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The Tobacco Crop in 1916.

After several weeks of inspection work in Canada every tobacco-growing section has been covered in an effort to make the Department of more use to the tobacco growers.

In this work the condition of the crop, and the acreage has been very closely ascertained.

The spring was rather late for all tobaccos, due to the excessive rains. The White Burley tobacco sections were harder hit than the flue or bright tobacco district, because a large percentage of the White Burley tobacco is grown on heavier lands.

After the tobacco was transplanted and had started to grow well, a rather long drought of five or six weeks was experienced in Kent and Essex Counties. General rains finally came and great improvement was made, but the yield per acre will be lower than usual.

Situation by Counties.

Essex County—This year there are 1,050 acres of flue or bright tobacco grown. Most of it has been harvested and cured. The quality as a whole is pretty fair, but the yield is lower than usual, averaging about 750 pounds per acre. This will give approximately 800,000 pounds of bright tobacco for the 1916 crop. This is the largest bright tobacco crop that Canada ever had, because the acreage devoted to this type is increasing very rapidly each year.

The White Burley acreage for the county has declined this year. There are approximately 500 acres of White Burley in the County that will average 1,300 pounds per acre, or a total of 650,000 pounds. The Connecticut Seed Leaf, gold seal, and Comstock has shown a slight increase, there being about 200 acres devoted to these varieties this year, the yield will compare favorably with the White Burley yield. Most of the tobacco has been cut, and is curing out well.

Peele Island—Cutting or harvesting is under way, and the crop promises to be good in quality, but somewhat less in quantity than usual. There are 500 acres of tobacco on the Island, this year, all devoted to White Burley. The production will be about 600,000 pounds.

Kent County—There are 620 acres devoted to tobacco this year, about 80 acres of which is the Tennessee fire cured or snuff tobacco, the remainder is devoted to White Burley. The production for the County will be about 120,000 pounds of snuff, and 650,000 pounds of White Burley. There has been a considerable decrease in the tobacco acreage for this County in the last two or three years.

Prince Edward County—About 30 acres are devoted to White Burley in this County this year. The quality is good, and yields fair. The production will be about 35,000 pounds.

Welland County—Six acres of White Burley that will produce about 9,000 pounds. There is quite a large area of excellent tobacco soil in this County around Fonthill that should give excellent returns.

Elgin County—Fifteen acres are devoted to White Burley this year that will produce an average of 1,200 pounds per acre. There is some excellent soil for the production of White Burley in Aldeborough and Dunwich Townships.

Lincoln County—There is only one farm in this County growing tobacco on a commercial basis. Forty-three acres of Connecticut Havana has been grown this year.

Summing up the total acreage and yield per acre we have for all types 2,958 acres and 2,943,000 pounds.

In general everything appears very promising for satisfactory sales of the Canadian tobacco crop. The White Burley crop is short, being much below the usual demand. The Kentucky White Burley is selling well on the Kentucky markets, and at advanced prices over last year. The demand for the Canadian cigar types of tobacco should be good as the Wisconsin crop, which competes most with the Canadian crop, has practically all been sold in the field at 15½ to 16 cents per pound.

There should be a good demand for the Canadian bright tobacco crop. The Virginia crop is of good color,

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