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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW.

393,300,000 BUSHELS WHEAT CROP: Canada's 1948 wheat crop is now placed at 393,300,000 bushels as compared with the revised estimate of 336,800,000 bushels for the 1947 crop. Production of coarse grains also exceeds that of 1947, this year's oat production now being estimated at 357,700,000 bushels, barley at 154,600,000 and mixed grains at 62,100,000. The combined outturn of spring and fall rye is placed at 25,300,000 bushels and flaxseed at 17,400,000 bushels. The only crops registering decreases from the 1947 production are dry peas, buckwheat, hay and clover and grain used as hay.

With the exception of spring wheat, mixed grains and dry peas, the third estimates of the cereal crops are moderately lower than the second estimates released on September 14. The wheat estimate has increased by 2,400,000 bushels, with decreases in Ontario fall wheat and Alberta spring wheat being more than offset by the 7,000,000 bushels increase in the estimate of the Saskatchewan wheat crop. The indicated production of mixed grains has increased by 2,400,000 bushels but the estimates for oats and barley are down 4,000,000 and 2,500,000 bushels, respectively, while rye production is 1,300,000 bushels below the level indicated in September. Small reductions have also occurred in the production estimates for flaxseed, soybeans, buckwheat and shelled corn.

The 1948 wheat crop of 393,300,000 bushels exceeds the 1947 production by 56,600,000 bushels. In the Prairie Provinces the wheat crop is now expected to yield 363,000,000 bushels as compared with the revised estimate

of 315,000,000 in 1947. The estimated average yield per acre of wheat in the Prairie Provinces this year is 15.8 bushels per seeded acre, with Manitoba averaging 23.8, Saskatchewan 13.3 and Alberta 18.4 bushels per seeded acre. The estimated production of wheat in the remaining provinces of Canada is 30,300,000 bushels of which 26,000,000 bushels is Ontario fall wheat.

Canada's 1948 oat crop is now estimated at 357,700,000 bushels, 79,000,000 bushels more than in 1947. Although there was some increase in acreage, the average yield of 31.9 bushels per acre was a significant factor contributing to this year's larger oat crop. Despite a decrease in acreage of approximately 1,000,000 acres, this year's barley crop exceeds that of 1947 by 13,300,000 bushels. The estimated production of 154,600,000 bushels is slightly above the 10-year (1938-47) average of 153,800,000 bushels.

The combined production of fall and spring rye is placed at 25,300,000 bushels, somewhat lower than the September estimate. Saskatchewan and Alberta with 10,500,000 and 9,900,000 bushels, respectively, accounted for 84 per cent of Canada's 1948 rye crop. The 1948 flaxseed crop is estimated at 17,400,000 bushels, an increase of 5,100,000 bushels over the 1947 crop. Both acreages and average yields were greater than last year although an outbreak of rust in Manitoba reduced the yield below earlier expectations.

The acreage sown dry peas and beans decreased from 1947, dry pea acreage declining by more than one-third. Yields for both crops, estimated at 17.9 bushels per acre, are above