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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, June 12, 1934, 4 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day the first of a series of 6 telegraphic crop reports covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the third 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

During the past two weeks the agricultural situation in Canada has been materially improved by much-needed rains which were received in parts of the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario and the Prairie Provinces. As a result of timely precipitation, the outlook for production has been materially improved and the general deterioration of crops which was prevalent in the month of May has been definitely halted. The early season drought has, however, left its mark upon growing crops in many sections of Canada. In Prince Edward Island weather has been favourable for seeding. Cereals have germinated rapidly and a vigorous growth is reported. In Nova Scotia grain seeding is nearly completed and about one-half the potato and root crops are now planted. Helpful rains were reported during the past week. Fruit prospects are satisfactory at the present time. The month of May was cool and dry in New Brunswick and seeding proceeded rapidly. The season is generally earlier than last year. Good rains were reported in some areas on June 6 and June 9, but further moisture would be helpful to growing crops and pastures. Seeding is practically completed in Quebec but growth was generally retarded by a cool, dry spring. Reports of damaging effects of drought are prevalent but the situation was partially relieved by showers received during June 9 and 10. In Ontario the prolonged drought was broken during the past week by showers that were received in many districts. Spring crops suffered from the drought particularly in south-western portions of the province. Hay crops are generally light. In the Prairie Provinces generous rains have been received during the past two weeks, especially over the southern areas. While considerable irreparable damage resulted from drought, soil-drifting and grasshoppers during the month of May, the crop outlook has been materially improved. Grasshoppers have been inactive during the cool, wet weather of the past ten days but still remain a serious factor in the cereal situation. Crops are progressing favourably in British Columbia.

The Maritime Provinces.-

Seeding has proceeded rapidly and a strong growth of cereals is reported. In Prince Edward Island. Hay and pastures are growing well. Fruits suffered damage during the winter season. Since the last week in May, seeding has made rapid progress in Nova Scotia. Grain seeding is nearly completed and about one-half of the potato and root crops are now planted. Some local frosts were reported during the past week. In New Brunswick the season has been cool and dry but seeding operations are ahead of last year. Potato planting is completed and cereals are now showing. Showers received during the past week have freshened pastures.

Quebec and Ontario.-

In Quebec growth has been retarded by unseasonable weather and lack of moisture. In general, pastures and meadows are below average. Seeding is practically completed at the present time. Some reports of frost damage have been received. The crop situation in Quebec was materially improved by rains on June 9, 10 and 11 and the added moisture supplies will improve pastures and meadows. In Ontario prolonged drought has affected growing crops. Hay crops are generally light and a small yield of winter wheat will be harvested. Showers during the past week will be helpful but more moisture will be required at an early date. Pastures are generally in a poor condition but would respond to adequate moisture supplies. In Northern Ontario the season has been backward and warmer weather is required.

The Prairie Provinces.-

During the past week, heavy rains were received throughout the Prairie Provinces. Precipitation was much heavier than during the first week in June when the long period of drought was ended. Last week the heaviest rains were received in Manitoba and the southern areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Precipitation data since June 1 show that practically every district in the Prairie Provinces has received good rains. In general, areas which received light rains early in the month benefited by heavy rains during the past week. Cool weather and heavy rains have curbed the activity of grasshoppers for the time being. Rainfall received so far in June has been of immense value to growing crops in the Prairie Provinces. In many areas, however, irreparable damage had resulted from drought, soil-drifting and grasshoppers. Some re-seeding is reported and it is likely that additional coarse grains will be sown as a result of improved moisture conditions.

Manitoba received soaking rains during the week ending June 11 with precipitation ranging from 0.7 inches at Dauphin to 2.7 inches at Winnipeg. More rain is needed however in the southern part of the province and pastures in south-western Manitoba are still in poor condition. Crops in northern Manitoba are promising. Grasshoppers are numerous over wide areas but have been inactive during the recent cool, wet weather.

In Saskatchewan, rainfall was well distributed during the past week with the heaviest rains being received in the southern part of the province. Particularly heavy rains were received in south-central and south-western portions of the province. The general outlook is greatly improved but a considerable amount of permanent damage had been sustained as a result of drought, soil-blowing and grasshoppers prior to the coming of the June rains. Farmers will take advantage of the improved moisture conditions to seed further acreage to coarse grains. Reports indicate that crops are progressing well in the northern and eastern sections of the province, while in the west-central area, crops are inclined to be patchy but will improve as a result of recent rains. Grasshoppers have been inactive recently but control measures are still being vigorously applied. The pests have done considerable damage to stubble crops in the southern part of the province and have been injurious in the western and west-central areas.

Southern Alberta received heavy rains during the past week, while moderate to light rains were received in central and northern portions of the province. All crops are growing rapidly. Pastures have benefited from added moisture supplies. Grasshoppers are numerous in southern and parts of central Alberta, but control measures are reducing the damage. Crops are developing well in northern Alberta with good stands reported and pastures in good condition.

Reports of Dominion Entomological Laboratories, Prairie Provinces

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Brandon, Man.

The past week has been marked by general and abundant rainfall, particularly in the drought areas of southern and western Manitoba. Crop conditions are much improved and the cool weather has reduced grasshopper activity to a minimum.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Saskatoon, Sask.

Grasshopper situation materially improved by further germination, better crop growth and lessened activity of the pest with moisture and cooler weather. Campaign efforts much more effective under these conditions as pest can be held to margins of crops. No authentic records yet secured in Saskatchewan of hoppers dying in important numbers from rains or disease, while some further hatching has occurred. Cutworm attacks also lessened by recent rains.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Some grain damaged by grasshoppers and cutworms recovering since the rain but some fields a total loss. Approximately five per cent of wheat at New Dayton, Warner, Cowley, Monarch, Wilson, South Lethbridge and Enchant destroyed by cutworms. Grasshoppers again active with stubble crops showing extensive losses where poisoning delayed. Some losses from wire worms.

Report of Plant Pathologist

The following report was received from the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

"No extensive survey trips have been made. Definite reports of browning root rot of wheat from Indian Head and Lashburn districts. A trip from Saskatoon to Regina recorded some wheat fields with moderate infections of common root rot. Wheat, oats and barley around Saskatoon relatively free from disease to date."

Meteorological Report, Prairie Provinces

The following report from the Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, gives the rainfall (in inches) during the week ending Monday, June 11 at 7 a.m.:

<u>Manitoba</u>		<u>Saskatchewan</u>		<u>Alberta</u>	
Dauphin	0.7	Lloydminster	0.2	Fairview	0.1
Swan River	0.8	Melfort	0.3	Beaverlodge	0.1
Russell	0.9	Prince Albert	0.4	Vegreville	0.1
Minnedosa	1.2	Macklin	0.5	Edmonton	0.4
Pierson	1.4	Battleford	0.6	Red Deer	0.5
Cypress River	1.5	Kamsack	0.6	Coronation	0.6
Boissevain	1.8	Moosomin	0.7	Stettler	0.7
Portage la Prairie	1.8	Outlook	0.8	Drumheller	0.9
Emerson	1.9	Yorkton	0.8	Empress	0.9
Virden	1.9	Estevan	0.9	Brooks	1.3
Morden	2.3	Kindersley	0.9	Medicine Hat	1.5
Winnipeg	2.7	Regina	0.9	Calgary	1.9
		Humboldt	1.1	Cardston	2.4
		Broadview	1.2	Macleod	2.5
		Yellow Grass	1.2	Foremost	3.2
		Indian Head	1.3		
		Consul	1.4		
		Elbow	1.7		
		Qu'Appelle	1.7		
		Moose Jaw	1.7		
		Swift Current	1.9		
		Shaunavon	2.1		
		Assiniboia	2.5		

Moderate showers have occurred at Edmonton, Swift Current and Moose Jaw in last 24 hours with very light showers at Medicine Hat and Battleford but nothing in north-eastern Saskatchewan or Manitoba. Weather just slightly unsettled with a few scattered showers for next day or two.

British Columbia.-

Crops are progressing favourably in British Columbia. Temperatures have been fairly high with occasional showers. Haying is under way on Vancouver Island and in the lower Fraser River Valley with heavy yields reported. Fruit crops are developing well. The apple crop promises to be as large as last year. Vegetables have developed rapidly. The strawberry season is now over and raspberries are commencing to move in volume.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown.

Very favourable weather for spring seeding since May 23. Cereals germinated rapidly and have made strong vigorous growth. Potato planting is general. Slight increase in acreage over last year. Clover did not winter well. Hay and pastures making strong growth. Fruit in full bloom. Prospects below average, winter injury cause.

NOVA SCOTIA

Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville.

Extremely light rainfall since May 15. Cool weather with frost in places during second week in June. Clover and grass show effect of dry weather and light crop anticipated. Grain generally seeded late and starting good. Potatoes and roots normal. Apples good bloom and setting well. Cherries little bloom. Plums and strawberries fair.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Nappan.

Grain seeding nearly completed. Area somewhat reduced from nineteen thirty-three. Roots and potatoes fifty per cent planted. Weather conditions unfavourable for work until May 24. Fine and cool for the most part to date with drying winds. Hay growth below average. Pasture growth very poor. Beneficial rain 0.66 inches occurred on ninth. Precipitation in June to date 0.76 inches.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Annapolis Royal.

Some orchard pests less prevalent than usual and all under control to date. Winter injury orchards so slight no appreciable effect on production. Frost May 9 did some damage some localities. Blossoms about average. Indications fair set.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Provincial Department of Agriculture.

Season cool and dry but seeding operations are from one week to ten days in advance of last year with potato planting completed and wheat, oats, barley covering ground. Hay pastures poor but freshened by local showers during last few days.

Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Extremely dry May favoured seeding operations but checked growth. 0.89 inches rain June sixth, 0.55 inches June ninth relieved situation. Hay promising. Grain making fair growth. Roots germinated poorly on light land. Considerable rescoding necessary. Orchard recovering rapidly from severe winter injury. Strawberries wintered well. Pastures good.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Fredericton.

Seeding completed under most favourable soil conditions. May very dry approaching drought conditions. Rains on June sixth and ninth relieved situation and ensure fair hay crop. Turnips and mangold seed did not germinate well except on damp ground. Many fields have to be rescoded. Grain good colour.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Fredericton.

Cutworms troublesome in gardens but not under field conditions. The common field and garden insects active but no reports received of any uncommon abundance or injury.

QUEBEC

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Quebec.

Seeding practically completed. Drought threatened first week in June. Situation noticeably relieved by abundant rains of 9th, 10th and 11th. Local frost damage on nights of 7th and 8th. Insects threatening in many places. Lower St. Lawrence - Seeding practically finished. Growth retarded on account of prolonged dry weather. Pastures are poor and animals in average condition. Clover, hay and alfalfa of good

appearance. Insects threatening in west of this district. Quebec - Crops of good appearance. Meadows have suffered from drought. Pastures are generally good except in the north of Charlevoix and Portneuf. Damage to gardens by frost on June 7th. Insects plentiful. Three Rivers - Growth retarded and pastures short. Damage by dry weather. Insects appearing in Maskinonge. Frost damage in Nicolet and Yamaska. Bois Francs - Dry. Pastures poor. Milk production falling off. Frost damage in Beauce and Frontenac and by insects in Arthabaska, Wolfe and Magantic. Eastern Townships - Drought. Cereals sown early and appearance good. Late sown crops showing yellow. Frost damage to potatoes, tomatoes and corn. Pastures and meadows mediocre. Tent caterpillars and potato beetles numerous in Shefford and Bagot. South-east of Montreal - Dry. Growth slow. Pastures mediocre. Meadows medium. Frost damage to truck crops in north of this area, and insect damage in south-west. Montreal and Ottawa Valley - Dry. Pastures poor, meadows mediocre. Animals in average condition. Local frost damage. Abitibi and Temiskaming - Seeding of cereals completed. Sufficient moisture. Frost damage in gardens. Pastures poor.

Dominion Experimental Station, L'Assomption.

The growth of cereals and hay is checked by drought. The cereals are fair and the meadows poor to fair. The hay crop will be light. The pastures are poor. The silage corn has made a good start. Many fields of field beans have been damaged by worms or frozen June 8. Tobacco planting is late. A good rain Saturday night will help to improve the situation.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville.

Heavy rain June 9 has greatly benefited all crops. Prospect for hay light to average. Grain and roots in excellent condition. Slight damage to corn and potatoes by frost June 7. Pastures generally fair. Fruit bloom damaged by frost and prospects for apple crop almost nil. Strawberries and raspberries fair.

Dominion Experimental Station, Fernham.

All crops suffering from drought. Pastures and hay specially affected. Killing frost June 8. Truck crops affected. Late sown corn has poor germination on account of lack of moisture. Planting tobacco began a week later than last year.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Hemmingford.

Pastures fair. Field crops fair to good. Clovers and alfalfa very good. Timothy short. Corn germinated well. Apples promise about sixty per cent of last year. June beetles injurious to shade trees and raspberries. Tent caterpillars plentiful area covered south-western Quebec.

Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

Seeding practically all completed and performed in most advantageous conditions. Pastures and hay very much improved from recent rain and prospects very good to date. First grain sown coming out rather well. Fruit tree injuries very small in district.

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

Seeding done in good condition. Growth delayed by steady drought. Meadows specially legume hay no good. No gain was made since three weeks ago on account of drought. Food crop growth is also checked by lack of soil moisture. Pasture medium. Expect great improvement from late heavy rainfall.

Dominion Experimental Station, Cap Rouge.

Seeding operation practically finished. Grain good appearance. Part of clover destroyed by winter killing. Hay on pasture delayed by cold nights and dry weather. Improved by showers on sixth and rain on ninth and tenth. Part of vegetables destroyed by cutworms and flea beetles. Considerable damage to fruit trees by winter killing.

Dominion Experimental Station, La Ferme.

Seeding practically finished. Drought and cold weather have delayed vegetation. Grain starts showing. Last rains very beneficial to hay and pastures. Clover short but well filled out. Milk production fair considering pasture conditions. Live stock out on pastures in bad condition. Hay is scarce and dear in the district.

ONTARIO

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Long drought broken. General showers throughout province week-end. Threatened damage to spring grains, practically/standstill, removed for present. Haying general Essex and will commence other counties southern Ontario this week. Hay light third to half crop. Fall wheat heading short. Best counties yield estimated twenty bushels. Pastures particularly poor.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Strathroy.

All crops seriously affected by drought. Some injury to corn and tomatoes by cutworms. Flea beetles are abundant on early potatoes. Slight injury by white grubs to strawberry plantations. Rose beetles fairly abundant. Cucumber beetles and root maggots present in moderate numbers.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Vineland.

Grape leaf hoppers present again in outbreak form in Niagara district. Green peach aphids conspicuous but infestation not serious.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Chatham.

Insect damage to field crops very slight. Cabbage maggot on cabbage and cauliflower quite severe in untreated fields. Drought conditions becoming serious in vicinity of Chatham. Only two one hundredths of an inch of rain last eighteen days.

Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow.

The past extreme heat wave broken but severe drought continues. Severe damage to crops in south-western Ontario has resulted. Strawberry crop practically total loss. All early crops and small grains suffering badly. Pastures badly burned **expect** only fifty per cent hay crop. Very difficult to obtain good stand of tobacco.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing.

Seeding in general was ten days later than usual but soil worked up in excellent condition and seed went into good seed bed. Growth very backward and heavy frost on fifth and sixth damaged clover and alfalfa. There is an excellent stand of clover and alfalfa. No winter killing. Spring grain looks well but growth backward as nights keep very cool. There is lots of moisture and if we get heat there will be rapid growth.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Kapuskasing.

Seeding time later than past years. However, seedings well advanced in district and made in good condition. Heavy frost on sixth. Light damage. Clover and alfalfa promising. Good crop of hay. Grain crops coming along well. Sufficient rain.

MANITOBA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

General rains and cool weather of past week have helped crops greatly. Grasshoppers not active during week but may renew activities at any time. More rain needed in southern parts. Pasturage in south-western corner still insufficient for animals. Northern crop promising.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

1.5 inches rainfall during week has revived crop. Outlook greatly changed. Grass and crop responding, but grasshoppers still a menace to crop. Rapid growth promises to overcome much damage caused by drifting. Cool weather during week allowed crop to make best use of moisture.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Carman.

Splendid rains during the past week have improved prospects. All crops excepting a small percentage injured by wind are looking fine. Hoppers numerous in all sections. Bait giving good results. Pastures improving. Live stock doing much better. Hay and feed prospects good.

Agricultural Representative, Melita.

Rains last week broke drought but too late to save most of the crop. Many farmers moving stock north. Rain has delayed general movement of stock, but grasshoppers bad and feed for winter still in doubt.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

Weather cool and cloudy with sufficient rain over entire district to moisten the soil to a depth of two to five inches. Beneficial to cultivated crops and pastures. Temporary lessening grasshopper activities. Moisture will be especially helpful to germination of late-sown crops.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Dauphin.

Dull cloudy weather with splendid showers this past week. Crops all looking well and growing fast. Weather clear to-day but no immediate need for rain. No grasshoppers. Stock improving in flesh on good pasture.

Agricultural Representative, Toulon.

All grain, potato and forage crops making splendid progress since heavy rains which fell this week. Precipitation well over inch and one-half. Grasshoppers numerous but with wet weather and poisoning their threat not so formidable. Farmers are greatly cheered by the rains.

SASKATCHEWAN

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Regina.

Moisture conditions over the province generally were greatly improved by rains since the first of June. Crops over a large portion of central and southern Saskatchewan were at a standstill and while some are irreparably damaged by drought, wind and grasshoppers, the recent rains will greatly accelerate growth and generally improve crop conditions. In this area where seeding had practically ceased on account of drought many farmers will now continue to seed coarse grains. In the northern areas there still remains between ten and fifteen per cent of the coarse grain acreage to be seeded. Crops in the northern and east-central are mostly reported good. In west-central they are somewhat patchy but will improve with recent moisture. In the southern areas much will depend upon the extent of recovery as a result of improved moisture conditions. Grasshoppers have been inactive during the past week due to the damp, cool weather. Severe damage in stubble crops had been done in many districts in the southern portion of the province and to a lesser extent in the central and west-central. Poisoning has been effective in protecting summerfallow crops and the recent rains have also been beneficial in checking their migration from stubble to summerfallow fields. Cutworms and wireworms have damaged the crops in scattered spots over the province but the total injury is not great. No damage is reported from winds or drought during the past week. Pastures over the southern area are poor but are improving with the recent rains.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

Copious rains throughout district have greatly improved crop conditions. Fallow wheat making good progress. Stubble crops in some areas badly infested with hoppers. Rye crop light and patchy. Hay crop light. Pastures will benefit by rains but time required before a supply of forage available. Rains and cool weather holding grasshoppers in control. Farmers continue the distribution of poison bait. Total precipitation for week 1.35 inches.

Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current.

Rain during past week 1.72 inches. All crops benefiting. Seed sown month ago now germinating. Some wheat now being seeded. Considerable feed crop being sown. Early sown stubble crops and some fallows promise uneven ripening. Hopper numbers increased by recent hatch. Menace greater. Pastures reviving but feed still needed.

Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern.

Practically all grain seeded. Grain on summerfallow still making good growth but crop on second crop land very uneven. Grass land revived by half inch rainfall June 2, but more rain required soon. Considerable browning of wheat appearing, but much may be due to drought rather than root rot.

Dominion Experimental Station, Scott.

Scattered light showers and cool weather served to make early June rains more effective. Many fields now show grain just emerging in patches previously bare. In west-central Saskatchewan grasshopper infestation is patchy and more serious proceeding southward with a well organized active poisoning campaign in progress.

ALBERTA

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries.

General heavy rains during first week of June have improved conditions greatly. Prospects are good at present. Range grasses making good growth. Grasshopper damage slight. Both early and late-sown grains doing well with moisture down 1 to 2 feet. Fall rye crop now ripening. Only fair stand.

Dominion Experimental Station and Supervisor of Illustration Station, Lethbridge.

The general rain throughout southern Alberta is germinating dormant seed in late-sown fields where the stands were spotted. In the badly blown area of Bindloss, Empress and south over the Red Deer River reseeding operations were observed. Improvement of grass on ranges very marked.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Cardston.

Over four inches rainfall in the past ten days with excellent growing weather at present and all crops growing fast. Fall rye headed out, apparently a normal crop. Grasshoppers quite numerous and farmers busy spreading poison bait. All grains on summerfallow should make a normal crop with favourable weather.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Olds.

Weather for past week cooler. Plenty of moisture for some time. Crops are coming on splendidly. At least ten days earlier than last year. No damage from any source reported.

Hail Insurance Board of Alberta, Calgary.

Beneficial rains over all the province in past week. No hail damage.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

With only 5.23 inches precipitation since January first, 0.37 for first ten days in June and 0.13 during past week, much more rain is needed. Cereals are so far making good growth, but hay and pastures are very short.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettler.

No rain since last report. Early-sown wheat in shot blade. All grain looking good. No damage at Stettler but reports of damage by grasshoppers south and east of here. Pastures fair. Weather is warm and windy. Need more rain to ensure rapid growth.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Camrose.

Light showers past week with weather cool. Crops making wonderful growth. No damage.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Vermilion.

Now having steady rain after warm week. All crops are excellent.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Crop conditions since the fifth continue very good. Weather fairly clear, inclined to be cool but ideal for all growing. Spring grains are stooling well and taking good root. One hundred per cent growth both as to pastures, hay and grains. No damage of any kind reported.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Athabasca.

Warm weather past week. Rainfall scattered showers. Where poor seed has been sown crops showing up patchy. Crop coming along well.

Dominion Experimental Sub-station, Beaverlodge.

Prospects good to excellent with comparatively little insect or other damage. Further rain will soon be needed however for best results.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

Weather conditions have continued to be favourable for crops in general. Temperatures have remained fairly high with occasional showers and soil moisture conditions are generally good for this time of year. Haying has commenced on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Fraser Valley with heavy yields reported. The drop in tree fruits is almost completed. General observations indicate a heavier stone fruit tonnage and an apple crop equal to last year. Vegetable crops have developed rapidly and the local markets are plentifully supplied with all kinds of early vegetables. In field crops growth has been excellent and practically all crops promise splendid stands. Cutting first crop alfalfa now in full swing and good yields are in evidence. Strawberry season now over peak. Raspberries commencing to move in volume.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Victoria.

Grain hay and field crops in excellent shape, about three weeks earlier than usual. Strawberry picking nearly over. Raspberries being picked and loganberries commencing next week. Some loss in logans due to fruit disease. Insect pests numerous. Cutworms, flea beetles and corn-seed maggot reported troublesome on truck crops.

Dominion Experimental Station, Sidney.

Hay of excellent quality is being harvested now. Pasture has been excellent since early spring. Cereal crops promising. Growers nearing end of strawberry season, crop heavy. Prices low. Cherries much earlier than usual, just coming on the market. Plums very poor. Apples fair. Pears good.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz.

All crops exceptionally early and promise well. Ten per cent hay crop cut. Roots and corn good. Good pastures. Extra early strawberries heavy crop and past peak. Raspberries fair. Aphis very bad on peas. Live stock good condition and demand for young pigs above average.

Dominion Experimental Station, Summerland.

Season three weeks ahead of last year. Moisture conditions favourable. Acreage in ground crop slightly below last year but growth better. Very heavy set on apricots. Other tree fruits average crop. Berries and grapes heavy crop. Insect pests and mildew more prevalent than usual.



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