

Granaries Still Holding Last Year's Crop in Western Canada

(By Al Vickery)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
WINNIPEG, (CP)—Farm granaries still bulge with unsold grain from last year's crop but western farmers are wheeling seed drills back on the land to sow wheat they hope will be another bumper harvest.

Farmers the world over are full of hope at seeding time. Despite large carryovers from previous years, they know that there always will be a demand for grain as long as people have to eat.

As one leading grain man said: "What else can the farmers do? If they turn the land into summer fallow, it is only delaying the situation one year. There will be double the crop from the summer-fallow the next year."

Seeding Necessary

"They just can't leave the land alone. Land not seeded costs the farmer more in the long run than seeding it. Seeding is the cheapest way known to keep weeds down."

So, the farmer is cleaning up his equipment and keeping an eye on the weather, a major factor in all growth.

Across the West, the main requirements for an average wheat yield of 16.2 bushels an acre are normal spring and summer rains.

Farmers do not appear too worried. They've had good rainfall for three successive years and reaped wheat crops of more than 500,000,000 bushels. Too, fall moisture on summer-fallow land was above normal in all three prairie provinces.

Prospects Good

Mal H. G. L. Strange, research director for Searle Grain Co., says chances are that the West can obtain an average wheat yield this year if summer rains are just normal. However, coarse grains, usually grown on stubble land, will need better-than-average summer rains to give an average yield.

While an estimated 490,000,000 bushels of all grains still is in store on western farms—backed up by plugged elevators and limited exports—officials say they expect some 190,000,000 bushels will be delivered by farmers by the end of the crop year, July 31. This would leave on farms a carryover of about 300,000,000 bushels into the 1954-55 crop year. Of the present total on farms, 320,000,000 bushels is wheat and 170,000,000 coarse grains.

Despite this prospect of a large carryover of wheat, farmers in the three prairie provinces are not expected to change their seeding pattern to any great degree. There may be some switching from hard wheat which makes flour for white bread, to durum, especially in Manitoba.

Durum is sought by importers in southern Europe. Its flour is used for macaroni and the like.

Provincial agriculture officials in Manitoba say 1954 reports indicate that between 10,000 and 15,000 more acres may be seeded to

durum than last year, due to the good price—2.78 for No. 1 amber durum compared with \$1.83 1/4 for No. 1 northern—and durum having no delivery quota.

Delivery by the farmer of hard wheat is strictly limited by quotas based on cultivated acreage. However, many farmers will be wary of making the change because the danger of rust, a parasite that attacks grain, is greater in durum than in other wheat.

Weather is another major factor in the seeding plan. If weather conditions delay seeding, farmers may switch to coarse grains. Wheat takes longer to mature.

There is no indication that the Canadian wheat board will use its power under the Wheat Board Act to restrict the acreage from which it will be willing to accept wheat from farmers.

If such a move is made, farmers still will be faced with two big problems. If they put more land into summer-fallow, they will have to contend with double the crop next year. If they plant coarse grains instead of wheat, they would have to look for new markets.

So, authorities say the pattern probably will be much the same as last year when wheat took up 24,600,000 acres in the West; oats 6,500,000 acres; barley 8,800,000; rye 1,400,000; and flaxseed 1,000,000. About 20,000,000 was left in summer-fallow.

Federal Coal Subventions To Be Continued

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal subventions on coal are to be continued largely on the existing basis through the current fiscal year, it was learned Monday.

A series of orders-in-council passed late last week confirmed some changes that went into effect recently and extended the remaining provisions to March 31, 1955.

The subventions, which amount to about \$6,000,000 a year, are paid from the federal treasury to help meet costs of hauling Maritime and Western Canada coal to market. The previously announced changes are not expected to change greatly the amount paid out annually.

The major changes, in effect since April 1, were:

1. A boost of 65 cents a ton on Alberta coal going to northwestern Ontario for steam plants, expected to increase sales in this market to more than 100,000 tons a year from the normal 17,000 tons.
2. On coal bought by the railways for their own use, the subvention ceiling will be \$4 a ton. Previously, it was \$3 in the East and \$2.50 in the West. The ceiling for eastern mines was removed temporarily for last year.

Scholarship Winner



John Alexander Johnston, Waterloo, Ont., (above) has been awarded four scholarships after studies at Presbyterian College, Montreal. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnston. Mr. Johnston received the degree of bachelor of divinity at the college's spring convocation in Montreal.

Senate of the college announced the presentation of the Calvin Gold Medal, highest award of the college, to Mr. Johnston.

In addition he will receive the valuable Forsyth graduate scholarship for post-graduate studies in theology; the William Kidd prize in recognition of his first class standing in all ordinary and honor courses, and a post graduate scholarship from Princeton University.

He is a graduate of the K-W Collegiate, Waterloo College and the University of Western Ontario. Mr. Johnston received his master of arts degree cum laude from McGill University at the spring convocation in 1951.

At present he has completed the requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy from this university.

While an undergraduate Mr. Johnston ministered to congregations in St. George, N.B., and Zion Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

For the past three years he has been assistant to Rev. Dr. Malcolm Campbell of First Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

Following his graduation Mr. Johnston will be licensed by the Presbytery of Guelph Thursday at a service in Knox Church, Waterloo. He will then proceed to Knox Church, Lloydminster, Alta., where he will serve that rapidly growing oil district as an ordained missionary.

JET HITS FACTORY

NAPLES (Reuters)—An Italian Air Force jet fighter crashed in flames on a factory building near here Monday, killing the pilot and injuring at least nine factory workers. The building was severely damaged.

Pay Tribute To Defenders Of Dien Bien Phu

OTTAWA, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent and opposition leader Drew paid tribute Monday to the defenders of Dien Bien Phu, the French fortress of Indo-China which fell to Communists last week after a gallant stand.

Prime Minister St. Laurent said in the Commons: "Saturday, our ambassador in Paris was asked to convey a message to Prime Minister Laniel to express on behalf of the prime minister and Canadian government to the French government and people the sincere and heartfelt tribute of Canadians for the matchless heroism of the soldiers of France and Viet Nam."

"With all free men, Canadians while lamenting the tragic ending of the legendary conflict at Dien Bien Phu, will salute with pride and honor the heroic defenders of the fortress."

Mr. Drew said all Commons members join in the feeling of admiration of those who died in defence of freedom. Whatever the outcome of the war in Indo-China, their sacrifice would not be in vain since it brought home the full realization of the evil of communism.

Mr. Drew said the action of



CHURCHILL
A Man and an Era

Don't miss this illustrated story about a great man in a great era. Eighteen chapters beginning in The Guardian, Monday, May 17.

Communist members of the French Parliament last week in refusing to show respect for those who died at Dien Bien Phu revealed "disloyalty in all its naked ugliness" and showed that Communists' only loyalty is to the Kremlin.

Mr. Drew said the action of

To Offer New Issue Of Bonds

OTTAWA (CP)—A new issue of \$850,000,000 government bonds will be offered immediately to investors through investment dealers and banks, the finance department announced Monday.

The issue is to provide funds for redemptions of \$855,000,000 third Victory Loan bonds issued Nov. 1, 1952. They are redeemable June 1, 1954. The new issue consists of \$300,000,000 bonds bearing 3 1/4 per cent and maturing June 1, 1976 and \$550,000,000 bonds bearing 2 1/4 per cent maturing Dec. 15, 1956.

New England Rivers Reported In Flood

BOSTON, (AP)—New England rivers, swollen by a week of rain, spilled over highways and lowlands Monday causing damage in the millions of dollars. Ten deaths were reported, mostly from highway accidents.

In New Hampshire damage to state roads was placed at \$2,000,000.

At Ellington, Conn., a severe windstorm blew an eight-room house across a street, injuring two occupants, and flattened two barns in the vicinity.

ONLY 3 DAYS TO THE END!

Yes, Saturday Night sees the end of Greendal's Sale! If you haven't been in, surely you must have heard your neighbor talking about it - - because the whole island seems to know...

Never Before Such Amazing Values! But It's Your Last Final Chance To Get 'em! So, Come.

Greendal CO LTD

HOLMAN'S GREAT Spring FINE ENGLISH DINNERWARE SALE!

A Terrific Savings Event! Buy Now!

ONLY **10% DOWN**

Delivers Your New **DINNER SET**

Balance Monthly

ONE WEEK ONLY

Saturday, May 8th Thru Saturday, May 15th

Featuring Scores of Sets of Beautiful English Dinnerware

At Worth While and Amazing Savings! During this week's Sale Event you'll find gorgeous new designs, as young as a new home, and modern versions of the cherished traditional patterns marked at money-saving prices you can't afford to pass by. Come choose your set of English Dinnerware NOW and enjoy the great Savings!

All 56-Piece Sets

In The Following Composition

Eight each—Cups and Saucers, Bread and Butter Plates, Tea Plates, Dinner Plates, Oatmeals, and Fruit Dishes.

Note—

10% off ALL EXTRA PIECES

If you want more than the usual 56 pieces in your dinner set—Now is the Time to Buy, you get a 10% Reduction on All Extra Pieces Purchased.

6 Patterns Illustrated - - 10 Listed Here

MANY OTHERS NOT ADVERTISED

Look What You Save!

"A"—APPLE BLOSSOM 56 piece set, regular 19.25—SPRING SALE	14.20	"F"—REEDWOOD 56 piece set, regular 16.95—SPRING SALE	12.55
"B"—CAVALIER GARDENIA 56 piece set, regular 25.20—SPRING SALE	18.90	JUNE BOUQUET 56 piece set, regular 25.20—SPRING SALE	18.90
"C"—PAREEK CLASSIC 56 piece set, regular 18.90—SPRING SALE	14.10	PAREEK MAROON BAND 56 piece set, regular 21.65—SPRING SALE	15.75
"D"—HAMPTON COURT 56 piece set, regular 24.50—SPRING SALE	18.15	MAROON BAND 56 piece set, regular 38.75—SPRING SALE	27.00
"E"—DUBARRY ROSE 56 piece set, regular 16.60—SPRING SALE	12.20	TWINTONE 56 piece set, regular 41.80—SPRING SALE	33.60

HALF PRICE Clearance

3 Patterns Wedgewood

Bullfinch on Wellesley—Purple Old Vine—Meadow On Edme for this week only—

HALF PRICE

SHOP NOW!

SALE ENDS MAY 15th

HOLMAN'S

SIDE and CH'TOWN

It's time again

TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR HOME

It pays—in hard cash—to give your home a careful "once over" every year. And spring is the most convenient season to make repairs—or to modernize.

Every bit of repair work neglected, every crack, every flake of peeling paint means a loss in dollar value—a depreciation of one of your most valuable assets.

If you need more cash than you have on hand to make these repairs and improvements, see your B of M manager. He'll be glad to talk things over with you.

MY BANK

BANK OF MONTREAL

Canada's First Bank

Charlottetown Branch, 105-107 Grafton Streets
BEN ROGERS, Manager.

WORKING WITH CANADIANS IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE SINCE 1817