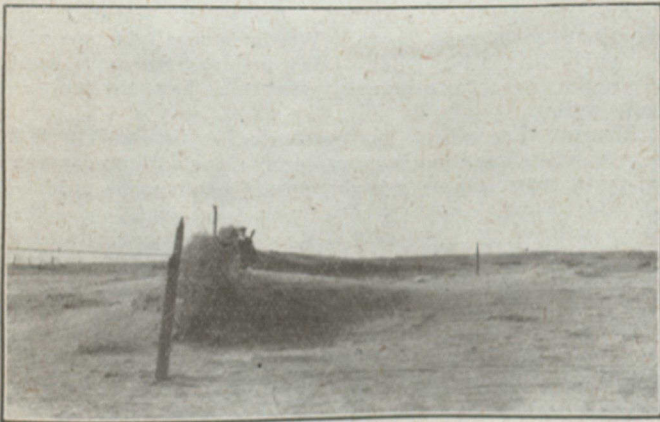


winds, also in the prairie district, with but slight result and damage.

Generally speaking, the condition of the growing crops along the Canadian National may be set down as decidedly good. The moisture is said to be ample throughout the country served, with but very few exceptions, and the growing conditions excellent. The agents are evidently of the opinion that with the same conditions continuing the west will this season harvest a bountiful crop, not only in wheat, but in the coarser grains as well.

#### Alberta Agriculture Report

The fifth semi-monthly crop and live stock report of the Alberta Department of Agriculture states on a brief review of the season's progress, fine general moisture conditions over the province at the opening of spring; a later seeding than usual chiefly due to plentiful moisture; a fairly satisfactory conclusion of grain seeding owing to the supplementing of horse stock with handy tractors. The occurrence of limiting factors in Southern Alberta consisting of the partial blowing of 60,000 acres north of Lethbridge, some damage by cut-



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*Illustrating Soil Drifting Near Lethbridge, Alta.*

worms in the same area, some threatened damage by grasshoppers south of Lethbridge, and slight droughts on the Calgary-Saskatoon line.

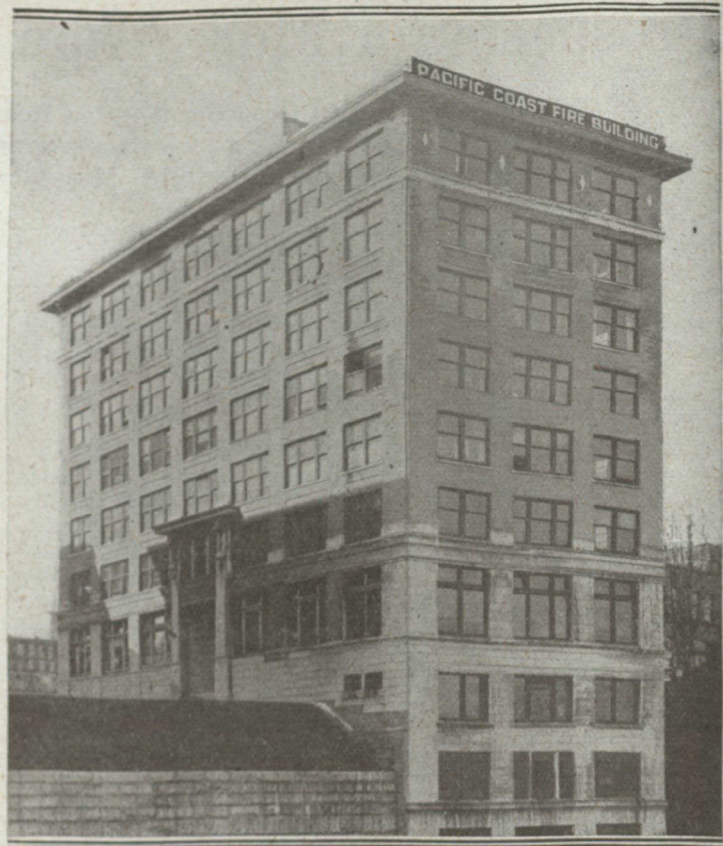
Moisture conditions continue to be wholly favourable. The crop is well rooted, the wheat and oats having been getting well established for heavy fruitage. Following the establishment of the crop warm weather has now set in and the growth is extremely rapid. Some of the spring wheat both in Central and Southern Alberta has reached a height of 20 inches. Oats are in all stages of growth from grain crop covering the ground heavily to greenfeed just standing through the soil. At the beginning of the season conditions were reported to be the best for five years and subject to very slight discount the progress of the crop carries on the same promise.

The Peace River country, which appeared to be unduly slow early in the season is now favored with warm weather and crops are coming along well. Live stock every place is doing well.

#### BURGLARY UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Burglary Underwriters' Association of Canada was held on June 18, and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, A. E. Kirkpatrick; vice-presidents, R. Welch, Montreal, and W. H. Burgess, Toronto; treasurer, John Good; Montreal secretary, T. D. Hutchins; Toronto secretary, H. G. Humphries.

The association was organized last fall, and a tariff has now been issued. There are a few companies writing burglary insurance which are not members, but they write in accordance with the schedule. Losses during the present year are reported as being rather heavy, and the volume of business is greatly increased.



NEW HEAD OFFICE BUILDING

*Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co., Vancouver, B.C.*

#### CANADIAN SAVINGS

The approximate amount of savings deposits in Canadian banks, loan associations, credit unions, etc., as compiled by L. D. Woodworth, secretary of the savings bank section of the American Bankers' Association, from unofficial sources, is as follows:—

Post Office savings banks	-----	\$43,000,000
Government savings banks	-----	13,600,000
Quebec savings banks	-----	50,000,000
Loan and savings companies	-----	65,000,000
Provincial rural credit associations	-----	1,700,000
Trust deposits with trust companies	-----	30,000,000
Chartered banks	-----	1,300,000,000
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#### UNIFORMITY IN LIFE UNDERWRITING

Greater uniformity in methods of underwriting, particularly of sub-standard risks, was discussed at a meeting of medical directors and actuaries, held in Toronto on June 17th and 18th. Among the companies represented were the Canada, Sun, North American, Great West, Mutual of Canada, Excelsior, Imperial and Dominion. The meeting was organized by the Canadian Life Officers' Association. A similar meeting was held last year, and during the year a committee of actuaries and medical directors have met from time to time to consider various classes of sub-standard risks. The committee, the chairman of which was Dr. Scadding, of the Canada Life, presented reports on the following: Amputation cases, history of asthma, history of goitre, history of pleurisy, history of articular rheumatism and history of heart impairments. The committee also dealt with the subject of build, and recommended the ratings adopted by the Actuaries' Club of Toronto.