

**BUTTER AND CHEESE RECEIPTS.**

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending August 17th, 1918, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
Week ending Aug. 17, 1918 . . . . .	15,404	79,937
Week ending Aug. 3, 1918 . . . . .	15,583	71,891
Week ending Aug. 18, 1917 . . . . .	10,435	63,491
Total receipts May 1, 1918, to Aug. 17, 1918 . . . . .	247,429	1,019,552
Total receipts May 1, 1918, to Aug. 18, 1917 . . . . .	194,716	1,001,586

**GRAIN AND FLOUR STOCKS.**

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Aug. 17, 1918.	Aug. 3, 1918.	Aug. 18, 1917.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Wheat . . . . .	1,006,169	1,401,704	839,027
Corn . . . . .	125,739	109,362	8,084
Peas . . . . .	41,420	41,420	.....
Oats . . . . .	2,016,721	1,837,993	3,491,264
Barley . . . . .	731,123	716,818	183,331
Rye . . . . .	.....	.....	1,812
Buckwheat . . . . .	2,411	2,411	.....
Flax . . . . .	17,944	.....	.....
Flour, sacks . . . . .	23,985	24,279	60,827

**INGLIS GRAIN CROP REPORT.**

Chicago, August 17.  
Having covered the Western and Southwestern States after the severe hot wave commencing August 4 and lasting to August 15, the extent of the damage was not fully manifested until the 10th of August. It took place when the corn was at its most critical state between the silk and roasting ears. The early frost of last year did less damage over the entire country than the hot wave has done this season. Rain, after the corn is burned and also in the early state of its growth, can no more improve it than good weather can restore it when frosted.

Oklahoma and Kansas—Practically a failure. Some promise for a 15-bushel yield over a limited area in extreme north central counties.

Missouri—Hit hard uplands burned. Some of the bottoms along the Missouri River will make corn, but all more or less fired quality poor.

Nebraska—All south of the Platte running from eastern state line west to Holbridge almost a total loss, with exception of a strip along the bottoms of the Republican Valley. The northern counties, commencing about 15 miles north of the Platte and extending across the whole state, have a fine promise for a large crop.

Iowa—The first three tiers of counties running from Hara in the west to Scott in the east are badly fired, much of it a total loss, with only occasional stretches of fair corn. This entire section will make out 25 per cent of a crop. All counties north of this line extending the entire width of the state are in fine condition. There will be some heavy yields in some sections of this territory.

Corn not yet dented and will need thirty days of good weather to mature it.

Illinois—Southern counties dried up. The fired area extends over half the state. North and northwestern counties in fine condition; no firing and abundance of moisture.

**CANADA FOOD BOARD.**

The first half year of the Canada Food Boards activities came to an end on August 11th. It is fitting and timely to note something of what has been accomplished in that period. The Board has inaugurated many measures looking to the conservation of food, and economical distribution. It has also co-operated with the Agricultural Departments, Federal and Provincial, in encouraging greater production.

The effect of these measures may be noted by the increased exports to Great Britain and her Allies. In the case of beef, these exports have increased over the average exports for 1910-1914 by 75,000,000 pounds per annum or 6,795 per cent; in the case of pork, (including bacon and lard) the net exports have increased by 125,000,000 pounds per annum or 571 per cent. It is estimated that Canada has exported at

least 25 to 30 per cent more wheat during the last twelve months than could have been exported had it not been for conservation and organization of this country's food resources.

Among the measures which have been effective in accomplishing these results are the following:

Flour has been standardized and the milling extraction of wheat has been increased twice. Canada is now using 76 per cent of the wheat-berry in its standard flour.

Bakery products have been standardized, and the amount of certain ingredients has been limited to prevent extravagant use, while the manufacture of other products involving an excessive use of sugar and fats has been prohibited.

A great saving of wheat has been effected by the licensing and regulating of the trade in package cereals, manufacturers being required to substitute a considerable portion of other cereals than wheat in their preparations.

**WEEKLY GRAIN SHIPMENTS.**

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States, only partial returns available, for the week ending August 15, aggregate 1,958,906 bushels, against 1,232,157 bushels last week and 6,575,065 bushels this week last year. For the seven weeks ending August 15 exports are 11,976,080 bushels, against 38,000,728 bushels in the corresponding period last year.

Corn exports for the week are 395,872 bushels, against 252,339 bushels last week and 579,212 bushels in 1917. For the seven weeks ending August 15 corn exports are 2,843,401 bushels, against 6,309,345 bushels last year.

Bradstreet's figures of the week's wheat and flour exports from the United States and Canada, compared with previous years, are as follows, in bushels:

	1918.	1917.	1916.
August 15 . . . . .	1,958,906	6,575,065	7,808,689
August 8 . . . . .	1,232,157	3,549,670	6,098,039
August 1 . . . . .	1,572,277	4,282,271	7,335,625

Bradstreet's figures for the week's corn exports compared as follows, in bushels:

	1918.	1917.	1916.
August 15 . . . . .	395,872	579,212	1,538,799
August 8 . . . . .	252,338	1,084,637	1,578,727
August 1 . . . . .	244,212	430,000	1,320,776

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