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Ottawa, September 4, 1929, 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 August.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown: Haymaking completed, crop above average, well saved. Pastures and root crops good. Corn medium crop. Potatoes will be low in yield. Early harvest started with promise of fair crop. Weather dry and cereals ripening rapidly.

NOVA SCOTIA.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville: Although a dry month with only two inches of rain in small showers, oats have filled fairly well and yield will be about fifteen percent below normal. Fruit crops have suffered with possible yield of twenty five percent below normal. Potatoes about fifteen percent below normal: corn short. Apples want more rain if they are to size properly and present indications are that they will be undersize. Fruit clean with good crop in most orchards. From the Dominion Experimental Farm, Nappan: Dry weather reducing yields of all crops. Hay eighty percent harvested, yield below five-year average. Grain harvesting general. Indications are for twenty five percent decrease below average. Yield roots and silage crops twenty percent decrease, potatoes fifteen to thirty percent decrease in different localities. Pastures very dry, milk production dropping rapidly.

NEW BRUNSWICK.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton: Fair growing conditions. Grain ripening rapidly. Fair grain, no lodging. Corn making fair growth. Potatoes good on heavy land, below average on light land. Roots making rather slow growth, pastures beginning to dry up. Apples good quality and fair crop. Vegetables good. Rainfall rather light but timely.

QUEBEC.- From the Quebec Department of Agriculture: Lower St. Lawrence: Hay-making is not completely finished. The cereal harvest is just beginning and yields will be good; potatoes and roots will give a good crop. Some damage by rain. Pastures are satisfactory except in the counties of Rimouski, Bonaventure and Magdalen Islands. Local market rather strong. Quebec District: Hay-making is finished, crop rather strong and of good quality. Grains look very good; the harvest is just beginning. Corn is rather poor. Frequent and cold rains have been harmful. Potatoes and vegetables give a good yield in most of the counties. Pasture conditions are good to mediocre. Roots will give a good yield. Tobacco and flax are rather poor. Local market rather strong. Montreal District: Hay is of good quality; average yield. Certain counties have suffered from dryness. In the immediate vicinity of Montreal, the cereal harvest is advanced. Crop is good in most counties. Tobacco crop is good except in the counties of Montcalm and St. Hyacinthe. Damage in some localities by hail. Fruits will give an average yield. Vegetables are abundant. Silage corn is just fair. Pastures are satisfactory in most of the counties, sometimes mediocre. Local market is good. North of the Province: Hay-making is not completely finished. The cereal harvest is just beginning. The yield will be average. Pastures are good and local markets conditions are excellent in Lake St-John and fair in Abitibi West. Dryness has done some damage during June in Abitibi West, and crops have suffered from rain in Lake St-John. Roots crop will be very good. Bois-Francs and Eastern Townships: Hay-making is practically finished: good crop. The grain crop will be good. The tobacco crop is average. Roots present a fine appearance, while corn is mediocre. Heavy and cold rains have done damage. Vegetables will be abundant. The tobacco crop is ordinary. The local market is rather good. Not much damage by diseases and insects. Pasture conditions are generally good. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere: Hay crop finished during the month and is above average. Early grain sown now cut with prospects of good crop. Roots have done well during the month but large percentage of potato fields are affected by late blight with prospects of low yield. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Cap Rouge: Pastures still good. Grain improved since two weeks but still patchy and below average. Silage corn not as good as usual. Aftercrop very promising. Garden crop fairly good. A few fields of early varieties of grain are cut. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville: Weather conditions have been very favourable for filling of grain which, although thin, will be fair crop of good quality. Grain cutting well under way. New seeding of hay very good. Silage, potatoes, late fruit and vegetables excellent.

From the Dominion Experimental Station, La Ferme: The Abitibi district has yielded an excellent crop of hay and the crop of grains will be good also. Cutting of wheat, barley and oats started in the last week of August. Prospects for potatoes are fine. Vegetables are plentiful and promise good yield. Pastures are fair and cattle in good condition. Market good. Ploughing well advanced. No frost.

ONTARIO.-- From the Ontario Department of Agriculture: Still very dry. Trying conditions prevail, particularly in the south-western counties where cash crops are suffering because of lack of moisture. Pastures are dry and cattle are being driven to water. Conditions have been ideal for harvesting and threshing and this work is very well advanced, harvest being almost completed in central and western counties. Where moisture conditions permit, a large acreage has been prepared for fall wheat, but seeding is being delayed in the hope that rain will come. There is a great increase in after-harvest cultivation owing to the time being available and to the weed campaign. This is most noticeable where tractors are employed. Yields of fall wheat are lower than last year but the acreage difference is that every farmer who sowed fall wheat is threshing a fair crop, whereas last year there was a heavy winter kill. Grass grains on the average are very promising. Alsike is spotty, some fields being too poor to pay for threshing, while others are turning out very well. Red clover is very promising.

MANITOBA.-- From the Manitoba Department of Agriculture: Crop practically all cut in Southern Manitoba but some fields still stand farther north. Threshing about fifty percent done Southern Manitoba. Few local showers but general drouth continues serious. Bush fires, many creeks dried. Farm work progressing rapidly. Slight frost mid-August partially froze corn, potatoes and tender garden crops in local areas but did not damage grain crops. No frost since. Plowing difficult because of drouth. Potato yield small. Animals fair condition considering brown pastures. Honey yield very variable. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden: Cutting completed, threshing about fifty percent finished. Yields very variable, wheat averaging from five to twenty five bushels, oats average thirty five to forty bushels, barley average twenty to forty bushels. Samples are good, but yields are low. Corn is dried up badly, pastures burned up, weather continues dry with no sign of rain. Ploughing practically impossible, rain badly needed. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Brandon: Draught continues unbroken. Wheat threshing progressing rapidly. Probable average fourteen bushels per acre grading one and two. Will be a scarcity of oats but considerable barley for feed. Fodder corn about seventy percent of a crop. Potatoes about fifty percent.

SASKATCHEWAN.-- From the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture: Splendid progress has been made with harvesting operations during the last two weeks with favourable weather conditions prevailing. Wheat cutting is nearly completed and about seventy five percent of coarse grains. Quite a considerable amount of threshing has been done in the south and it is also well under way in most of the northern districts. Yields show wide variation but are generally in line with expectations with some fair yields reported in the north and poor yields in the south. The potato crop is very light in nearly all districts and very much below that of last year. Pastures are bare in many districts and the extra run of the stubble fields, as soon as they become available for pasture, will help the feed situation. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current: Binder cutting of wheat finished. Combines and threshers at work. Thirty percent threshing done. Average yield nine to ten bushels, grades mostly two and three, some one and four. Small amount oats and barley threshed, much of oat crop will be used for sheaf feed. Yields poor.

ALBERTA.-- From the Alberta Department of Agriculture: Harvesting weather very favourable for past ten days. Ninety percent of wheat cut, sixty percent oats and barley cut. Light frosts in scattered districts but no damage done. Grain good quality grading two and three. Threshing has commenced several areas, will not be general for about a week. Crops in south and North will yield fairly well, whole of central area very light. From the Dominion Experimental Farm, Lethbridge: Weather continued dry and hot to end of August. Ideal harvesting. Threshing shows yield wheat from ten to thirty five bushels, grades one to four mostly. Rain September first followed by light frost in spots nipped tender vegetation. Some snow in foothills.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.-- From the British Columbia Department of Agriculture: Rain general throughout province during week of August eighteenth to twenty fourth which proved beneficial to root crops and forage crops. Cutting of wheat complete except in the central interior of the province. Harvesting of oats in full swing and threshing general. It is estimated spring wheat will yield approximately twenty two bushels, oats forty five and barley twenty six.

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