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REPORTS AGREE THAT NORTH DAKOTA WILL HAVE A GOOD PAYING—THOUGH NOT A BUMPER CROP

The wheat crops of the nation last year aggregated 640,000,000 bushels, and the estimates so far indicate that the 1917 wheat crop will be about 660,000,000,000, an increase of 20,000,000. The yield of wheat was considerably increased during the present season over the disappointing harvests of last year, but the loss in the acreage of the winter, of fall-seeded variety, cut down the crop. The loss in acreage last spring was about thirty-one per cent. There was a good increase in the spring wheat acreage, but the conditions for growth were exceedingly poor. During the entire season a dry area persisted from the Red River valley to the Pacific coast, a region which produces two-thirds of the spring wheat. The yield of this season was above last year's, but far below the acreage for a number of years.

North Dakota Conditions Fair.
On the basis of 73 reports gathered from banks in twelve northern and eastern counties of this state it is possible to arrive at the conclusion that crop conditions are fair and much more satisfactory than last year because of the higher prices obtaining.

Thirty banks report conditions fair; twelve reports say that the crops are only about 50 per cent of the acreage, but generally much better than last year. Seven banks are of the opinion that the crop is pretty light, and five maintain that it is just above the average. In other instances, reports say conditions are fine, others, again,

maintain two-thirds of a normal crop will be the result. In two cases, the crops are characterized as poor, and in one only as very poor.

The reports were gathered from a number of scattered towns in Benson county, Bottineau, Cavalier, Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Rolette, Towner, Traill and Walsh counties.

Benson County Satisfied.
A report from Leeds, Benson county, says: "We look for a 10 to 12 bushel average on wheat. There are fields which will yield more, some, perhaps, as much as 20 bushels. Rye will yield about the same as wheat. Oats and barley are rather poor. Flax is poor on old ground. We should say that there will be as much money received from this crop as almost any crop we have raised, 12 prices held at about the present level."

Bottineau County Not as Good as Desired.

Reports from Bottineau county are not absolutely encouraging. At Landa, about half an ordinary crop is expected, and the same is said regarding the crops around Omamee. The Kramer report says that the crops are pretty light, and Carbury is the only place which is in a position to report conditions "very regular; a heavy crop is expected."

Farmers around Antler agree that the crop is very short and will just pay expenses while others say it is none too promising. Bottineau reports about 50 per cent of the normal, and adds that feed is very scarce.

From Gardena to Westhope the reports say that only about half the usual crop will be realized, and from another region near Westhope a bank reports that prospects are poor.

Fair Crops in Cavalier County

The crop situation in Cavalier county is the subject of reports from ten banks. Nekoma says that crops are not very good, about 50 per cent, wheat and rye are fair, oats and barley not good. Osabrock reports a fairly good crop, but adds that oats and barley are not very good.

Farmers around Langdon seem to have good as well as poor varieties of the wheat crop. One bank says that the present yield will be about one-third of the acreage, and another reports: "In some places conditions are fair, in others, very poor."

On the other hand, Cavalier is able to inform the rest of the state that a good average crop is expected, but Milton observes, while admitting that it is difficult to give a very accurate estimate, are inclined to believe that crops will be light.

From Clyde it is reported that the outlook indicates a fair crop in general, and Dresden, farmers claim that their grain is filling exceptionally well. An Eastby bank estimates that wheat will yield about 50 per cent of the normal crop; oats about the same, and barley will give three bushels to an acre. Crystal looks for a fair crop of wheat and oats.

Grand Forks Co., Not Discouraged.
An average yield of 18 bushels of wheat to the acre is reported by Northwood bank. Oats around Northwood will yield about 45 bushels to an acre as will also barley. Larimore farmers say that the wheat crop is "what we call good", and others even claim that they have as good a crop as they have had for years.

Conditions around Kempton are reported to be pretty fair, and Manvel observers say that the situation is generally speaking, quite good. Fairly good is the digestion preferred by wheat raisers around Manvel, and Emerado reports an average yield.

Nelson County Is All Right.

Bank reports from Petersburg describe the wheat crop as fairly good, and Michigan says that conditions are fair, that is, about ten bushels to an acre. Oats and barley are very good, but there is a promise of a good potato crop around Michigan City.

A Lakota estimate says that the crops will average about 50 per cent of the normal.

Fine Conditions in Pembina County.

Thirteen reports have been gathered from Pembina county where Mountain reports that wheat will yield seven to eight bushels to an acre. At Walthalla farmers claim that crop conditions are very uncertain, but Pembina says the wheat crop is pretty near the average. Sixty per cent of the normal crop is expected from the barley fields, and oats may give as much as 75 per cent.

Two reports from St. Thomas indicate that a good paying crop is expected and that heavy money returns will be sure to follow if the present good prices are maintained. Conditions are described as being good.

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fectly good marriage license used but once to prove that the local exemption board erred in denying him a discharge.

There is another case truly pitiful. This gentleman states there is only one bank and only one bank cashier. If he is called to the colors, he declares, the bank cannot expect to find anywhere a man so capable as he to fill his place. The result, bank closed; no place for the people to deposit their pennies; thrift thrown to the winds; general destruction!

Live Stock Need Him.
There's another man who isn't an applier on dependence claims denied by the local board, but an agricultural claimant over whom the district board has original jurisdiction. He informs

the board that he is sole nurse to 149 head of cattle and attendant and governor for another most valuable piece of live stock. This plain to be seen that he regards himself an important member of his community. The board is receiving many appeals from individuals whose claims for exemption on dependency grounds have been denied by district boards. Only three counties this morning had failed to make any report to the district board. In practically every case where county boards have reported, sufficient eligibles have been presented to enable the district board to certify to the adjutant general, enough men to furnish 30 per cent of the net quota which will be called September 5.

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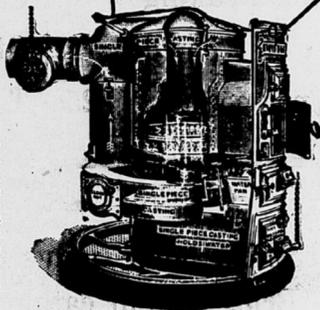
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