

THREE BILLION BUSHELS OF CORN TO BE RAISED THIS YEAR IN WESTERN UNITED STATES DESPITE FLOOD AND DROUGHT.



America's Hugest Crop is Waving Its Tassels Today Over an Acreage that Would Make a Double-Track Right of Way to the Planet Mars -- The Farmer Will Feed 80 Per Cent of It to the Live Stock and Earn His Profit That Way -- Three Hundred Pawnee Co., Farmers Own Automobiles.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 15.—The corn crop of the United States this year will be the largest ever harvested. It covers an area of 110,000,000 acres, and the yield will be 3,000,000,000 bushels.

Figures mean little when considered in the light of this 1909 corn crop. "The priceless gift of the Indian," as Secretary Wilson calls corn, is waving its tassels over the largest part of the middle west—an area that would make a belt of emerald stalks seven miles wide around the equator; a territory three-quarters as large as France or Germany, and 50 per cent greater than England, Ireland and Scotland combined; an expanse large enough to allow a double-track railway from earth to Mars!

"It's mighty hot," one farmer remarks to another hereabouts when they meet.

"That's so, but it's mighty fine corn weather," is the comforting reply.

Greatest of all cereal crops, corn comes last in the category of harvests. The billion two hundred millions of dollars that the farmers will get for their corn this year, in one form or another, shows the remarkable power of the farmer in economy. When he raises wheat he raises it entirely to sell. But when the farmer harvests corn his methods immediately become those of the business man. He will market only 20.3 per cent this year in cereal form.

The other 79.7 per cent he manufactures into beef and pork. On the marvelous yield depends the huge traffic of the packing houses and the solution of the world's food problem.

Lean range cattle are snatched up by the corn raiser, who fattens them with his own corn during the

state, with a value of not less than \$50,000,000.

In Kansas and Nebraska, large corn states, previous estimates have seemed too high. Acreage was considered as of March 1 by estimators, who failed to notice big losses by floods later in the corn season. Despite these conditions, the yield for Kansas and this state will be about 50,000,000 bushels, with acres of 7,800,000 and 7,926,000 in Kansas and Nebraska respectively. These figures on yield are based on high averages in these states for ten years past, as the condition of these crops is above normal. These averages of yield per acre for ten years have been 29.9 bushels for Kansas and 34.1 for this state.

No more enthusiastic battle against weather was made this year than by the corn farmers in Iowa. Corn is the mainstay of that state, which hopes to take the lead this year over Illinois in the matter of acreage. One-fourth of the crop will be unsatisfactory, but the balance is in A-1 condition. Although the crop is now two weeks behind, due to replanting, the farmers, the weather is looked to by farmers to keep the corn yield up. Without further rain in Iowa, Illinois and northern Missouri, the crop can be "made." But any additional August rains will help it greatly, because the plant is not deeply rooted.

"What do you big farmers do with your money?" The Standard correspondent asked Abner Fug of Bloomington, Ill., that state's biggest corn raiser.

"Why, we put it back into the land, of course," he said.

Mr. Fug owns and operates five farms near Bloomington. "There's not a single stalk of corn I'd throw out," he said, pointing to a 1,000-acre field. "I buy \$100,000 worth of feed every year besides what I raise to fill my demands," he says.

"The food and drought in the beginning of the banner corn season has taught the farmers a great lesson. More tile drains will be laid and more low corn ground reclaimed from flood in the middle west this year than ever before. Ditches and drainage are nothing to the corn farmer nowadays—he has money and great prosperity ahead of him."

TARIFF ACT MILITANT TO WEST INDIAN TRADE GROWTH

(Toronto News.)

Some time ago a Royal Commission was appointed to promote reciprocal trade relations between the British West Indies and Canada. But there is danger that the new United States tariff may check the progress of the movement. The maximum and minimum clause of the Payne bill imposes a penalty of 25 per cent, in extra duties against the products of those nations or political subdivisions thereof which in any way discriminate against or restrict American trade.

It is rather curious that in 1902, just as the United States was finally excluding British West Indian sugar from the American market, the Canadian tariff against Germany incidentally increased the Canadian preference upon the West Indian product. Therefore, the islanders exerted themselves to strengthen their hold on the Dominion market, and by 1906 nearly all their sugar was coming here. At that time it constituted four-fifths of all the sugar imported into the Dominion.

Canadian Preference.

Canada grants a preference on British West Indian sugar, molasses, ginger, spices, starch and cocoanuts. It is suggested that we could consolidate sentiment throughout the islands by extending the preference to bananas, citrus fruits, raw cocoa, coffee, cotton, rubber, lime juice and asphalt. This might induce Jamaica and Grenada to join with the sugar islands in granting a preference to Canadian flour, cheese, cordage, lumber, bacon, hams, cooperage stock, shingles, bran, bread, biscuits, horses, boots and shoes, paper, salted and canned beef and pork. In general terms the Barbados conference adopted the reciprocity proposals, but the Laurier government's action of last session practically reducing the preference on West Indian sugars may prove an obstacle to the success of further negotiations. It is only reasonable that Ottawa should join in the movement for commercial union with the other British dominions in the Western Hemisphere. Mutual tariff concessions and improved steamship connections with the West Indies should work effectively to this end.

Waterborough.

Waterborough, Q. C., Aug. 12.—Mr. John R. Gale, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gale, left yesterday for Deer, Alberta. Mr. Gale is a first class teacher, and he has been teaching for several terms. He is a very ambitious young man, and should he have his health in the west, he will make a great success. He has secured a school for a year.

Mr. James B. Wiggin left for the

part of the United States because of any trade arrangements they might make with the Dominion.

There was, he said, no historical justification for such a fear. The United States had not retaliated against Canada because of the Canadian preference to Great Britain. The argument seemed sound enough in 1906, but the maximum and minimum clause in the Payne tariff means that the Washington legislators have given power into the hands of their executive to institute precisely such retaliation against British and other states that treat one another's products on a preferential basis.

German Overtures.

Later, the knowledge that Germany was making overtures to Canada with a view to the removal of the Canadian tariff, led to anxiety amongst the West Indians. They saw in this fresh development danger to the preference on sugar which they enjoyed in the markets of the Dominion. Accordingly the Barbados conference was called to promote reciprocal preferential trade relations with this country. Six of the West Indian governments were represented, and all but two wanted a reciprocal treaty with Canada. Jamaica and the small island of Grenada held back because their exports were largely confined to fruit, for which the United States is the chief market.

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AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERT HAS THIS TO SAY OF Acadia Ladies' Seminary
WOLFVILLE, N. S.

Without query, six policemen, Will Horner, the wounded man's brother, and city physician Tubbs volunteered, and yesterday stood the operation of having pieces of their skin removed and grafted on Horner. The operation was a success.

Sam Fitzpatrick is trying to arrange a bout between Frank Mantel and Hugo Kelly.

Miss Bessie B. Kelley left on a visiting trip to Fredericton by May Queen.

Miss Eva Watt, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watt, left by May Queen for St. John.

A meeting was held in the Baptist church last evening at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. J. S. Gregg and his cousin, C. N. Gregg, a young college student, who is preparing for the ministry.

BROTHER OFFICERS SAVE POLICEMAN'S LIFE RISKING OWN

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 13.—When policeman Horner recovers he will find that he is wearing the skin of eight men on his back. Some two weeks ago, while arresting a burglar, Horner was shot in the back. He succeeded, however, in knocking down and handcuffing the man, and then collapsed.

In locating the bullet the surgeons used X rays and the flesh around it would not heal. It became necessary to remove a large square of the skin and cut away the burned flesh and this necessitated the grafting of new skin. Horner was too weak to submit to cutting skin from other parts of his body, and moreover, ten square inches had to be covered. A couple of mornings ago at roll call at the central station the captain spoke of Horner and remarked that unless men could be found who were willing to give some of their skin in the interest of humanity one brave man would die.

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EVERY DAY CLUB HEARS ELOQUENT ADDRESSES

Mr. Woodruff Speaks On Individual Responsibility — Mrs. Woodruff Heard By Large Audience In The Evening.

Every day club.

Rev. Dr. Woodruff, of Flemington, N. B., preached at the Ever Day Club yesterday afternoon. He dealt upon the fact of individual responsibility and the importance of each individual putting his or her part of the work for which each was responsible.

There was always, he said, a hand to be stretched out, and the response should be prompt and earnest. No matter how low a victim of sin may have fallen, he should never give up as altogether hopeless, but at the most important hinge of the work for which each was responsible.

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WHAT A BUSHEL OF CORN COSTS.

By David Rankin, Millionaire Corn Raiser of Tarkio, Mo.

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1. Fall plowing 45 acres	15.00
2. Spring plowing 15 acres	15.00
3. Breaking stalks on 15 acres	3.00
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5. Harrowing	10.50
6. Seed corn	6.75
7. Planting	12.00
8. Harrowing after planting	10.50
9. Cultivating three times	78.00
10. Thinning and weeding	10.60
11. Husking at 2 1/2 cents per bushel	62.25
12. Shelling and hauling at 2 1/2 cents per bushel	62.25
Total cost	\$383.25
Taxes	20.00
Insurance and repairs	10.00
Grand total	\$413.25
Cost per bushel (41.5 bushels per acre)	\$1.46

THE NARROWS, N. B.

The Narrows, N. B., Aug. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Thorne of St. John are visiting friends and relatives here.

Dr. George Straight of Illinois, U. S. A., is visiting his old home at Narrows, West. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

A number of St. John people are spending their vacations at the Marquand House.

Mr. Ernest McDonald, wife and son of St. John are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson.

Mr. Herbert Mayes and wife of St. John are spending their vacation at Mrs. A. B. Fowler's.

Miss Nettie Somerville is to take charge of the school here for the coming term, while Miss Maggie Gilchrist who resigned in June goes to Hatfield Point.

The W. C. T. U. held a successful social in the hall here on Saturday evening. The sum of ten dollars was realized.

Harry Aberly returned Thursday arrier a visit to Boston, Mass.

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