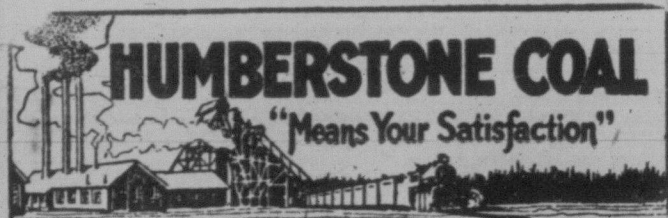


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Break in Prices This
Year

20 PER CENT. INCREASE
Returned Soldier Going On His
Own Land Is Not Easing
Labor Situation

The impulse to production is not
slackening with the termination of the
war. Farmers are not looking for any
very large reduction in grain prices be-
fore threshing time in 1919. They are
now equipped to produce and labor will
be increased some with the return of
the soldiers. A million and a half is a
conservative estimate of the increase
in acreage for 1919. This will consist of
wheat in the south and oats in the
centre and north chiefly, but rye will
double and barley will be considerably
increased also. Flax may be increased
by the new breaking. The total increase
will be eighteen or twenty per cent. of
last year's area. This is a normal in-
crease in the conditions of available
land, progress in the potentialities of
seed power and machinery, and better
labor conditions.

The following table indicates gener-
ally the progress in acreage.

	1918	1919
Wheat	3,892,489	4,294,000
Oats	2,651,548	3,500,000
Greenfeed	750,000	850,000
Barley	470,073	570,000
Rye	47,877	98,000
Mixed Grains	27,989	40,000
Flax	95,920	100,000
	7,935,896	9,451,000

Labor
The adjustment made during the past
three years of scarce labor by the wider
use of motor implements is continuing
this year. Labor on the whole, however,
has not been plentiful. The returned
soldier is not yet appreciably easing the
labor situation. Those who are fit and
who have had farm experience are set-
tling on land of their own.

Live Stock

Live stock is not in very good con-
dition. The first part of the winter was
mild and good weather prevailed over
the Province until March 1st. With the
opening of March there was consider-
able reduction in the strength and con-
dition of live stock by severe weather.
In the south the shipping of the re-
serve of food that had been put up or
purchased in the centre and north was
not distributed properly and the feed
could not be made available on brief
notice. There was not sufficient feed or
condition in the stock to hold it up
when the hard weather came.

Million and Half Breaking

Breaking in 1918 is estimated at
about a million and a half acres. There
were limitations to the breaking in the
south. In places it was too dry to op-
erate. On the other hand there was a
large increase in farm power in the use
of tractors and this extended to the
most northerly sections of the province.
One of the best uses of the tractor is
the turning over of a wide furrow in
brush land of sufficient depth to furnish
a good top working of soil, and the tractor
has been made good use of to this
end. The breaking of last year stands
for a large increase in crop area this
year. The use of tractors is being con-
siderably increased this year. Twenty-
two new tractors are working in the
immediate neighborhood of Lacombe
and a similar increase has taken place
everywhere. There will be considerable
easing of oats for greenfeed on new
breaking in the central and northern
parts of the province this year.

The increase in crop acreage over the
five years, 1914-1918 inclusive was five
million acres or a doubling of the total
area in 1913, and necessarily the expan-
sion was not the addition of a million
each year but of much larger areas in
the last couple of years of the five year
period.

The drought of last year has empha-
sized and intensified the virtue of the
summer-fallow. While the supply of
moisture in Southern Alberta is equal
to the requirements of operations and
of the germination of seed, there are
degrees in conditions, and the difference
due to the treatment and state of cul-
tivation of land are much greater than
the differences of locality. For example,
some of the breaking outfits had to quit
operations in the south because the land
was not wet enough. This unbroken
state of soil stands for the minimum or
really for the absence of favorable con-
ditions for the receiving of moisture. In
plough land other than summer-fallow,
such as stubbles or fall plowing, little
moisture is found below the furrow sole.
In summer-fallow, however, the moist-
ure is down from 18 to 30 inches so
that on summer-fallow there is a reserve
and there is the evidence of certainty
of crop in the effective meeting of the
characteristic limiting factor in crop
production by the farmer, and this is
the essence of the farm problem every-
where though the limiting factor may
not be the same. This year's condition
in soil added to the failure of last year
should finally and conclusively make the
summer-fallow the dominant feature of
soil management in Southern Alberta
about which success turns.

SPECIAL RATES TO LACOMBE SALE

Special rates of a fare and a third
have been granted by the G.P.R. from
Calgary and all points north in Alberta.
for the pure-bred bull sale and show, to
be held at Lacombe on May 27 and 28.
This rate is good going from May 26,
27 and 28, and returning to May 30.

WOULD EXPORT WESTERN HORSES

Efforts Made By W.S.G.A. to
Provide Market for
Same

Efforts of the members of the West-
ern Stock Growers' Association are to
be directed to securing export of horses
to the European countries, where they
are needed, and the government is to
be asked to arrange a system of credits
for the payment of such purchases, if
made, on the same basis as that extend-
ed to the manufacturers. The opinion
of the stockmen is that if credits can
be arranged for the manufacturers who
have had several years of wonderful
prosperity that the same measure of re-
lief should be extended to the horse
breeders, who have had five years of
practical stagnation so far as sales have
been concerned.

ALTA. FARMERS LEAD DOMINION IN PAYING TAX

Western Agriculturists in Large
Numbers Are Paying
Income Tax

EAST ALMOST NIL

In New Brunswick Only Three
Farmers Have Made Return
on Earnings

More than ninety per cent. of the
farmers of Canada that were assessed
for income tax were from the three
prairie provinces. Out of the 5,885 far-
mers assessed 5,364 were from Mani-
toba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, accord-
ing to figures brought down in the house
at the instance of Sir Herbert Ames.
Of those who had paid \$170 were
from the prairies. Alberta has the finest
record, for no less than 2,822 farmers
or stock raisers in that province have
been assessed and 1,325 have paid. In
Manitoba 1,654 farmers have been as-
sessed. The record of payment of Mani-
toba was the best of any province, 1,281
having paid. In Saskatchewan 1,084
farmers admitted an income large
enough to be taxed, and 564 have paid.
Only twelve farmers in Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward Island have been as-
sessed for incomes, and seven have
paid up.

The province of New Brunswick holds
the record of four farmers assessed for
income, and three paid. The province of
Quebec has but 30 farmers assessed for
income, of whom twenty-seven have
sent in their checks to the government.
In Ontario the tax sleuths have found
but 396 farmers with taxable incomes,
and 342 have paid. British Columbia
has 79 farmers who have been assessed,
and 74 who have added their bit to the
treasury.—FORD.

HAS DEVELOPED NEW FALL WHEAT

Dr. C. A. Zavitz, of the Ontario Agri-
cultural College, originator of O.A.C.
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other new and improved varieties, some
of which are suitable for western agri-
culture, has originated a new fall wheat,
which he calls O.A.C. No. 104. Speaking
of this new variety in Farm Crops and
annual bulletins, giving the results of
the experiments at the Agricultural Col-
lege at Guelph, Dr. Zavitz says: "With
the object of originating better vari-
eties than those already under cultiva-
tion, crosses have been made between
Dawson's Golden Chaff and some of the
varieties of particularly high quality
for bread productions, such as Tasmania
Red, Crimean Red, Turkey Red, Buda-
pest, Bulgarian and Imperial Amber.
In the average tests for five years,
crosses between Dawson's Golden Chaff
and Tasmanian Red, Turkey Red and
Bulgarian have each surpassed in average
yield of grain the highest yield of all
the main varieties.

"A cross made between Dawson's
Golden Chaff and the Bulgarian has fur-
nished a new variety, which, in eight
years, has surpassed both its parents in
equal yield per acre, and is about
tion. This variety has been given the
name of O.A.C. No. 104. The following
gives the average yield per acre of the
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years: O.A.C. No. 104, 45.7 bushels;
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Exceeding 125 inches but not ex- ceeding 130 inches	30.00
Exceeding 130 inches but not ex- ceeding 135 inches	32.50
For every motor vehicle exceed- ing 135 inches	35.00

2. The foregoing fees shall include
the cost of one set of number plates.

3. The fee, payable after October 1
in any year, shall be one-half of the fee
above prescribed.

4. Fire engines and fire patrol appar-
atus, police patrol and municipal owned
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ment of the above fees, but such motor
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