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Western Wheat may reach 100,000 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 compar--ison giving the crop areas for the years 1904, 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 afe 4,899 acres in rye ; 2,357 in peas; 1,993 in corn, and 27,734 in Brome grass.

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		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Wheat	2,	011,835	2,039,946		
Oats		689,951	725,060	855,431	
Barley	6	191,009	329,790	326,537	
Flax		20,978	41,200	55,900	
Potato	es	24,429	22,005	27,198	
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 \$63,730 acres summer failowed 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 #ind fail 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.

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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 correspondwats of crop prospects on the 1st of June is reported many times in the brief expression "Never better."

The rainfall during the month of May for the page 1600 years has been as follows (froor, 24 inches; 1903, 365 inches. The bearing of these figures on the crop situation will be understood when we recall the fact that 1900 was the "short "the"

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

during past winter 1..... 13,983 Number of farm hands now em-

Number of female servants on farms 3,960

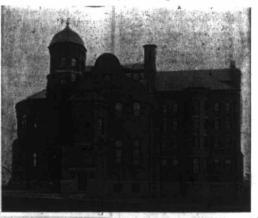
still required 3.153

The bulletin concludes with a list of the creameries and cheëse 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 Qit 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 storegs, occupies a commanding position on the grounds. The corner stone was laid on August 14, 1901, by the late W. E. H. Massev, who conceived the idea of erfetting 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 books.

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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