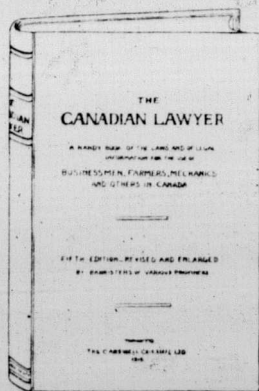


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Canada an Example

"Canada is an outstanding example of this increase. The farmers in the western provinces sell their wheat at a little more than 1 cent per pound, the consumers pay 3 cents for flour; hogs sell around 7½ cents, consumers pay 20 to 25 cents per pound for bacon and ham; oats sell for less than 1 cent per pound, oatmeal costs 3 cents.

"Let me quote a few more facts from government returns to show the blighting effect this has on farm production—how, instead of agriculture advancing to keep pace with the growth of population, it is actually at a standstill, and, since 1911, receding, not only in the lower provinces, but also in Western Canada.

"The trade and commerce report for 1912 shows that the total area under growing crops in Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces in 1900 amounted to 6,000,000 acres. During the next decade that area increased to 7,750,000 acres, and on two occasions during that period the yearly acreage exceeded 8,000,000. Since 1910 the acreage is decreasing year by year; 1912 showed over 1,000,000 acres less under crop than 1910, and a corresponding decrease in estimated acres for 1913.

Grain Production

"The check given to the growth of grain production in the prairie provinces is even more marked. The acreage under crop in 1910 in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is given at 2,656,562. There was a gradual increase from year to year till 1911, when the acreage under crop was 17,488,117.

"1912 showed a decrease of 1,000,000 acres and 1913 a still further decline. In the four years, 1908 to 1911, when the growth of the west was at its height, crop area increased from 8,312,953 acres in 1908 to 17,488,117 in 1911. The next two years showed a decrease of 1,659,522, and it remains with this government to say whether we revert to this rapid growth of the decade ending 1911 or remain as we have since.

Previous Memorial

"In a memorial presented you in January, 1911, by a delegation from the western grain growers, to plead with this government to provide an outlet for the millions of bushels of grain going to waste that season on the western prairie for want of access to a market, the following statement was made:—

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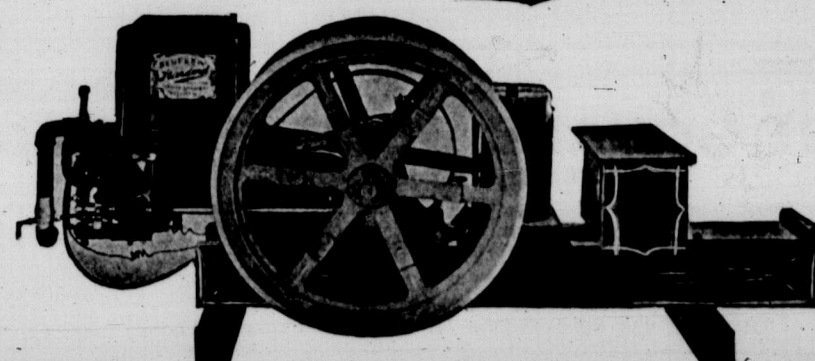
Acres in Wheat

"Nearly 11,000,000 acres were in wheat the last crop. This will be increased by 1913 to 15,000,000 or 16,000,000 acres, with a like increase in the acreage under oats, barley and flax. This acreage under normal weather conditions will provide over 200,000,000 bushels of wheat alone for export, excluding the increased quantity of oats, barley and flax. Unless some avenue for marketing will be provided, the crop for 1913 will be marketed with

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