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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**WHEAT CROP 391,500,000 BUSHELS:** Canada's 1949 wheat crop is placed at 391.5 million bushels by the Bureau of Statistics in its first estimate of this year's principal field crops in Canada, excluding Newfoundland for which estimates are not available. This estimate is only 1.8 million bushels below last year's outturn but about 18.6 million below the 10-year (1939-48) average production.

Estimated average yield of wheat per seeded acre is 14.2 bushels as compared with 16.3 bushels last year and the 10-year average of 17.4 bushels per acre. The wheat crop is being harvested from a near-record seeded area estimated at 27.5 million acres as against 24.1 million in 1948 and 23.5 million for the 10-year average.

In the Prairie Provinces the wheat crop is expected to yield 362 million bushels, one million bushels less than in 1948. The anticipated average yield of wheat in the Prairie Provinces this year is 13.7 bushels per seeded acre, with Manitoba averaging 21.2, Saskatchewan 12.6 and Alberta 12.7 bushels per acre.

Saskatchewan's wheat production is placed at 199 million bushels while the outturn in Alberta is estimated at 96 million and Manitoba at 67 million bushels. The western wheat crop, particularly in Alberta and to a lesser extent in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, contains a relatively small proportion of fall wheat, but due to difficulties encountered in obtaining the acreage data required for a separate fall wheat estimate in the Prairie Provinces,

all western wheat is included under spring wheat in this report.

Production of wheat in the remainder of Canada is placed at 29.5 million bushels. Ontario's expected outturn is 25.2 million bushels, accounting for the greater part of Canadian wheat grown outside the Prairie Provinces. All but 1.1 million bushels of Ontario's production is fall wheat, expected to yield an average of 30 bushels per acre.

The production of oats in 1949 is estimated at approximately 317 million bushels, a reduction of over 41 million bushels from the 1948 crop. A decrease of almost four bushels per acre from last year's average yield more than offset the slight increase in acreage seeded to oats this year.

Barley production, estimated at 126.5 million bushels, is down 28.5 million bushels from the 1948 level.

A decrease of approximately 60 per cent from the 1948 production is expected for this year's rye crop in Canada. The combined outturn of fall and spring rye is estimated at 9.9 million bushels compared with 25.3 million in 1948.

A sharp drop in Canadian flaxseed acreage, combined with lower anticipated average yields than in 1948, has brought about a considerable reduction in this year's flaxseed crop, which is currently estimated at 2.5 million bushels.

For Canada as a whole, the total production of hay and clover is currently estimated at 11.9 million tons compared with last year's 16.1 million tons.