

## GOSSIP.

Edward Coey, Larne, Ireland, has hired, for the second season, to William Duthie, Collynie, Scotland, the roan four-year-old Shorthorn bull, Merry Stamp, which was purchased at the dispersion sale of the herd of the late Sir Hugh Smiley, Ardmore, Larne, for 100 guineas. He is of the Missie family, and by Extra Stamp.

Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont., reports the following sales in the past week: On Monday, I sold to Jas. Yule, for the Van Horne Farm, at East Selkirk, Man., two young Shorthorn bulls, one red and the other dark roan, both sired by Superb Sultan, and from good, young dams. On Tuesday, I sold a Butterfly two-year-old heifer with a beautiful heifer calf at foot, the calf being by Superb Sultan, the dam from a good imported cow, by Imp. Royal Prince; they go to C. F. Lyall, of Saskatchewan. On Wednesday, I sold a young bull to go to Saskatchewan, and shipped six Clydesdale stallions to B. O. Miller, Lucas, Iowa. The stallions were the best young horses I could buy, and bred in the purple. On Friday, I sold to Hon. W. C. Sutherland, of Saskatoon, Sask., a two-year-old grandly-bred Lavender heifer, a Lavender yearling heifer, by Superb Sultan, and from a daughter of Avondale; this is also a good calf. A Village Girl bull, almost a year old, fit to show any place, and sired by Upper-mill Omega (from Miller Bros.' herd), and the great Whitehall Sultan heifer, Sultan's Fancy, that was bought jointly by Miller Bros. and myself at Mr. Harding's recent sale. A few more are not decided on, but will be in a day or two. To Messrs. Trotter & Trotter, Brandon, Man., I sold a good big gelding and six Welsh ponies, and helped him to buy a good Clydesdale mare and two more geldings. I also sold to Mr. Sutherland, 50 Shropshire yearling ewes, a very choice lot.

## UNITED STATES CROPS.

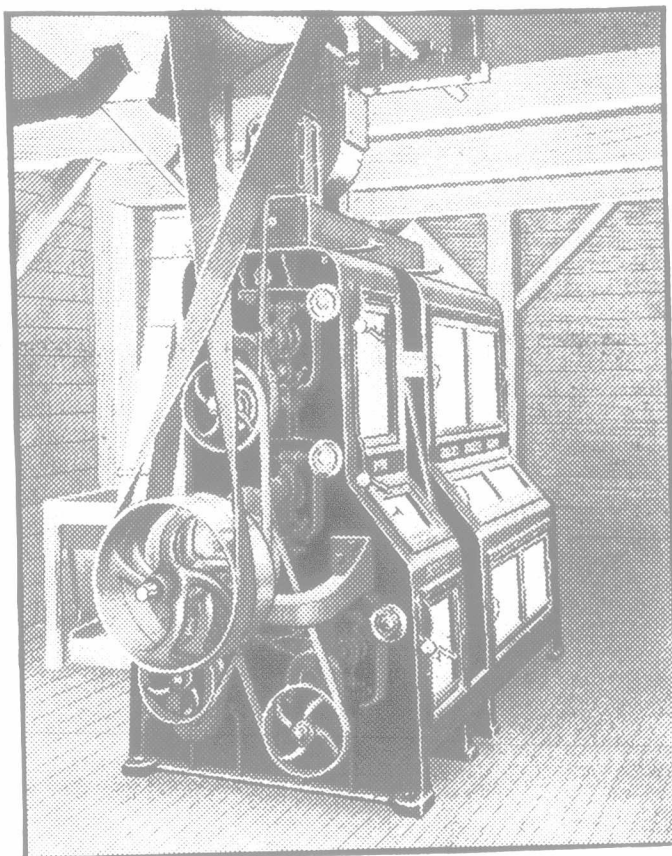
The Crop-reporting Board of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture, estimates, from the reports of correspondents and agents of the Bureau, as follows:

On May 1, the area of winter wheat to be harvested was about 31,367,000 acres, or 1,940,000 acres (6.6 per cent.) more than the area harvested in 1910, and 3,118,000 acres (9.0 per cent.) less than the area sown last fall (34,485,000), acres.

The average condition of winter wheat in the United States on May 1 was 86.1, compared with 83.3 on April 1, 82.1 on May 1, 1910, and 86.0, the average for the past ten years on May 1, according to the Crop-reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The condition of the wheat crop on May 1 of the past five years, averaged 85.7 per cent.; in the same five years, the final yield per acre averaged 15.5 bushels; if the above ratio should prevail this year, the condition of 86.1 per cent. would indicate a yield of 15.6 bushels per acre, which compares with 15.8 bushels, the final estimate of yield per acre in 1910, 15.8 in 1909, and 15.5, the average of the past five years. On the estimated area to be harvested, 15.6 bushels per acre would produce 5.4 per cent. more than the final estimate of production last year, 9.6 per cent. more than the production of 1909, and 8.7 per cent. more than the average annual production of the past five years. The outturn of the crop will probably be above or below the figures given above, according as the change in conditions from May 1 to harvest is above or below the average change in the past five years.

The average condition of meadow (hay) lands on May 1 was 84.7, compared with 89.8 on May 1, 1910, and a ten-year average on May 1 of 89.4. Stock of hay on farms May 1 is estimated as 7,540,000 tons (12.4 per cent. of crop), against 7,275,000 tons (11.2 per cent.) on May 1, 1910. The average condition of pastures on May 1 was 81.3, compared with 89.3 on May 1, 1910, and a ten-year average on May 1 of 87.4. Of spring plowing, 71.0 per cent. was completed up to May 1, compared with 80.3 per cent. on May 1, 1910, and a ten-year average on May 1 of 67.2. Of spring plowing, 60.0 per cent. was completed up to May 1, compared with 65.0 per cent. and 61.9 per cent. on May 1, 1910 and 1909, respectively.



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