

Northwest States Wheat Crop.

The state secretary of Minnesota has just completed his report of crop acreage of this state for 1891 as returned by the assessors. The Minnesota wheat acreage is given at 3,359,983 acres. Which at 18 bushel average would be 60,479,694 bushels total yield for this state. That will not vary much from the actual result. The acreage is figured at 281,196 acres more than last year, and the increase in yield at that rate would be about 19,000,000 bushels, 5,000,000 of which would be due to increased acreage and 14,000,000 to increased yield per acre. If there proves to be serious shrinkage in the north from frost that might make a difference of 1,000,000 bu or less.

The wheat acreage of North Dakota is given officially now, excepting for one county, and by estimating that 2,907,416 acres is the total. By calling it 17 bu per acre after making allowance for the late frost shrinkage there would be 49,426,045 bushels. The increase in acreage over last year is 630,536 acres, making an increase in bushels of 10,719,112 for increase of acreage and about as much more for increase in yield per acre or some 21,000,000 bushels more than a year ago.

South Dakota has probably about 2,000,000 acres that will likely yield 16 bu after making allowance for a portion that ranges from 10 to 12 bu. giving a crop of 32,000,000 bu, making for the three states, practically 142,000,000 bu, of wheat for this season's total yield.—Minneapolis Market Record.

Frost in Dakota.

The Jamestown Daily Alert says: No very great damage has apparently resulted from the frost of Saturday night though it is certain that in many sections of the state the uncut grain sustained injury. The prevalence of smudge fires prevented more widespread disaster to fields, and in nearly every case where farmers kept them burning the wheat is reported unharmed. One farmer, seven miles out from Jamestown, employed his whole family in this work, and in reward of his efforts had the satisfaction of still expecting a bountiful yield of plump, hard wheat. Smoke from these fires hung like a cloud over the valley, and here the loss will be least felt in consequence. Out upon the high, rolling prairies the smudges were less effective, but even the damage there is said to be, on the whole, comparatively slight.

It is estimated that about one quarter of Stutsman's country's wheat acreage had been cut previous to Saturday night. Of the remaining portion, probably one quarter was so badly damaged as to reduce its grade something under No. 1 hard, the same as if no frost had appeared, while a few places are as reasonably certain to yield nothing fit for market. In itself the frost must be regarded as a serious calamity to the state. Unless the frost of Saturday proves more disastrous than first reports indicate, North Dakota may yet be depended upon to market the greatest crop raised in its history.

Trade League.

The following resolution was adopted, after the address by Col. Vincent, in the city hall, Winnipeg, on Aug. 25:—Resolved, that this public meeting of the citizens of Winnipeg is of the opinion that the principles as advocated

by the United Empire Trade League favoring the extension of commerce upon a preferential basis throughout all the parts of the British Empire will be of the highest collective and individual advantage; and, further, that the provisions of any treaties, imposing limitations upon the full development of trade between Canada and other parts of the British Empire, should be abrogated.

At the meeting addressed by Col. Vincent, in the board of trade building, Toronto, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, that this meeting has heard with pleasure the able address of Col. Howard Vincent and desires to again place on record its approval of closer trade relations with the mother country. In the opinion of this meeting preferential trade relations throughout the empire would vastly extend and consolidate the national and material interests of Great Britain and the colonies. And it further cordially endorses the efforts of the United Empire Trade League in the advocacy of its principles.

Barley Crop of the United States.

The following compilation by the Cincinnati Price Current shows the yearly production of barley in the United States, and importations for years ending June 30, in bushels:—

	Production.	Imported.
1880-81	45,165,000	9,528,000
1881-82	41,161,000	12,183,000
1882-83	48,954,000	10,050,000
1883-84	50,138,000	8,596,000
1884-85	61,203,000	9,986,000
1885-86	58,360,000	10,197,000
1886-87	59,425,000	10,356,000
1887-88	56,812,000	10,831,000
1888-89	63,884,000	11,368,000
1889-90	65,000,000	11,332,000
1890-91	63,000,000	5,079,000

Some seasons barley malt has been imported to a moderate extent—in 1881-82, 1,137,000 bushels; in 1882-83, 1,356,000 bushels. The records make no showing for other years in the period indicated in the foregoing table.

Ontario Crops.

The Ontario Bureau of Industries has issued a crop bulletin dated August 18 which briefly summarized makes the following forecast: In fall wheat there will be a very fine yield estimated to reach 20,800,000 bushels as compared with 14,300,000 last year. Spring wheat will be above an average yield, estimated at 9,600,000 bushels as against 7,600,000 bushels last year. Barley is a good crop; oats good; peas exceptionally good; hay and clover unusually light; roots fair; apples light; small fruits an abundant yield.

The Duluth & Winnipeg railway, says the Minneapolis Lumberman, has been completed across the Deer river making when the Duluth terminal is finished a trifle over one hundred miles of completed main line. A townsite has been laid out at the crossing of Bass brook and the town is to be known as Compton. The Itasca Lumber company's logging railroad leaves the main line at this point. General Manager Fisher is authority for the statement that the road will next year be completed to the boundary line.



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