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Ottawa, November 16, 1920. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day a bulletin reporting on the area, yield and value of potato, root and fodder crops for 1920 as compared with 1919, the acreage and condition on October 31 of fall wheat sown for 1921, and the progress of fall ploughing.

Potato Harvest of 1920. The potato harvest for the whole of Canada is represented by 138,527,000 bushels from an area of 784,544 acres, as compared with 125,574,900 bushels from 818,767 acres in 1919. The average yield per acre for 1920 is $176\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, which compares with $153\frac{1}{2}$ bushels last year and with 146 bushels, the decennial average for the period 1910-19. By provinces, the yield per acre of potatoes is well over the decennial average throughout the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario. In the western provinces the yield per acre is below average for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, but is above average for Alberta. In Manitoba, the potato season has been particularly poor, and the average yield per acre is only 91 bushels, as against 126 bushels last year and 150 bushels, the decennial average. In Saskatchewan, the yield is $127\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, as against 170 bushels last year and $143\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, the decennial average. In Alberta the yield is 136 bushels, as compared with 179 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels last year and $151\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, the ten-year average. In British Columbia, the production has been greatly reduced through excessive rainfall during September and October, and the average yield is $184\frac{1}{2}$ bushels per acre on the sown area, as compared with 170 bushels last year and $204\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, the ten-year average. The total value to farmers of the potato crop for Canada is estimated at \$134,693,000, as compared with \$118,894,200 in 1919, the price per bushel ranging from 65 cents in Prince Edward Island to \$1.39 in Manitoba. For Canada, the average price per bushel is 97 cents, as against 95 cents last year; for Quebec it is 93 cents as against 85 cents and for Ontario it is 96 cents as against \$1.37.

Root and Fodder Crops.— The total yield for Canada of turnips and other roots is estimated at 114,081,000 bushels from 290,286 acres, as against 112,288,600 bushels from 317,296 acres in 1919. The average yield per acre for the Dominion is 393 bushels, as compared with 354 bushels last year and with $352\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, the average for the ten years 1910-19. Hay and clover yield 13,378,800 tons from 10,379,292 acres, as compared with last year's record total of 16,348,000 tons from 10,595,383 acres. The yield per acre this year is 1.30 ton, as compared with 1.55 ton last year and 1.50 ton, the decennial average. Alfalfa yields 616,700 tons from 238,556 acres, as compared with 494,200 tons from 226,869 acres last year, the yield per acre being 2.60 tons, as against 2.20 tons last year, and 2.40 tons, the ten-year average. Fodder corn shows a yield of 5,404,000 tons from 588,977 acres, an average of 9.15 tons, as against $9\frac{3}{4}$ tons last year, and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons, the decennial average. The total yield of sugar beets is 314,000 tons from 36,288 acres, as compared with 240,000 tons from 24,500 acres in 1919, an average of 8.65 tons, as compared with 9.80 tons last year and 9.10 tons, the ten-year average. The total area under root and fodder crops, including potatoes, turnips, etc., hay and clover, alfalfa, fodder corn and sugar beets amounts to 12,317,943 acres, as compared with 12,494,584 acres in 1919. The total value of these crops, at local prices paid to farmers, amounts for 1920 to \$684,634,500, as compared with \$560,151,800 for 1919. The average price per ton for hay and clover for Canada is \$25, as against \$20.72 last year, the price for 1920 constituting the highest on record.

Fall Wheat and Fall Ploughing.— The total area sown to fall wheat in Canada for the season of 1921 is estimated to be 792,200 acres, as compared with 846,800 acres, the area sown in 1919 for 1920, and with 814,133 acres, the area harvested. This is a decrease of 54,600 acres, or 6 p.c., from the area sown, and of 21,933 acres, or 3 p.c. from the area harvested. In Ontario, the area sown is 738,500 acres, as compared with 794,100 acres, a decrease of 7 p.c. In Alberta, there is an increase shown of from 38,400 acres to 38,800 acres, or 1 p.c. In British Columbia, the acreage is 14,900 as against 14,300, an increase of 600 acres, or 4 p.c. The crop is reported as having made good growth, its condition on October 31 being given, in percentage of the decennial average, as 102 for all Canada, 102 for Ontario, 98 for Alberta, and 104 for British Columbia.



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