

to 3,941,369 acres in 1905 and to 8,395,400 acres in 1910. In Saskatchewan alone the increase of this year over last year is 1,163,000 acres. In 1900 the area of the three provinces sown to wheat, oats and barley was 3,491,413 acres, in 1905 it increased to 6,009,389 acres and this year it is 13,809,300 acres.

Ontario has shown an increase in fall wheat from 581,100 to 609,200 acres, and in oats from 3,142,200 to 3,272,000 acres. In Quebec the increase in oats is from 1,574,100 to 1,649,600 acres; Manitoba from 1,390,000 to 1,451,000 acres; Saskatchewan from 1,847,000 to 1,973,000 acres and Alberta from 820,000 to 974,000 acres.

The condition of pastures is over 100 in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. It is 93.60 in Ontario, 89 in British Columbia and around 80 in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Alfalfa is growing in favor in all the provinces, but especially in Ontario where a large number of correspondents report upon the increased area in this crop.

The effects of late frosts have been felt in many places, and injury has been done to fruits and tender vegetables in some localities, but generally the prevailing low temperatures of April and May have strengthened the field crops and have left them better able to withstand the attacks of night frosts, and re-seeding and re-planting, have been less necessary than in former years.

The Commissioner of the Cold Storage Branch reports that the demand for cows is unprecedented this year. As high as \$100 has been paid for well-graded cows. The shipment of cream to the United States continues from southern Quebec, along the St. Lawrence River, and from Western Ontario. Practically all factories within driving distance of the border east of Richilieu river are skimming the milk and selling the cream.

The Seed Commissioner advises farmers who have clean land to take the first cut of early red clover as soon as possible after June 20th, and thus provide the

best conditions for a good second growth for seed crop. The best way to clean clover he says, is to pull the weeds before the crop is harvested. The increased market value of the seed will more than pay the labor entailed.

Ottawa, June 10.

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