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ample, that at least 80 per cent. of the best bread consumed in Russia is made from Kubanks Durum flour, where this wheat commands a higher price than the hard common wheats of that country either for local consumption or export. It is of interest to note that Durum wheat in Russia is still at a premium over common wheat, the price often being as much higher as it has been lower in this country. This is not due to a difference in the quality of wheat from the two countries, since Russia raises common wheat fully equal to that produced in the United States and Durum wheat that is no better than ours."

Carleton, in a summary of the prices secured for this wheat from the time of its introduction to the year 1913, gives these figures:

Year	Duluth	Minneapolis	New York
	No. 1 Durum No. 1	Hard Spring Durum	No. 1 Durum No. 1
1903	81	67½	...
1904	102	87½	...
1905	100	83½	108½ 90½
1906	89½ 70½	78½ 63½	89½ 83½
1907	97	80	106 84½
1908	107	90	110½ 89½
1909	114	100	106 87½
1910	110	90	106 88
1911	101	92	102½ 99
1912	...	82½	79½ 112½ 105½
1913	...	85½	80½ 98½ 101½

Summarizing prices up to the end of 1914, Carleton further states:

"For a long time the discouraging feature of Durum wheat production was the steadily decreasing comparative price. This continued, with variations, up to 1910. So long as the difference was not more than 3 to 5 cents, the greater yield of Durum made it possible still to grow that wheat at a greater profit, where it was adapted, than other wheat. With a price difference of 15 to 20 cents in 1908 to 1910, it was inevitable that the acreage should decrease. From 1911 conditions in this respect have entirely changed. Durum is now often the premium wheat and always sells near to No. 1 hard. At the time of this writing, Durum wheat has already sold at a premium as high as was ever reached by No. 1 hard over Durum. A steadily increasing premium has been maintained for two months. Durum first reached the \$1.50 mark at Philadelphia on December 17, 1914. On December 1, 1914, No. 1 Durum sold at New York at \$1.61 per bushel."

In a summary of the average "high and low" prices at Minneapolis for January, April, July and October for the years 1913, 1914, 1915, Estabrook, chief of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives the following figures:

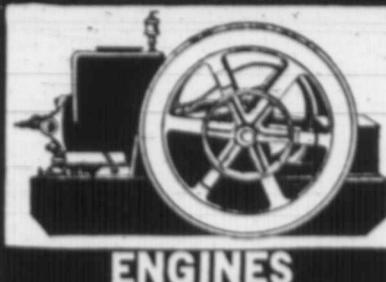
Year	No. 1 Nor.	No. 1 Durum
1913	87½	87½
1914	96½	92
1915	134	137

### In Conclusion

The available evidence regarding this wheat seems sufficiently favorable to warrant the undertaking of further and more complete investigation work with it. The productiveness of the variety seems well established. The price in the United States at the present time is nearly as high as for common hard spring. A market for it in any quantity in Canada is at present almost non-existent. It is not probable that it can meet the 10 cent tariff and be sold in the United States and still compete with our common wheats. Unless it does go to the United States, a home or European market would have to be found or developed or the price would be low. There was no good market for this wheat worthy of the name in the United States until it was grown there and offered for sale, yet before the war the United States had grown Durum and was successfully competing with the Russian Durum for the English, German and Mediterranean trade.

The department of Field Husbandry of the University of Saskatchewan does not recommend this variety, but it feels there is sufficient evidence to warrant the gathering of more information concerning its productiveness in different

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