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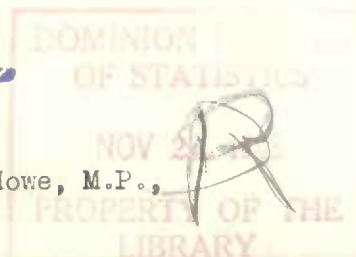
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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF OILSEED CROPS

Ottawa, November 23, 1948 (3 p.m.) - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today an estimate of Canada's major oilseed crops for 1948. Data on flaxseed and soy beans are unchanged from those published on November 16, whereas estimates of the 1948 production of sunflower seed and rapeseed have not been published previously. All estimates have been made in cooperation with the agricultural statisticians of the various provinces and are issued subject to revision.

A marked expansion in acreage occurred in Canada's major oilseed crops in 1948 and, with the exception of flaxseed, all-time records of production are indicated. Canada's 1948 flaxseed crop, estimated at 17.4 million bushels, is the largest since 1943. Production of soy beans, currently confined to Ontario, amounted to 1,683,000 bushels, an increase of 573,000 bushels over the 1947 crop. Production of sunflower seed is placed at 22.4 million pounds and rapeseed at 85.6 million pounds, the latter almost four times the 1947 crop. Commercial production of sunflower seed and rapeseed in 1948 was limited to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, respectively.

Acreage, Yield and Production of Oilseed Crops, 1947 and 1948

| | Acreage | | Yield Per Acre | | Production | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------|------------|------------|
| | 1947 | 1948 | 1947 | 1948 | 1947 | 1948 |
| | acres | | bushels | | bushels | |
| Flaxseed: | | | | | | |
| Ontario | 56,200 | 64,300 | 12.0 | 12.9 | 674,000 | 829,000 |
| Manitoba | 556,000 | 1,062,000 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 5,200,000 | 10,000,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 700,000 | 588,000 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 4,200,000 | 4,000,000 |
| Alberta | 257,000 | 218,000 | 8.4 | 11.5 | 2,150,000 | 2,500,000 |
| British Columbia .. | 2,100 | 2,200 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 16,800 | 24,000 |
| Total | 1,571,300 | 1,934,500 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 12,240,800 | 17,353,000 |
| Soy Beans: | | | | | | |
| Ontario | 61,000 | 94,000 | 18.2 | 17.9 | 1,110,000 | 1,683,000 |
| Sunflower Seed: | | | pounds | | pounds | |
| Manitoba | 25,000 | 28,000 | 800 | 800 | 20,000,000 | 22,400,000 |
| Rapeseed: | | | | | | |
| Saskatchewan | 58,300 | 80,000 | 375 | 1,070 | 21,862,000 | 85,600,000 |

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