more for their crop this year than last year. Exports of wheat from
the United States during August, 1924, exceed those of the same
period last year by more than 1,100,000 bushels, a gain of 8 percent.
Preliminary estimates indicate an increase of 1,000,000 acres in
plantings in Australia and the Argentine for the next crop. But if no
more than average returns per acre are received, it is probable that
the crop available for export will be somewhat less than last year.

WORLD PRODUCTION OF GRAIN CROPS

World production of wheat for 1924 is estimated to be at least 10
percent less than in 1923; rye, 16 percent less; and oats, 4 percent less.
It is too early yet for accurate estimates on the corn crop, which is
generally very late and likely to suffer severe frost injury.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The seventeenth annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy was
held at the New Ebbitt Hotel, Washington, D. C., on November 10 and 11, 1924.

MORNING SESSION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

President M. P. Miller of the University of Missouri, called the meeting to
order at 9:00 A.M.
The program consisted of a symposium on the subject of "Economic Relationships of Agronomy" under the leadership of Prof. E. G. Montgomery of the
United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. The following
papers were given:

1. "Diminishing Returns in the Application of Agronomic Science to Field
   Practice."
   What are the Limitations in the Application of Agronomic Science to
   Practice?
   Prof. W. J. Spillman, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A.

2. "The Economics of Fertilizer Use in the United States."
   Present Tendencies in Fertilizer Use and the Bearing on Future Pro-
   duction.
   Director S. B. Haskell, Massachusetts Agr. Expt. Station.

3. "The Economics of Liming."
   Present Day Tendencies and the Bearing on Future Production.
   Professor J. A. Slipher, Ohio State University.

4. "The Economic Interpretation of the Results of Fertility Experiments."
   The Relation Between Gross Increase and Net Profits.
   Professor E. L. Worthen, Cornell University.

5. "Changes in Standards of Living to Counterbalance Increasing Popula-
   tion."
   What Changes in Food Consumption are Possible Without Materially
   Lowering Present Day Standards?
   Professor E. G. Montgomery, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic
   Commerce.

At the conclusion of the program President Miller announced the following
committees: Nominating, S. B. Haskell, C. R. Ball, and L. E. Call; Auditing,
M. J. Funchess and C. E. Helm; Resolutions, C. E. Leighty, and E. Truog.

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