

A G R I C U L T U R E .

1.—Area, yield and value of principal Field Crops in Canada 1911 and 1912—concluded.

Crops.	Area.	Yield. per acre.	Total yield.	Weight per meas- ured bush.	Average price per bush.	Total value.	
	Acres.	Bush.	Bush.	Lb.	\$	\$	
Beans.....	1911	60,630	19·06	1,155,600	58·30	1·920	2,219,000
	1912	59,800	17·40	1,040,800	59·05	2·200	2,291,500
Corn for husking....	1911	316,104	59·39	18,772,700	50·31	·648	12,171,900
	1912	292,850	56·58	16,569,800	55·67	·620	10,325,400
Potatoes.....	1911	459,097	143·82	66,023,000	—	·600	39,358,000
	1912	472,400	172·19	81,343,000	—	·390	32,173,000
Turnips, etc.....	1911	227,141	373·92	84,933,000	—	·230	19,541,000
	1912	217,400	402·51	87,505,000	—	·230	20,713,000
Hay and clover.....	1911	7,903,242	1·61	12,694,000	—	11·55	146,596,000
	1912	7,633,600	1·47	11,189,000	—	11·07	124,009,000
Fodder Corn.....	1911	285,321	9·92	2,577,200	—	4·84	12,469,000
	1912	278,740	10·26	2,858,900	—	4·74	13,557,500
Sugar beets.....	1911	20,878	8·66	177,000	—	6·58	1,165,000
	1912	19,000	10·74	204,000	—	5·00	1,020,000
Alfalfa.....	1911	101,781	2·24	227,900	—	9·86	2,249,000
	1912	111,300	2·79	310,100	—	11·65	3,609,900

Table 1 shows that in 1912 the estimated total area under field crops in Canada was 32,449,420 acres, yielding a harvest valued, according to average local market prices, at \$511,951,100. In 1911 the area under field crops was 32,853,074 acres, with a harvest valued on a similar basis at \$565,711,600; so that in 1912, for the first time since the present crop-reporting system was instituted in 1908, the total area under field crops showed some slight reduction as compared with the previous year. Of the decrease, amounting to 403,654 acres, or 1·2 p. c., 326,000 acres under fall wheat were destroyed by the severe winter of 1911-12, and it is not difficult to account for the remaining 77,654 acres upon consideration of the exceedingly unfavourable sowing season of 1912. Thousands of farmers were in fact unable to sow wheat at all, and had either to sow late crops or let their land lie fallow. For most of the crops the average prices in 1912 were less than in 1911, and this mainly accounts for the decrease in their total value, viz., from \$565,711,600 in 1911 to \$511,951,100 in 1912.

In the three Northwest provinces the acreage under oats was increased by 350,697 and under barley by 48,062, while the acreage under wheat was less by 339,493. This is shown by Table 2, which gives comparative figures of area and yield for wheat, barley and oats