

from the East. The Canadian Northern has its surveys completed for the construction of its line through the fertile belt passing through Battleford and up through the Beaver Lake and Vermilion River districts. Other lines contemplated will open up many new and valuable agricultural districts, besides giving railroad facilities to the large settlements that have already been made several miles from the existing railway. In fact, all through the country lying east and west of the Calgary & Edmonton line, there will be a period of development during this and coming seasons that will be fully equal to anything that has taken place in any of the former history of the settlement of Western Canada's fertile prairies.

RIVERS.

Rivers intersect the entire country, and large lakes of excellent water are plentiful. Some of the more important are the Saskatchewan, Vermilion, Battle, and Red Deer, with innumerable tributaries. The lakes to be mentioned are: Beaver, Birch, Bittern, Buffalo, Wavy, Sullivan, Smoky, Wastok, Star, Greenlaw, Pigeon, and St. Ann. There are many others, which also are important. These show that the sufficiency of moisture, so necessary to farming, is quite assured. There is also ample rainfall in the season when it is most required.

MIXED FARMING, RANCHING, AND DAIRYING.

These are carried on all through Northern Alberta with great success. Wonderful yields per acre of wheat, oats, and barley are reported. Northern Alberta is well suited for ranching, the grass being of luxuriant growth and very nutritious; shelter is easily obtained. In most cases it is necessary to house stock during a portion of the winter season.

Dairying offers a means of paying all the expenses of living and operating the farm. The raising of poultry offers an easy source of profit.

YIELDS IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS IN THE TERRITORIES.

A crop bulletin, issued by the Government of the Northwest Territories, gives the acreage and yield of wheat, oats, barley, and flax by districts, for 1903:

	Crop area in acres	Total yield bushels	Yield per acre	Average per acre, 6 yrs.
DISTRICT NO. 1 (Calmaruff, Alameda, and Moose Mountain), area 4,715 square miles, includes districts adjacent to the lines of the southwestern branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Pipestone extension (in Territories) and the south Moose Mountain country.				
Wheat.....	157,000	3,046,517	19.40	17.41
Oats.....	53,498	1,542,629	28.83	21.17
Barley.....	4,631	116,739	25.30	25.07
Flax.....	15,173	136,774	8.35	.....
DISTRICT NO. 2 (Weyburn and Yellow Grass Districts), area 14,538 square miles, includes the country adjacent to the Soo line between Rouleau and Estevan, and the Wood Mountain country.				
Wheat.....	31,396	443,739	14.13	17.36
Oats.....	12,238	468,947	37.50	38.01
Barley.....	330	7,702	23.33	34.30
Flax.....	5,362	53,744	10.21	.....
DISTRICT NO. 3 (Moosemin, Whitehead, Wapella, and Broadview Districts), area 3,600 square miles, includes country adjacent to main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Fleming and Broadview and the district northeast of Moose Mountain.				
Wheat.....	132,888	3,374,874	17.87	17.69
Oats.....	36,911	1,104,072	29.84	28.13
Barley.....	5,796	140,029	24.30	23.68
Flax.....	481	6,975	14.50	.....
DISTRICT NO. 4 (Gravelly, Waseley, Indian Head, and Qu'Appelle Districts), area 5,086 square miles, includes country adjacent to the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to the Qu'Appelle Valley between Grenfell and Balgonie.				
Wheat.....	173,385	3,923,050	22.62	30.40
Oats.....	49,010	1,694,412	33.33	33.51
Barley.....	4,903	113,282	23.16	23.64
Flax.....	1,672	11,383	6.92	.....
DISTRICT NO. 5 (Regina and Moose Jaw Districts), area 1,840 square miles, includes country adjacent to the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Regina and Rush Lake, and along line of Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway, as far as Dundas.				
Wheat.....	163,740	3,900,500	19.55	22.10
Oats.....	45,881	1,753,673	38.11	34.09
Barley.....	1,856	47,405	25.57	25.65
Flax.....	3,182	31,304	9.80	.....

YIELDS IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS IN THE TERRITORIES—Continued.

	Crop area in acres	Total yield bushels	Yield per acre	Average per acre, 6 yrs.
DISTRICT NO. 6 (Crane Lake, Maple Creek, and Medicine Hat Districts), area 37,320 square miles, includes country adjacent to the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Rush Lake to Langenburg—almost entirely ranching country.				
Wheat.....	779	13,555	18.85	23.08
Oats.....	2,331	94,425	40.50	39.37
Barley.....	171	3,423	30.01	24.34
Flax.....	28	797	13.74	.....
DISTRICT NO. 7 (Yorkton and Saltcoats Districts), area 8,735 square miles, includes country adjacent to the line of the Manitoba & North-Western Railway between Langenburg and Yorkton and the country east of Touchwood Hills.				
Wheat.....	50,306	993,059	19.72	19.04
Oats.....	45,020	1,547,968	34.38	35.52
Barley.....	2,908	76,975	26.19	26.41
Flax.....	2,617	22,880	8.74	.....
DISTRICT NO. 9 (Prince Albert District), area 29,808 square miles, includes the country adjacent to the line of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway, from Saskatoon to Prince Albert, and a large unsettled tract.				
Spring wheat.....	66,047	1,085,492	16.43	18.62
Fall wheat.....	29	308	12.68	.....
Oats.....	32,883	938,181	28.18	30.01
Barley.....	6,980	154,506	22.43	31.71
Flax.....	3,909	29,327	9.87	.....
DISTRICT NO. 10 (Battleford District), area 19,440 square miles, includes the country adjacent to the valley of the Saskatchewan River in the Battleford and Bressay Districts with a large unsettled tract.				
Wheat.....	1,913	32,406	16.94	30.28
Oats.....	2,025	55,943	27.62	35.25
Barley.....	167	4,136	24.76	26.58
Flax.....	10	187	18.70	.....
DISTRICT NO. 11, area 16,848 square miles, includes the western 14 ranges of townships in the Provisional District of Saskatchewan. First crop in this district.				
Wheat.....	367	7,732	19.74	.....
Oats.....	943	13,956	14.10	.....
Barley.....	16	445	27.87	.....
Flax.....	23	2,320	10.08	.....
DISTRICT NO. 12 (Edmonton, Strathcona, and Wetaskiwin Districts), area 43,361 square miles, includes the country adjacent to the line of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company from Wetaskiwin north and the settlements along the Saskatchewan to Penhold, also a large tract of unsettled territory.				
Spring wheat.....	33,654	556,080	16.53	21.05
Fall wheat.....	594	3,410	5.71	.....
Oats.....	90,890	2,700,956	29.71	34.99
Barley.....	35,203	626,664	24.73	26.39
Flax.....	523	4,190	8.01	.....
DISTRICT NO. 13 (Red Deer, Lacombe, and Ponoka Districts), area 33,658 square miles, includes the country adjacent to the line of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway from Red Deer to Wetaskiwin and westward to the Rocky Mountains.				
Spring wheat.....	1,640	30,687	18.71	30.02
Fall wheat.....	34	467	19.50	.....
Oats.....	23,000	792,630	34.37	35.56
Barley.....	5,940	183,111	30.82	28.46
Flax.....	11	84	7.63	.....
DISTRICT NO. 14 (Innisfail, Olds, and Didsbury Districts), area 14,412 square miles, includes country adjacent to the line of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway from Carstairs to Penhold and westward to the Rocky Mountains.				
Spring wheat.....	443	9,306	21.00	21.43
Fall wheat.....	256	4,388	17.14	.....
Oats.....	9,955	314,639	31.60	34.37
Barley.....	3,922	93,438	23.83	23.43
Flax.....	11	172	15.65	.....
DISTRICT NO. 15 (Central Alberta, or Calgary District), area 14,796 square miles, includes the country adjacent to the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from the international boundary of the Provisional District of Alberta to the Rocky Mountains, and to the line of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway from Carstairs to Carstairs.				
Spring wheat.....	603	12,024	19.40	21.09
Fall wheat.....	113	2,681	23.64	.....
Oats.....	14,198	531,116	37.41	38.93
Barley.....	3,476	86,094	24.75	28.04
Flax.....	32	452	14.12	.....
DISTRICT NO. 16 (Lethbridge, Macleod, and Fincher Creek Districts), area 11,772 square miles, includes the country adjacent to the line of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway south of Nanton, and to the line of the Alberta Railway, the Crow's Nest Railway, and the St. Mary's River Railway.				
Spring wheat.....	23,032	409,316	21.68	22.49
Fall wheat.....	2,754	71,582	25.97	.....
Oats.....	22,454	776,357	34.57	36.03
Barley.....	3,400	86,400	25.40	24.74
Flax.....	210	2,255	10.73	

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