

Wheat Crop Estimates

Beerbohm, London, says the deficiency in the Russian wheat crop is regarded as offsetting the increase in the French crop estimates and, taking the crops in the leading countries as a whole, the following may be taken to represent the difference compared with last year:

	Estimated 1895, qrs.*	Final. 1894, qrs.
Austria-Hungary	21,000,000	21,100,000
France	42,000,000	42,800,000
Germany	18,000,000	18,500,000
Roumania	8,250,000	5,800,000
Bulgaria	6,500,000	4,000,000
Italy	18,000,000	14,750,000
Russia	42,000,000	55,000,000
America	56,000,000	61,000,000
Argentina	7,200,000	10,800,000
Australasia	4,100,000	5,100,000
India	29,300,000	31,600,000
United Kingdom	5,000,000	7,500,000
Totals	258,600,000	277,950,000

"These returns show that after making all allowances, the world's crop (including the countries not above enumerated) is still, about 20,000,000 quarters less than last year and about 15,000,000 quarters below that of 1893."

Dornbusch, London, gives the following preliminary estimates concerning European importing countries for the cereal year 1895-96:

	Quarters. Estimated Home re- yield.	Quarters. Deficiency.
United Kingdom	5,000,000	30,500,000
France	41,100,000	44,500,000
Belgium & Holland	3,100,000	7,000,000
Germany	18,000,000	17,000,000
Italy	18,300,000	18,500,000
Spain & Portugal	11,500,000	15,000,000
Switzerland & others	3,000,000	5,000,000
Totals	89,700,000	137,500,000

To meet the requirements of importing countries as set out in the preceding table, it is assumed that exporting countries will be able to ship 49,000,000 quarters. The exporting countries' probable shipments for the cereal year 1895-96 are given as follows:

	Quarters.
Russia	15,000,000
Danube and Turkey	6,000,000
Austria-Hungary	1,000,000
India, Persia and Asia Minor	3,500,000
United States and Canada	16,000,000
Australasia and South America	7,000,000
Egypt, North Africa, etc.	500,000
Total	49,000,000

"A supplement presents a synopsis of the world's wheat crop for 1895 and for seven previous years. This shows that Europe apparently has produced about 8,000,000 quarters less than in 1894, and about the same quantity as in 1893. America, North and South, seems to come short of 1891 by 3,000,000 quarters, and India is 2,000,000 quarters less than last year—say, in the aggregate, about 15,000,000 quarters under the corrected figures of 1894. This deficiency is smaller than had been estimated earlier in the season and before the crops were cut."

* 8 bushels to the quarter.

They Occupy New Premises.

Kilgour & Rimer, jobbers in boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have moved into new quarters in the new Christie block, corner of Main and James streets. They occupy three floors in that block including the basement. The latter is filled with their stock of rubbers and overshoes, in which lines they are having a nice trade. The offices sample rooms and shipping department are on the ground floor. The second floor above is filled with a general

stock of boots and shoes and felt goods in foot wear. They are also handling several lines of socks and mitts. The building is nicely fitted throughout with all conveniences, including elevators, etc.

Kilgour & Rimer are solo agents here for Harvey & Van Norman, Toronto, manufacturers of fine boots and shoes. They also represent the Rubber Shoe Co of Toronto, manufacturers of rubbers, overshoes, etc., and control the sale of these goods in all Western Canada, from Lake Superior to the coast.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

FLOUR.—The market ruled steadier and 5c more may have been got for straight rollers. On track here car lots are quoted at \$3.10 for new wheat flour and \$3.20 for old wheat flour. In jobbing lots 10 to 15c more may be quoted. Further sales of straight rollers are reported direct from the mills at equal to \$3.05 to \$3.07½ in Montreal. A good local demand is experienced for strong bakers best brands at \$4, but other brands have sold all the way from \$3.50 to \$3.90. There is some demand for spring patents for export, and several shipments have been made on through shipment to England as well as from this port.

Oatmeal.—In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.85, and standard at \$1.70 to \$1.80. Pot barley \$4.25 in barrels and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—A sale was made as low as \$14, although to-day \$14.50 is said to be the lowest price. We quote \$14.50 to \$15. Shorts have sold at a wide range, as we get sales at \$15.75 up to \$17.50 as to grade.

Oats.—The market keeps quiet, with sales of car lots in store at 30c per 31 lbs; a sale is reported at 29½c.

Barley.—Malting barley is freely offered at 52 to 53c. Feed barley is quoted nominal at 42 to 44c.

Butter.—The market is quiet but firm, especially for September creamery, sales of which have been made at 18 to 18½c. A lot of 100 tubs of finest August butter was sold by an exporter on this market at 17½c on Tuesday last. Several lots of August creamery have sold at 17½ to 17¾c for fine to finest. In eastern townships the only sales reported at 14½c in the country. Western is in limited demand, but the sale of a lot of fine goods was reported at 19½c.

Cheese.—The improved feeling reported last week was short-lived, prices having fallen off fully ½ to ¾c since our last report. Sales of Quebec goods were made at the boat at 7½ to 7¾c. In this market it is said that finest western September could not be sold at over 8c; but at the same time a buyer could not fill an order at under 8½c. This last setback in the market has surprised the whole trade; but it is no doubt due to the exaggerated ideas of the large stock to go forward from this side. We cannot help thinking that English buyers will yet find themselves mistaken on the excessive quantity of goods to go forward between now and next spring.

Eggs.—Sales of round lots reported at 12 to 12½c for choice candled stock and at 13c for smaller lots, with seconds selling at 10 to 11c.

Baled Hay.—No. 2 shipping hay quoted at \$9.50 to \$10, No. 1 straight timothy \$10.50 to \$11. At country points, \$3.50 to \$9 is quoted for No. 2 and \$9.50 to \$10 for No. 1.

Hides.—There are signs of weakening, although dealers are still paying 8½c to butchers. Receipts are fully up to requirements. Calfskins are unchanged at 7c, but lambskins have advanced 5c, dealers now paying 50c. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides 8½c for No. 1, 7½c for No. 2, and 6½c for No. 3; Heavy hides 8½ to 9c; Calfskins 7c; Lambskins 45c.—Trade Bulletin, Oct. 4.

Sougin, Lalime & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, St. Hyacinthe Quebec, are in financial difficulties, with liabilities amounting to some \$160,000.

A proclamation bringing the Franco-Canadian treaty into force was published in the Canada Gazette on Saturday. Under its provisions French wines escape payment of the 30 per cent ad valorem duty, to which California wines are subject.

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