

## SASKATCHEWAN CROP BULLETIN.

The second crop bulletin issued by the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture on conditions throughout the province intimates that seeding became general during the past week. The weather, however, has been cold with high winds and severe frosts at night, which has retarded operations considerably. In the southern districts of the province, snow and rain has been general, but in the north-western parts of the province more moisture is needed.

The following reports show conditions generally existing by crop districts:—

### South-Eastern.

Seeding commenced about 21st, and is now general in some parts. A heavy snow-fall on the 22nd retarded seeding operations but gave much needed moisture. The reports indicate the land in first class condition for working. Winter rye has stood the winter well and with average conditions should be a good crop.

### Regina-Weyburn.

Seeding was started in some places on the 19th, but owing to severe frosts very little has been done. Winter rye is reported to have wintered well with no damage. Heavy rains and snow storms have assured plenty of moisture for germination.

### South-Central.

Many farmers started seeding operations as early as April 10th, but snow and rain caused all work on the land to stop, some correspondents, however, report as much as seventy per cent. of the wheat sown. Moisture conditions are excellent, but the high winds are drying the ground rapidly.

### South-Western.

Correspondents report that seeding commenced about the 17th, and in some parts seventy-five per cent. of wheat is seeded. Very little spring plowing has been done. Seeding conditions are ideal with exception of one or two windy days. Moisture sufficient but drying rapidly.

### East-Central.

Seeding commenced the 16th inst. Forty per cent. of wheat sown to present time. Estimate twenty-five per cent. of spring plowing done. Sufficient moisture for present needs, in places too wet on account of heavy rain on the 20th. Seeding going very slow on account of heavy frosts at night.

### Central.

Seeding general week of 24th, fifty per cent. of wheat sown. Twenty-five per cent. of spring plowing done. Plenty of moisture in the ground at present, but weather is a little too cold for good germination.

### West-Central.

Seeding general last week, forty per cent. wheat sown. Very little plowing done. Heavy frost in Zelandia district held seeding back. In Wilkie district some early sown wheat showing above ground.

### North-Eastern.

Seeding general April 15th. Seventy per cent. wheat sown. Some winter rye in Humboldt district looking fair crop. Ground dry but in fine condition.

### North-Western.

Seeding commenced the 15th. Sixty per cent. wheat sown. Very little plowing done. Rain needed badly.

## PROFITABLE GOLD MINES.

Three Ontario Gold Mining Companies—Hollinger, McIntyre, and Lake Shore—paid dividends amounting to £374,608 last year. The total dividends and bonuses paid by Porcupine and Kirkland Lake Gold Mines to December, 1918, was £2,171,851.

## AERIAL FOREST PATROL.

The Provincial Government of Quebec, desiring to establish an aerial patrol for the purpose of detecting forest fires, are applying to the Federal Government for two hydro-planes. This type of aircraft is considered more suitable in view of the large number of lakes there are in the province.

## IMPROVEMENTS AT PORT ARTHUR.

Tenders for the extension of the breakwater in the Current River section of Port Arthur have been called for, the expenditure involved being between £60,000 and £70,000. The length of the breakwater to be constructed is about 2,600 feet, and will extend from north to south.

## RAILWAYS IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Grading will be resumed this spring on the Canadian Northern Railway stretch between Red Deer and Medicine Hat. The track is now being laid on the Medicine Hat—Hanna grade completed last autumn. Arrangements have been concluded whereby the Canadian Northern Railway may obtain entrance to Medicine Hat over the Canadian Pacific Railway track from Redcliff, so that the immediate necessity for the erection of a bridge over the Saskatchewan River will be avoided.

## Mick, Mac, Wives, and "The Cup that Cheers."

