

Ontario Crop Statistics

The following statistics of the principal field crops of Ontario for 1908 show the acreage as computed from individual returns made by farmers to the Ontario Bureau of Industries, and the yield as estimated by a large and experienced staff of correspondents embracing every township. The wheat area is practically the same as that of 1907, but the yield is estimated at nearly a million bushels in excess of the final returns of last year. The area in barley shows a shrinkage of about five per cent., and is over a million bushels short of the crop of 1907. The poor crop of oats in 1907 caused a falling off in the area of 1908 of over five per cent., or 158,000 acres; the yield, however, shows an estimated increase of about 15,000,000 bushels, the yield per acre being seven bushels in excess of 1907 and equal to the average of the previous 26 years. The areas in rye and peas show substantial increases, but they are still below the annual averages. The bean crop differs but little from that of 1907. There is a slight reduction in the hay area, but the yield harvested a quarter of a ton to the acre over the light crop of last year. The following are the figures for 1908, in comparison with 1907 and the average of the previous 26 years, 1882-1907:

Field crops.	Acrea.	Bush.	Acres.
FALL WHEAT.			
1908	679,642	16,540,362	24.3
1907	676,146	15,648,491	23.0
1882-1907	669,813	17,933,068	26.6
BARLEY.			
1908	142,124	2,282,319	16.1
1907	144,814	2,473,651	17.1
1882-1907	401,156	6,799,290	15.9
RYE.			
1908	754,029	30,744,322	28.3
1907	766,891	31,716,332	28.3
1882-1907	646,814	17,540,220	27.7
OATS.			
1908	2,774,359	98,113,326	35.4
1907	2,526,269	83,524,361	28.5
1882-1907	2,140,087	76,627,266	35.8
BEANS.			
1908	87,208	1,445,440	16.4
1907	87,188	1,639,021	15.5
1882-1907	119,301	1,933,970	16.3
PEAS.			
1908	396,662	7,204,635	19.7
1907	340,977	7,465,006	21.6
1882-1907	646,873	18,560,918	19.6
HRANES.			
1908	46,385	829,064	17.9
1907	47,602	790,369	16.6
1882-1907	17,762	715,338	17.1
HAY AND CLOVER.			
1908	3,353,141	4,635,287	1.42
1907	3,289,562	3,891,863	1.47
1882-1907	2,526,269	3,711,960	1.47

With the exception of hay and clover, the final estimates of yields will not be made until November of these and other crops, including roots.

Horses at Toronto

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pionships went to John Gardhouse & Sons, Highfield, Ont. Their aged stallion, Royal King 3rd, is a good horse and well deserved his place, though competition was not strong. The champion mare, Holdenby Nicousis is a splendid type of the breed, grey in color with lots of quality. The Mercer's three-year-old came in for second place in the stallion class. J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, had a very good three-year-old filly out.

HEAVY DRAFTS

The heavy draft classes, which were all Canadian bred Clydesdales, were well filled, and made a show of the breed almost equal to that of Clydesdales proper. Some members of the Scottish Commission, who examined the Canadian bred Clydesdales in the stalls before judging, as guests of the Canadian Clydesdale Association, pronounced them a very fine lot indeed. One of the commissioners, Mr. Geo. A. Ferguson, of Scotland's leading Clydesdale breeder, expressed his appreciation in a very tangible way by offering a special prize of \$50 to be placed at the Toronto show as the Secretary of the Clydesdale Association.

might think best. The show was a credit to the breed and reflects something of the kind of Clydesdales that are being produced in this country. Mr. R. Starr, Fort Williams, N. S., judged the heavy drafts.

Thos. Mercer, Markdale, had the champion Canadian bred Clydesdale stallion in his yearling, Royal Albion, by Breadaline and Hodgkinson & Tisdale, the champion mare in Queen of Quality, a Royal Baron mare of good quality. Other leading winners were, Geo. Davidson & Sons, Cherrywood; A. G. Gormley, Unionville; D. Gunn & Son, Beaverton; Graham Bros., Claremont; and Smith & Richardson, Columbus.

There was a good show of general-purpose horses and heavy draft teams. A special exhibit of Percheron and Belgian horses was made by the Little Missouri Horse Co., Meadville, Penn., and J. Crouch & Son, Indianapolis.

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