge of a foul-smelling matter ever since. H. B.

Ans.—Your first diagnosis was doubtless correct. There is either a broken or a decaying bone. The opening must be enlarged sufficiently to expose the bone, and the diseased portion removed. It will require a veterinarian to operate. V.

Legs Swell When Horse Stands Idle.

Horse had influenza early in September. He has recovered from this, but his legs swell when he stands idle. He eats, looks, and works well. P. G. M.

Ans.—Feed nothing but a little bran at night, and the next morning give him a purgative of 8 to 10 drams aloes (according to size) and 2 drams ginger, either made plastic, rolled in tissue paper and administered as a ball, or mixed with a pint of cold water and given as a drench. Feed nothing but bran until purgation commences, and do not exercise until the bowels become normal. Then take 3 ounces each of nitrate of potassium and tartar emetic and 2 drams of arsenic. Mix and make into 24 powders, and give him a powder every night and morning in damp food, and exercise or work regularly. V.

Pigs Cough.

My young pigs, and some of the older ones, have a cough. One has died. They have regular exercise. J. S.

Ans.—It would require a careful post-mortem to enable a man to say positively what causes the cough. It is probably either infectious bronchitis or lung worms, either of which often resist treatment, which consists in shutting the pigs in a close compartment and burning sulphur so long as you can stand the fumes. Then open door or window to admit air. Treatment can be repeated every ten days. In most cases of this nature it is profitable to dispose of the whole herd and thoroughly disinfect the premises before introducing fresh stock. It would be wise for you to call your veterinarian in to hold a post-mortem before deciding upon your actions in the matter. V.

A young lady took down the receiver and discovered that the telephone was in use. "I just put on a pan of beans for dinner," she heard one woman complacently informing another.

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