# AVERAGE UNDER CROP IS LESS **THAN IN 1918**

Estimate of Bureau of Statistics shows Decrease of 395,402 acres or about two per cent.

#### CROP CONDITIONS

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delayed by cold and wet weather. In
the west favourable weather succeeding late seeding induced rapid growth.
In Manitoba all sowing was late, owing
to cold, wet weather during April; but
warm rains and excessive heat during
the early part of May caused rapid
growth, and all grains are reported as
in excellent condition. In some parts
of northern Saskatchewan high winds
during May, with dry weather, caused In excellent condition. In some parts of northern Saskatchewan high winds during May, with dry weather, caused drifting and proved detrimental to spring crops. In other districts grain is in excellent condition. In the southern part of the province conditions for seeding were ideal and all crops are doining well. In Alberta heavy snow early in May supplied much needed moisture and crops came on rapidly, though in some sections frost damaged spring crops considerably. Expressed numerically, in percentage of the average yield of the past ten years, the average condition for all Canada for each crop was on May 31 as follows: Fall wheat 101 (75); spring wheat 98 (96); all wheat 98 (96); oats 95 (100); barley 95 (98); rye 101 (94); peas 91 (101); mixed grains 92 (102); hay and clover 101 (99); alfalfa 95 (97); pasture 102 (100). The figures within brackets represent the condition on May 31, 1918. On the whole, therefore, fall wheat, rye, hay and clover and pasture show a condition above average; spring wheat is somewhat beter than last year, though two points below average and below the condition of last year.

# **TENDERS**

## Wharf at Half-Moon Bay, B.C.

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Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Wharf at Half-Moon Bay, B.C.," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, July 23, 1919, for the construction of a wharf at Half-Moon Bay, Comox-Atlin District, B.C.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department; at the office of the District Engineer at New Westminster, B.C., and at the Post Office, Half-Moon Bay, B.C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or war bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

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> By order. R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 19, 1919.

### Thessalon Wharf.

SECOND CALL FOR TENDERS.

This work is being readvertised for tenders owing to the fact that the bids

# SPARE INDIAN SECTIONS FOR SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

Co-operation between Department of Indian Affairs and Soldier Settlement Board with view to Utilization of unused land bearing fruit

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the Soldier Settlement Board with a view to having such lands placed at the disposal of that body as soon as possible

possible.

Practically all the unsold surrendered Indian land has been turned over to the Board, and arrangements are being made to have further surrenders given by the Indians of lands which are considered suitable for soldiers' settlement. These lands are now being valuated by representatives of the Board and the Department, who are acting in conjunction. The interests of the Indians in connection with these transactions are of course being thoroughly safeguarded, and they are in all cases receiving adequate compensation for their lands.

#### GREATER PRODUCTION.

authority to grant farming and grazing leases, and the number of these issued has been very large. The area thus leased comprises in all some 255,000

In the summer of 1918 there was a very serious shortage of feed for stock in Alberta. The Department succeeded in locating in the neighbourhood of 30,000 tons of hay in the northern part

30,000 tons of hay in the northern part of the province, as a result of which it is estimated that some 15,000 head of cattle were saved. The greater portion of this hay was not cut in former years. In Ontario a field agent is employed to visit the various reserves for the purpose of supervising the farming operations of the Indians and advising them in connection therewith. Greater protions of the Indians and advising them in connection therewith. Greater production meetings are held on the reserves; fairs, standing crop competitions and vegetable garden competitions are organized and every effort is made to render farming attractive to the Indiana. Indians.

A great effort is being made to open up the reserves and develop their natural resources in all parts of the Dominion. Energetic measures have been taken to encourage the Indians in agricultural pursuits and to afford them instruction in upstodate methods of instruction in up-to-date methods

instruction in up-to-date methods of farming.

The Department is administering the Soldier Settlement Act in so far as it applies to Indian returned soldiers who are beneficiaries under the Act. They are being encouraged to take up farming by grants from the common lands of the bands to which they belong.

It will be apparent from these statements that the Government is determined that Indian reserve lands shall not be neglected, and that measures of a thorough and effective character are being executed in furtherance of this policy.

received on the first call were considered too high.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Reconstruction of Wharf at Thessalon, Ont.," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Friday, July 11, 1919, for the reconstruction of the wharf of Thessalon, district of Algoma, Ont.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department; at the office of the District Engineer, Equity Building, Toronto, Ont.; and at the Post Office, Thessalon, Ont.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or war bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

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# For Hunter Building.

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Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Electric Fixtures and Lamps, Hunter Building, Ottawa, Ont.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, July 2, 1919, for electric fixtures and lamps, Hunter Building, Ottawa, Ont. Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa; the Overseer of Dominion Buildings, Central Post Office, Montreal; the Super-

intendent of Dominion Buildings, Postal Station "F," Toronto; and the Caretaker, Public Building, Hamilton, Ont.

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R. C. DESROCHERS. Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 16, 1919.

#### For Nurses' Home.

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Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Nurses' Home, Sir Oliver Mowat Sanitorium, Kingston, Ont.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, July 2, 1919, for the construction of nurses' home, Sir Oliver Mowat Sanitorium, Kingston, Ont.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa; Power & Son, Architects, Kingston; the Superintendent of Dominion Buildings, Postal Station "F," Toronto; and the Overseer of Dominion Buildings, Central Post Dominion Buildings, Central

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R. C. DESROCHERS,

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 14, 1919.

### ATHLETICS IN CANADIAN ARMY

### Sport an Important Part of Life and Training of Soldier Overseas

Athletics in the Canadian Overseas Military Forces is referred to in the report of the Overseas Ministry, as fol-

lows:—
"Since its formation the Canadian General Staff has regarded athletics as an important branch of military training. The Canadian army gymnastic staff was therefore utilized to promote athletic sports throughout the various training areas in England. The policy staff was therefore utilized to promote athletic sports throughout the various training areas in England. The policy followed was to foster these forms of sport which enabled the largest number of men to participate, rather than to encourage those forms of athletics which appealed to the highly trained and specialized few. It was to further this end that the Canadian Military Athletic Association in the British Isles was established under the direction of the General Staff and that championship contests were arranged between the different areas. These championship meetings, which have aroused the greatest interest and enthusiasm throughout the Canadian Forces in England, and have done so much to advance the physical fitness of the men, included Association football, boxing, cross-country running, wrestling, tennis, swimming, athletics, and baseball."

### HOMESTEAD ENTRIES IN MIDDLE WEST

During period ended June 10 there were 237 homesteads entered, including 67 soldier grants. Last year there were 66 entries. The nationality of those who made entry were: British, 73; Canadian, 75; American, 27; French, 5; Scandinavian, 15; other Europeans, 6; not stated, 26.

Homestead and soldier grant entries reported by Dominion land agents for

Homestead and soldier grant entries reported by Dominion land agents for the week ending June 3 were 271; same period last year, 150 entries. Increase 121, including 95 soldier grants.—Winnipeg Office, Department of Immigration and Colonization.

### Hamilton Postal Station.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Postal Station 'B,' Hamilton, Ont.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, July 2, 1919, for the construction of Postal Station "B," Hamilton, Ont.

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Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 14, 1919.

### 118,500,000 Eushels of Wheat.

On March 31, 1919, the quantity of wheat and wheat flour expressed as wheat in Canada was, in round figures, 118,500,000 bushels, as compared with 77,000,000 bushels last year, 126,000,000 bushels in 1917, and 197,000,000 bushels in 1916, according to the Dominion Statistician.

Are you buying W.S. Stamps?