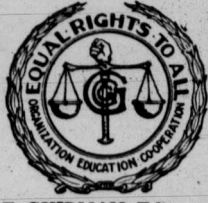


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CROP ESTIMATES COMPARED

In a bulletin published in Ottawa on September 13, the census and statistics' office published its annual preliminary estimate of the production in Canada of the principal grain crops, wheat, oats, rye, barley and flaxseed. The preliminary estimate of this year's wheat crop in Canada is a total of 308,839,800 bushels from 12,986,400 acres, representing an average yield per acre of 23.78 bushels. This total is 147,559,800 bushels, or 91 per cent. in excess of last year's inferior yield of 161,280,000 bushels, 77,122,800 bushels, or 33 per cent. in excess of the previous highest yield of 231,717,800 bushels in 1913, and 112,874,000 bushels or 58 per cent. in excess of the annual average yield of 196,026,000 bushels for the five years from 1910 to 1914.

Of oats the total yield for 1915 is estimated at 488,000,000 bushels from 11,365,000 acres, an average yield per acre of 42.94 bushels. Barley is placed at 51,655,000 bushels from 1,509,350 acres, an average per acre of 34.22 bushels. Rye yields 2,385,700 bushels from 112,300 acres, or 21.24 bushels per acre, and flaxseed 12,199,600 bushels from 1,009,600 acres, or 12.08 bushels per acre.

Estimate for Provinces

The estimated total production of wheat in the three North-west provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) is 275,772,200 bushels, as compared with 140,958,000 bushels last year. In Manitoba the total is 77,514,200 bushels, as compared with 38,605,000 bushels; in Saskatchewan 155,233,000 bushels against 73,494,000 bushels, and in Alberta 43,025,000 bushels, against 28,859,000 bushels. Oat yield 301,051,000 bushels in the three provinces as compared with 150,843,000 bushels last year. Barley 33,303,000 bushels against 19,535,000 bushels, rye 657,000 bushels against 514,800, and flaxseed 12,118,000 bushels against 7,083,000 bushels.

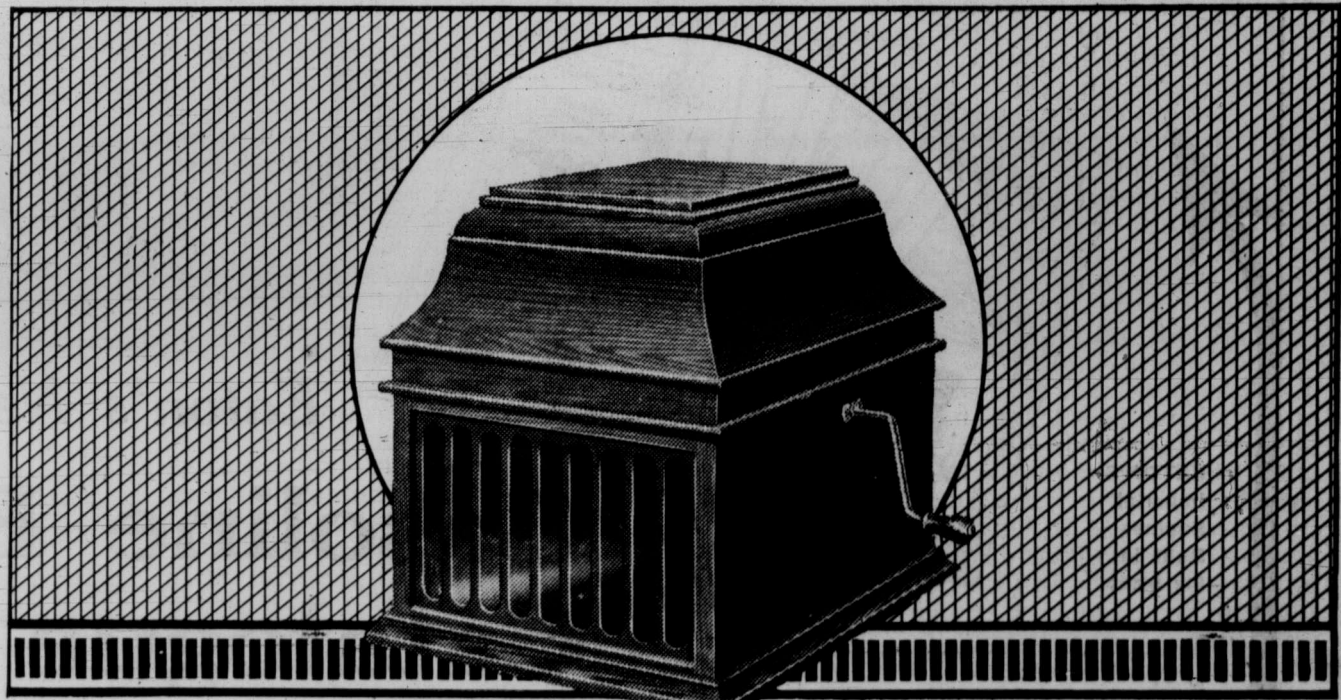
On the same day, September 13, the following crop report was issued by the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. The estimated average yield of grain per acre for the province is, wheat, 138,490.027 bushels; oats, 113,884,821 bushels; barley, 8,792,107 bushels, and flax, 5,000,000 bushels.

By comparison it will be seen that the Dominion estimate of the yield of wheat in Saskatchewan this year is 16,742,973 bushels in excess of the provincial estimate. Truly, as the Dominion report states, these estimates "may possibly not be sustained by the final actual returns from the threshing machine."

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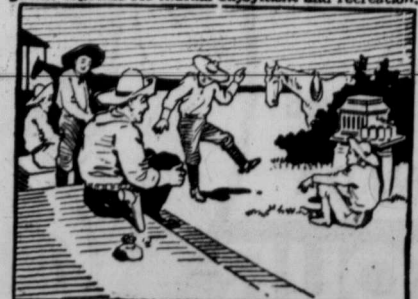
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