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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, August 28, 1934, 4 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day the last of a series of 6 telegraphic crop reports covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the fourteenth of a series of 15 weekly telegraphic reports on crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces. Seventy-nine agriculturists distributed over the farming areas provide the basic information for these reports. In many cases, the Provincial Statisticians report for their entire province.

SUMMARY

In Prince Edward Island well distributed rains were received during August and crops are generally above average. Harvesting is general. Dry weather has continued in Nova Scotia and the southern part of New Brunswick and pastures are suffering. Apples are sizing and colouring well in Nova Scotia. A satisfactory yield of grains and potatoes is in prospect in New Brunswick. In Quebec harvesting is general and threshing has commenced. Potatoes are a good crop except where damaged by drought and frost. Pastures and meadows are poor and milk production has fallen off during the past two weeks. Threshing is in full swing in southern and central Ontario and harvesting is commencing in northern districts. Recent showers have been helpful to late crops and pastures. Cutting is nearly completed in Manitoba and threshing is general. In Saskatchewan cutting is completed in southern districts and well advanced in central and northern areas. Harvesting is progressing without serious interruption in southern and central Alberta and is getting under way in northern Alberta. Frosts during the past week damaged crops in central and northern Alberta and in parts of Saskatchewan. In northern Alberta both yield and grade will be affected. Dry weather continues in British Columbia and rain would be helpful for meadows and pastures. Apples are sizing and colouring well. All crops are maturing rapidly.

The Maritime Provinces.-

In Prince Edward Island well distributed rains have been received, during August and cereals, root and potato crops are reported above average. Harvesting is now general. In Nova Scotia dry weather has continued and pastures are suffering. Harvesting of grains has commenced. Cereals are short in the straw. Apples are sizing and colouring well. Haying is completed. Harvesting is proceeding rapidly in New Brunswick. Indications point to above average yield of grains and a potato crop equal to that of last year. The hay crop is good in northern districts of the province. and in Saint John River Valley. Rain is needed in the southern part of the province.

Quebec.-

Harvesting is under way and threshing has commenced with yields generally satisfactory. Potatoes are good except where damaged by frost or drought. Forage crops are suffering from dry weather but the good rain on August 24 should be helpful. Pastures are poor and milk production has fallen off during the past two weeks.

Ontario.-

Threshing is in full swing except in northern Ontario where cutting is now under way. Yields of oats and barley are favourable. Recent showers will assist late crops and pastures. A heavy windstorm on August 19 damaged tree fruits in the Niagara district.

The Prairie Provinces.-

Only light showers were received in the Prairie Provinces during the past week and good progress has been made with harvesting. Cutting is practically finished in Manitoba and threshing is well advanced. In southern and central districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta a considerable proportion of grain crops has been cut but threshing is not general except in the earliest districts. Damaging frosts were received in all three provinces during the past week with the greatest damage in Alberta. In northern Alberta yields and quality have suffered from the frosts.

Very little rain was received in Manitoba during the past week and harvesting is progressing rapidly. Cutting is practically completed except for some late grain in northern districts. Threshing is completed in some districts in the south and is well advanced in the rest of the province. Frost was reported during the past week but damage was not severe. Pastures have improved during the past fortnight but the feed situation remains serious in some districts.

With relatively dry weather throughout Saskatchewan during the past week, harvesting progressed rapidly. Wheat cutting is nearly completed in southern and central Saskatchewan and is about half completed in northern districts. Threshing is advanced in southern districts where crops are light and is under way in central areas of the province. Heavy frosts were reported during the past week and gardens and late crops suffered damage. Pastures are poor over wide areas and the feed situation is serious.

Light rains were received in parts of central and southern Alberta during the past week. Harvesting is well advanced in southern Alberta with good yields reported from the Lethbridge district. In the Calgary district cutting is about eighty per cent completed and combining is general. Stock threshing will commence shortly. Heavy frosts were reported in central and northern Alberta during the past week with damage to late crops. In the Edmonton district frost damage will affect quality of early grain and both yield and quality of late crops. Harvesting is proceeding in the Peace River district with good yields in prospect.

REPORTS OF DOMINION ENTOMOLOGICAL LABORATORIES.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Wheat losses from sawfly apparently somewhat greater than average particularly in heavy soils of drier areas.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Some grasshopper damage still being done to late crops in Drumheller - Consort area while south practically free. Sawfly causing losses to wheat waiting to be combined.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

The Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, reports the following precipitation in the week ending Monday, August 27, at 2 a.m. (in inches):

<u>Manitoba</u>		<u>Saskatchewan</u>		<u>Alberta</u>	
Pierson	-0.1	Moosomin	-0.1	Empress	-0.1
Virden	-0.1	Estevan	-0.1	Drumheller	-0.1
Dauphin	-0.1	Yellow Grass	-0.1	Coronation	-0.1
Boissevain	0.1	Assiniboia	-0.1	Stettler	-0.1
Morden	0.1	Shaunavon	-0.1	Medicine Hat	-0.1
Portage la Prairie	0.1	Consul	-0.1	Macleod	0.1
Cypress River	0.1	Elbow	-0.1	Brooks	0.1
Minnedosa	0.1	Macklin	-0.1	Cardston	0.2
Emerson	0.2	Lloydminster	-0.1	Red Deer	0.2
Russell	0.2	Swift Current	-0.1	Fairview	0.2
Swan River	0.2	Outlook	0.1	Foremost	0.3
Winnipeg	0.3	Kindersley	0.1	Vegreville	0.3
		Moose Jaw	0.1	Beaverlodge	0.3
		Qu'Appelle	0.1	Edmonton	0.3
		Yorkton	0.2	Calgary	0.6
		Battleford	0.2		
		Broadview	0.3		
		Indian Head	0.3		
		Humboldt	0.3		
		Prince Albert	0.3		
		Melfort	0.5		

Note: The minus signs denote less precipitation than amount indicated.

Light local frost twenty-third Saskatchewan. Sharp frost Edmonton to Empress and Cypress Hills as well as Lloydminster to Portage la Prairie but not in northern Saskatchewan valley nor Forks district twenty-fourth. Locally sharp Vegreville to south-west Manitoba twenty-fifth. Scattered frost twenty-sixth south-western Manitoba and twenty-seventh south-eastern Saskatchewan.

British Columbia.-

Continued dry weather has hastened the ripening of all crops. Potatoes, root crops and pastures would benefit from rain. Fruit crops are developing well and a good yield is expected. Threshing of grains is under way. Second crops of hay are still being stacked. Crops in the Peace River district are favourably commented upon.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown.

An August rainfall of three inches well distributed has assured crops of cereals, roots, corn and potatoes that are above average. Harvest commenced twentieth now general. Cereals well filled and not broken by storm. Insect or disease injury slight. Fruit of good size and colouring well. Vegetables good crop.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Charlottetown.

Grain about one-half cut. Average crop. New seeded clover healthy and uniform stand, much superior to last year at this date. Clover, alfalfa and timothy after-grass fair. Pastures still dry. More rain needed in certain sections. Corn and roots promise to be good. Early fall ploughing has commenced.

NOVA SCOTIA

Department of Agriculture, Halifax,

While a few falls of rain have improved spring seeded crops the country is still dry. Haying is completed and yield about 60 per cent. Some excellent fields of grain harvested but outlook a little less promising than at last report. Potatoes and roots fair to good. Pastures continue poor and afterfield light. Dairy production down about twenty per cent. Apple outlook continues good.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Amherst.

Week ending twentieth very dry but since that day four nice showers totalling 0.83 inches of rain have been recorded. These showers extremely beneficial to roots, potatoes, pastures and late grain while pastures improved some but need more rain. Root crops promise average or better while grain will be approximately fifteen per cent below last year. Straw very short in some cases.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Kentville.

Grains ripening rapidly but short in straw. Some harvesting done. Continued dry weather very unfavourable to pastures. Live stock in poor condition and unsaleable for beef except on dyke pastures. Potato crop considerably lighter than first expected. Turnip crop growing slowly. Apples growing fairly well and putting on plenty of colour. All crops needing rain badly.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Department of Agriculture, Fredericton.

Excellent harvesting weather. Barley wholly cut along Saint John River. Progress rapid with wheat. Oats cutting beginning all other sections. All grains will yield above average and indications potatoes equal last year while roots growing nicely north but slower at south. Hay short east and south but good in north and Saint John River Valley.

Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Dry weather has checked growth all crops. Grain ripening fast. Fair yield grain. Short straw. Pastures poor. Roots making slow growth, below average. Potatoes promise fair crop. Apples short crop.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Cont'd.)

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Fredericton.

Soil very dry. Grain in eastern and southern sections light. Fair to good in north-west and central sections. Potatoes promising. Root crop yield will be down twenty per cent. Considerable oats cut for hay. Hay shortage pronounced in King's County dairy section, also in Westmorland, Kent and Northumberland Counties.

QUEBEC

Department of Agriculture, Quebec.

Harvesting is general and threshing has commenced with good yields generally. Potatoes are in good condition except in Abitibi where frost caused some damage and in Gatineau where they were damaged by hot weather. Forage crops have suffered from dry weather but the rain of the twenty-fourth ought to relieve the condition. Second growth on meadows, and pastures are poor. Following the dry weather of the past two weeks milk production has fallen off.

Dominion Experimental Station, L'Assomption.

Tobacco very uneven about 10 per cent already harvested. Total crop 15 to 20 per cent smaller than in 1933. Oats crop slightly smaller than 1933. Harvested in good condition. Silage corn very poor in general. Roots fair to good. Pasture very poor but very good second growth on meadows.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville.

Grain harvest nearly finished. Yield of grain very good. Corn, roots and potatoes good. Pastures are dried out and have very little feed on them.

Dominion Experimental Station, Farnham.

Harvesting and threshing oats general; yield satisfactory. Pastures in poor condition affecting cattle. Dry spell broken but not enough rain to do much good. Harvesting tobacco has begun. Yield reduced but quality good. Corn will be deficient.

Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

Cutting grain started. Yield seems to be as good as last year. Not much damage by storm. Roots and corn poor. Other crops promising. Picking apples started last week. Prospects are for medium crop. For past two weeks weather has been favourable for all crops.

Dominion Experimental Station, Cap. Rouge.

Peas, wheat and oats are being cut. Roots and silage crop are good. Meadows and pastures are medium to good. Potatoes and vegetables are doing well.

ONTARIO

Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Threshing is in full swing in all sections of the province except northern Ontario where harvesting is now proceeding. The yield of oats and barley is extremely good and the quality is also good. Weather during the past week has been cool with a fair amount of precipitation. Recent showers will assist late crops, pastures and fall ploughing. Heavy windstorm August nineteenth caused fifteen to twenty-five per cent loss to apples, pears and plums in Niagara Peninsula. Late potatoes showing considerable blight in some counties.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Vineland Station.

Grape leaf hopper and codling moth have caused serious injury. Other fruit insects fairly well under control.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Chatham.

Condition of pastures not improving. Corn good, cutting starting in a few days. Beans poor and suffering from bacterial blight. Fall wheat same acreage as last year. Onions in general poor. Harvesting still to be done at Point Pelee.

ONTARIO (Cont'd.)

Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow.

Tobacco, corn, beans and sugar beets improved remarkably during past two weeks. Cool weather following showers has delayed maturity and much tobacco will be harvested late. Nearly one-tenth flue crop damaged by hail. Fifteen to twenty per cent flue tobacco crop harvested. Burley harvest just starting.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing.

Weather during last fifteen days cool and showery. Light frosts August 13 and 27. Haying is over and crop better than average. Grain weathering well. Oats, barley and wheat are above average. Sunflowers and silage crops good and ready to cut. Aftermath and pasture are very good.

MANITOBA

Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

Past week very cool and windy. At least in eastern part of province where there is greatest acreage of fodder corn, potatoes and garden crops frost damage was almost negligible though escape was by very narrow margin. Still a little late grain cutting to do in north. Threshing general. Pastures improved.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

Threshing eighty per cent completed. Showers and heavy winds have checked threshing during week. Yields coarse grains disappointing. District will have shortage of coarse grains and feed for winter feeding. Corn crop short. Potato crop will be light. Pastures improved.

Agricultural Representative, Carman.

Harvest nearly completed and threshing about half finished with yields running from eight to thirty-five bushels. Grades fairly high. Weather showery and cool with high winds. Pastures greatly improved. No surplus feed excepting clover and straw. Stock doing well.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

The weather has been cool and windy with ground frosts. Wheat threshing almost completed, very little coarse grains to thresh. The shortage of hay and feed grain likely to limit the output of milk, pork, beef, horse and labour in central-western Manitoba.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Dauphin.

Weather has been unseasonably cool with slight frosts several nights. Killing frosts in some localities nearby. Harvesting continuing with wheat threshing completed and coarse grains well on. Fall tillage started. Pastures bare but stock will improve on threshed fields. Potato crop light.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Teulon.

Threshing forty per cent completed. Light frosts occurring during the week have touched tender garden plants but fodder corn not damaged. Farm work progressing favourably. Grasshoppers not so numerous; egg deposits less than last year. Some live stock shipped on from drought areas. Sufficient feed available here for local needs.

SASKATCHEWAN

Department of Agriculture, Regina.

Wheat cutting is nearly completed in the southern and central districts and is about half completed in the northern districts. Not much threshing has been done in the northern or central districts. Where the crops are heaviest in the southern areas only a small percentage has been threshed but where the crops are very light from 35 to 50 per cent is completed. Some fairly heavy frosts were recorded last week which injured gardens and did some damage to late grains.

SASKATCHEWAN (Cont'd.)

Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current.

Harvest about sixty per cent completed. Considerable crop standing waiting for combine machine. Headers used considerably in short crop area. Threshing in dry districts indicates yield three to six bushels per acre. Late feed crops need moisture. Pasture bare. Corn and garden crop injured by frost.

Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern.

Weather very cool and windy with frosts damaging to gardens. Wheat and barley practically all cut and fifty per cent late oats harvested. Light rains and cool weather permitted little threshing during week. Wheat yielding eight to twenty-five bushels. Oats prospects poor. Pastures continue dry with little feed for stock.

Dominion Experimental Station, Scott.

Threshing is becoming general in west-central Saskatchewan with first reports indicating yields considerably below average. Grain shrunken and grades lower than last year. North some cutting still remains and frost damaged much of the late grain but majority of sown acreage suffered no damage.

ALBERTA

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries.

Light rains during the past week have held up threshing for two days during the past week. Binding and heading of wheat 100 per cent complete. Combining still in progress. Yields 8 to 20 bushels per acre. Winter feed prospects for stock not promising. Serious shortage of water in some areas.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge.

In Lethbridge district no frost occurred. About seventy per cent grain cut and threshing general. From the threshing returns to date we would estimate average yield of wheat will be about eighteen bushels in area south of Calgary, although damage from hail may alter this somewhat.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Calgary.

Some rain during week which delayed harvesting but estimate cutting with binders eighty per cent completed. Combining now general and expect stock threshing will begin next week. Yields running from five bushels on stubbled-in to thirty-five on summerfallow and grades from One Northern to Five wheat.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Olds.

Sixty per cent of wheat cut and 25 per cent of coarse grains. Threshing will commence in next ten days. Weather dry and hot.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

On August 23 heaviest August frost on record seven degrees caused severe damage to all immature cereals. Fortunately with season ten days early eighty per cent of crop was ripe and fifty per cent cut. Considerable acreage wheat will show bran frost but almost all wheat fairly well filled. Large acreage late oats and green feed will have very little grain.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettler.

Wheat about sixty per cent cut; oats forty; barley ninety. Heavy frost did considerable damage to late grain and gardens. No rain since last report. Pastures very poor. Hay poor crop.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Vermilion.

Half wheat cut before Thursday's 12 degrees frost. Uncut wheat undoubtedly damaged and oats must be very light. Not enough threshing done yet to judge quality of wheat but it looks like a twenty-five bushel crop of small kernels.

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ALBERTA (Cont'd.)

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Harvest now general possibly twenty per cent now cut. Good clear dry weather last few days... Heavy frost night of the twenty-third which will affect the grades of the early grain and also both grades and yield of late wheat, oats and barley. Unable to estimate at present.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Athabasca.

Weather ideal for harvest. Twenty-five per cent wheat cut and becoming general. Seven and one-half degrees frost on the twenty-fourth would damage later wheat and coarse grains. Prospects twenty-five bushels average on wheat; fifty for oats.

Dominion Experimental Sub-station, Beaverlodge.

Glowing reports from all points. No further frost or hail damage since eighteenth. Showers have impeded cutting till lately but grain filling wonderfully and now ripening nicely. Considerable cutting especially Spirit River and Pouce Coupe. Notwithstanding poor seed and weeds wheat may average twenty-five.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dominion Experimental Station, Sidney.

Weather continues remarkably dry. This dry condition coupled with excessive heat is hastening the harvest of all sorts of fruit. Potatoes and root crops suffering.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz.

Weather, hot and dry. Threshing sixty per cent completed. Yields average. Some second crop hay still being saved in excellent condition. Pastures drying up and flies troublesome to stock.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lake Windermere.

Continued drought has hastened ripening of grain and reduced yields. Rainfall two and half inches below average. Grain crops seventy per cent average yield. Forage crops fair. Potatoes and root crops fair. Garden crops have been early this season and are now at their best. Fire situation bad in places. Roads are very rough. Tourist cars up three thousand cars to date.

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