

AREAS SOWN TO FIELD CROPS.

The press bulletin issued by the Census and Statistics Office gives the usual second or revised estimate of the areas sown to spring grains; an estimate of the areas under later sown crops, the condition of all field crops at June 30 and estimates of the numbers of farm live stock in Canada at the same date, the whole being based upon the returns of crop correspondents.

For wheat, oats, hay and clover the areas now reported are somewhat higher than the figures of a month ago when the seeding had not been completed; but for other crops, including barley, rye, peas and mixed grains, they are less. For wheat the acreage sown is now placed at 13,549,650 acres, as compared with 14,897,090 acres, the area sown and with 12,990,590 acres, the area harvested in 1916. Thus the area sown to wheat, whilst 9 p.c. less than the area sown for 1916, is 5 p. c. more than the area harvested for 1916. Of the total area under wheat 809,250 acres were sown last fall and 2,749,490 acres were sown this spring. In the three prairie provinces the total area sown to wheat is 12,604,550 acres, comprising 2,418,850 acres in Manitoba, 7,689,700 acres in Saskatchewan and 2,466,000 acres in Alberta. The acreages for all Canada now estimated as sown to other early grain crops, as compared with the harvested areas of 1916, are as follows: Oats 11,806,000 against 9,875,346; barley 1,819,900 against 1,681,180; rye 153,900 against 147,170; peas 151,830 against 150,280 and mixed grains 409,140 against 397,770. Hay and clover are estimated to occupy 7,824,000 acres as compared with 7,892,932 acres, and alfalfa 86,500 acres as compared with 89,472 acres. For later sown cereals and hood crops the estimated areas, as compared with the areas harvested last year, are as follows: Buckwheat 336,400 acres as against 341,500 acres; flax 695,750 acres against 605,700 acres; corn for husking 173,600 acres against 173,000 acres; beans 43,000 acres against 32,500 acres; turnips, etc., 152,100 acres against 156,200; sugar beets 14,000 acres against 15,000 acres and corn for fodder 310,465 acres against 297,100 acres. Every province shows an increase in the area planted to potatoes, and the total area under this crop is estimated at 502,400 acres as compared with 418,800 acres, the area harvested in 1916, an increase of nearly 12 per cent. The acreage under potatoes for 1917 is larger than in any previous year, and is 18,400 acres larger than the previous record of 484,000 acres in 1912.

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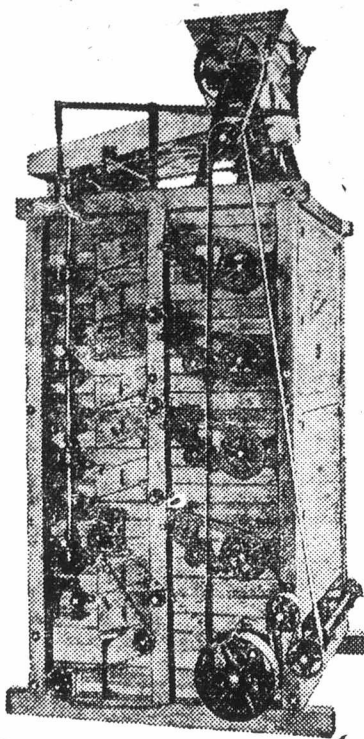
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BREAD REDUCED IN UNITED KINGDOM.

A reduction of 25 per cent in the price of bread at an early date is announced by Baron Rhondda, food controller. A graduated reduction in the price of meat for the army and civilians, which by January will mean a 30 per cent decrease from the amount now paid also was announced. In discussing these reductions with the Associated Press, Baron Rhondda said:

"Steps have been taken to control the profits of butchers and others in a manner to ensure that the benefit will accrue to the consumer. The food controller is handicapped to a certain extent by lack of knowledge of what the United States expects to do. Consequently exhaustive price fixings are now difficult. It is hard for us to fix our price until the United States has fixed hers.

"We have done much towards reducing the consumption of bread through economy. Twenty per cent less bread is consumed now than last year through a stoppage of waste and other elements. This has been done notwithstanding the recent shortage of potatoes, which happily are plentiful now and much reduced in price."

\$20,000 FOR HEREFORD BULL.

That the limit has not been reached in the importation of expensive breeding animals of Alberta is made evident in the purchase by the Glengarry Ranch company, Claresholm, of Gay Lad, 16, which has just been brought at Harris, Miss., for \$20,000. This purchase tops the Canadian Hereford market, outstripping Mr. Collicutt's \$11,500 Gay Lad, 40, and William Fuller's \$17,000 Martin Fairfax. This company has just made a purchase of 14 Hereford animals, the total cost of which was \$48,000.

For the year ended March 31, 1917, the imports into New Zealand from Canada amounted to £766,045—\$3,830,225, an increase over the previous year of £51,154—\$255,770. Since 1913 the trade has expanded by £349,184—\$1,745,920. In other words, since war began the trade with New Zealand has very nearly doubled.

The following table will be interesting as disclosing the trade between the two dominions since 1910:

1910	£200,818	1914	£465,116
1911	281,725	1915	585,874
1912	301,338	1916	714,891
1913	416,861	1917	766,045

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