

delivery of an imaginary cargo of 1,000 bushels of wheat from an average western point to Liverpool. The chief items are as follows:—freight by rail, \$150; freight by inland waters, \$82.92; ocean freight, \$62.10; commission, profits, fees, interest, loading and other handling charges, \$87.03; insurance, \$15.26. The average cost, therefore, of the transportation to and marketing at Liverpool of 1,000 bushels of wheat from a central point in the Prairie Provinces was, in 1923, \$397.31, representing about 40 cents per bushel.¹

Cost of Grain Production.—The summarized results of inquiries by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics into the costs of grain production in Canada were given in the Year Book of 1925 (pp. 272-3), and details were published in the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for August, 1925 (pp. 240-254).

Sunflowers in Prairie Provinces.—Statistics published at p. 211 of the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for July, 1926, show that the area under this crop in the Prairie Provinces increased from 19,383 acres in 1923 to 30,069 in 1924 and 36,723 in 1925.

12.—International Agricultural Statistics.

World's Production of Cereals and Potatoes.—Table 55, constructed from data published by the International Agricultural Institute, shows the area and yield of wheat, oats, barley, rye, corn and potatoes for the years 1925 and 1926 in countries of the northern hemisphere, and for the years 1925-26 and 1926-27 in countries of the southern hemisphere (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Java and Madura, Madagascar, Southern Rhodesia, Union of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand). The annual average areas and yields are also given for the five-year period 1920-24 (1920-21 to 1924-25), and the areas and yields of 1926 (1926-27) are compared in percentages with those of the five-year period.

Wheat.—For 49 countries the production of wheat in 1926 was 4,146,142,000 bushels from 294,032,000 acres, as compared with 4,029,189,000 bushels from 279,363,000 acres in 1925 and 3,446,161,000 bushels from 253,887,000 acres, the five-year average for the years 1920-24 (1920-21 to 1924-25). As compared with 1925, the total area under wheat in the countries named shows in 1926 an increase of 14,669,000 acres or 5.3 p.c. and the total production an increase of 116,953,000 bushels or 2.9 p.c. As compared with the average, the acreage is 15.8 and the yield 20.3 p.c. more.

Oats.—In 41 countries the total production in 1926 is 4,300,476,000 bushels from 141,951,000 acres, as compared with 4,372,903,000 bushels from 140,226,000 acres in 1925 and with 3,804,665,000 bushels from 131,724,000 acres, the five-year average. The area is 1.2 p.c. more and the yield 1.7 p.c. less than in 1925. As compared with the five-year average, the area is 7.8 p.c. and the yield 10.4 p.c. more.

Barley.—In 46 countries the total yield in 1926 is 1,588,940,000 bushels from 78,212,000 acres, as compared with 1,682,108,000 bushels from 77,241,000 acres in 1925 and with 1,415,032,000 bushels from 72,199,000 acres, the five-year average. The area in 1926 is 1.3 p.c. more and the yield 5.5 p.c. less than in 1925, whilst as compared with the average, the area is 8.3 p.c. and the yield 12.3 p.c. more.

¹For detailed statement see Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for Oct., 1924 (Vol. 17, No. 194, pp. 303-4).