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Ottawa, September 2, 1931, 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 fourteen weekly telegraphic reports on the crop situation.

General Conditions in Canada

The harvesting of seasonal crops has progressed satisfactorily in all parts of Canada during the past two weeks. Harvesting of cereals in the Maritimes is well advanced but with operations delayed by wet weather in sections of Nova Scotia. The harvesting of cereals is now practically completed in Quebec with generally satisfactory returns. Rain is needed in many areas to improve root crops and pasture and assist fall cultivation.

The weather in Ontario has been favourable for harvesting all crops and threshing of cereals is well under way with yields generally satisfactory. Ample corn and ensilage crops are being harvested at the present time. Harvesting of the wheat crops of the Prairie Provinces has progressed satisfactorily until last week when operations were delayed by heavy rainfall in Manitoba and light rains in Saskatchewan and Alberta. While delaying harvesting for a few days, the rains in the West have been very beneficial in improving the feed and pasture situation, especially in Manitoba. In British Columbia favourable weather has hastened harvesting of all crops and cutting of the cereal crops is well advanced in southern areas and general in northern districts where high yields are in prospect. Fruits and vegetables are being shipped in volume and the quality is generally good.

The Maritime Provinces.

Frequent showers have delayed the harvesting of cereal crops in Prince Edward Island but have improved prospects for root crops and pastures. The yield of potatoes is reported average with some blight present. Early varieties of fruit have made good progress, sizing and coloring well. Live stock are generally in good condition. In Nova Scotia grain harvesting is well advanced and some threshing completed. Harvesting in some sections of the province has been delayed by frequent showers. Root crops and pastures are good and dairy production has been well maintained. New Brunswick has experienced favourable harvesting weather and the yields of wheat, oats and barley are reported very satisfactory. A heavy apple crop is maturing. Rain is needed to improve the condition of pastures.

Quebec.

The harvesting of cereals is now practically completed in Quebec with yields generally satisfactory. In the Lower St. Lawrence area, rain is needed and pastures are very dry. Potatoes have suffered for the lack of moisture. In the Three River district cereals have been harvested in excellent condition and threshing is nearly completed. Fodder corn and turnips are in good condition and will yield well. Reports for Bois Francs and Eastern Townships indicate a reduced yield of grain as a result of excessive rain and uneven temperatures during the growing season. Potatoes and root crops promise a better yield than last year. A good crop of fodder corn will be harvested in the Chateauguay Valley. The Ottawa District is suffering from drought and the yield of potatoes will be reduced.

Ontario.

The past two weeks have been favourable for harvesting in Ontario and excellent progress has been made. Grains are practically all cut and threshing is in progress with all crops yielding well. Corn is maturing quickly and promises an excellent yield. Fruit prospects continue good with a satisfactory apple crop in prospect. Many districts require rain, however, to improve pastures which have suffered from continued dry weather.

The Prairie Provinces.

During the past week Manitoba received substantial rains which have delayed harvesting operations for the time being. The rainfall, however, was urgently needed to improve the pasture and feed situation. Approximately ninety per cent of the wheat crop is cut, and some threshing is completed in southern districts. A light frost was reported last week but only slight damage is evident.

In Saskatchewan approximately seventy per cent of the wheat crops is now cut, and threshing is under way in some areas. Feed crops and pastures will benefit from the rains received during the past week and late crops will progress if not damaged by frost.

Cutting in Alberta is well advanced in southern districts and is now general in central and northern areas. Rains during the past week have delayed operations in the central and northern areas where crops are heavy and damage may result if further rains are received before harvesting is completed. Further hail damage was reported during the past week but for the whole season crop damage from this source is less than last year.

Meteorological Report

Precipitation reported by the Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, for the week ending 8 a.m. August 31st. (in inches).

<u>Manitoba</u>		<u>Saskatchewan</u>		<u>Alberta</u>	
Pierson	0.6	Saskatoon	.05	Lethbridge	.05
Boissevain	0.7	Yellow Grass	.05	Calgary	0.1
Winnipeg	0.8	Moose Jaw	.05	Drumheller	0.2
Dauphin	0.9	Windersley	0.1	Vegreville	0.4
Morden	1.0	Outlook	0.1	Beaverlodge	0.5
Emerson	1.3	Regina	0.1	Coronation	0.8
Brandon	1.3	Prince Albert	0.1	Stettler	0.9
Swan River	1.3	Battleford	0.1	Edmonton	0.9
Le Pas	1.6	Swift Current	0.1	Red Deer	1.6
Virden	1.7	Broadview	0.2		
Cypress River	1.9	Yorkton	0.3		
Portage la Prairie	2.0	Macklin	0.3		
Minnedosa	2.0	Moosomin	0.5		
Russell	2.6	Qu'Appelle	0.5		
		Melfort	0.6		
		Kamsack	0.7		
		Indian Head	0.7		
		Humboldt	1.0		
		Lloydminster	1.4		

Hail Damage.

The following hail reports were received from correspondents in Saskatchewan and Alberta:

Saskatchewan.

"Widespread damage done to crops as a result of storm of August twenty-sixth at Estevan, Arcola, Carlyle, Alida, Wauchope, Redvers and Maryfield."

Alberta.

"Hail claims received from Didsbury, Crossfield, Michichi, Delia, Hanna, Richdale, Heavy damage at most points."

Rust.

No new developments in the rust situation were reported during the past week.

British Columbia.

Cutting of grains is practically completed on Vancouver Island and southern mainland while harvesting is becoming general in northern area. Wealthy apples, peaches, pears, cantaloupes and vegetables are being shipped in volume and the quality of these crops is generally good. Rainfall was reported Tuesday from many sections of the province which, while delaying harvesting, will benefit root crops and pastures which have suffered from continued dry weather.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Experimental Station, Charlottetown.

Cereals nearly all cut. Yield above average. Showery weather made harvesting difficult but favourable for roots and pastures. Potato yield estimated about average, some blight reported. Early varieties maturing fruit good color and sizing up well. Vegetables quite promising. Live stock in good condition.

NOVA SCOTIA

Director of Extension, Truro.

Harvesting of grain crop well advanced and some threshing done. Yields good. Some sections held back due to wet weather and damage done. Some sprouting in shock in North Shore District. Pastures continue good in most of province and dairy production has kept up. Early potatoes being dug, yields fair but no price. First shipments of apples have gone out to United Kingdom markets. Root crops growing exceptionally well.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Practically all grain ripe. Excellent harvest weather. Yield and quality of wheat, oats and barley above average. Potatoes showing both early and late blight. Corn, swedes, mangels, vegetables good. Apples a heavy crop. Pastures drying up.

Entomological Laboratory, Fredericton.

Field crops being harvested without serious insect injury. Fall web worm and apple leaf skeletonizer abundant on apple trees in southern half of province. Slight injury to garden cabbage and turnips by leaf feeding larvae.

QUEBEC

Department of Agriculture, Quebec.

Lower St. Lawrence. - From the Supervisor of Agriculturists: No rain for a month. Pastures very dry. Haying completed. Harvesting three quarters done. Potatoes are suffering of the drought; will probably be 75 per cent of last year. Cereals well ripened; yield about 10 per cent below that of last year. Soil very dry for ploughing. Three Rivers District - Supervisor of Agriculturists, Louiseville: Cereals cut and garnered in excellent condition; threshing nearly completed; 20 per cent increase in yield. Potatoes will yield more than last year in spite of some losses by scalding. Fodder corn and turnips are in good condition and will yield high. Bas-Franc and Eastern Townships. - Supervisor of Agriculturists, Sherbrooke: Harvesting of cereals, now nearly complete, was done in excellent condition. Threshing started. Yield seems below that of last year because of excessive rains and unevenness of temperature in some localities during the growing season. Potatoes are normal with prospects of a yield slightly higher than last year. Vegetables are coming very well in the south section of the Townships, but only in an average condition in the centre, owing to diseases. Corn very fine. The prevalence of flies interferes with the milk flow. Ploughing started and proceeding well. Many farmers are draining their land with horseshovels. South-East of Montreal - Inspector of Agriculturists, Laprairie: Cereals all garnered and one third is threshed. The grain is light but the yield is good. Potatoes affected by scab, but yield better than last year. Tomatoes are fine, yielding eight tons to the acre; prices good at fifteen dollars. Pastures are thinning because of drought. Montreal and Ottawa Valley - Inspector of Agriculturists, Ste-Martine: Big crop of fodder corn in the Chateauguay Valley. Clover seed promises a good crop in Montreal district. The Ottawa district is suffering of drought. Yield of potatoes greatly reduced. Hoppers are responsible for slight damages.

Experimental Station, L'Assomption. - The summer has been excessively dry and the late harvested oats are light. The pastures are very poor. Silage corn is very good. Reduction of 15 per cent in the acreage of tobacco. Total crop of tobacco 20 to 25 per cent smaller than last year. Some tobacco crop completely destroyed by the grasshoppers.

Experimental Station, Cap Rouge. - Weather rather dry. Grain crops stored. Yield very good. Sunflowers and corn for silage are very good. Roots good. Pastures medium. Apples, potatoes and garden crops promise to be over average.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere. - The weather is fair but a little too dry. Potatoes, pastures and meadow after growth are suffering. Potatoes crop is however promising. Cereal harvesting almost all done. Grain is very good. Roots are thirty per cent better than last year. All farm work is made in very good condition. Farmers hoping rain for fall ploughing.

Experimental Station, La Ferme. - Hot and dry temperature has hastened maturity. Harvesting of cereals nearly completed. Threshing started. Yields of cereals, silo crops and potatoes higher than last year. Ploughing started but being hindered by dryness of soil. Pastures fair and livestock in good condition.

ONTARIO

Experimental Station, Harrow.

Tobacco crop in district much better than last year. Tobacco was damaged considerably by recent winds in restricted areas. Flue cured tobacco is curing very well this season. Excellent corn crop maturing fast. Corn borer damage light. Best sweet corn in many years. Canning tomatoes fair crop.

Experimental Station, Kapuskasing.

All grain cut and partially threshed. This a record for district. Weather dry and warm. Oats, barley and wheat are yielding very well. Oats, peas and vetches mixture yield over seven ton green per acre. Sunflowers will average over twelve tons. Roots are good.

Entomological Laboratory, Strathroy.

Threshing in full swing, wheat crop ranging from 25 to 40 bushels per acre, sample good. Canning factory busy with bumper crop of corn. Slight injury by corn borer and ear worm. Root crops promise big returns, apple crop large, considerable side worm injury. Weather dry. Pastures failing.

MANITOBA

Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

Last week's rain stopped harvesting all over. Manitoba. Cold windy weather remainder of week. About ten per cent Manitoba's crop still uncut. Very large acreage in stock and on ground. Considerable threshing done in early districts. Yields mostly very disappointing with all grains. Some municipalities in southwest corner cannot thresh enough for seed. Flax mostly standing but promises better than other crops though acreage small. Fodder corn did well in August but stand is thin in many fields. Light frost Friday and Saturday nights but so far corn and potatoes appear to have escaped.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Dauphin.

Heavy rain last Wednesday night and all day Thursday. Fine drying wind and sun since. About twenty-five per cent wheat threshed, sample excellent and yield good. No oats or barley threshed. Rain will be very beneficial to potatoes, corn and pastures. Nights cool but no frost reported.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

Threshing nicely started when heavy rain commencing Wednesday night stopped operations over entire territory. Some late oats and barley still uncut. Considerable acreage of oats will be fed in sheaf. Corn and potatoes have improved greatly.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Russell.

About three inches rain last week has stopped threshing. Cutting is practically all finished and threshing will be resumed about Tuesday. Wheat yields are running from eight to fifteen bushels. Good sample. No coarse grains threshed.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Carman.

Splendid rain Wednesday. Threshing practically completed. Mostly a good sample. Wide variation in yield. Considerable loss from hoppers. Common potatoes and gardens mostly good. Pastures short recent rain will improve them and make ploughing easier. Very little if any coarse grain delivered. May be enough hay for local needs.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Minnedosa.

Had good rain Wednesday night and Thursday, turned quite cold after but no frost to damage. Will help pastures, potatoes and gardens. Cutting getting well advanced. Oats very rusty. No threshing done yet.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

Weather continues cool. One inch rainfall latter part of week will help pastures and ploughing. Threshing practically completed. Considerable ploughing done. Water scarce in some districts. Pastures poor. Corn short. Roots poor. Most farmers have sufficient feed while others will be short of straw.

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MANITOBA (Cont'd.)

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Treesbank.

The grasshopper situation continues serious. Late crops and even orchard trees have been attacked. The insects are now depositing many eggs thus threatening further depredations next year. Potato beetles and cabbage worms are both numerous.

SASKATCHEWAN

Department of Agriculture, Regina.

The weather was warm until about the middle of last week after which cooler weather with rains was experienced in many parts of the province and in some places a light frost which injured tender garden stuff was recorded. Rust has developed in the eastern part of the province which may cause damage to the late grain. Sawfly damage continues to show up as cutting proceeds. Possibly 70 to 75 per cent of the wheat cutting is completed but comparatively little threshing has been done. Some very good yields are reported in the north with a good sample. The feed crops in southern Saskatchewan will benefit by the rains of last week and there is a large acreage of late crop which will show considerable growth if the frosts keep off.

Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

Wheat harvest almost completed. Threshing underway. Yield immediate district range from a few bushels to eight or ten bushels per acre. Eastern Saskatchewan yields average from twelve to fifteen bushels per acre. Good rains end past week insured sufficient feed for stock. Plenty pasture to carry stock until freeze up.

Experimental Station, Swift Current.

Weather cooler. No frost. Binder cutting finished. Threshing and combining underway. Yield disappointing but quality good. Estimate average wheat yield for this immediate district five bushels.

Experimental Station, Scott.

Unsettled harvest weather has cleared over weekend but have received no report of frost. Cutting is proceeding steadily with over fifty per cent cut north and nearing completion south. A few combines working but practically no threshing done within radius fifty miles.

ALBERTA

Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

Cutting well advanced in south and general in north-central and northern districts. Weather conditions remain unchanged. Frequent showers in north-central and Peace River area delaying progress and tending to lower grades. Hail damage not as great as in nineteen thirty. Special crops in irrigated districts satisfactory.

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries.

Harvesting near completion. Yields on summerfallow fair. Very poor on spring ploughing and stubbled in land. Grade generally low due to large percentage of shrivelled kernels. Weather continuing hot and dry.

Dominion Experimental Sub-station, Beaverlodge.

Crop about two thirds cut. Wheat perhaps three quarters. No frost lately but occasional showers have interrupted harvest.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Heavy and general rains Wednesday and Saturday delayed ripening and harvesting throughout Alberta. South of Hanna and east of Lethbridge crops on dry land very light but in remainder of province crops, though variable, are above average. South of Medicine Hat many wheat fields sold standing to ranchers. Harvest all grains nearly completed south and east of Calgary and over half finished in remainder of province. Total hail damage less than last year but heavy in some central localities that had great promise. Central and northern crops slightly lighter than nineteen thirty. Wheat will be plump but starchy. Coarse grains of highest quality. Edmonton district has wonderful general growth and heavy moisture reserves. No frost damage seen and weather today clear with drying winds. Over whole west most surprising feature is attempt to garner every possible bushel and with least possible cash expense.

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ALBERTA (Cont'd.)

School of Agriculture, Olds.

Good harvest weather. Much cutting done west of C. and E. line. Grain good east of line. Cutting only started. Grain unevenly ripened about 80 square miles. Good crop in Didsbury District total loss from hail. Precipitation 66 since last report.

Experimental Station and Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Lethbridge.

Eighty to ninety per cent grain harvested south of Calgary threshing operations general. Weather remained settled and dry.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

Cutting all grains nearing completion on Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland and southern interior points and is becoming general in the northern sections. Some exceptionally heavy yields of wheat and barley are reported from Peace River District. Wealthy apples, peaches, pears, cantaloupes and all truck vegetables are being shipped in quantity and on the whole are of excellent quality. Showers are reported today from many coast sections which will retard threshing operations but will aid root crops and late sown crops which are very much in need of moisture.

Experimental Station. Windermere.

Grains mostly harvested and will yield seventy per cent normal crop. Continued drought is hard on pastures and range. Potatoes and root crops promise fair returns under irrigation. Forest fires have been bad during month doing considerable damage to crops and buildings in some districts.

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