THE WHEAT QUESTION

The supremacy of The United States as the granary of Europe is no longer incontestible. So long as the harvests in Europe failed, and there were only Russia and the United States to run upon to make up the enormous deficiencies occurring for five successive years, the demand for our wheat and other breadstuffs was correspondingly large. But now that the harvests abroad are once more very nearly up to the average, and in addition to the Russian wheat the product of India is entering year by year more and more into competition with our own, it is becoming obvious that we shall not often hereafter be able to dispose of our surplus grain in foreign markets, except at prices much lower than we have been accustomed to get. Wheat can be grown in various parts of India at a very small cost in consequence of the low price of labor, and it is this small cost at the point of production which enables it to meet all the expenses of inland and ocean transportation, and yet be laid down in Liverpool at a price that brings it in competition with our own. The proof of this is in the fact of the extension of the grain growing area in India during the last three years. In 1881 the total export of wheat from India was 15,000,000 cwts. In 1883 the quantity exported reached 22,300,000 cwts., and it is estimated that the same proportionate increase will be shown by the exports of the present year. Moreover, the soft wheat of India when mixed with the harder varieties of American wheats, especially those grown in the Northwest, is said by English millers to make the finest quality of flour. Here, too, it is to be remembered that wheat growing in India is a new industry, and that it is receiving great encouragement because it offers a new field of labor to the masses of the Indian population, but also for the reason that wherever its cultivation extends it secures the people from those devastating famines to which India has been subject from time immemorial. The capacity of some parts of India for wheat growing is limited only by the means of transportation to a sea port, and this capacity will be greatly increased when the new railroads already projected or in course of construction are completed. It is to the interest of the British government that preference should be given to supplies of wheat from India or Australia, both being British dependencies, because of the increased demand thus made for goods of British manufacture. Here are facts that, in speculating on the future foreign demand for our wheat and breadstuffs, we have to consider. If we are to maintain our supremacy for many years to come, it must be under different conditions. The chief of these conditions are economy in production and cheapness of inland and water transportation. There is a point, even at the Northwest, on the great wheat farms of Dakota, where nearly everything is done by machinery, at which grain cannot be grown at a profit. To the small farmers—and these constitute the bulk of Western wheat growers—the cost of raising wheat is much higher than on the great Dakota farms, and it is by the standard of cost to the small farmers that the possibility of profitable wheat culture must be judged. A week ago the price of wheat at Kansas city was fifty-eight cents per bushel. At that price the margin of profit, even on the best soils, must be small. On worn or inferior lands there would be no margin left. At Chicago, on Tuesday, the price was a fraction less than seventy eight cents per bushel, cash, and contracts for delivery in October, November and December did not exceed, even for the latter month, eighty-two cents. This, too, it should be remembered, is in the face of the fact of a greatly decreased wheat crop last year. What then, is to be done? The answer applies not only to Western farmers, but to those of the Middle States. In view of a possibly diminished demand abroad, it would be advisable to place less dependence on wheat as the money crop, and to enter more, as the cotton States are now doing, into mixed farming, to encourage dairy farming, and to raise and fatten more cattle, which, as statistics running through many years show, have never failed to give a good return proportionate to the care expended on them.—*Baltimore Sun.*

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