

THE PROVINCE ISSUES

FIRST CROP REPORT

Department of Agriculture's Information is Very Hopeful

NOT VERY MUCH LOSS DURING THE WINTER

An Increase in Acreage Over The Past Seasons

The following is the first crop report for the year, issued by the Department of Agriculture:

The department has received reports from its crop correspondents dated May 1st, respecting the condition and acreage of winter wheat, the acreage seeded this spring to timothy, alfalfa and clover, and the alfalfa and clover planted to sugar beets. It is estimated from these returns that the total acreage under crop in the Province this season is 1,582,973, an increase of 27 per cent. over 1908.

A great deal of interest at this time of year centers around the acreage and condition of winter wheat. The department is able to report that a large amount of the wheat has wintered well. Notwithstanding the loss spoken of at length below, many correspondents from different parts of the province report the crop as "first rate," "looking well," and say that it "came through the winter in good condition." It is very satisfactory to find, after making allowance for fields re-seeded this spring, that the area under this crop is 26 per cent. greater than that harvested last year. It is also gratifying to notice that the cultivation of winter wheat is being steadily extended over the whole of the settled portion of the Province, though the great bulk of the crop is still grown to the south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Loss of Winter Wheat

There has been considerable loss during the winter and spring, amounting, the Department estimates, to about 30 per cent. of the area sown. Precipitation last year, except in a few districts, was below the average. The snowfall last winter was light and in some parts much of what fell was dry and drifted off the fields. An early spring bared the land to wind and sun, causing an unusual degree of evaporation before sufficient growth was made to shade the ground. Only fields in which an abundant supply of moisture had been stored and on which the plant had made a good start in the fall, were prepared for so prolonged a period of drought. Added to this there were the spring frosts and a number of severe frosts following days of periods of warm weather.

In Pincher Creek District

"Throughout the Pincher Creek district, where the rainfall of last year was at least normal, the condition of winter wheat is almost uniformly reported 'good' and on summer fallows 'excellent.' Southward of the line to the boundary, and again northward along the foothills, west of the line of the Mackle-Calgary railway, the loss is not so great as in the north-eastern districts. Proceeding northward from Calgary, it is again noticed that as one approaches those districts in which the moisture-retaining qualities increase, the percentage of loss decreases.

It is worthy of note that where winter killing is most general, a small proportion of the area is reported in good shape. Ordinarily, these fields are summer-fallows where moisture has been carefully stored. Other things being equal, wheat sown in a field some through better than that sown later. As this has also been true in past years, an increasing number of farmers acting on this experience are endeavoring to finish their fall seeding at an earlier date than formerly.

The abundant rains that fell from the 9th to the 14th inst., over the country from Red Deer south to the international boundary, will save large areas of winter wheat that were beginning to fall. Doubtless, many fields in that part of the province which today are thin, will stand out with a favorable season give very good results. On this account farmers should not decide hastily to re-seed fields of wheat that have been winter-killed. Experience has shown that in this province under favorable conditions a return of from twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre may be reaped from land on which the loss during winter has amounted to even fifty per cent.

Spring Wheat

Unlike the spring of 1909, farmers were able to get on their land very early this year. With the opportunity to prepare a large acreage and to sow early it was to be expected that prices being high, there would be a very marked increase in the area devoted to spring wheat. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that a total of 483,118 acres has been seeded, an increase of 61 per cent. over 1908.

Oats

The increase in acreage sown to oats is not so marked as in the case of spring and winter wheat, being only 10 per cent. greater than that harvested in 1908. It must be borne in mind, however, that the area of last year was enormous, being 61 per cent. more than in 1908 and 126 per cent. greater than in 1907. The spring of 1909 proving backward, farmers sowed to oats much land that had been intended for spring wheat and this area was further unexpectedly increased by the re-seeding to oats of a proportion of those fields of fall-sown wheat that had been winter-killed. The present low prices of oats and the fact that a part of last year's crop is still in the farmers' hands, have also had an influence in keeping the acreage down.

Barley

The amount of land sown to barley shows an increase of 36 per cent. over 1908. The high prices secured for hogs and beef cattle for some time past have doubtless led to the setting aside of so liberal a proportion of land for the production of this useful feed grain.

Timothy

An increase of 53 per cent. in the acreage of timothy shows a decision on the part of many farmers not to be dependent on the growing of grain alone and also to adopt a healthful rotation of crops. Prices for timothy hay in the larger towns have been good and with a yield of two tons or more per acre, many farmers find that they get a large return from timothy as from grain.

Spring seeding having been completed early farmers are everywhere planning to break a larger area than has been possible for several years past. The stream of immigration is flowing in with a volume and momentum never seen before. The number of homestead entries reported monthly grows at a surprising rate. Irrigated

ALEXANDER CAMERON RUTHERFORD—Retiring premier.

lands in the C. P. Railway block at Calgary and the A.R. & C. Co's holdings at Lethbridge, as well as non-irrigable lands offered for sale at these points and elsewhere in the province, are being quickly disposed of. Just as large an addition as the manufacturers can possibly supply will be made to the steam plowing outfit which are busily at work in different parts of the province. Large as the increase in acreage reported under cultivation is this year, next spring there will be reported an increase over this again very much greater still.

Below is a tabulated estimate based upon the returns from correspondents of the acreage in crop to the various grains in the province in 1910: also the acreage for timothy, alfalfa and sugar beets.

BOOMING A TOWN

Troy Takes a Western Idea and Puts Frills on It.

(From the Rochester Post-Express)

The east has borrowed the word "boom" from the vernacular of the west, a useful word. What is more to the purpose, the east has also borrowed some of the west's methods of booming towns and cities. The boom words the east is waking up and taking notice.

Here is Troy, for instance, old-fashioned, sleepy, conservative Troy, running a special publicity train into New England, under the auspices of the commercial travelers' association of that town. Who would have suspected the old Trojan burg of enough get-up-and-go to adopt an advertising scheme that has been in vogue in the west for a decade? But this is what Troy town has done. The train consists of eight cars, containing exhibits, one sleeper, a dining car, and one car given up to the crew and provisions. The exhibits include everything of importance manufactured in Troy, from furnaces to celluloid collars, from traction engines to can openers. One of the most interesting exhibits is the process of marking belting. Part of one car is fitted up with the requisite machinery, and the nine steps in the making of a collar are shown. The train will travel through Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Roosevelt Fails

IN PEACE MISSION

Former President Planned to Unite Bonds of Germany and Britain

London, May 25.—There is much gossip in some quarters as to the great ambition cherished by Mr. Roosevelt before he visited Berlin, to act as peacemaker between Germany and Great Britain.

The ex-president, according to the current version of the story, conceived the idea before he left America. He planned to use his utmost efforts in Berlin to induce the kaiser to consent to practical peace arrangements with England. This accomplished, he hoped to persuade King Edward, when he reached London, to do his part in bringing about a general reconciliation.

The death of King Edward before the colonial reached Berlin did not destroy the scheme. Indeed, it tended to promote it for it removed the element of personal prejudice or antipathy in the emperor's mind.

The result was disappointing, however. Mr. Roosevelt found the kaiser the personification of frankness and cordiality to nearly all subjects, but he refused to be drawn into a discussion of the Anglo-German relations. Deep chagrin and disappointment are credited to the distinguished American over the failure of his unofficial mission.

GETTING THE COILS ABOUT THE OCTOPUS

Letter Read in Court Which Will Involve Man Who is Higher Up

OFFICER OF SUGAR TRUST KNEW OF IRREGULARITIES

Sensation in the Investigation Into the Sugar Trust Scandals

New York, May 25.—Chas. H. Heik in the United States Circuit court today heard Henry L. Stimson, for the government, slowly read a letter in which Heik spoke with authority and intimate knowledge of the "liberal weights" we receive from the customs house, as secretary-treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company. Heik is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of customs duty on imports of raw sugar. Five subordinates are being tried with him and the prosecution has been endeavoring to prove that he, although an executive, was cognizant of the instrumental of cheating at the track scales. Counsel for Heik fought bitterly, although unavailingly, to bar the letters. The first was dated December 24, 1909, and addressed to Frank G. Turner, superintendent of the South Boston Refinery. It read in part:

"I spoke to Mr. Thomas, president of the American Sugar Refining company, the other day in reference to a change we wish to make to your metering account in order to have it conform with the melting account of the other refineries."

"I made a change in New York several years ago when we found that a cargo of sugar melted at our refinery showed larger losses in weight than more than one refinery, but in most sovereign countries it has been the custom of the government to take precautions that their monarchs shall not in their public utterances be guilty of any indiscretion likely to cause trouble."

Many of King Edward's speeches were prepared for him, or at least submitted to the government department, and above and upon which his words might have influence.

Royal speeches at state banquets are subjected to closer scrutiny than other royal orations. The proposed speech is invariably considered at the foreign office. Then if it is the toast of a royal foreign visitor to England, a copy of the speech is sent to the ambassador of the foreign power, who forwards it to his foreign office. Thence it is in due course submitted to the monarch about to enjoy England's hospitality. The visiting king's reply to the toast is treated in like manner.

New King Writes Own Speeches

King George V. has not hitherto left the preparation of his speeches to others. On his visits to the British colonies and dependencies he delivered many speeches, and they were all remarkable for knowledge and sound sense, as well as for eloquent delivery. Although the addresses were submitted for official approval to the representatives of the colonial office and to the responsible members of his staff, they were in every essential the speeches of the prince himself.

His best remembered speech is the one he delivered on his return from the tour of the empire which he and Queen Mary made in 1901, the "Wake Up, England!" speech at the Guildhall. His words astonished the country and made it aware that its future sovereignty was a keen observer and critic who realized the need for constant effort toward progress. He said:

"To the distinguished representatives of the commercial interests of the empire whom I have the pleasure of seeing today I venture to allude to the impression which seemed generally to prevail among the brethren across the seas that the old country must wake up if she intends to maintain her old position of pre-eminence in her colonial trade against foreign competitors."

Newspapers Get Copies

Private secretaries play a considerable part in the composition of the speeches of most royal personages, but the private secretary of King George, or the Prince of Wales, as he was then, knew nothing about the famous "Wake Up, England!" speech until he heard it in the Guildhall.

Technically royal speeches delivered at state dinners at Buckingham palace are circulated through the medium of the Court Circular, which is a list of the speech are handed at the palace to the representatives of four or five of the big news agencies. Newspaper reporters are then allowed to state to state banquets, and they have before now been reduced to the necessity of piecing together a royal speech from the somewhat vague recollections of a friendly guest at the palace. This resulted not so long ago in the appearance of at least three versions of an important royal speech and in much annoyance at the palace.

King Edward was particular with regard to his own speeches and would not allow the newspapers to be supplied with copies of them in advance. They had to wait not only until he had finished his speech, but until he had had time to go through the type-written copies and make any slight alteration in the form of it as really delivered by him.

SISTER CANDIDE SHORT \$800,000

Protests of Innocence Made by the Accused French Nun

Paris, May 21.—Sister Candide, the charity worker, whose involved financial affairs led to the suicide of her associate, Dr. Leon Petit, secretary general of the Oeuvre, Ormesson, a charitable foundation, appeared before an examining magistrate today and protested her innocence of wrong doing. She was, however, unable to explain the complicated state of her accounts.

The books of the charitable institutions which the woman managed showed receipts of about 15 million dollars and a total deficit of \$800,000. Many persons gave to Sister Candide for the support of the charities in the interests of which she has devoted many years. She was formerly a superior of the Order of St. Anne Nuns, but the church authorities say that she left the order some time ago.



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SULTAN OF TURKEY

Has Combination Bright's Disease

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