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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, July 28, 1936, 4 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the fifth of a series of 7 telegraphic reports covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the tenth of a series of 15 weekly telegraphic reports on crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces. Eighty-six agriculturists distributed over the farming areas provide the basic information for these reports. In many cases, the Provincial Statisticians report for their entire province. The Meteorological Service of Canada, Toronto, provides the official meteorological data for the Prairie Provinces.

SUMMARY

During the past fortnight, the good crop prospects of the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, eastern Ontario and British Columbia have been well maintained, but drought has caused heavy damage in western Ontario and throughout most of the Prairie Provinces. The Ontario drought situation was definitely relieved by heavy rains last week. In the Prairie Provinces, however, there has been practically no relief in the form of rain, although the prevailing temperatures are not so scorching. Drought has also threatened crops in parts of Quebec and at the present time, rain is needed in New Brunswick and the interior of British Columbia. The harvesting of a large hay crop of fine quality is well under way in the Maritimes, Quebec and eastern Ontario. The prairie grain harvest has begun and it is now definitely established as the lightest in many years. The coarse grains have suffered more than wheat, as usual, and over a large southern territory of the three provinces, the main objective of farmers now is to salvage seed and feed from the fields. In northern Manitoba and east-central Saskatchewan, fair to good crop prospects remain and some fairly optimistic reports emanate from districts north of the Canadian National main line in Alberta. In British Columbia, bountiful crops are promised, particularly on Vancouver Island, where the season has been one of the best on record.

Ample moisture supplies and favourable weather conditions have prevailed in the Maritime Provinces during recent weeks, except in New Brunswick where more rain is needed. Hay crops and pastures are above average. Potatoes promise well and the apple crop will be average or better. Dairy production is being well maintained.

Drought, which had assumed dangerous proportions, was broken in Ontario during the past week. Quebec also enjoyed good rains with consequent improvement in the general situation. In the latter province, haying is almost completed with yield and quality good. Cereals and roots are making satisfactory progress but corn is backward owing to low night temperatures. Much more rain is still required in Ontario, although the immediate drought danger is over. Harvesting is well started with fall wheat and barley turning out well. Tree fruits have stood up well though garden crops are materially poorer as a result of abnormal weather conditions.

The continued absence of moisture in the southern and central areas of the Prairie Provinces constitutes an extremely serious farm problem. Temperatures of the past week varied from 2 to 12 degrees above normal, according to districts, while precipitation was the scantiest of any week in years. The only effective rains fell in the Edmonton district and in scattered localities north-west of that city. A further scorching of crops resulted and there will be an extremely light harvest for the West, as a whole. The yields of coarse grains have suffered particularly during the past month and with a light hay crop and bare pastures, the feed problem has become very serious. Harvesting of wheat and barley has commenced in most southern districts but will not be general in the good crop areas further north for another fortnight. Variable infections of stem rust are causing concern for the better late crops in northern Manitoba and east-central Saskatchewan; some loss will undoubtedly result. Migrating grasshoppers are causing damage to heads of grain in all three provinces, being forced into the fields by the absence of green pasture growth. Immediate rains would help the feed situation in the south and would assist in filling the late crops in the north.

British Columbia has continued to enjoy favourable weather conditions and all crops are looking well. Tree fruits are developing rapidly with ample irrigation water available for interior valley orchards. Fruits and vegetables are being shipped in volume from all production centres in the province.

The Maritime Provinces

General conditions continue satisfactory. Good rains have helped all crops in Prince Edward Island and the hay crop is 20 per cent above average. No potato blight is in evidence yet. Nova Scotia has been well supplied with moisture and with the exception of corn, all crops are good. A large crop of good quality hay is being harvested while pastures remain in fine condition and dairy production is well above average. Apples promise substantial increases over last year. New Brunswick needs more rain. Pastures are beginning to fail but the hay crop is good. Potatoes, while late, look promising.

Ontario and Quebec

Drought which was becoming serious in eastern Quebec was broken by soaking rains last week and general conditions are much improved. Haying is almost completed with good yield and quality. Cool nights have delayed corn but cereals and roots are making good growth. Milk production is still above normal. Pests are not a serious factor. In Ontario, harvesting of fall wheat and barley is well advanced with good yields reported. While moderate rains were general over central and western Ontario during the past week, the long drought has cut the prospect for spring grains about 20 per cent for the whole province. Much more rain is still needed to restore soil moisture to normal though immediate drought danger is past. Bush fruits and garden crops were severely damaged by the hot dry weather but tree fruits stood up well. All crops in eastern Ontario look very promising.

The Prairie Provinces

There are extremely pessimistic reports from the south-western part of Manitoba, where lack of rain and scorching temperatures have been most persistent. Only seed and feed can be expected in this territory and along the southern border. Between the Lakes in the north, heavy June rains and subsequent showers have maintained good prospects but stem rust is a definite threat. Extreme variation in crop conditions typifies the whole central area because of the spotty nature of June and July rainfall. Rain is urgently needed over the greater part of the province to save the late crops and pastures. Harvesting is general in the southern area and is spreading north. Yields are very disappointing.

Crop prospects continued to decline in Saskatchewan during the past week, particularly in southern and western areas. There was practically no effective rainfall and temperatures were again far above normal. The salvaging of seed and feed from the scorched crops will be difficult over a wide area, and unless rain comes soon to start new growth, there will be a serious winter feed problem. The wheat crop will be far below average and yields of oats and barley will be even lighter. Grasshoppers are migrating to the remaining grain fields from the brown pastures and road allowances. Rust is present on the late crops in eastern Saskatchewan, but the hot, dry weather is retarding its development and preventing serious damage so far. On the whole, the 1936 season will rank with the worst in the history of the province.

Throughout southern and eastern Alberta, crops have suffered further damage from drought and high temperatures during the past week. Fair prospects persist in the north-east while good crops are expected in the Edmonton and Peace River districts. Cutting has begun in the south and will extend into the north within a few days. A serious feed problem will have to be faced in the southern ranching areas, where immediate heavy rains would revive the parched grasslands, but could not save the grain. Rain in the north and west is needed to promote good filling. As in Saskatchewan, the 1936 season in Alberta will be listed among the disastrous crop failures.

British Columbia

With fine warm weather prevailing over the province, all crops are promising. While evaporation is rapid, there is ample irrigation water in the Okanagan valley. Raspberries and cherries are over, while a fine crop of loganberries is being harvested on Vancouver Island. Shipment of cantaloupes has commenced and tomatoes are moving in volume.

REPORTS OF DOMINION ENTOMOLOGICAL LABORATORIES, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Brandon

As wheat has ripened prematurely pastures are burnt up and as sweet clover is being cut grasshoppers are moving into the greener fields of oats and barley and doing considerable damage near Haskett and in south-west Manitoba.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Saskatoon

Winged grasshoppers have begun to concentrate for egg laying throughout infested area resulting in some head damage in oats and other green crops and potentially may cause serious losses of feed. Egg-laying general in north-west but just beginning in southern districts.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Lethbridge

Grasshopper migrations continuing. Early harvesting and combining started. Yield and grade generally low.

HAIL DAMAGE

Saskatchewan -

No hail loss reported during past week.

Alberta -

Hail at scattered points. Just local storms. Damage not extensive.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

The following precipitation (in inches) was reported by the Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, for the week ending Monday, July 27 at 7 a.m.

<u>Manitoba</u>		<u>Saskatchewan</u>		<u>Alberta</u>	
Portage la Prairie	- 0.1	Strasbourg	- 0.1	Naco	- 0.1
Virden	- 0.1	Valmarie	- 0.1	Olds	- 0.1
Winnipeg	- 0.1	Swift Current	- 0.1	Drumheller	- 0.1
Ninette	- 0.1	Biggar	- 0.1	Jasper	0.1
Emerson	0.1	Empress	- 0.1	Vegreville	0.1
Russell	0.1	Regina	- 0.1	Beaverlodge	0.2
Birtle	0.1	Saskatoon	- 0.1	Sion	0.3
Brandon	0.1	Shaunavon	- 0.1	Fairview	0.4
Sprague	0.1	Davidson	- 0.1	Wetaskiwin	0.4
Cypress River	0.1	Consul	- 0.1	Red Deer	0.4
Dauphin	0.1	Kindersley	- 0.1	Hughenden	0.5
Minnedosa	0.1	Moose Jaw	- 0.1	Fort Vermilion	0.6
Le Pas	0.2	Maple Creek	- 0.1	Kinuso	0.6
Swan River	0.3	Humboldt	- 0.1	Edmonton	0.9
Morris	0.4	Estevan	0.1	High Prairie	1.1
		Kamsack	0.1	Keg River	1.7
		Yorkton	0.1	Fort McMurray	3.5
		Prince Albert	0.2		
		Meadow Lake	0.2		
		Rosthern	0.2		
		Lintlaw	0.3		
		Assiniboia	0.3		
		Lloydminster	0.4		
		Rabbit Lake	0.5		
		Melfort	0.5		

(Minus signs denote less than the amount of rain indicated).

Calgary, Medicine Hat, Battleford, Qu'Appelle, Gem, High River, Manyberries, Raymond, Sedgewick, Taber, Vauxhall, Carlyle, Midale, Pinawa, Banff, Brooks, Cardston, Coronation, Foremost, Lethbridge, MacLeod, Stettler, Broadview, Elbow, Outlook and Yellow Grass reported no rain during the week. Traces were reported from Viking, Aneroid, Indian Head, Macklin, Moosomin, Boissevain, Morden and Pierson.

Mean temperatures were above normal throughout all three provinces, the largest excesses being in southern Alberta and southern Saskatchewan.

Excesses over normal mean temperature were as follows: -

Manitoba: 2 degrees above normal - Districts 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14; 3 degrees above normal - District 5; 4 degrees above normal - District 4; 5 degrees above normal - Districts 9 and 10; 6 degrees above normal - Districts 2 and 8; 7 degrees above normal - District 3; 8 degrees above normal - Districts 1 and 7.

Saskatchewan: 4 degrees above normal - District 8; 5 degrees above normal - District 9; 7 degrees above normal - District 5; 8 degrees above normal - Districts 1, 2 and 6; 10 degrees above normal - Districts 3 and 7; 12 degrees above normal - District 4.

Alberta: 2 degrees above normal - District 17; 3 degrees above normal - District 14; 4 degrees above normal - Districts 13, 15 and 16; 5 degrees above normal - District 12; 6 degrees above normal - Districts 9 and 10; 7 degrees above normal - District 11; 8 degrees above normal - Districts 3, 6 and 8; 9 degrees above normal - Districts 2, 4 and 7; 11 degrees above normal - District 5; 12 degrees above normal - District 1.

Weather Forecast, Tuesday Morning -

Weather was fair and moderately warm in western provinces yesterday except in Peace River district where light to moderate showers occurred. Forecast Manitoba and Saskatchewan continuing fair today and Wednesday probably becoming somewhat warmer in Saskatchewan. Alberta fair and warm today, Wednesday warm and possibly scattered showers.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dominion Experimental Farm, Charlottetown

Heavy beneficial rains have produced favourable conditions for pastures, roots, corn, cereals, fruits and vegetables. Potatoes show some misses but no blight. Wheat prospects, due to general leaf rust and joint worm injury some districts, about sixty per cent average. Hay-making half completed; crop twenty per cent above average; quality excellent.

NOVA SCOTIA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Halifax

Favourable growing conditions have continued up to present. A heavy crop of hay is assured and other crops are all very promising. Pastures continue good, with resultant increase of about thirty per cent creamery production and general improvement in condition of live stock. Apple crop while somewhat uneven likely to be considerably larger than last year.

Dominion Experimental Station, Nappan

Distribution of moisture during July excellent for maximum growth if weather continues warm. Pastures excellent. Hay, much above average and of excellent quality, being harvested. Roots and potatoes good growth. Corn poor; weather too cool at early stage of growth. Milk production holding up well throughout district; supplementary feeds unnecessary. Haying well under way.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville

There has been ample rainfall for all crops. Temperature relatively low. Precipitation during past two weeks has not been heavy and haying has not been seriously hampered, the bulk of crop being gathered in good condition. Cereal and other field crops show excellent growth. Apples sizing well although injured in places by heavy infestation of aphids. Raspberries and plums indicate good yields.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton

Hay good, crop becoming too mature due to unsettled weather; only third harvested. Grain, potatoes, turnips, mangolds, vegetables thrifty and fairly free from disease but they are late on medium and heavy soils. Pastures good. Apples promise average crop. Timely rains necessary as soil is dry.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Fredericton

A very heavy hay crop. Cloudy weather delaying hay harvest. Pastures beginning to dry up. Potatoes look very promising. Root crops coming along fast. Hay after-math slow. Soil very dry. A good rain needed for all crops, particularly grain and pasture.

QUEBEC

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Quebec

Haying completed in Montreal district and is progressing all over the rest of the province. Yield in general is good in volume as well as in quality. Two days of rain have slightly delayed haying operations at the end of last week but have visibly improved condition of cereal crops and pastures already suffering from drought. Conditions of cereals are fair only and corn is still backward, being affected by cool light weather. Milk production is above normal.

Provincial Entomologist, Quebec

Aphids are general on practically all crops. In the Quebec district it has been necessary to give special attention to apple tree borers. On the whole injurious insects have done less damage than last year, except in the case of the onion and

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cabbage maggot and the aphids. The strawberry crop has suffered less weevil damage. Onion and cabbage maggot have done considerable damage.

Dominion Experimental Station, Cap Rouge

By end of week haying will be practically completed. Clover hay yield better than last year, timothy light. Grain crop heading out and only fair. Roots doing well but cool nights are checking growth of fodder corn. Raspberry crop good. Tomatoes slow ripening due to cool weather. Other vegetables doing well. Apples sizing well; scab showing in some orchards.

Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere

Drought continued intensively until twenty-third after which one inch and a quarter of rain recorded, greatly helping the crops. In general, damage caused by drought is limited to hood crops, pasture and late seeded cereals. Other crops appear good. No damage by insects and diseases observed. Hay making is progressing rapidly with yield and quality of crop good.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere

Haying going on all over the district; crop in very good condition, yield good. Cereals growing fairly well although delayed in upper part of the district; on dry land not yet headed. Hood crops promising. No damage noticed yet by disease or insects. Pastures and cereals improved by recent rainfall.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville

Haying well advanced; crop good. Early sown grain starting to ripen; crop good; straw short; 2.12 inches of rain which fell July twenty-sixth is a great benefit to all crops. Root and potato prospects good. Corn is slightly backward with very uneven stand.

Dominion Experimental Station, Farnham

Pasture fairly good - ninety per cent. Hay made better tonnage and quality than last year. Truck crops good. Grain and corn good. Tobacco improved greatly. Good haying weather.

ONTARIO

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Toronto

Harvesting fall wheat well advanced, yield fair to good. Cutting barley and early oats progressing in western Ontario. Yield spring grains reduced considerably some counties by the long dry spell with estimated average reduction for province between fifteen and twenty per cent. Most of central and western Ontario received first precipitation during July last week when moderate rains were thoroughly general. Roots, corn, pasture, tree fruits, second growth alfalfa will benefit greatly and most of the late grain acreage will be helped. Considerably more moisture would be favourable for all crops and pasture. Crops quite promising in eastern Ontario; spotty in northern.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Strathroy

Wheat threshing in full swing. Yield and sample better than expected. Slight injury by Hessian fly with an occasional report of wheat midge. Leaf hoppers frequent in potato fields. Farmers cutting oats for hay. Pastures very dry. Insect pests under control.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Chatham

Harvest and threshing now under way; barley giving good yield. Rains within last week have greatly benefited all crops. Drought danger now past. Insect damage unimportant except a few cases of local infestation.

ONTARIO - (Concl'd.)

Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow

Severe drought conditions in Essex and parts of Kent and Norfolk counties temporarily relieved by half inch rain July twenty-three. Elgin county and parts of Norfolk and Kent still very dry. Early potatoes, beans, winter wheat and early oats good; late oats, tobacco and pastures damaged considerably.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Vineland

Oriental fruit moth still at a very low level. Other fruit insects quite well under control.

MANITOBA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg

Past week much cooler, with no general rain but a few showers. Crops continue to mature rapidly. Cutting of barley and early wheat general in all but northern parts. Rust has developed in several northern districts and will do appreciable harm. Pastures, potatoes and gardens still needing rain badly. Grasshoppers rather plentiful in south-western Manitoba.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden

Wheat cutting well advanced. Summerfallow wheat may yield fifteen bushels. Oat and barley crops short and light; many fields not worth threshing. Corn short. Roots and potatoes poor. Drought continues. No pastures. No rain.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon

Drought and heat continue. Grain crops maturing fast and harvesting started. Wheat cutting will be general July twenty-ninth. Oat and barley crops very short. Pastures badly scorched. Gardens dried up. Prospects for potato crop very poor.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Melita

Weather conditions very hot and dry. Harvest in full swing. Very little more than seed can be expected. Pastures poor.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Kelwood

Still no rain. All July hot and dry. Remarkable how crop has withstood heat and drought. Summerfallow wheat on good land well filled except centre row. Plump kernel. Slight evidence of stem rust; not considered serious. Oat crop in main very short. Barley little better. Some good flax; small acreage. Most farmers have sweet clover and it is a good crop.

Agricultural Representative, Portage la Prairie

Cutting general today. Barley and wheat rusted slightly. Barley will be a little light in weight. No rain for past week.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Minnedosa

Weather still dry but not so hot. Wheat yield will be below average and of good quality. Cutting will begin August first. Oats and barley very poor. Good rain would help late grain. No hail. No frost. Pastures and gardens poor.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Russell

Lack of precipitation is retarding proper filling of grain and hastening ripening. Cutting of barley commenced last week and some wheat will be cut this week. Potatoes and gardens need rain.

MANITOBA -- (Concl'd.)

Agricultural Representative, Teulon

General crop prospects are good. Some late wheat injured by rust and some light soils affected by heat. Animals suffering less from heat and flies but pastures bare and cream receipts are still down. Hay crop is very good and going up in excellent shape.

SASKATCHEWAN

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Regina

Apart from some good rains, mostly in eastern Saskatchewan, around July thirteenth and a few scattered thunder showers, the weather has continued hot and dry during the past two weeks resulting in an extension of the area where little or no commercial crops are in prospect. Crop prospects have declined in central and northern Saskatchewan. In the central area the deterioration is most noticeable in the western portion of the district. In north-eastern Saskatchewan generally lighter than average yields are now in prospect. In east-central and extending into the central area crops are very promising and there are also some fair crops south of the Qu'Appelle valley along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway as far west as Moose Jaw. In the extreme south and south-west and along the Alberta boundary there are large areas with very little commercial crop and farmers are putting forth every effort to secure sufficient feed for live stock. In spite of this it is evident that there will be a shortage of feed in many parts of this territory. Rust has been reported in eastern Saskatchewan but is more noticeable along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and in the northern portion of the Regina-Weyburn district extending north into central Saskatchewan. There is quite a variation in the intensity of the infection and the damage to crops will largely depend on future weather conditions. Odd fields of early wheat have been cut and quite a few expect to start this week. Grasshoppers are reported numerous mostly in southern districts. In those districts where moisture conditions were favourable, summerfallowing is practically completed but operations have been retarded at a great many points owing to the dry condition of the soil. Pastures are dry and need rain in many parts of the province but live stock are generally in fair condition.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head

Crops ripening very rapidly. No serious rust damage. Grasshopper damage south-west section. Harvesting early wheat will be general this week. Hay crop light. Pastures dried up. Weather continues warm and dry.

Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current

Hot dry weather still prevails; 0.33 inch precipitation last Sunday helped situation. Stubble crops are failures. Estimate good summerfallow will yield five bushels per acre. Fall and spring rye mostly harvested. Harvesting will be general next week. All grains badly shot.

Supervisor of Illustration Station, Swift Current

Kincaid - Weather hot and dry this month. Grain forced to maturity. All crops light. Most of grain will be cut for fodder. Grasshoppers fairly numerous. Limerick - crop conditions similar to Kincaid. Some fields will give a little more grain. Gravelbourg - weather hot and dry. Grain ripening fast. Some cutting started. Crop conditions somewhat better than west of here. Some wheat on fallow may give about half normal crop. Crops on stubble land poor. Grasshoppers fairly numerous. Fox Valley - crops worth harvesting now being cut for fodder. Practically no grain worth threshing. Will be shortage of fodder in district. Considerably more grasshoppers than last two years. 1.40 inches rain July eighteenth bit too late to help crops.

Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern

Weather during week hot and dry with high winds. Late crops suffering severely from drought and some beginning to burn. Early seedings well filled and should thrash out fair sample. Some grasshopper damage reported. Hay yields poor and fodder situation far from promising. Summerfallows practically completed.

SASKATCHEWAN - (Concl'd.)

Dominion Experimental Station, Melfort

Early grain ripening rapidly. Late crops benefited by rain Tuesday morning but hot strong winds since. Some stem rust present. Barley cutting general now and some wheat ready. Wheat cutting will be general in a week. Wheat yield may average twelve bushels; other crops correspondingly light.

Dominion Experimental Station, Scott

Weather dry and warm, with few scattered showers insufficient to benefit crops. Better fields of wheat filling well, considering drought. Increasing number of farmers cutting poorer fields of grain for feed. Old pastures finished. Cattle pasturing on roads and crop. Hoppers flying and already laying eggs.

ALBERTA

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries

Cooler for the past few days but no precipitation. Harvest has commenced on summerfallow crop. No coarse grain crops. Wheat badly shrunk; three to five bushels is best yield in sight. Grasshoppers have ruined many late green crops. Shortage of grass and water for stock being felt. Short grass parched.

Dominion Experimental Station and Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Lethbridge

No change in general situation in southern Alberta. No rain. The premature ripening of wheat has been accelerated by the unusually hot weather. Harvesting with headers and binders started. Date combining will begin somewhat uncertain. Crop yields in best area of southern Alberta from High River-Vulcan districts to Cardston will be the lightest obtained in many years.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Olds

Weather continues dry and hot. No rain since last report. Harvest will commence about fifteenth of August. Late-sown grains need rain badly.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe

Five more hot, dry days burned large acreage beyond recovery. July twenty-fifth violent hail and rain storm caused 30 to 100 per cent loss over area 30 miles long by 10 wide. 0.8 inch rain will help recovery but so late that large area at best only feed.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettler

Continued dry hot weather. Spring plowing and stubble grain almost total loss. Forty per cent wheat crop in east end of district if rain this week. Haying in progress; small crop. No local hail.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton

Crop conditions continue fairly good; have had few quite hot days but received three hours good rain on the night of the twenty-fourth and the odd light shower during the week. Late grains will be short and light crop. Grass is only fair. Weather still quite warm. No hail damage. Possible seventy per cent normal crop in sight.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Vermilion

Weather continues hot and dry. Wheat ripening fast and cutting will begin about August first. Some fair crops of wheat should be harvested. Oats mostly very poor. Barley - some fair fields but more very poor.

Dominion Experimental Sub-station, Beaverlodge

Grain crops doing well and about three weeks ahead of last year. General light showers since last report. Little damage except from weeds though mention of grasshoppers at Fort St. John, of slight hail at Dawson Creek, and a temporary lodging at or two other places.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz

Weather excellent. Oat crop beginning to turn in certain areas. Hoed crops fair. Raspberries about finished for season.

Dominion Experimental Station, Summerland

Hot dry weather has prevailed since last report. Evaporation rapid but irrigation water plentiful. Damage to second crop alfalfa not so serious as expected. Early cantaloupes moving. Some damage from grasshoppers. Tomatoes moving in volume, serious damage from sunscald.

Dominion Experimental Station, Saanichton

Weather continues fine and warm. Every prospect of completing one of the finest crops produced on Vancouver Island. Growers harvesting. Loganberry crop good and with less disease than is common. Pears promising well. Last of sour cherries have been picked.



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