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Ottawa, July 4th, 1928, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the receipt of the following telegrams on the condition of crops in Canada at the end of June.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Charlotte-
town: June temperatures - highest, 81; lowest, 40; mean 57.32; rainfall, 2.82;
sunshine, 228. Frequent beneficial showers have produced strong growth of all
crops. Prospects good for cereals and potatoes. Hay fair, heading short. Corn
and turnips germinated well. Fruit set about average.

NOVA SCOTIA.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Amherst: Maximum
temperature, 83; minimum, 37; mean, 57.98; sunshine, 287.5; precipitation 2.52.
Season ten days advanced over last year. Growth has been good for all crops
except corn, latter very slow. Pastures excellent, but rain is now needed for
satisfactory growth to continue. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville:
Weather favourable for crop growth. Clover is not abundant due to winter-killing,
but grass crops showing up well and indicate average yield. Grains coming along
rapidly and root and corn crops promising well. Potatoes making good growth.
Strawberries a medium crop. Bush fruits fair, stone fruits fair to good, apples
showing much variation in set. On the whole, probably, crop not in excess of last
season. Considerable "apple spot" developing on foliage during last week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton:
Good growth especially last week of month. Hay growing fast but rather thin stand.
Grain making good growth, corn backward, vegetables and roots promising. Good set
of fruit on apple trees. Strawberries promising but late. Pastures very good.
Potatoes average.

QUEBEC.- From the Quebec Bureau of Statistics: Sowings concluded in
west of Province end of May, but in the east it was finished end of June only, thus
considerable delay caused by rains that lasted for nearly three weeks. Cereals are
coming out fine; meadows and pastures are in good condition except in the region
of Montreal and the Eastern Townships. A certain quantity of hay remains unsold
in the Montreal district, as well as certain quantities of potatoes in divers districts
of the Province. Live stock market is firm and so is the market for dairy products.
On the whole, with warm weather, a good crop may well be expected.

ONTARIO.- From the Ontario Department of Agriculture: Heavy rainfall over
province in late June. Pastures excellent and milk flow at peak. Spring grains
very promising. Meadows have improved wonderfully of late but below normal.
Haying, general about end of present week. Wet weather retarded seeding in extreme
Eastern Ontario counties and spring crops very backward. One third fall wheat
winter-killed, now headed out and many fields promising. Alfalfa seed acreage
below normal. Alsike short, but with suitable weather, prospects good.

MANITOBA.- From the Manitoba Department of Agriculture: First three weeks of June wet and cool, last week dry and warm. Crops look well. Slight drowning of grain in Red River valley. No other June damage. Wheat just beginning to head. Hay prospects good, pastures good. Few potato bugs so far. Present prospects satisfactory. From the Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon: Weather conditions, particularly, during the past week very favourable to crop growth. Number of districts report early varieties in head. Stand of fall rye varies greatly. Cultivated hay crops excellent. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden: Crops developing nicely. Wheat and barley in head, oats heavy stand. Closer and grass crops good and live stock thriving. Corn has been checked by cold and wet, but is now moving rapidly. Potatoes and root crops thrifty. Insect and rust damage small. Weed growth rampant. Raspberries and apples light, other fruits fair to good.

June 25th:

SASKATCHEWAN.- From the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, / Wheat and other grains have made satisfactory progress during the past two weeks and are generally reported in good condition, although there are places in the southern districts where the growth is uneven due to uneven germination as result of drought earlier in the season. Fall rye, however, is reported a thin crop in many places. Cutworm and wireworm damage has been slight and hail damage negligible. A few reports of root rot in some fields have been received, otherwise there is no appearance of diseases. Recent rains have given a good supply of moisture to the soil and warm weather will be beneficial. Sweet clover is reported a fairly good crop and the rain has improved the pastures. The roads are generally reported bad as a result of the rain. Summerfallow is about fifty per cent completed although delayed on account of rain in some districts. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current: Abundant rains since June 15 greatly improved spring grains and pasture. Second wheat crop still uneven and will not make good crop, but fallow promises yield. No serious damage from insects, diseases or hail. Fall rye poor.

ALBERTA.- From the Alberta Department of Agriculture: Alberta crops have ~~never~~ shown greater promise at this season. Fifty per cent of wheat in shot blade and all growth rapid. Crops cleaner than usual due to high quality seed used. June precipitation well above average over entire province. Sugar beet crop very promising and alfalfa and sweet clover yielding well. Much new land being broken in central districts. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Lothbridge: Crop conditions in many sections of southern Alberta at end of May in critical conditions ~~owing to uneven~~ germination on all but summerfallow land. But during June, rains were ~~ample~~ everywhere and more abundant than for many years. So that crop prospects could scarcely be better. Insect injury practically negligible.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.- From the British Columbia Department of Agriculture: Frequent rains during first part of June followed by two weeks warm weather proved very favourable for growth of all field crops. Vegetable crops making good progress and tomatoes looking exceptionally well. Orchards in splendid condition, nearly all tree fruits will show increased yields over 1927. Haying general and good crops are reported from all sections. Fall wheat extra good and cutting will commence in about two weeks time. Onion maggot has been very severe in most onion fields and will effect a considerable reduction in yields.

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