

HEAVY INCREASES IN THE AREAS OF GRAIN

The Official Estimate of Increase in Alberta—Gain of 24 per cent. in the Province—Wheat Has Reached 1,544,803 Acres This Year Last.

A budget of information on the crop situation in Alberta is contained in the spring bulletin of the Department of Agriculture, which was issued today. It deals with the condition and acreage of winter wheat, and with the acreage of other grains this season.

Table with 2 columns: Crop, Acres. Spring wheat 1,544,803, Winter wheat 1,290,783, Oats 782,460, Barley 147,150, Flax 18,390.

Condition of Winter Wheat

In view of the strenuous efforts which have been made to raise winter wheat in this Province, and the publicity which those attempts have aroused in other parts of the country, the condition of that cereal is of particular interest at the present time.

Cause of Damage

The reports of the department's correspondents indicate that about 30 per cent of the present winter wheat crop has been destroyed during the past winter and spring. It appears that the amount of destruction was below the average, except in a few districts.

RAIN HAS HELPED THE CROP

Under all the circumstances a net increase of 26 per cent in the area under winter wheat is considered to be very encouraging. The department's estimate makes allowance for all the abandoned areas. Gratification is also expressed at the fact that the cultivation of this cereal is being steadily extended over the whole of the settled portions of the Province.

TRAINED JAPANESE NAVY

Celebrated British Admiral in America to Receive Degree from McGill. New York, June 8.—Admiral Sir Archie Douglas, of the British navy, retired, on his way to Canada, where he is to receive an honorary degree from McGill University, arrived here today on the liner Baltic from Liverpool.

ENGLISH SOLDIER DEAD

Sir William Francis Butler Had Very Distinguished Career. Toronto, June 8.—Sir Wm. Francis Butler, G.C.B., K.C.B., V.C., is dead. He was born in 1838. General Butler entered the army in 1858, and reached the rank of lieutenant-general in 1907.

THE COARSE GRAINS

The area sown to oats shows an increase of 10 per cent, and this year larger than was expected. The grain last year was 61 per cent, compared with the acreage for 1909, and 128 per cent, as compared with that of 1907. It is not to be expected that the heavy rate of expansion will be continued indefinitely.

WHEAT AND OATS IN TWO PROVINCES

It is now possible to form a fairly definite idea as to the acreage under the principal grains in the west for this season. With official figures available from Saskatchewan and Alberta it is found that the total area sown to wheat in the two Provinces is 5,263,263 acres, as compared with 4,711,639 last year, an increase of 11.7 per cent.

ALBERTA METHODISTS RAISED \$218,784.00

Statistics of the Conference Show a Gratifying Increase Over Last Year—Have One Hundred and Thirty Churches With Seventy-seven Parsonages in the Province.

Red Deer, June 8.—The statistical report for the Methodist Conference of Alberta showed a good increase in almost every department. The increase in membership was more than 1,100. The amount contributed to missions during the year amounting to \$18,402, being an increase of \$1,444.

THE CONNAUGHT RUMOR REVIVED

Permanently Declared That King Edward's Brother Will Succeed Earl Grey. Canadian Associated Press. London, June 8.—There is every reason to believe it is intended the Duke of Connaught shall be governor general, in accordance with King Edward's expressed wish.

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Fully a Million People Sleep Out of Doors.—Prediction of Further Severe Shocks Causes Consternation.—Death Roll Will Run to 300 at Least.—Rings Actively Engaged in Directing Relief Work.

Naples, June 8.—Fresh tremors in Italy's earthquake stricken district threw the population into a panic as serious as that occasioned by the first shocks. At Cavellino King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena appeared before the people in an effort to check the fright but not even the presence of royalty could reassure the terrified. Fully a million people slept out of doors last night and refused to venture into their homes again even for cooking. Camps were pitched around all the towns in the affected districts. Army tents are in great demand because their tented roofs afford protection from the rain.

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This Has Been the Finding of the Commission in Saskatchewan Up to the Present Time—Hard to Get All the Information From Managers. Regina, June 8.—That not one of the farmers' elevator companies thus far investigated by the Saskatchewan Elevators Commission during the session being held in Regina has shown that the basis proposed for the operation of government owned elevators would be a paying one, was the finding of the commission today.

SOMMABULLI'S FATAL FALL

Toronto, June 8.—Walking in his sleep may cost Harry Tracey, 20 years of age, his life. Three weeks ago he went to work in Barrie, Ontario. At four o'clock this morning he rose while everyone else in the hotel was asleep. He was picked up unconscious under an open three-story window. He did not regain consciousness.

LONDON MEAT PRICES SOAR

Attributed to Falling Off in Shipments From United States. London, June 9.—For some months the price of meats in London's wholesale market has been rising, and the present situation is regarded with serious apprehension by those engaged in the trade. The price ruling are higher than they have been at any time in recent years since the importation of fresh and "chilled" meat came to supplement the supply of the home producer.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION

Spent Busy Day at Cobourg Meeting Yesterday. Cobourg, Ont., June 8.—The Congregational Union of Canada spent a busy day. Rev. F. Day, M.A., was elected chairman for the coming year by a decisive vote. Mr. Day was born at Stouffville, Ont. He went to the Congregational college in Montreal, where he graduated. His pastorate covered several years at Sherbrooke, Que. Later he became pastor of Zion church, Montreal. The statistical report by Rev. H. Rice, M.A., Forest, was in the main encouraging. In the province of Ontario progress had not kept pace with that of other provinces. Addresses were given by Rev. F. J. Day and Mr. Cushing, of Montreal. Rev. W. T. Gunn of Calgary, Rev. S. W. Atchison of St. John and Rev. E. Tippet of Hamilton.

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JAPAN AND CHINA ARE THREATENING A WAR

Both Claim Right to Tax Fishermen in the Gulf of Pechi Li—Gunboats Sent by Both Nations to the Scene of the Dispute.

Victoria, B.C., June 7.—The recent trouble between China and Japan is due to the fact that six hundred fishing junks and schooners are operated by Chinese in the Gulf of Pechi Li, about half sailing from South Manchuria ports. China insists on collecting the taxes from these vessels, regarding the gulf as territorial waters. Japan insists that China cannot interfere with the fishermen, holding the Gulf of Pechi Li as "high seas."

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