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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT - CANADA

This is the eighth of the 1955 series of nine telegraphic reports, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the twelfth of a series of thirteen telegraphic reports on crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces. A selected list of crop correspondents chosen from the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, private crop observers and grain men supply the information on which these reports are based. The weather data included in this release are furnished by the Meteorological Division, Department of Transport.

Maritime Provinces - Weather conditions have been variable in the Maritimes during the past three weeks. Heavy rains fell in Prince Edward Island but warm weather has facilitated grain harvesting. Yields tend to be below average. Pastures and potatoes have maintained heavy growth and blight does not appear to be heavy. Soil moisture is plentiful in Nova Scotia but the dry summer has reduced cereal yields. Grain harvesting is well under way and a full apple crop is expected in most areas. Late potato digging has commenced in some districts and while blight is appearing, it is not yet serious. Grain harvesting is well advanced in New Brunswick under favourable weather but yields appear to be below average. A good crop of early potatoes has been dug and while blight is in evidence on late potatoes, it is under control.

Quebec - Adequate moisture and high temperatures provided very favourable growing conditions in Quebec during the month of August. This was in contrast to the extremely dry weather which prevailed during June and July and reduced the output of grain crops in nearly all areas. The one notable exception to this reduction occurred in the Abitibi region where the harvest is expected to be the largest in several years. Both pastures and aftermath have been revived and in nearly all districts milk flow is now normal for this time of year. Potatoes, other vegetables and tobacco are at present very promising.

Ontario - Threshing of spring grains is practically completed in Ontario, with yields in some regions exceeding earlier expectations. Recent rains have considerably improved pastures and there has been a corresponding increase in milk production. Improved moisture supplies have also benefited late field crops and vegetables, and have facilitated fall ploughing. An increased acreage is being prepared for fall wheat, with a substantial amount already seeded. Tobacco harvesting is in full swing and, in some cases, completed. Silo filling and picking of canning corn and tomatoes are also general. Prospects are for a heavy crop of apples but reduced yields of potatoes.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Prairie Provinces - Harvesting in the Prairie Provinces has progressed rapidly under almost ideal weather conditions. In Manitoba cereal harvesting is nearing completion, with flax about one-third done. About half the wheat and coarse grains and 5 per cent of the flaxseed have been threshed in Saskatchewan. While Alberta crops are somewhat later, harvesting is progressing rapidly and continued fine weather should result in early completion of fall work in that province. In all three provinces, correspondents confirm earlier yield estimates of most crops. Hail storms have caused some damage in local areas during the past three weeks.

British Columbia - During the past three weeks, the weather has been quite warm and dry throughout British Columbia. In the Peace River District there has been rapid growth and ripening of crops. Threshing of barley is well advanced and cutting of wheat and oats is commencing. Frost caused minor damage in some localities during the past ten days. In the central interior, crops have matured rapidly but are later than normal. Harvesting in the northern Okanagan district is nearing completion. Peas and fall wheat will be lighter than average but spring crops are expected to be above average. In the Lower Fraser Valley, harvesting of oats is now general while on Vancouver Island harvesting of grains is nearing completion. In the Nelson and Creston areas harvesting of grain and pea crops is in progress.

MARITIME PROVINCES Grain is two-thirds cut and half stored in the Charlottetown area of Prince Edward Island, with yields slightly below last year. Rain and warm weather during the past three weeks have encouraged a heavy growth of potatoes on the Island and maintained lush pastures. Blight is in evidence but is not considered serious. The weather has favoured an extra good crop of cucumbers and satisfactory yields of canning peas. The apple crop is heavy and fodder corn and roots are promising. Blueberries were below average but cranberry prospects are good.

A high quality apple crop is maturing in the Kentville area of Nova Scotia. Weather and moisture conditions are now satisfactory but the dry summer reduced grain yields. Late blight is appearing on potatoes but is not yet threatening seriously. Grain harvesting in the Amherst area is well under way, with early-sown oats a good crop. Showers, however, are hampering cutting of second crop clover. Potatoes and root crops are growing well but potato blight is prevalent. Silage corn is a good crop. Excellent weather prevailed during the past week in the Truro district and grain harvesting is about complete except on low land. Grain yields and pastures are about average in this area. Digging of the late potato crop has commenced and will be general in another week. The second cut for grass silage is being made.

The grain harvest is about half completed in most areas of New Brunswick. Yields of wheat and oats are turning out below average and barley yields are very light. Early potatoes have been harvested and top killing is general in seed stocks. Late blight is prevalent but under control. Digging of late potatoes will begin next week and should be general about September 15. Aftermath on pastures are showing excellent growth. There has been a good crop of timothy seed and a good set of red clover. The apple crop is good.

QUEBEC - During the month of August 5.33 inches of rain fell in the area of Lennoxville. Harvesting of cereal crops is nearly finished; early sown

grains are good but late sown crops are poor. Corn has improved considerably and is now considered to be a good crop. Pastures also are good. The heavy rains which fell during August have improved all crops in the district of L'Assomption. Harvesting of cigar and flue-cured tobacco is in full swing and yields are expected to be good. The condition of vegetables varies from fair to good. Both canning corn and corn for ensiling are poor. Sugar beets are improving.

At St. Jean vegetable crops improved greatly during the latter part of August. Heavy rains, particularly those which occurred during the early part of August, have greatly benefited sugar beets, late-planted corn, potatoes, tomatoes, turnips and carrots. Pastures, forage crops and late canning crops are in much better condition than a month ago.

At Ste. Anne de la Pocatière the harvesting of cereal crops is progressing under favourable conditions. Yields vary from below average to average. Pastures, turnips, corn and aftermath are good. Melba apples are ready to be picked. Along the lower St. Lawrence and Gaspé coast grain crops are poor and a small potato crop is anticipated. On the other hand, pastures and aftermath are still good and the apple crop is promising.

Precipitation totalling 6.79 inches was received in the Caplan district during August but came too late to benefit the cereal crops. The harvesting of these crops is well under way but yields are below average. Hoe crops are doing well and potatoes are promising. So far no late blight has been reported. The tomato and sweet corn crops are very heavy and quality is excellent. Pastures have improved with recent rains.

At Normandin weather conditions have been favourable and light rains have helped fall growth. Grain crops are nearly all cut and threshing is progressing rapidly. The quality of the grain is good. Aftermath, pastures and vegetables are in excellent condition. The picking of blueberries is coming to an end.

ONTARIO Harvesting of spring grains has been practically completed in most parts of Ontario and fall work is now in full swing. In the Barrie area the preparation of land for fall wheat is the major activity. Silo-filling is getting under way although the silage corn crop is only fair. There was considerable re-seeding of hay and pasture in August in the hope of replacing seedings lost through drought. Rain is badly needed for pastures, new seedings and potatoes. In Bruce County pastures have revived somewhat but more rain is still needed for both pastures and late crops. Harvesting of grain crops has been completed with fair yields. Fall work is well advanced in the County. Many good fields of corn are in evidence.

Pastures have improved remarkably in Wellington County following rains in the latter part of August. Most of the grain harvest has been completed with below-average yields and an extremely wide range in quality. Fall ploughing and cultivation is further advanced than is normal at this time of year. Indications are that potato yields will not be heavy except where the crop was irrigated. There is also a wide variation in corn prospects. Adequate moisture conditions are promoting good growth of all crops in the Galt area. Some farmers are beginning to ensile what was intended to be their grain corn crop. A considerable acreage of emergency pastures, mainly fall rye, has been planted. In Halton County harvesting is practically

completed although progress was delayed in the latter half of August by showers. Pastures are now excellent and milk production has increased. Preparation of land for seeding winter wheat is general. Yields of spring grains were about average and prospects for corn are good.

Harvesting of oats and barley was completed in early August in Middlesex County, with average yields of good quality obtained. Silo-filling is now general but the crop is below average in dry sections. Land is also being prepared for fall wheat and some fields have been seeded. Soybeans, field beans, sugar beets and corn vary from fair to good depending on moisture received during the summer. Tobacco harvesting will continue until the end of September. Although pastures were revived by rains in late August a good general rain is now needed.

Tomatoes for processing and canning are now being harvested in Essex County. The crop was somewhat slow in ripening but the quality is good. Corn is starting to mature with excellent yields in prospect. Sixty per cent of the Ontario tobacco crop has been harvested with good yields and quality reported. Most of the bumper peach crop in Essex has now been harvested. Prospects for soybeans are considered quite good. Pastures are short and conditions are becoming dry again.

In Kent County pastures and hay are improving but still show the effects of earlier drought. Corn, sugar beets and tomato crops are excellent. Harvesting of white beans is starting but prospects are variable. Harvesting of burley and black tobacco has been almost completed. Stands of soybeans are good. In Norfolk County all crops have made an excellent recovery under ideal moisture and growing conditions. Corn, soybeans, potatoes and roots are coming along well. Pastures are green and some second-growth hay crop has been cut. Fruit continues to promise a good crop and, although tobacco is somewhat spotty, yields are expected to be average. Harvesting of Elberta peaches has begun in the Niagara Peninsula before the mid-season crop has been completed. Insect injury has been fairly light but bacteria leaf-spot has been exceptionally prevalent in the area. Canning tomatoes have more than the usual amount of cracked skin.

Following recent rains, the vegetable crops, especially canning tomatoes, are showing rapid growth in the Picton area, with both quality and quantity improved. Late crops and pastures have revived to a remarkable extent. Prospects for the apple crop indicate high yield and quality, reflecting the effectiveness of the mercurial type of spraying.

Threshing of spring grains is virtually completed in most sections of Eastern Ontario. In the Brockville area yields were better than expected but still below normal. Silo filling has begun with yields generally below average. Following recent rains, there has been a tremendous growth of hay and pasture. Soybeans withstood the drought well and the apple crop appears to be above normal. An increased acreage of fall wheat is being planted. Yields of spring grains in Dundas County were below average but quality was remarkably good. Pastures, fodder corn and grain corn have responded well to recent rains, with fair crops now assured. Increased acreage is also being sown to fall wheat in this region.

Moisture is urgently required in Renfrew County where drought has prevailed for four months. Combining of red clover seed is almost completed, with the original acreage cut by 75 per cent due to the shortage of pastures. Second-growth alfalfa is providing the only available pasture. Fall wheat acreage is expected to be double that of last year and about half the crop is already seeded.

Harvesting in the Kapuskasing area in Northern Ontario was completed on August 24 under favourable conditions and with satisfactory yields. Local showers have improved pastures; no frost has been reported to date.

MANITOBA Harvesting of cereal grains is nearing completion in most areas of Manitoba and about one-third of the flax has been threshed. Conditions have been ideal for harvesting but the prolonged heat and drought lowered yields and quality. Barley yields are much below average, with over half a million acres abandoned due to excess moisture early in the season and later damage by aphids and heat. Other cereals and flax are average or better. Field pea yields are about half the average yield while other special crops yet to be harvested are expected to be about average. Heat and drought have adversely affected yields of these crops. Good headway has been made with fall tillage.

Harvesting of cereals has been completed at Altona in southern Manitoba. The flax is 80 per cent finished and sunflowers and corn are maturing rapidly. Soybeans and rape are being harvested and peas are nearly done. Sugar beets, sunflowers and pastures are in need of rain. Fall land work is nearly three-quarters completed. The Experimental Farm at Morden reports that combining of grains is completed and harvesting of canning crops nearly finished. The weather continues dry and corn is drying up fast and pastures are burned. The soil is very dry and rain is needed badly. In southwestern Manitoba at Melita dry weather has favoured harvesting and 80 per cent of the cereals and 40 per cent of the flax has been completed. Yields of wheat and oats are fair, barley fair to poor and flax fair to good with a few poor stands.

North of Winnipeg at Selkirk weather conditions have been excellent during the past week and 80 per cent of the harvesting is now completed. Some late barley and flax remains to be threshed. Wheat has been averaging 18 bushels, barley 14, oats 25, and flax is expected to average 11 bushels per acre. Potatoes are being harvested with yields somewhat below average but the quality is good. Fall ploughing is well advanced. Harvesting of cereals is 90 per cent completed at Portage la Prairie and yield and quality is slightly less than anticipated. The overall hail loss has been extensive in this area. The pea harvest is well advanced with yields fair. The extended period of heat and drought has reduced prospective yields of late flax, barley and sugar beets. Wheat has been grading from 3 to 4 and oats 1 Feed.

The Entomological Laboratory at Brandon reports that the grasshopper adult survey indicates a general build up of grasshopper population. Severe infestations are developing in areas of light, sandy land in the central portion of the agricultural area. Warm, dry weather has been excellent for egg laying. A report from Virden states that harvesting of cereals is 75 per cent completed and 5 per cent of the flax has been threshed. Weather conditions are very favourable for a quick harvest.

In the Interlake area at Teulon harvesting is about 90 per cent completed and operations have been carried out under excellent conditions. Wheat is grading mostly No. 3 and averages 15 bushels to the acre. Oats are averaging 20 bushels and barley 10 bushels with poor quality. The flax yield is 10 bushels while rapeseed is yielding about 500 pounds per acre. Conditions for fall field work are good and some fall rye is now being seeded. Early-seeded grain is now being harvested at Arborg but yields and grades are poor. Late-seeded crops are in danger of early frost and will need another two weeks to mature. The second cutting of hay is about finished.

In the central part of the province at Neepawa a long spell of dry, sunny weather has greatly aided harvesting and 80 per cent of the crop has now been garnered. Fall cultivation of fields is well started. Yields in this area are somewhat below the long-time average. Yields are as follows: wheat 22; oats 40; barley 20, with a considerable amount not being harvested; and flaxseed 10.

A number of hail storms have hit Manitoba during the past three weeks. On August 16 medium damage was caused in areas between Tilston and Broomhill and Medora-Deloraine. Medium to heavy damage was caused on the 20th from Erickson to Riding Mountain to Gladstone, Oakland and Portage la Prairie and as far as Poplar Point. Light damage occurred on the 23rd from Shellmouth to Angusville to Oakburn. Light to medium damage was caused on the 27th from Lazare to Beulah to Lavinia and at Boissevain to Hilton and Glenora. (Continued on page 10).

SASKATCHEWAN Weather conditions throughout most of Saskatchewan have been ideal for harvesting and many farmers expect to finish this week provided the weather remains favourable. Above-average yield prospects have been maintained, with outturns substantiating early production estimates. About 75 per cent of the wheat and coarse grains and 15 per cent of the flaxseed have been cut. For the province as a whole it is estimated that 45 per cent of the wheat, 50 per cent of the coarse grains and 5 per cent of the flaxseed have been threshed.

Ideal weather has prevailed around Manor in the southeastern part of the Province where 80 per cent of the crop is now harvested. Yields range from fair to poor but the quality is much better than last year. Wheat is averaging about 20 bushels per acre and prospects for flaxseed are fair to good. Extremely good harvest weather has prevailed for the past ten days around Indian Head. Late-seeded crops have filled and matured rapidly and all grains except the late crop have been cut. Half of the wheat has now been threshed from the swath and straight combining is nicely under way. Yields of wheat range from 15 to 45 bushels per acre. Most of the wheat is well filled and a very good sample. Summerfallow fields have a moderate growth of volunteer grain and weeds and will require another cultivation before freeze-up. Pastures are still in good condition and live-stock have done very well during the past season.

Harvesting has been practically completed around Gravelbourg in the south-western part of the province. Fine, hot weather prevailed during the harvesting period and grain was threshed in excellent condition. Wheat yields averaged from 25 to 35 bushels per acre. Harvesting is progressing under ideal conditions around Swift Current where 50 per cent of the wheat and 90 per cent of the coarse grains have been harvested. Yields average 25 bushels per acre for wheat, 50 for oats and 40 for barley. No flax has been harvested to date but prospects are for an average yield of 15 bushels per acre.

Harvesting is in full swing around Val Marie and yields are fair to good. About 70 per cent of the wheat and 50 per cent of the barley have been harvested. Flaxseed is ripe but green weeds are delaying its harvest. The weather has been very dry and grain has been stored in excellent condition. Harvesting of wheat is also well under way in the Leader district. Quality is good and yields above average with no rust damage reported.

Excellent weather has permitted rapid progress of harvesting around Togo in the east-central part of the province. About 95 per cent of the crop has been

combined, with both yield and quality very good. Fall cultivation will be difficult in the area unless rain is received to soften the ground. A good rain is also required to promote pasture growth. In the Willowbrook district harvesting is about 75 per cent completed and should be finished this week if the weather stays dry. Grain is not yielding as heavily as expected earlier but samples are very good. Most wheat will grade No. 3 Northern or higher.

Harvesting is proceeding rapidly under ideal conditions, with yields generally higher than anticipated in west-central Saskatchewan. Wheat should average 25 bushels per acre with yields of other grains correspondingly high. Prospects for the flaxseed crop are good but no yield reports have been received. Around Rosetown harvesting is proceeding rapidly with the following yields indicated: wheat, 30; oats, 75; barley, 50; and flax, 15 bushels per acre. Wheat is averaging No. 2 Northern.

An estimated 60 per cent of the grain has now been threshed around Melfort in the northeastern part of the province. Grain yields are considerably better than reported earlier. Much of the wheat is grading No. 2 Northern and there has been no damage from rust. A heavy rust infection on oats may cause some reduction in yield. No frost has been reported to date. Harvesting is late but is now general in the Humboldt-Guernsey district. Despite a heavy infection of stem and leaf rust, grain yields are expected to be better than average. A small acreage of sweet clover has a good set of seed.

Harvesting is about 40 per cent completed around Meota in the northwestern part of the province where conditions have been ideal. Good grades of wheat are reported.

Numerous hail storms have been reported throughout Saskatchewan during the past three weeks, with damage at individual points ranging from light to heavy. Among the areas affected on August 16 were MacDowall to Red Deer Hill to Kinistino to Beatty to Brooksby to Carrot River where damage was reported as heavy; Minton to Ratcliffe to Estevan to Souris River and from Parkman to Redvers to Fertile where damage was medium; on August 23 from Watson to Fosston to Lintlaw (light to very heavy) Grayson to Stockholm to Esterhazy (light to medium); August 26 Bruno to Middle Lake (heavy) and on August 27 the Insinger area where damage was light to medium.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 17 per cent above normal, compared with 27 per cent above normal three weeks ago and 70 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending September 5 was 7.1 degrees above normal compared with 3.1 degrees above normal for the week ending August 15 and 4.0 degrees above normal for the week ending September 6, 1954.

ALBERTA Harvesting is progressing rapidly in Alberta with cutting of wheat, oats and barley general. While there is considerable variation in the proportion harvested in various parts of the province, continued fine weather could result in completion of fall work in near-record time. Harvesting at many points should be completed within the next ten days. Although the dry ripening period appears to have resulted in lower yields than expected a month ago, many districts are reporting excellent returns. Heavy dockage is reported in some areas and rust on oats will reduce this crop somewhat in the central part of the province. Drought has not seriously affected flax yields but grass seed crops are light and the alfalfa seed

set variable. Other clovers are fair. In the south, canning beans and corn, cucumbers and tomatoes are yielding well and beets are promising. Pastures are drying rapidly but stock are still making good gains. Some farmers have delayed seeding of fall rye because of dry soil.

Harvesting is progressing favourably in the Medicine Hat area with about 65 per cent of the crop off. Yield and quality are good. Pastures are in quite good condition but dry weather is constituting a fire hazard. Good weather has prevailed in the area south of Calgary and wheat combining has started in most districts. South and east of Lethbridge harvesting of spring wheat is well advanced with yields of from 25 to 35 bushels per acre reported. The canning corn harvest is well started. In the southwest of the province at Cardston combining of fall grains is about completed and threshing and combining of spring wheat is getting under way. The weather has been very dry but stock are doing well.

Swathing is general this week in the Claresholm district, with threshing expected to start about September 15. Fall wheat has averaged 30 to 40 bushels per acre. The harvest is well advanced in the Brooks area of south-central Alberta. Slight rust damage is reported in this area. Forage seed, peas for seed and potatoes are all good crops. Pastures are extremely dry and there is a considerable fire hazard. Ideal harvesting weather prevails in the Hanna area. About 65 per cent of the harvest is completed with all crops yielding better than expected. Wheat is grading No. 2 and 3 Northern. Hay crops were good and put up in dry condition. Pastures are holding well.

Harvesting is general in the Calgary district although many farmers are waiting to straight combine. Our correspondent estimates wheat yields at 23, oats at 44, barley at 35, flax at 14 and rye at 24 bushels per acre. The quality is good.

Good harvesting weather has prevailed in central Alberta. At Stettler 75 per cent of the wheat and 25 per cent of the oats is in the swath with barley all down. Wheat yields are estimated at from 20 to 25 bushels, oats at 40 and barley at 20 bushels per acre. Threshing of wheat is now general. Harvest is also well under way at Donalda although straight combining is held up due to green spots and green weeds in the fields. Wheat is turning out very well but oats are only fair as rust has cut yields. Early barley is a good crop. Farther north at Sedgewick rye harvest is 90 per cent completed with a yield of about 17 bushels per acre. About 15 per cent of the barley has been threshed with a yield of some 40 bushels per acre. Twenty per cent of the wheat and oats is in the swath.

Excellent harvesting weather has facilitated rapid progress of harvesting in west-central Alberta. At Red Deer most of the barley is swathed and about 25 per cent threshed. Swathing and cutting of wheat and oats is about 75 per cent completed in this area. The second cutting of hay has been good but pastures are only fair. At Lacombe 70 per cent of the barley, 50 per cent of the oats and 30 per cent of the wheat have been harvested with barley averaging 32, oats 50 and wheat 26 bushels per acre. The quality is excellent. Moisture reserves are limited and pasture crops are becoming short. Farther west at Eckville swathing is 95 per cent completed and 60 per cent of the threshing is done. Oat yields are estimated at 48 and barley at 30 bushels per acre. The grain is generally heavy and of good quality and 10 days of good weather will complete harvesting. Surface and subsoil moisture are becoming depleted and there was a light frost on August 27.

At Vermilion in east-central Alberta harvest is making rapid progress with wheat grading No. 2 and 3 Northern and running from 20 to 35 bushels per acre. Oats are only fair and barley is poor due to aphids. In the Bonnyville area of northeastern Alberta 75 per cent of the grain is cut and threshing is general. Yields are average and quality of grain is excellent. Some rust damage is reported in late oats. The Dominion Experimental Station at Beaverlodge in the Peace River area reports considerable barley harvested, with yields up to 35 bushels per acre. Combining of wheat has commenced. Excellent harvest weather prevails but pastures are very dry.

Medium hail damage has been reported as follows: August 19, Strome, Galahad, Forestburg area; Dunvegan, Wainwright and Castor areas; August 23, Calmar area; Bittern Lake, Camrose area; August 26, Bruce and Edberg areas; August 27, Thorsby; August 30, Beaverlodge.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 2 per cent below normal in contrast to 7 per cent above normal three weeks ago and 42 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending September 5 was 8.8 degrees above normal in contrast to 0.4 degrees below normal for the week ending August 15 and 1.2 degrees above normal for the week ending September 6, 1954.

BRITISH COLUMBIA In the Kootenay region harvesting of grain crops and peas is now under way. Warm, dry weather in the Peace River area has favoured harvesting operations and cutting of cereals is 75 per cent completed. About 70 per cent of the barley and 10 per cent of the oats and wheat are threshed. Yields are running slightly below normal but quality is generally good. In the Kamloops district the days have been hot and the nights cool with some frost at higher elevations. Ranges are generally dry but in good condition. Combining of spring grains is about one-half completed while about one-third of the hay is cut in the valleys. In the northern Okanagan all grain has been taken in, the pea harvest is complete and ensiling of corn has started.

In the Williams' Lake district of the central interior, good harvesting weather has prevailed for the last three weeks. Haying operations are in full swing and the crop is heavy. At least one month of good weather will be required to complete the hay harvest. Cereal crops in this area are late in maturing and will be cut mostly for green feed. Many native meadows are still flooded. In the area around Prince George, crops have ripened very rapidly. About three-quarters of the barley is now cut. Although very little oats or wheat has been harvested, these crops are expected to be quite good if no frost occurs during the next week.

According to a report from Summerland, August weather was excellent for both fruit and tomatoes. The peach harvest is at its peak with quality and size both excellent. Picking of pears has started although size is down slightly. Apples are generally sizing and colouring well. Prospects for the tomato crop are good and harvesting is now in its third week. Third-cut hay is now being taken off and the crop is fair.

In the Lower Fraser Valley the weather has continued dry with high temperatures. Growth of pastures has been checked. Harvesting of oats has become general and yields are fair. Lodging of this crop is considerable. Corn crops are growing rapidly. The yield of green beans is fair while the pea harvest is nearing completion. Harvesting of second-cut hay is nearly finished and quality of the crop

is excellent. Rain is required for late vegetables. A report from Saanichton on Vancouver Island indicates that there was no rain during August and the hours of sunshine were the highest on record. Crop yields have been good. Harvesting of second-cut hay is complete. Non-irrigated pasture is dried up. The dry weather has checked potato blight but considerable damage had already occurred. The loganberry crop is now harvested. Bartlett pears are two weeks later than last year.

A report from the Entomological Laboratory at Kamloops states that there have been no general insect outbreaks in the interior of the province.

MANITOBA Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 12 per cent above normal as compared with 19 per cent above normal three weeks ago and 39 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending September 5 was 5.9 degrees above normal as compared with 7.3 degrees above normal for the week ending August 15 and 4.4 degrees above normal for the week ending September 6, 1954.

Precipitation and Temperature Data, Prairie Provinces[1]

Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation Week ending 8 a.m. Sept.5	Precipitation Total since April 1	Precipitation Normal since April 1	Mean Temperature Week ending 8 a.m. Sept.5 1955	Mean Temperature Week ending 8 a.m. Sept.5 Normal
		- inches -			- degrees F. -	
MANITOBA						
1	Pierson	NIL	12.61	10.47	63	58
	Melita	NIL	15.12	13.69	61	57
	Waskada	NIL	8.82	10.75	64	58
	Deloraine	NIL	9.01	10.59	62	58
2	Boissevain	NIL	14.74[2]	10.42	61	59
	Deerwood	N.R.	13.18[2]	10.71	N.R.	58
	Ninette	NIL	14.72	10.90	63	59
3	Portage la Prairie	.01	10.59	10.72	65	58
	Graysville	NIL	10.54	10.92	62	58
	Morden	NIL	10.86	10.83	67	59
	Altona	.08	9.67	10.78	65	59
	Morris	NIL	10.96[2]	10.98	65	58
	Roland	N.R.	10.65[2]	10.51	N.R.	59
	Emerson	Trace	12.90	10.35	64	59
4	Winnipeg	.03	10.04[2]	12.33	65	59
6	Vita	N.R.	12.48[2]	11.16	N.R.	58
	Sprague	NIL	16.11[2]	11.35	60	57
	Seven Sisters Falls	.04	10.37[2]	9.47	63	55
7	Virden	NIL	10.57	9.36	60	56
	Rivers	Trace	12.62	10.94	63	57
8	Brandon	NIL	14.31	11.11	62	57
	Cypress River	.03	12.26	10.97	63	57
9	Neepawa	.01	14.96[2]	10.78	64	57
	Plumas	N.R.	11.23[2]	10.85	N.R.	57
10	Russell	NIL	7.88[2]	10.26	62	54
	St. Lazare	N.R.	1.48[2]	10.83	N.R.	54
	Birtle	NIL	14.94	10.83	62	55
11	Dauphin	.04	13.37	9.56	64	56
12	Gimli	Trace	12.58	11.24	63	56
13	Swan River	NIL	9.26	11.05	60	53
	The Pas	Trace	11.30	8.93	64	55
MANITOBA AVERAGE		.01	12.03	10.76	63.0	57.1
SASKATCHEWAN						
1A	Estevan	NIL	12.86	10.18	64	57
	Carlyle	NIL	14.47	10.82	60	54
	Oxbow	N.R.	9.32[2]	10.46	N.R.	57
	Willmar	NIL	11.49	9.88	N.R.	N.R.
1B	Broadview	NIL	12.13	9.78	61	56
	Moosomin	NIL	14.73	9.95	64	57
2A	Yellow Grass	NIL	9.71	9.42	N.R.	58
	Creelman	N.R.	10.21[2]	9.18	N.R.	58
	Weyburn	NIL	8.67	9.84	63	58
	Midale	NIL	9.51	10.26	63	58

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		- inches -			- degrees F.	
SASKATCHEWAN (Continued)						
2B	Moose Jaw	NIL	11.34	9.77	66	59
	Regina	NIL	12.71	9.83	62	57
	Rowatt	NIL	11.81[2]	9.72	N.R.	57
	Francis	NIL	10.85	8.51	60	58
	Qu'Appelle	N.R.	14.14[2]	11.58	N.R.	58
	Indian Head	NIL	14.08	11.17	62	55
	Wilcox	N.R.	12.82[2]	9.61	N.R.	58
3AS	Assiniboia	NIL	15.77	7.86	65	59
	Ormiston	NIL	13.61	8.81	64	59
	Readlyn	NIL	14.34	7.86	62	58
	Minton	NIL	8.25	10.97	59	57
	Ceylon	NIL	9.76	11.74	63	57
3AN	Chaplin	NIL	11.07[2]	10.26	64	55
	Gravelbourg	N.R.	10.69[2]	8.63	N.R.	57
	Coderre	NIL	10.74	8.88	64	56
3BS	Shaunavon	NIL	13.29	8.19	63	55
	Cadillac	NIL	13.08	10.78	62	56
	Aneroid	NIL	12.87	9.86	64	55
	Instow	NIL	13.65	8.78	62	1.56
3BN	Pennant	NIL	11.54	9.53	64	58
	Swift Current	NIL	12.01[2]	10.08	66	56
	Hughton	N.R.	10.03[2]	8.82	N.R.	56
4A	Maple Creek	N.R.	11.05[2]	9.07	N.R.	58
	Consul	NIL	9.14	7.68	N.R.	55
4B	Roadene	NIL	10.13	8.83	64	56
5A	Leross	NIL	14.51	9.87	62	54
	Yorkton	NIL	11.63	10.32	63	54
	Bangor	NIL	9.26	10.05	62	54
5B	Dafoe	NIL	10.48	9.04	61	51
	Lintlaw	NIL	8.11	9.84	59	51
	Kamsack	NIL	8.93	9.37	62	54
	Buchanan	NIL	10.45[2]	9.77	63	54
	Pelly	N.R.	8.92[2]	10.30	N.R.	54
6A	Davidson	NIL	11.41[2]	8.06	61	55
	Dilke	N.R.	9.26[2]	8.48	N.R.	N.R.
	Imperial	NIL	8.90	7.98	64	54
	Semans	NIL	9.72	6.37	62	54
	Strasbourg	NIL	8.71	9.00	62	55
	Watrous	NIL	12.35	6.90	60	55
6B	Harris	NIL	10.28	8.53	64	56
	Outlook	NIL	9.50	7.61	65	55
	Saskatoon	NIL	8.45	9.50	65	54
	Elbow	NIL	13.70	7.96	N.R.	55
	Tugaske	NIL	12.65	7.97	63	56
	Dundurn	NIL	9.91	9.52	64	55
	Rosthern	NIL	7.53	9.40	63	54

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		- inches -			- degrees F. -	
SASKATCHEWAN (Concluded)						
7A	Eston	N.R.	9.45[2]	7.68	N.R.	55
	Kindersley	NIL	10.41	8.56	64	54
	Rosetown	NIL	10.37	9.54	64	54
7B	Macklin	NIL	7.41	9.57	63	53
	Scott	NIL	11.04	9.03	63	54
	Biggar	NIL	8.83	9.70	64	55
	Ruthilda	N.R.	9.22[2]	9.61	N.R.	N.R.
8A	Hudson Bay	NIL	9.16	9.97	60	54
	Porcupine Plain	NIL	9.39	9.97	61	54
8B	Humboldt	NIL	8.99	7.99	60	54
	Melfort	NIL	10.84	9.94	61	55
9A	North Battleford	NIL	10.03	9.43	65	57
	Rabbit Lake	N.R.	9.52[2]	9.80	N.R.	54
	Leask	N.R.	12.65[2]	9.60	N.R.	56
	Prince Albert	.02	9.74	9.88	62	55
	Island Falls	.14	10.86	10.52	64	54
9B	Waseca	N.R.	8.81[2]	9.17	N.R.	53
SASKATCHEWAN AVERAGE		.003	10.95	9.35	62.7	55.6
ALBERTA						
1	Taber	N.R.	10.06[2]	7.88	N.R.	60
	Foremost	NIL	11.51	11.17	N.R.	60
	Winnifred	NIL	11.89	6.97	N.R.	N.R.
	Medicine Hat	NIL	10.22	8.22	69	60
	Manyberries	N.R.	13.17[2]	8.45	N.R.	59
2	Cowley	NIL	6.50	10.42	64	56
	Fort Macleod	NIL	9.97	9.26	66	58
	Cardston	NIL	11.06	13.35	66	56
	Lethbridge	NIL	13.76	9.17	68	57
	Del Bonita	NIL	12.61	10.00	66	56
	Magrath	N.R.	11.99[2]	10.85	N.R.	57
3	Vauxhall	NIL	7.46	8.12	66	56
	Hays	NIL	7.03	7.87	68	56
	Brooks	NIL	6.64	7.90	66	59
	Bindloss	N.R.	10.81[2]	7.72	N.R.	57
	Empress	NIL	6.96	8.41	66	57
4	High River	NIL	10.21	11.61	63	54
	Vulcan	NIL	11.10	9.18	66	56
5	Drumheller	NIL	4.56	10.14	68	60
	Hanna	NIL	8.69	10.58	64	56
	Naco	N.R.	8.78[2]	9.24	N.R.	55
	Oyen	N.R.	7.05[2]	7.57	N.R.	N.R.

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ALBERTA (Concluded)						
6	Olds	N.R.	12.60[2/]	11.61	N.R.	52
	Calgary	NIL	8.91	11.50	65	56
	Three Hills	NIL	8.47	9.76	62	54
	Strathmore	N.R.	6.97[2/]	10.20	N.R.	52
	Gleichen	NIL	10.18	9.36	65	55
	Hussar	N.R.	8.31[2/]	9.12	N.R.	N.R.
	Trochu	NIL	7.18	10.35	63	54
7	Alliance	NIL	12.75	8.95	64	55
	Hardisty	NIL	7.96	9.65	N.R.	N.R.
	Coronation	NIL	8.27	8.23	64	55
	Hughenden	NIL	10.30	9.17	63	56
8	Red Deer	NIL	8.98	13.54	64	52
	Lacombe	NIL	11.62	11.46	64	52
	Wetaskiwin	NIL	11.22	10.95	64	54
	Camrose	NIL	9.14	10.03	63	54
	Stettler	NIL	9.89	11.20	57	53
9	Rocky Mountain House	NIL	9.60	12.33	64	50
	Springdale	NIL	7.54	13.66	58	50
10	Vegreville	.05	9.72	12.13	60	52
	Vermilion	Trace	8.66	11.90	62	52
	Lloydminster	NIL	12.05	8.60	63	52
11	Edmonton	.03	11.26	11.60	66	55
12	Edson	.07	12.81	11.80	60	53
	Whitecourt	1.23	16.15	12.51	60	52
	Sangudo	N.R.	1.75[2/]	12.00	N.R.	52
13	Elk Point	Trace	9.89	9.60	60	50
	Lac la Biche	.02	10.50	9.75	64	52
14	Campsie	N.R.	12.58[2/]	11.68	N.R.	52
	Athabaska	.11	14.06	10.76	59	52
15	High Prairie	.04	10.68	9.71	60	53
	Wagner	.08	6.94	10.73	62	53
16	Beaverlodge	.01	9.09	8.18	61	53
	Grande Prairie	Trace	10.04	9.83	62	53
	Fairview	NIL	10.16	7.46	61	53
	Fort St. John	NIL	9.26	9.26	61	55
ALBERTA AVERAGE		.04	9.86	10.05	63.4	54.6

N.R. - No report.

1/ - Source: Meteorological Service of Canada.

2/ - Incomplete; not included in average.