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STOCKS ON HAND AND QUALITY OF FIELD CROPS OF 1921.

OTTAWA, April 13, 1922. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day a bulletin giving in summary form the total quantities of grain (wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed) in Canada at the end of March; the stocks of agricultural products of 1921 remaining in farmers' hands at the same date; and the proportion of the crops of 1921 that proved to be of merchantable quality.

TOTAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN CANADA.

Returns from elevators, flour mills, railway companies and crop correspondents show that on March 31, 1922, the quantity in Canada of wheat was 114,986,000 bushels, as compared with 95,477,000 bushels in 1921 and 77,306,000 bushels in 1920. The total for 1922 comprises 62,339,000 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 41,649,000 bushels in farmers' hands and 10,998,000 bushels in transit. Of oats the total in Canada on March 31, 1922, is estimated at 175,610,000 bushels, as compared with 246,614,000 bushels last year and 144,492,000 bushels in 1920. The total for 1922 comprises 22,002,000 bushels in elevators and mills, 147,604,000 bushels in farmers' hands and 6,004,000 in transit. The total quantity of barley in Canada on March 31, 1922, was 21,555,000 bushels, as compared with 24,845,000 bushels last year and 15,730,000 bushels in 1920. The figures for 1922 comprise 5,551,000 bushels in elevators and mills, 14,901,000 bushels in farmers' hands and 1,103,000 bushels in transit. Of flaxseed the total quantity on March 31, 1922, is 2,188,000 bushels, as compared with 5,864,000 bushels last year and 2,094,000 bushels in 1920. This year's total includes 1,390,000 bushels in elevators, 618,000 bushels in farmers' hands and 180,000 bushels in transit. Of rye the quantities on hand on March 31, 1922, were 6,683,000 bushels, as compared with 3,415,000 bushels last year, this year's total comprising 1,946,000 bushels in elevators and mills, 4,539,000 bushels in farmers' hands and 198,000 bushels in transit. As compared with last year, the quantities in Canada on March 31 are more for wheat and rye, but less for oats, barley and flax. The oat crop of 1920, it will be remembered, was phenomenally abundant, and last year's production of flaxseed, owing to restriction of the area sown, was considerably less than in 1920.

STOCKS IN FARMERS' HANDS.

According to the returns of crop correspondents, 14 p.c. of the total wheat production of 1921, or 41,649,000 bushels, remained in farmers' hands on March 31, 1922, as compared with 19 p.c., or 48,919,000 bushels of the crop of 1920, which was an unusually large proportion. Of the other field crops, the proportions and quantities estimated to be in farmers' hands on March 31, 1922, were in bushels as follows, last year's quantities being given in brackets: Oats 35 p.c., or 147,604,000 (39 p.c., or 206,938,000); barley 25 p.c., or 14,901,000 (28 p.c., or 17,532,000); rye 21 p.c., or 4,538,800 (25 p.c., or 2,832,300); buckwheat 20 p.c., or 1,661,000 (23 p.c., or 1,926,600); corn for husking 23 p.c., or 3,441,000 (25 p.c., or 3,585,000); flaxseed 15 p.c., or 618,000 (23 p.c., or 1,808,000); potatoes 37 p.c., or 39,343,000 (40 p.c., or 53,313,000); turnips, etc. 11 p.c., or 8,984,000 (12 p.c., or 14,021,000); hay and clover 18 p.c. or 2,025,000 tons (22 p.c., or 2,897,000 tons).



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