

RUMORS reached Manitoba freely earlier in the season, to the effect that crops in Ontario were a failure. From the report of the bureau of industries for that province, however, it is pleasing to learn that these rumors had been greatly exaggerated. Some districts suffered from drought, but taking the province as a whole, the Ontario farmers have no reason to complain of the result of the present season. From the official report we learn that fall wheat suffered during the early part of the season, and the yield will be below the average, and of rather poor quality. This is an important crop in the country west of Toronto. Spring wheat, which is grown principally in the eastern portion of the province, has turned out more favorably. A limited area of country suffered severely from drought, but 80 per cent. of the reports were favorable. It is noticeable that the spring wheat area shows a steady decline. Oats have been an abundant crop, with some minor exceptions. Corn, grown in the western peninsula, is a fine crop. Potatoes and roots are a good crop, except in the drought district. Winter apples are a good crop, but early apples are poor. Peaches are almost a failure. Pears a fair crop and grapes an excellent crop. Plums and cherries are poor, and the trees are being destroyed by the black knot. The total area in the principal crops is 7,616,359 acres, as compared with 7,429,084 acres in 1887, and 7,342,435 acres for the period 1882-87. In addition there are 2,535,604 acres of "cleared land" devoted to pasture in 1888, a slight increase over the 2,523,939 acres reported in 1887. The following table gives the acreage, estimated product and yield per acre of the several crops for 1888. The acreage and actual yields for 1887 and the average for the years 1882 to 1887 are also given by way of comparison:

Crops.	Acres.	Bushels.	Yield per acre.
Fall Wheat:			
1888	820,537	12,837,259	15.5
1887	897,743	14,440,611	16.1
1882-7	985,392	10,503,304	20.2
Spring Wheat:			
1888	867,859	6,681,441	15.2
1887	841,821	5,633,117	11.6
1882-7	526,104	9,713,879	15.5
Barley:			
1888	805,432	20,851,973	23.3
1887	767,316	17,184,830	22.3
1882-7	734,510	19,166,413	26.1
Oats:			
1888	1,919,863	50,788,249	32.3
1887	1,032,463	49,813,101	29.6
1882-7	1,622,622	54,419,177	35.7
Rye:			
1888	81,037	1,150,000	13.7
1887	83,362	894,887	13.1
1882-7	115,206	1,700,118	14.8
Peas:			
1888	606,653	13,267,661	19.5
1887	726,765	12,173,332	16.8
1882-7	623,207	12,932,450	21.7
Beans:			
1888	22,700	495,242	21.8
1887	22,375	275,975	13.6
1882-7	22,133	461,343	20.4
Hay and Clover:		Tons.	
1888	2,201,633	2,009,017	0.83
1887	2,250,613	3,003,610	1.34
1882-7	2,232,352	3,008,547	1.31

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and			and
Saturday			Friday
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13 00		...	14 50
A14 25	65	Gladstone	18 25 D
D14 45		...	13 05 A
15 45	01	Necpawa	11 58
A16 31	79	...	11 14 D
D16 45		Minnedosa	11 05 A
17 50	94	Rapid City	9 45
18 30	115	Shoal Lake	9 20
110 30	138	Birtle	18 20
21 49	155	Bincarth	6 20
23 00	168	Russell	5 00
23 15	180	Langenburg	4 45
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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