

Only nine points report any need of rain, and these points add that there is plenty of sub-surface moisture, but showers are needed to help germinate the last sown grain.

#### Northwest Grain Dealers' Estimate

In a report dated June 11th, the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association estimates the acreage in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta as follows:—

	1919, acres.	1920, acres.	Inc. or dec.
Wheat .....	16,085,000	14,026,000	— 12.8%
Oats .....	9,626,000	10,973,500	+ 14 %
Barley .....	1,955,500	2,108,000	+ 7.8%
Flax .....	1,000,000	1,181,000	+ 18.2%
Rye .....	216,000	237,500	+ 10 %

Seeding operations were late in commencing, and some damage from wind reported in certain localities, but weather conditions since have created splendid prospects for a good crop.

#### BANK BRANCH NOTES

##### Seven New Branches Announced This Week—Bank of Montreal Announces Important Appointments

The following is a list of branches of Canadian banks which have been opened recently:—

Victoria, B.C., Douglas St.	Branch .....	Bank of Montreal
Port Carling, Ont. (for summer months)	.....	Bank of Nova Scotia
Verdun, Que.	.....	Molsons Bank
Kingston, Ont. (Princess and Clergy Streets)	.....	Canadian Bank of Commerce
St. Elzear, Que.	.....	Banque d'Hochelaga
Jonquiere, Que.	.....	Banque d'Hochelaga
Letellier, Man.	.....	Banque d'Hochelaga

Jerome A. Morris, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in St. John West, has been transferred to Chatham, N.B., and will be succeeded by R. M. Owens, manager of the branch at Petitcodiac. R. A. Sutherland, manager at Chatham has been appointed assistant manager at Havana, Cuba.

W. V. Gordon, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Brandon, has been transferred to the chief Winnipeg office.

#### Bank of Montreal Appointments

The Bank of Montreal announces the following appointments:—

J. Brydes, appointed acting manager at Abbotsford, Ont.; G. C. Chubb, acting manager at Cainsville, appointed manager at that branch; R. Wishart, acting manager at Calder, appointed manager at that branch; J. P. Fontaine, acting manager at Chicoutimi, appointed manager at that branch; M. Hunter, temporary manager at Darlingford, appointed manager at that branch; F. Audap, acting manager at Domremy, appointed manager at that branch; F. C. Ridley, acting manager at Edmonton, appointed manager at that branch; F. J. Daniels, appointed acting manager at Esquimalt; H. B. Brock, acting manager at Victoria Ave., Hamilton, appointed manager at that branch; W. J. Cormack, acting manager at Hedley, appointed manager at that branch; R. L. Curphey, acting manager at Hull, appointed manager at that branch; A. R. Jones, acting manager at Lampman, appointed manager at that branch; W. Firth, appointed acting manager at Lestock, Sask.; F. N. Smith, appointed acting manager at Magog, Que.; J. G. Dickinson, acting manager at Marysville, appointed manager at that branch; J. E. Demers, acting manager at Megantic, appointed manager at that branch; I. V. J. Cleary, acting manager at McGill St., Montreal, appointed manager at that branch; G. K. Nash, acting manager at Point St. Charles, Montreal, appointed manager at that branch; A. P. Murray, appointed manager at Sherbrooke and Main Streets, Montreal; H. H.

Falding, appointed acting manager at Nanaimo; E. P. Hungerford, appointed fourth agent at New York; E. R. T. Huestis, acting manager at Paspebiac, appointed manager at that branch; W. J. Montgomery, manager at Nanaimo, appointed manager at Penticton; S. Crabtree, acting manager at Punnichy, appointed manager at that branch; W. A. Tucker, acting sub-agent at Whitney Pier, Sydney, appointed sub-agent at that branch; A. M. Qua, acting manager at Yonge and Bloor Streets, Toronto, appointed manager at that branch; F. A. Macrae, appointed acting manager at Granville and Nelson Streets, Vancouver; E. A. Rolsted, acting manager at Wakaw, appointed manager at that branch; E. H. Carey, acting manager at Waldron, appointed manager at that branch.

#### New Branches Planned

A sub-agency to the Hull office of the Bank of Montreal will be opened about June 7th, at the corner of Victoria St. and Champlain Ave., Hull, to be known as "City Hall Square" Branch. The branch of the Bank of Montreal at Sioux Landing has been closed.

The Bank of Nova Scotia is to have a branch at the corner of Avenue Rd. and St. Clair Ave., Toronto.

The Dominion Bank is to have a branch at the corner of the Lake Shore Rd. and Ninth St., Toronto, the cost to be \$10,000.

The Royal Bank of Canada will erect a new branch at Sydney Mines, N.S.

The Royal Bank of Canada, the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce have given financial assistance to instruction classes in Spanish at Halifax during the past few months. During this time, three hundred students have engaged in the study of the language, and of that number, fifty have obtained a knowledge of Spanish sufficiently comprehensive to enable them to transact business and speak with comparative fluency. The students were drawn from the staffs of the banks, Dalhousie University and the Nova Scotia Technical College.

#### WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the Bank Clearings for the week ended June 17, 1920, compared with the corresponding week last year:—

	Week ended June 17, '20.	Week ended June 19, '19.	Changes.
Montreal .....	\$151,400,980	\$138,969,046	+ \$12,431,934
Toronto .....	113,715,077	85,758,524	+ 27,956,553
Winnipeg .....	42,219,027	34,775,661	+ 7,443,366
Vancouver .....	16,705,553	11,146,771	+ 5,558,782
Ottawa .....	11,193,054	9,375,667	+ 1,817,387
Calgary .....	6,862,274	6,485,100	+ 377,174
Hamilton .....	8,045,486	6,022,805	+ 2,022,681
Edmonton .....	4,850,713	4,238,206	+ 612,507
Halifax .....	5,669,496	4,358,608	+ 1,310,888
London .....	4,920,673	3,171,261	+ 1,749,412
Regina .....	4,266,844	4,397,746	— 130,902
St. John .....	3,682,971	3,131,949	+ 551,022
Saskatoon .....	2,215,530	2,060,234	+ 155,296
Moose Jaw .....	1,758,935	1,658,172	+ 100,763
Brantford .....	1,430,122	1,109,173	+ 320,949
Fort William ...	868,616	817,283	+ 51,333
Lethbridge .....	788,531	781,553	+ 6,978
Medicine Hat ...	536,938	659,351	— 122,413
New Westminster	794,450	518,099	+ 276,351
Peterboro .....	905,780	690,274	+ 215,506
Sherbrooke .....	1,473,420	952,860	+ 520,560
Kitchener .....	1,301,087	908,559	+ 392,528
Windsor .....	3,518,921	1,913,115	+ 1,605,806
Prince Albert ...	453,341	314,312	+ 139,029
Totals .....	\$389,577,819	\$324,214,329	+ \$65,353,490