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FIELD CROPS OF CANADA.

Ottawa, October 12, 1925, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day a report giving (1) the quality of cereal crops at harvest time; (2) a forecast of the yields of root and fodder crops (potatoes, turnips, sugar beets and fooder corn) as indicated by their condition on Se tember 30, 1925, and (3) a description of general conditions at the end of September. The report is based upon returns from crop correspondents, comprising practical farmers throughout C made and bank managers and rail my agents in the Prairie Provinces. The areas for these crops are as estimated from the returns obtained in June last through the rural schools in all the provinces except Quebec and British Columbia. For these two provinces the areas are based upon the reports of crop correspondents at the end of June last.

QUALITY OF CEREAL CROPS.

The quality of the cereal crops at harvest time, as compared with a standard of 100, representing the average weight per measured bushel for the ten wears 1915-24, is reported for all Canada as follows, the corresponding percentages for 1924 being given within brackets: Fall wheat 102 (100); spring wheat 101 (96); all wheat 101 (97); oats 101 (94); barley 98 (94); rue 97 (95); peas 95 (95); beans 95 (92); buckwheat 95 (100); mixed grains 101 (93); flaxseed 97 (91); corn for husking 92 (92) ing 92 (92). For wheat and oats the quality for 1925, as indicated by the figures given, is not only superior to that of last year, but is also better than in any year since 1920.

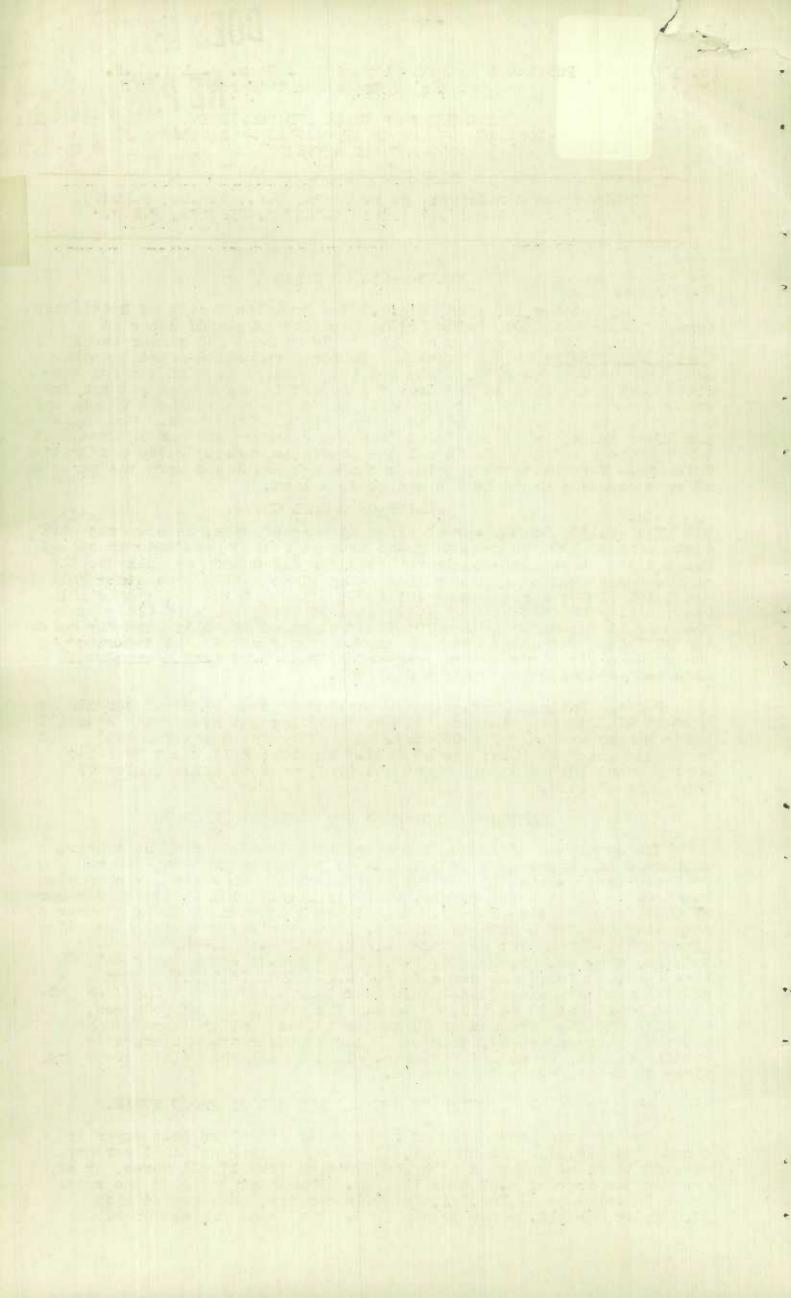
For the Prairie Provinces the quality of the principal cereals at harvest time is reported as follows: Manitoba: Wheat 96 (94); oats 101 (95); barley 98 (98); rue 96 (99); Saskatchewan: Wheat 102 (96); oats 98 (90); barley 97 (91); rue 97 (94). Alberta: Fall wheat 98 (91); spring wheat 101 (95); all wheat 101 (95); oats 99 (89); barley 99 (92); rue 97 (92).

HARVEST FORECAST OF FOOT AND FODDER CROPS.

The condition of root and fodder crops at the end of Se tember, expressed in percentages of the decennial average 1915-24, is as follows, last year's figures being given within brackets for comparison Potatoes 95 (98); turnips, etc. 98 (99); alfalfa 101 (104); fodder cern 97 (83); sugar beets 99 (99). The yields indicated by these figures of condition are for 3 mada as follows, last year's final estimates being given within brackets: Pot toes 41,258,000 cwt. (15,648,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 35,008,000 cwt. (40,597,000 cwt.); sugar beets 347,000 tons (34,000 tons) fodder corn 5,236,200 tons (5,740,700 tons). A proliminary estimate of the yield of falfalfa (first cutting) was published on August 10 as 816,300 tons. The production of potatoes, according to the forecast of September 30, is smaller than in any previous year on record, this being due to under-average crops in The condition of root and fodder crops at the end of Se tember, previous year on record, this being due to under-average crops in eastern Canada, especially Ontario. In the west the potato crops are close to or are above the average.

PRODUCTION OF SUGAR BEETS AND BEETROOT SUGAR.

In 1924 the production of sugar beets grown for beet sugar in Conada was 295,177 tons from 31,111 acres, an average yield per acre of 9.50 tons, as compared with 159,200 tons from 17,941 acres, or an average per acre of 8.87 tons in 1923. The total value of the roots grown in 1924 was 31,704,791, or \$5.78 per ton, as compared with \$1,922,568, or \$12.08 per ton in 1923. The total production of



refined beetroot sugar in 1924 was 85,770,709 lb. of the value of \$6,192,645, or 7.3 cents per lb. In 1923 the corresponding figures were 39,423,160 lb., of the value of \$3,745,200, or 9.5 cents per lb. During 1924 two Canadian sugar beetroot factories were in operation, viz., those of the Dominion Sugar Co., Ltd., at Chatham and Wallaceburg, Ontario. A third factory has been established at Raymond, Alberta, by the Canadian Sugar Fectories, Ltd., and will operate for the season 1925-26. The Company reports that the acreage planted to sugar beet for this season was 6,634, of which 600 acres were lost and 6.034 acres were thinned. The total production is estimated at 58,000 tons, an average yield per harvested acre of 9.76 tons.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

Atlantic Provinces. The weather has been unfavourable for harvesting. Early sown grain was housed in good condition, but late grain was injured by the heavy rains. Polatoes in some districts were badly affected by blight and rot.

Quebec. - Grain and hay crops are abundant. Rains during September did some damage to cereals and other crops, especially reducing in some localities the quantity and quality of oats. Pastures are in excellent condition.

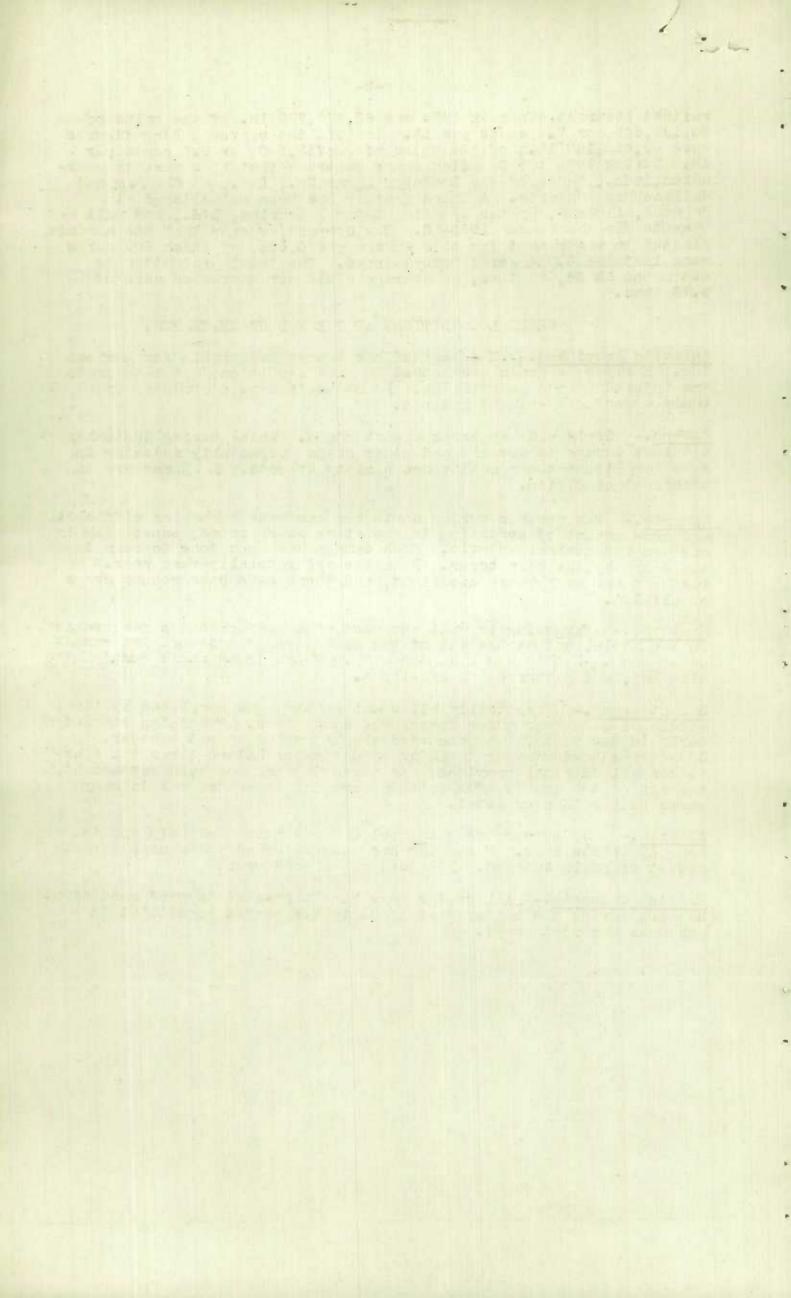
Ontario.— Wet weather during Se tember has made threshing difficult, and some amount of sprouting in the stook is reported, especially in eastern and central Ontario. Much damage has been done to corn in the south by the corn borer. Potatoes are generally very poor. Pastures are everywhere excellent, and there have been record crops of alfalfa.

Manitoba. - Threshing is well advanced, the weather being favourable on the whole, but at the end of the month operations were interrupted by snow. Potatoes are a good crop. There is an ample supply of wild hay, and pastures are excellent.

Saskatchewan. - Practically all wheat cutting was completed by the middle of September under favourable conditions. Threshing started early in the month, but proceeded slowly, owing to wet weather. Snowstorms beginning on the 25th of Se tember halted threshing of erations all over the province, and threshing had not been resumed at the end of the month. The outturn from the threshers was in many cases better than expected.

Alberta. So tember has been cool and wet with such rain and in some districts snow. Threshing has been retarded and a considerable amount of grain damaged. Pota toes are a good crop.

British Columbia. - All grains have been hervested in good condition. Showers during the latter part of September proved beneficial to pastures and root crops.



Harvest Forecast of the Mield of Root and Fodder Cho.s, as indicated by Condition on Se tember 30, 1925.

NOTE. - For condition, 100 = Amorage yield per acre 1915-24.

| | | | | | ar o Territoria | |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------|------------|
| | Average | | Indi- | | | |
| 73.5 . 7 9 | yield | dition | cated | A. e. sown | Final | Forecast |
| Field crops | | Se t. | yield | 1925 | Estimate | of yield |
| | acre | | per scre | 7770 | 1924 | 1925 |
| | 1915-24 | 1925 | 1925 | | | |
| CANADA | cwt. | p.c. | ewt. | acres | cvt. | ewt. |
| CANADA - Potatoes | 0.3.0 | 0.7 | nc n | F 1 F 2 2 2 | | |
| Turnips, e | 83.0 | 93 | 75.7 | 545,110 | | 41,258,000 |
| ridiirpo, c | tons | 98 | 172.0 | 203,457 | 40,597,000 | 35,008,000 |
| Alfelfa | 2.53 | 101 | tons | | tons | tons |
| Fodder cor | | 97 | 7.86 | 666 000 | E 740 700 | E 074 000 |
| Sugar beet | | 99 | 9.21 | 666,008 | 5,740,700 | 5,236,200 |
| F.E.ISLAND | | | ciit. | 37,718 | 334,000 cwt. | 347,000 |
| Potatoes | 91.5 | 95 | 86.9 | 34,101 | 5,776,000 | 2,963,000 |
| Turnips, e | tc.234.2 | 105 | 245.9 | 9,692 | 2,336,000 | 2,383,000 |
| | tons | | tons | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | tons | tons |
| Fodder cor | n 8.12 | 102 | 8.28 | 820 | 4,100 | 6,800 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | - cwt. | | cwt. | | cwt. | ewt. |
| Potatoes | 99.4 | 95 | 94.4 | 27,869 | 3,112,000 | 2,631,000 |
| Turnips, e | | 97 | 204.8 | 13,353 | 2,963,000 | 2,735,000 |
| 73 - 2 3 | tons | 200 | tone | | tons | tons |
| Fodder cor | | 101 | 8.68 | 1,082 | 7,400 | 9,400 |
| NEW BRUNSWI | | CORM | ewt. | | ewt. | cwt. |
| Potatoes . | | 87 | 89.5 | 40,000 | 7,203,000 | 3,580,000 |
| Turnips, e | tons | 98 | 171.3 | 11,711 | 2,280,000 | 2,006,000 |
| Fodder cor | | 101 | tons 7.22 | 7 157 | tons | tons |
| QUEBEC - | | Tar | cut. | 3,453 | 22,000 | 25,000 |
| Foratoes | | 91 | 81.7 | 156,000 | 16,743,000 | CWt. |
| Turnips, e | | 97 | 179.6 | 34,000 | 5,413,000 | 6,106,000 |
| | tons | | tons | , , , | tons | tons |
| Alfalfa | 2.11 | 100 | *** | | - | - |
| Fodder cor | | 97 | 7.99 | 90,000 | 860,000 | 719,000 |
| ONTARIO - | evt. | | ewt. | | ewt. | cwt. |
| Potetoes | 61.7 | 91 | 56.1 | 163,790 | 14,980,000 | 9,189,000 |
| Turnips, e | | 97 | 169.8 | 110,538 | | 18,769,000 |
| 13 4.7 40 | tons | 7.07 | tons | | tons | tons |
| Alfalfa Fodder cor | 2.62 n 9.77 | 10 1 9 7 | 0.40 | 7.99 3 49 3 9 | - | |
| Sugar beet | | 99 | 9.48 | 373,133 | 3,977,000 | 3,537,000 |
| MANITOBA - | ewt. | ~ ~ | cwt. | 37,718 | 334,000 | 347,000 |
| Potatoes | 75.2 | 102 | 76.7 | 28,991 | 1,984.000 | cwt. |
| Turnips, e | | 101 | 96.8 | 4,732 | 457,000 | 2,224,000 |
| | tons | | tons | -, , , , , | tons | tons |
| Alfalfa | 2.50 | 102 | - | | _ | 00210 |
| Fodder corn | | 97 | 5.78 | 38,409 | 345,000 | 222,000 |
| SASKA TCHEWAI | | | ewt. | | evit. | ewt. |
| Potatoes | 75.0 | 99 | 74.0 | 45,000 | 2,137,000 | 3,330,000 |
| Turnips, e | | 101 | 110.4 | 4,876 | 200,000 | 538,000 |
| 17-5-7-6- | tons | 100 | tons | | tons | tons |
| Alfalfa Toddon com | 2.03 | 102 | 4 65 | - | | 640 |
| Fodder corr | 1 4.84 cwt. | 96 | 4.65 | 54,111 | 277,000 | 252,000 |
| Potetoes | 85.8 | 104 | cwt. | 20 250 | 0.40 000 | cut. |
| Turnips, et | | 103 | 110.5 | 32,359 | 2,949,000 | 2,886,000 |
| | tons | 200 | tons | 8,555 | 1,509,000 | 945,000 |
| Alfalfa | 2.16 | 103 | 50116 | 600 | cons | tons |
| Fodder corr | 4.10 | 101 | 4.14 | 100,000 | 197.000 | 414,000 |
| BR. COLUMBIA | | | cw5. | | cwt. | CW t. |
| Potatoes | 108.2 | 93 | 100.6 | 17,000 | 1,764,000 | 1,710,000 |
| Turnips, et | | 95 | 178.0 | 6,000 | 1,156,000 | 1,068,000 |
| 67-0-70 | tone | () () | tone | | tons | tons |
| Alfalfa | 3.06 | 99 | | - | - | 444 |
| Foader corr | 10.63 | 96 | 10.20 | 5,000 | 51,200 | 51,000 |

