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Ottawa, August 18, 1928, 12 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the receipt of the following telegrams on the condition of crops in Canada at the middle of August.

New Brunswick.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton:- Wet weather first eleven days month delayed hay making and lodged early grain. Potatoes, Roots and Vegetables, apples average crop. Pastures good. Grain promising, ripening rapidly in dry warm weather this week.

Quebec.- From the Quebec Bureau of Statistics:- Recent rain has belated hay making and damaged the crop nearly everywhere except in lower Quebec where dryness prevailed. In the Montreal region and Eastern townships the crop of hay will be inferior. Cereals are likely to give a good crop, generally, and so are potatoes at Lac St-Jean and in the Abitibi. There is abundance of hay, and the last four warm days have greatly improved the condition of all vegetation.

Manitoba.- From the Manitoba Department of Agriculture:- Grain crop one-quarter cut. Recent weather favourable. Rust negligible. Very little hail or other damage except July drowning in places. Yields all cereals satisfactory. Grade good. Threshing started in odd cases. Fodder corn and potatoes doing well. From the Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon:- Warm weather during the past two weeks has hastened ripening of crops. The grain is plump and heavy yields are expected from the crop. Oats and Barley are in stocks and wheat cutting is becoming general. Pastures good and livestock thriving well.

Saskatchewan.- From the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture:- Wheat generally in good condition. Cutting started in several districts and expected to be general next week. Hail again caused severe damage in a few localities. Damage, however, taking province as a whole, not great. Coarse grains in fairly good condition. Weather generally favourable for ripening.

Alberta.- From the Alberta Department of Agriculture:- The hot weather of the past week has hastened ripening of crops all over the province. Hail damage though severe in places is much lighter than last year. The crop, in general, has been singularly free from disease and insect pests. Some army worms have appeared during the past ten days, however, but the infestation has been confined mostly to gardens. Light frosts have occurred in several places but the damage is negligible. From present indications, there will be a good quality of grain. On the whole, the weather has been favourable for filling and ripening so that there is a prospect of a better grade than last year. The dry cool weather of the early spring was not favourable for heavy stooling in some parts. Wheat cutting has commenced in most of the districts heard from, but will not be general before August 25th. Cutting of fall wheat and rye is practically completed. With some fall rye already threshed, an exhaustive study is being made of conditions in the province and when completed, next week, a special report regarding yield, acreage, and quality will be issued.

Cablegram from Argentina, August 18, 1928.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the receipt of a cablegram from the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Buenos Aires communicating the following official estimate of the probable area to be sown to wheat, flaxseed and oats in Argentina for the season 1928-29 with the 1927-28 sown areas given within brackets: Wheat 20,263,000 (19,714,000); Flaxseed 7,166,000 (7,055,000); and Oats 3,212,000 (3,161,000).

Ontario.- Department of Agriculture, August 13: Two weeks of dry weather is the general cry of the farmers of the Province. A few counties report as much as 50 p.c. of the hay crop as standing. The bulk of the fall wheat, a good percentage of barley and some oats are in stock. A good deal of wheat has sprouted both in the stock and standing in the field. The heavier, lower-lying lands are reported as still impassable to machinery. The mower and reaper are being used in many sections on weather-beaten fields of grain where the binders will not work. Favoured by continued humidity, rust is making headway in many fields of late oats. In fact, the weather has been most favourable for many fungi and insect pests. To add to the difficulty, farm labour is reported as very scarce in all parts of the Province. Pastures are good and the milk flow exceptionally high for this time of year. The prices offered for live stock generally are satisfactory. With some branches of farm work at a standstill, advantage is being taken in some sections to get the land ploughed for fall wheat. Crop yields vary a great deal. The situation in Northern Ontario is generally better. August 18:- Good weather ~~has improved conditions~~ and threshing is general throughout Central and Western Ontario. Wheat yields fair, 20 to 50 bushels per acre.



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