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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, September 4, 1930, 4 p.m. - With the valued co-operation of agriculturists of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and of the statisticians of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day the last of a series of twelve weekly telegraphic reports on the crop situation.

General Conditions in Canada.

The Maritimes.

The crops of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia have been further affected by drought in the last two weeks of August, but New Brunswick conditions have been more favourable. The grain harvest has been practically completed in ideal weather and the total yield will be above average. Potatoes are maturing rapidly. The apple crop is promising. Rain would benefit pastures and encourage the milk flow which has been greatly reduced in the late summer months.

Quebec.

Haying is completed and the grain harvest is proceeding. Cereals will give good yields, especially on well-drained land. Pastures and roots are in fine condition, but potatoes, apples, and corn have deteriorated. Potatoes have suffered from blight and mildew, which will affect both yield and quality. The apple crop has been appreciably reduced by scab and hail. Corn is generally reported as only fair. On the whole, the wet season has been conducive to good crop yields of lower than average quality.

Ontario.

The weather in Ontario has been more favourable for agriculture in the past two weeks. Precipitation helped the late crops in western Ontario, but has not been sufficient to offset the serious effects of earlier drought and heat. In northern and eastern Ontario, good harvest weather has prevailed. The dry weather has greatly limited the growth of pastures and has caused an almost general reduction of milk flow. Good yields are the rule in eastern and northern Ontario, but crop conditions depreciate considerably towards the West, where drought prevailed throughout the growing season.

The Prairie Provinces.

Compared with the high temperatures recorded during the week previous to our report of August 27th, the weather has been more moderate in Saskatchewan and Alberta, with Manitoba showing higher maximum readings than the provinces further west. Thermometers dipped below the 32 degrees F. level at a number of points across the north-central park belt of the three provinces, at Vidora in southwestern Saskatchewan, and in the Peace River district of Alberta. The lowest figure recorded was 24 degrees at Macklin, Saskatchewan. Damage to late grains will undoubtedly result. Showers have been frequent and scattered over the three provinces, thus hindering threshing but helping pastures and late crops. In central and southeastern areas of both Manitoba and Saskatchewan, fairly heavy rains have fallen. In central Alberta, rains were again accompanied by hail.

The bulk of the Prairie grain crop is now safe from serious frost damage. Cutting is practically completed across the southern and central wheat-growing areas and threshing is general. As was expected, yields show a wide variation. Durum and early bread wheats of Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan are yielding and grading higher than Marquis and later wheats which suffered considerably from rust and drought in late July and early August. By mid-September threshing should be nearing completion and rains would be welcome in most areas to help the feed situation.

British Columbia.

Drought is still a problem, being especially damaging to pastures, root crops and potatoes. The grain harvest is nearing completion under excellent weather conditions. Early fruits are now being picked and marketed and show average yields and high quality.

Note

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Reports from Correspondents.

Prince Edward Island.

Department of Agriculture,
Charlottetown.

Weather during August generally warm with occasional rain. Grain ripened early and is mostly harvested. Yield good, slightly above average. Milk production fell off heavily. Some fields of potatoes matured, yield estimate below last year. Turnips give excellent promise, about fifty cars already shipped. General farming conditions good.

Experimental Farm,
Charlottetown.

Grain harvesting about completed under ideal weather conditions with fair to good crop. Corn excellent. Pastures dry and short. Potatoes ripening with a few already harvested.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations,
Charlottetown. The last half of August dry and very hot. Root crops and pastures over entire province need rain. Grain three-quarters harvested with ideal weather, making an average crop. Potatoes maturing rapidly. No digging to date.

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Experimental Farm,
Napan.

Weather ideal throughout August. Rain recorded on 10 dates totals 2.26 inches versus 22 year average of 3.4 inches. Maximum temperature 84, minimum 41, mean 63.6 versus 21 year average of 62.95. Total sunshine 255 hours versus 18 year average of 210. Excellent harvest weather prevailing. Eighty-five per cent of grain cut. Fifty per cent stored. Yields above average. Roots, corn and sunflowers making satisfactory growth. Pastures fair. More rain would be beneficial. Grain ripened early and is mostly harvested. Yield good, slightly above average. Milk production fell off heavily. Some fields of potatoes matured, yield estimate below last year. Turnips give excellent promise, about fifty cars already shipped. General farming conditions good.

Department of Agriculture,
Fredericton.

Grain harvesting proceeding rapidly. Wheat and oats yielding greater and better quality than last year. Hay harvesting nearly completed except Tidal Marsh. Potatoes show no change being average in quality and yield. Corn excellent. Pastures dry and short. Potatoes ripening with a few already harvested.

Experimental Station,
Fredericton.

Grain nearly all harvested. Yield and quality above average. Corn is a bumper crop. Roots and potatoes promising. Heavy clover aftermath. Apples will be a good crop. Last half of August dry and very hot. Root crops and pastures over entire province need rain. Grain three-quarters harvested with ideal weather, making an average crop. Potatoes maturing rapidly. No digging to date.

Department of Agriculture,
Quebec.

Haying fully completed. Harvesting is progressing under favourable weather. Cereals are generally a good crop, except in low lands. Mildew has caused considerable damage in every centre to potatoes grown on a large scale, and this crop will be considerably reduced. Scab is depreciating by 75 p.c. the quality of Fameuse apples and by 10 p.c. the quality of the Macintosh and other varieties. Damage by hail to apples amounts to 25 p.c. Plums are an excellent crop. Pastures are in the best of condition. Grain harvest weather prevailing. Eighty-five per cent of grain cut. Fifty per cent stored. Yields above average. Roots, corn and sunflowers making satisfactory growth. Pastures fair. More rain would be beneficial. Grain ripened early and is mostly harvested. Yield good, slightly above average. Milk production fell off heavily. Some fields of potatoes matured, yield estimate below last year. Turnips give excellent promise, about fifty cars already shipped. General farming conditions good.

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Experimental Station,
Farnham.

Harvesting of grain and cutting of tobacco in full swing. Corn poor. Vegetables and fruits in the average. Potatoes lower than the average.

Experimental Station,
Lennoxville.

Haying completed. Fair crop of second-cut clover. New hay seeding doing well. Grain harvest well under way, yield above average. Corn and roots only fair. Pastures in good condition. Weather unsettled, making grain harvesting difficult.

Experimental Station,
Cap Rouge.

Pastures still good. Grain very good on dry land. A few fields are cut. Silage corn fairly good on dry land, below average on wet land. Apple crop medium. Ornamental plant and garden crop very good. Bad weather favours diseases on potatoes and the yield and quality will be badly affected.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations,
Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

After 12 inches precipitation since July first, bright weather relieved the situation. Most farmers have practically completed the harvest of hay, which of course was ripe and of poor quality. Grain crop maturing rapidly, with yield quite promising. Potato crop reduced by early blight. Roots growing well. Pasture holding well.

Experimental Station,
L'Assomption.

Oats not all harvested, yield fair. Corn poor to fair. Pasture good. Tobacco either very good or very poor, no medium crops. More good tobacco than usual, and harvested in a little better condition than usual.

Ontario.

Department of Agriculture,
Toronto.

Crop conditions during the past week have improved considerably for later crops, such as potatoes and ensilage corn, but the showers arrived too late in the season to be of much help to buckwheat, which is reported as being more or less a failure throughout western Ontario. Bean harvest is in full swing and the yield will be only fair. Decrease in milk flow is reported in practically all counties, especially in Western Ontario, due to shortage of pastures. Essex County reports that corn is ripening quickly and will be of good quality. Northern Ontario is enjoying good weather for harvesting and a keen demand for hay is noted.

Experimental Farm,
Harrow.

Light local showers improved tobacco and other late crops in some sections. Twenty per cent of flue cured tobacco in Norfolk County harvested, about ten per cent tobacco crop harvested in Essex County. Recent hail storm Norfolk County did considerable damage. Corn borer damage appears very slight to date. Threshing completed with good oat yield on heavy soils.

Experimental Farm,
Kapuskasing.

Weather dry and warm. Ideal for ripening grain. Cutting oats and barley general in the district. Yields oats, barley and potatoes fair, wheat and meadows good. Soil is dry and difficult to plow. Season at least two weeks earlier than last year.

Manitoba.

Experimental Station,
Morden

Threshing seventy-five per cent completed. Yields variable. Early wheats yielding fifteen to forty-five bushels, grading one and two northern. Marquis grading two northern to feed, yielding twelve to thirty-five bushels. Oats light. Barley better. Pastures poor. Corn drying up. Stock fair. Rain badly needed.

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Saskatchewan.

Department of Agriculture,
Regina.

Cutting of wheat and coarse grains is now well advanced with possibly 90 per cent of the wheat and over 75 per cent of the coarse grains cut. The weather has been generally dry and hot during the past two weeks, but turned somewhat cooler over the week-end. Showery weather is reported in some districts, but on the whole, conditions have been favourable for harvesting. Threshing is well under way in most districts and appears to be more advanced in the southern part of the province than in the north. Taking the province as a whole around 30 per cent of the wheat is threshed. Rust, as previously reported, has reduced the yields and affected the grade in the eastern part of the province. In other parts, the infestation is not likely to cause material damage. Several stations report heavy frosts on the nights of August 30 and 31 which would injure any late and immature grain. The returns from the threshing machines show a wide variation and although disappointment is expressed in some cases, on the whole, the grain appears to be turning out as well as expected. Potatoes are reported a fair crop and show a marked improvement over last year. Live stock are generally reported in fair condition and pastures are fair to poor.

Experimental Farm,
Indian Head.

Threshing is general in this district. Early sown wheat yielding fairly well and grading number one. Late sown wheat badly damaged by drought and rust, grading four to feed. Good yields of oats reported. Early sown barley fair crop. Rye below average.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations,
Swift Current.

Riverhurst- binder cutting done, combining under way, threshing started, crops fair, grade good, some sawfly damage. Tugaskie- cutting done, threshing half finished, yield of wheat 4 to 12 bushels, grade good. Davidson- cutting nearly completed, crops very light, some stubble crops not worth harvesting.

Experimental Station,
Swift Current.

Weather mostly clear. Four degrees frost September first, but damage confined to minor crops. Threshing and combining wheat about half done. Yields vary widely. Week of good weather will see most of threshing finished.

Alberta

Experimental Station and Supervisor of
Illustration Stations, Lethbridge.

Southern Alberta experienced lower temperature and rain with snow in foothills Saturday the thirtieth. No material frost damage reported. Good harvest weather has resumed. Binding and combining in last stages. Separator threshing general. Wheat grading high. Sugar beets maturing rapidly. Total tonnage estimated almost double any previous year.

Experimental Sub-station,
Beaverlodge.

After last report, three days of fine harvest weather prevailed, followed by terrific west by southwest wind on twenty-ninth shattering a seeding or more on standing fields and blowing down many stacks. Light rain that night was followed by touch of frost before morning. On some low land, potato vines were frosted on morning twenty-eighth but on high land of Experimental Station nasturtiums are still scarcely injured. Last three days very favourable. Most of the wheat and considerable oats cut. In a few low areas effect of July frost shows now in empty or scantily filled heads.

British Columbia.

Department of Agriculture,
Victoria.

Grain harvest will be completed in about ten days time. Threshing is in full swing. Wealthy and Gravenstein apples are being picked and early peaches are going through the packing houses. Rain badly needed for roots and pasture. Late potatoes are not sizing as well as could be desired.

British Columbia - Cont'd.

Experimental Station,
Summerland.

Heavy showers have cleared air and washed dust from trees. Apples sizing and coloring with promise of very high quality. Flemish Beauty pears being harvested. Cantaloupes moving in car lots.

Experimental Station,
Sidney.

Little change in agricultural conditions since last report. Fruit harvest engaging attention now. Yield of plums, pears and apples about average. Pears running small. Root crops and potatoes suffering because of dry weather. Pastures dead. Water supply running low.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations,
Nanaimo.

Mainland and Vancouver Island very dry. Splendid harvest weather. Yield of grain seems up to average. Potatoes turning out fair to good crop. Much improvement in corn and roots. Pastures and meadows suffering from drought conditions.

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