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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

WHEAT FORECAST 372,000,000 BUSHELS: Canada's 1948 wheat crop is estimated at approximately 372,000,000 bushels, some 31,000,000 bushels greater than the production in 1947 and about 35,000,000 below the 10-year 1938-47 average outturn, according to the Bureau of Statistics. The estimated average yield per seeded acre is 15.4 bushels as compared with 14 bushels last year and the 10-year average of 17.1 bushels per acre. The current crop will be harvested from an estimated 24,100,000 acres as against 24,300,000 in 1947 and the 10-year average acreage of 23,700,000.

In the Prairie Provinces the wheat crop is expected to yield 340,000,000 bushels as compared with 319,000,000 in 1947. The anticipated average yield of wheat in the Prairie Provinces this year is 14.8 bushels per seeded acre, with Manitoba averaging 22.9, Saskatchewan 12.3 and Alberta 17.3 bushels per acre. The estimated production of wheat in the remaining provinces of Canada is approximately 32,000,000 bushels of which Ontario's outturn at 28,600,000 represents the principal part. All but 1,200,000 bushels of the production in Ontario is fall wheat.

The production of oats in 1948 is placed at approximately 338,000,000 bushels, a gain of some 59,000,000 over the 1947 outturn. The larger 1948 crop is due principally to the bumper crop being obtained in Ontario, along with sharply higher anticipated yields per acre in Quebec and Manitoba.

Barley production, estimated at just over 146,000,000 bushels, is up approximately 5,000,000 from the 1947 level, with gains registered in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec more than offsetting an anticipated decline of 6,000,000 bushels in Saskatchewan.

The combined output of fall and spring rye is estimated to be 26,300,000 bushels, an increase of nearly 100 per cent over the 1947 production. The all-Canada acreage of 2,100,000 is nearly double last year's figure while the anticipated average yield at 12.5 bushels per seeded acre compares favourably with the 1947 average of 11.4 bushels. Most of the rye production will be centred in Alberta and Saskatchewan, while Manitoba and Ontario will each harvest rye crops in excess of 2,000,000 bushels. The 1948 Canadian rye crop as currently estimated, is exceeded only by the 1922 crop which reached 32,400,000 bushels.

A near-record Canadian flaxseed crop of 18,000,000 bushels from 1,900,000 seeded acres is anticipated this year. The outturn of flaxseed in 1947 was 12,200,000 bushels, while the largest flaxseed crop previously harvested in Canada amounted to 26,100,000 bushels in 1912. The principal factor contributing to the expected increase in flax production is the sharp increase in acreage in Manitoba where a crop of 11,500,000 bushels is expected from 1,062,000 seeded acres. Manitoba's 1947 flaxseed crop was placed at 5,200,000 bushels from 556,000 seeded acres.