

Britain's Bread Basket

Canada ahead of United States in Export of Wheat

The fact that Canada is now exporting more wheat than the United States, both to Great Britain and to the rest of the world, is shown by official figures published by the Governments at Ottawa and Washington. In the export of flour the United States still leads Canada but while Canadian exports of this commodity are increasing steadily, those of the United States are practically at a standstill while the quantity of United States flour which is going to Great Britain is on the decline. Another interesting set of figures dealing with the source of Britain's bread supply is found in the Statesman's Year-Book, an English publication, which shows that India, Russia, Argentine, Canada

and Australia, all sent more wheat to Great Britain last year than the United States did. The exports of wheat from the United States, moreover, are steadily declining, the figures for the year ending June 30 last being considerably less than half those of 1909.

The table given below represents the latest official figures issued from Ottawa and Washington for the Canadian and American fiscal years ending respectively on March 31 and June 30. From this table it will be seen that Canada in both 1910 and 1911 exported more wheat to the United Kingdom than did the United States. The Canadian figures for 1912 are not yet available, but they would undoubtedly show that Canada also in 1912 exported more wheat to the United Kingdom than did the United States.

Total Exports of Wheat (In Thousand Bushels)

	Canada	U. S.
1909	49,127	66,923
1910	49,741	44,353
1911	45,802	23,441
1912	(Not available)	28,667

Exports of Wheat to Great Britain (In Thousand Bushels)

	Canada	U. S.
1909	43,891	24,457
1910	46,589	22,394
1911	43,637	11,298
1912	(Not available)	15,765

The Statesman's Year Book for 1912 gives the following figures for the imports of wheat to Great Britain in 1911. A cwt is 112 lbs.

	Cwts.
India	20,161,000
Russia	18,106,000
Argentina	14,748,000
Canada	14,373,000
Australia	13,910,000
United States	12,939,000

The latest figures published by the Canadian and United States Governments as to exports of wheat flour are as follows:

Total Exports of Flour (In Thousand Barrels)

	Canada	U. S.
1909	1,738	10,521
1910	3,064	8,992
1911	3,049	10,095
1912	(Not available)	10,982

Exports of Flour to Great Britain (In Thousand Barrels)

	Canada	U. S.
1909	1,029	4,025
1910	1,877	3,161
1911	1,884	2,790
1912	(Not available)	2,372

Thus we see that while Canada's surplus production of wheat and flour is steadily rising, that of the United States is just as surely declining. There is little doubt that within a few years the United States will cease to export either wheat or flour, and will eventually require supplies from Canada.

ADMITS GRAIN CONGESTION

Toronto, Oct. 14.—News that there would be a bad grain congestion in Western Canada this year was given out for the first time by Sir Donald Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, who returned this afternoon from a three weeks' trip to the coast. Sir Donald said that there was no doubt but that there would be a great congestion in all the grain growing provinces. He had seen 33 harvests in the West, but that there has never been so large a one in the history of the country as this year. The coming congestion, Sir Donald said, was not the fault of the railways, however, but was caused by the inclement weather that had prevailed during the past month, and which had resulted in so many storms as to make it an impossibility for the farmers to either thresh or harvest their crops. This will mean that the crops will be thrown on the railways in such a short space that it will be impossible for them to move the grain without causing a severe congestion.

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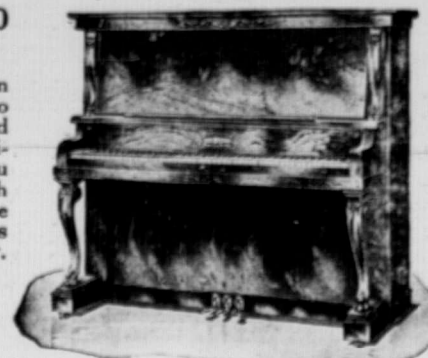
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