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## Western Wheat may reach 100,000,000 bush.

### The Manitoba Crop Report

The Manitoba Department of Agriculture has issued the usual June crop bulletin dealing with the area sown to various crops, crop conditions and prospects, live stock, etc. The figures given are interesting and instructive, indicating clearly and concisely the rapid advancement that the province is making. We present a brief resume of the report:

#### AREA UNDER CROP

The following table of comparison, giving the crop areas for the years 1901, 1902 and 1903 gives satisfactory evidence of the natural and expected expansion that is going on in the province. This expansion is taking place in all districts. In the newer districts actual settlement has been the factor at work, while in the older districts settlers are enlarging their crop areas from year to year. In 1903 there are 4,899 acres in rye; 2,357 in peas; 1,993 in corn, and 27,734 in Brome grass.

	1901.	1902.	1903.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Wheat	2,011,835	2,039,940	2,442,873
Oats	689,951	725,060	855,431
Barley	191,009	329,790	326,537
Flax	20,978	41,200	55,900
Potatoes	24,420	22,005	27,108
Roots	10,214	12,175	12,251
Total	2,961,409	3,189,015	3,757,173

In 1902, owing to the late season, farmers were short on wheat acreage, but the acreage under coarse grains was above the normal.

In 1902 there were 563,730 acres summer fallowed and 151,395 acres of new breaking. This year's figures show that the area pendulum has swung back to wheat, on account of the early and favorable seeding time, as well as the large acreage ready for wheat, as new breaking, summerfallow and fall plowing, in all 1,730,995 acres. Farmers have increased this total with spring plowing, as shown in the tables, to 2,442,873 acres.

The acreage sown to oats has not, however, been neglected, for the figures compiled show a fair increase. There will be less than 500,000 acres to summerfallow this year, but farmers in all parts of the province are busy breaking new

land. New land must be broken before increased acreage can be sown. The outlook is that more breaking will be done this year than in any past year in the history of the province.

#### WEATHER AND CROP PROSPECTS

From the time that farmers commenced spring work ideal seeding weather prevailed. The rains that

commenced in the second week of May were general over the province, and the report of correspondents on crop prospects on the 1st of June is repeated many times in the brief expression "Never better."

The rainfall during the month of May for the past four years has been as follows: 1900, 24 inches; 1901, 91 inches; 1902, 40.3 inches; 1903, 165 inches. The bearing of these figures on the crop situation will be understood when we recall the fact that 1900 was the "short crop" year.

#### MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Number of milch cows in province	126,846
Number of cattle fed for beef during past winter	13,983
Number of farm hands now employed	16,902
Number of female servants on farms	3,960
Number of female servants still required	3,153

The bulletin concludes with a list of the creameries and cheese factories in the province and a few pages of quotations from reports of crop correspondents, which indicate that everything is "lovely" in the Prairie Province.

## Dedicated to Agriculture

The opening of the Massey Hall and Library at the Ontario Agricultural College, the gift of the estate of the late H. A. Massey, took place on June 18 last. The building, which is of dressed red brick, of two and four storeys, occupies a commanding position on the grounds. The corner stone was laid on August 14, 1901, by the late W. E. H. Massey, who conceived the idea of erecting this building for the benefit of the farming community. The building cost nearly \$45,000 and is splendidly

equipped for the purpose intended. The chief feature is the fire-proof stack department for the storage of hocks.

The building was formally opened by Chester D. Massey, who handed over the keys to the Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Massey, Mr. Dryden, Dr. Mills, Hon. James Young, and several others. Nearly four hundred persons witnessed the opening ceremonies. It was a unique event in the history of the Ontario Agricultural College.



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