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of Canada yielded 64,281,000 bushels from 172,700 acres, as compared with 69,003,000 bushels from 175,000 acres in 1914, the yield per acre being 372.21 bushels in 1915, and 394.30 bushels in 1914. Of hay and clover the yield in 1915 was 10,953,000 tons from 7,875,000 acres, or 1.39 ton per acre; in 1914 the corresponding figures were 10,259,000 tons from 7,997,000 acres, a yield per acre of 1.28 ton. Alfalfa yielded 261,955 tons from 92,685 acres, as compared with 218,360 tons from 90,315 acres in 1914, the average yield per acre being 2.83 tons, compared with 2.42 tons. Fodder corn yielded 3,429,870 tons from 343,400 acres, as compared with 3,251,480 tons from 317,000 acres in 1910, the average yield being 10 tons in 1915 and 10½ tons, in 1914. The yield of sugar beets was 141,000 tons from 18,000 acres, compared with 108,600 tons from 12,100 acres, the yields per acre being 7.83 tons in 1915 and 8.98 tons in 1914.

Value of Field Crops—The values are estimated from local market prices as returned by the crop-reporting correspondents of the Census and Statistics Office. For all wheat, in 1915, the average price per bushel for the whole of Canada was 39 cents less than that of 1914 and 8 cents more than that of the quinquennial average. The total values of the principal grain crops of 1915 were as follows:—Wheat \$312,569,400, oats \$176,894,700, barley \$26,704,700, rye \$1,899,900, peas \$5,730,700, beans \$2,206,800, buckwheat \$5,913,000, flaxseed \$15,965,000, mixed grains \$10,034,700, corn for husking \$10,243,000. Including the root and fodder crops, the total value of the field crops of Canada in 1915 amounted to \$797,669,500, comprising grain crops \$568,161,900, potatoes and sugar beets \$36,739,500 and fodder crops \$192,768,100.

Quality of Grain Crops.—The quality of the grain crops in 1915, as determined by the weight in lb. per measured bushel, was, with the exception of one or two crops, superior to that of 1914 and was also superior to the average of the five years 1910-1914. The weights per bushel for 1915 were as follows: Fall wheat 59.71 lb., spring wheat 60.31 lb., all wheat 60.19 lb., oats 36.61 lb., barley 48.26 lb., rye 56.32 lb., peas 60.74 lb., beans 59.61 lb., buckwheat 48.02 lb., flax 55.28 lb., mixed grains 44.98 lb. and corn for husking 56.32 lb.

Grain Harvest in Northwest Provinces.—Table 2 shows that in the three Northwest provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, the production of wheat in 1915 was estimated at 342,948,000 bushels, as compared with 140,958,000 bushels in 1914; of oats at 334,840,600 bushels, compared with 150,843,000 bushels; of barley at 35,317,200 bushels, compared with 19,535,000 bushels and of flax at 10,559,000 bushels, compared with 7,083,000 bushels. The wheat production of 1915 in Manitoba was 96,425,000 bushels from 3,342,900 acres, in Saskatchewan 195,168,000 bushels from 6,838,100 acres and in Alberta 51,355,000 bushels from 1,563,700 acres.