

raska): Weather conditions favorable for ripening of cereals, the first sown of which are very good. Late sown cereals will probably not ripen. Potatoes injured by late blight and drought of late date lessens the prospects of a general heavy yield. European plums a failure; apples half a crop. Hay good. Cap Rouge: All grain very good, except barley, which is good. Early potatoes are extra; late potatoes are commencing to suffer from blight. Apples are poor, and there are practically no plums. Roots for stock are good, but corn for silage is the worst crop in years. Lennoxville: Hay an average crop. The grain harvest is one of the best for some time. Roots are promising; silage corn poor. Makamik (Pontiac): Haying done; quality fair. Yield of early sown grain probably 15 per cent above average; late sown very poor. Vegetables average, though potatoes badly frosted in places.

Ontario.—The Ontario Department of Agriculture reports that fall wheat is a fifty per cent crop of good quality. Barley, oats and spring wheat are well harvested; the yields and quality of grain are excellent, and the straw is clean. Peas good; beans fair; silo corn promising; early potatoes fair; late ones poor. Roots are now recovering from drought, pastures are reviving. The labor situation during harvest was nicely met. Ottawa (Central Experimental Farm): The harvesting of grain is about completed, and the threshing yields are extra good, being decidedly above average. The corn crop is not quite up to the average; it is very good in some sections, particularly near Ottawa, but in other districts it is not so good, owing to the unfavorable weather of June and poor seed. Roots are a fair crop, recent rains having benefited turnips and mangolds very materially.

Manitoba.—Morden (Experimental Farm): Probably fifty per cent of the grain crops are already cut and nearly as much in stock. The heads are especially well filled and the kernels plump. The wheat crop will be above average in this section, with oats and barley bumper crops. No hail or frost injury, but rust prevalent. Rust and wet weather have combined to make harvest difficult. No threshing has been done. Potatoes promise to be a record breaker; certainly 400 bushels to the acre on this farm. Many vegetables slow to ripen on account of cool weather and great rainfall.

Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture reports that the recent rains have changed conditions in the southern and central parts of the province for the better, and the crop yield will be higher than anticipated. The southwestern and west central districts report that while the rains came too late to increase the crop yields to any great extent, yet the later sown grains will be greatly benefited and will result in much more feed than was thought would be available. In the northwestern, northeastern and the northern parts of the east central districts frost has inflicted serious damage, varying from five to seventy-five per cent. Indian Head: All grain has filled exceptionally well; no damage from frost, hail or rust reported from this district. Seventy per cent of wheat cut. Conditions have improved greatly and yield will be heavier than first expected, while sample will be exceptionally good. Scott: Fine weather prevailing; some rain late in month. Wheat harvest well advanced, but extremely light; early oat crop poor. Some late crops will require three to four weeks free from frost. Barley improved. Potato crop generally very late.

Alberta.—The Alberta Department of Agriculture telegraphs that the harvest is in full swing throughout the province and a fair crop is being reaped. Outlook in Peace River country very optimistic. Weather somewhat irregular; considerable rain having fallen in many parts. Outlook for the live stock problem promising. Lacombe: Rains have greatly benefited green feed and pastures and relieved the feed situation materially. Later grain for threshing also filled better than expected at time. Lethbridge: The wheat harvest in southern Alberta well advanced. In many localities, in drier districts, it is already completed, and threshing in isolated cases started. This part of the province will produce enough wheat for seed next season and have some to spare, but the oat and barley crop is almost nil.

British Columbia.—Agassiz: Unsatisfactory harvesting weather during August. Precipitation 7.94 which is 5.3 inches more than average for twenty-seven years. Grain badly discolored; a quantity which germinated in sheaf straw only fit for bedding. Roots promise good crop. Potatoes blighted. Second crop of clover much improved. Invermere: Crops generally under irrigation are very good; dry farming results poor. Heavy crop of second cut clover and

GRAIN AND FLOUR STOCKS.

The following table shows the stock of grain and flour in store in Montreal for the week ending September 7th, 1918, with comparisons:

	Sept. 7, 1918.	Aug. 31, 1918.	Sept. 8, 1917.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Wheat	1,975,916	1,372,556	298,282
Corn	122,271	125,814	19,337
Peas	41,420	41,420
Oats	3,591,253	2,724,523	609,920
Barley	387,489	391,069	103,451
Rye	1,680
Flax	7,994
Flour, sacks	17,395	20,614	55,516

LOCAL FLOUR.

A moderate amount of business was done in old crop spring wheat flour with sales of car lots for shipment to country points at \$11.35 per barrel in bags f.o.b., Montreal, and to city bakers at \$11.45 delivered. Millers report many orders booked for straight cars of new crop flour and mixed car lots for future delivery at fixed price (not yet decided upon). The market for winter wheat flour showed no changes, prices were maintained and there was a steady demand for supplies and sales of broken lots were made at \$11.60 per barrel in new cotton bags, and at \$11.30 in second-hand jute bags ex-store.

SUBSTITUTES.

The market for substitutes was easy and prices for rye flour scored a further decline of 25c per barrel, which was attributed to the increased offerings, and sales of broken lots were made at \$12.25 per barrel in bags, delivered to the trade, and it is expected that prices will go lower in the near future, as new crop rye flour is being offered for future delivery at low figures. The tone of the market for Government standard corn flour ruled steady with a moderate amount of business passing in broken lots for local and country account at \$10.70 to \$10.80 per barrel in bags. The demand for oat flour and white corn flour was good and prices were maintained at \$12 per barrel in bags. The trade in barley flour has been quiet at \$12, and Graham flour at \$11.05.

LOCAL GRAIN.

An active trade was done last week in American corn due to the increased consumption of corn flour and corn meal. The tone of the market became stronger and sales of fully 100 cars of sample corn were made for shipment from Chicago at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel track here, with the bulk of the business at \$1.63 to \$1.64, and some low grades sold as low as \$1.34. Trade in oats was quiet because buyers on spot had ample supplies on hand and the demand from outside sources was limited. The Winnipeg option market ruled firm throughout the week, and in consequence prices on spot were maintained and showed no change as compared with the closing figures of the previous week. Sales of car lots of No. 3 Canadian western were made at 97c to 98c, extra No. 1 feed at 97c to 98c, No. 1 feed at 98c to 95c, No. 2 feed at 90c to 91c, Ontario No. 2 white at 90½c, and No. 3 white at 89½c per bushel ex-store. A sale of 10,000 bushels was made for shipment to St. John's, Nfld. The local demand for barley was better and a fair amount of business was done both in Manitoba and Ontario grades for shipment. The local market ruled steady and prices are unchanged with sales of car lots of Ontario extra No. 3 at \$1.32, No. 3 at \$1.30, and Manitoba sample grade at \$1.25 per bushel ex-store.

alfalfa has been cut. Wheat, barley, corn and roots very good; oats fair. Summerland: Apricots, peaches, plums and pears exceeded expectations. Winter apples, owing to increased size, may reach seventy-five per cent of last year. Much hay was harvested in poor condition on account of rain, but rain has helped dry farmers. Some farmers who expected nothing will be able to cut grain for hay. Sidney, V. I.: All crops harvested in good condition. Twenty-five per cent threshing done. Very dry. Ploughing difficult. Pasture short; supplementary feeding necessary for dairy cattle. Live stock being slightly reduced. Feed of all kinds high in price.

OUTPUT OF COAL IN WEST.

In the Edmonton district of the Alberta coalfields the mines have been running on low output recently. The Humberstone Mine, which has been producing 550 to 600 tons a day out of a total capacity of 1,000 tons, had to shut down for a week recently on account of lack of orders. Unwarranted reports that anthracite would be shipped to Manitoba from the East caused a falling-off in orders, it was stated by mining men. The Deputy Fuel Controller denied the authenticity of these reports, and re-affirmed the original decision that anthracite would not be shipped to the West. The mining industry of the West has suffered considerable damage as a result of the conflicting reports, as consumers had held off from ordering Western in the expectation of securing anthracite. The lack of orders has had an unfavorable effect on the industry, causing shutdown. The facts of the case are that no coal will be shipped from the East, for any point except Winnipeg, and even this city will receive very little.

A comparison of the total output of coal in Alberta for the first six months of 1917 and 1918 is as follows:

	1917.	1918.
January	514,974	646,338
February	459,408	481,407
March	467,453	435,094
April	211,901	407,087
May	100,165	414,075
June	104,779	*430,000
Total	1,858,680	2,814,001

*Estimated.

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