

Final Manitoba Crop Report.

The final bulletin for the season of 1899, giving crop and other information, was published Wednesday last. The yield of wheat for the province is placed at 17.13 bushels per acre. The August estimate was 20.55 bushels per acre. The total wheat crop, on the reduced estimate of yield, is 27,922,230 bushels, instead of 33,504,000, according to the August report. The yield of oats is placed at 38.80 bushels per acre, and a total crop of 22,318,378 bushels. Barley, 29.4 bushels per acre, and a total crop of 5,379,156 bushels. Flax, 14 bushels per acre, total crop, 304,920 bushels. Potatoes, 168.5 bushels per acre, total crop, 3,226,395 bushels.

The make of butter for the season is estimated at 1,354,240 pounds of dairy butter, which realized 14.44 cents per pound and 1,002,809 pounds of creamery butter, which realized 18.75 cents per pound. Factory cheese, 845,587 pounds, which realized 10.14 cents per pound.

Shipments of cattle from the province are placed at 12,000 head of beef cattle and 35,000 head stockers. Of the latter, 15,000 are said to have been shipped to the territorial range country, and 10,000 to the United States. No sheep or hogs were shipped out of the province. The number of head of live stock held by farmers does not show much change compared with last year.

The quantity of land prepared for crop for next spring shows a large increase, the total being 1,492,085 acres, or an increase of 480,630 acres over that reported a year ago. Of this, 861,070 acres is fall plowing, 158,515 is new breaking, and 472,500 acres of summer fallow. The open fall is accountable for some of the increase in land prepared for crop, the fall plowing exceeding last year by 253,350 acres, the balance of the increase being in new breaking and summer fallow.

Felt Footwear.

The comfort of the feet will now be an important consideration in the west since winter seems to have set in in earnest. Felt footwear promises to be more than ever popular with all classes this season and deservedly so, as the various lines of these goods offered are better adapted to withstand the extreme cold than leather, and manufacturers have succeeded in so perfecting the quality and appearance of their products that very little remains to be desired on either score.

As regards the styles of this year's felt shoes and slippers there is not much change to notice. Makers are getting the shapes down to neater and less clumsy looking dimensions and some really stylish lines are being shown. Very pretty styles of slippers for ladies' wear are being shown both with and without fur trimmings. These are made in various colors such as red, brown, green, navy and black.

The most noticeable feature of this season's trade so far is the improved demand for the best grades of goods. This is due partly to the improved condition of the people financially and partly to the fact that buyers are recognizing with increasing force that in this line perhaps a little more than any other the best goods are after all the cheapest.

Navigation opened this year at Montreal on April 24 and closed on November 29. During the season 801 ships arrived in, a decrease of 67 as compared with last year. The number of coastwise vessels increased by 344 as compared with 330 last year.

A stronger feeling has developed in the market for beef hides at Montreal, according to the Gazette, and prices have been marked up 1-2c per lb, which is to some extent in sympathy with the recent advance in primary markets, but largely due to the scarcity of the same in this market and the good demand at present from tanners. Dealers are now paying 10-12c for No. 1 hides. Lambskins have also advanced 10c each, and dealers are now paying 85c each.

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