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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, July 27, 1937, 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. Ninety 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

As the harvest season approaches, the general farm crop situation throughout Canada shows little deviation from the trend which has been evident for the past few weeks. All eastern Canada and British Columbia continue to show fine prospects while the drought stricken prairies face failure over a wide area with low yields expected from those fields which still promise a commercial crop. The Maritime Provinces and Quebec are now in need of rain but the recent hot dry weather has facilitated haying. Harvesting is under way in Ontario with prospects for all grains fair to good. Fruit crops are promising in all the eastern provinces. Hail damage in Manitoba has caused some loss over fairly extensive areas. Harvesting has begun and early crops seem fairly safe from rust damage although late fields may be seriously affected. The feed situation in Saskatchewan and Alberta has brightened appreciably as a result of recent rains but with harvesting already started, further moisture can be of little help to grain crops and yields will be low.

Following a period of hot dry weather with rapid evaporation, dry conditions are now found in the Maritime Provinces for the first time this season, after the excessively wet weather which extended from the opening of spring until early July. Taking advantage of the good weather, farmers have rushed their haying and a large crop has been gathered in splendid condition. Spring grains and roots are now showing the need of rain while the dryness has resulted in a heavy drop of apples. The apple crop still promises a large increase over last year's yield.

Quebec has likewise experienced warm dry weather in recent weeks and haying has made rapid progress. The crop is fair to good, varying with the district. Lack of moisture is beginning to affect the growth of spring grains and roots while pastures in some sections, particularly in the north, are falling off. Harvesting fall wheat is nearing completion in Ontario and threshing well advanced with yields fair to good. Some early spring grains have been cut and harvesting will be general this week in southern districts. Fruit and vegetable crops promise much better returns than last season.

Harvesting has begun in the dry areas of Manitoba with yields of wheat low and coarse grains poor to failure. In southern districts the wheat will not ripen for a week or two. Rust infection is widespread and while early fields should escape damage, late crops may suffer considerable reduction in yield and quality. Hail damage of severe nature occurred over a fairly wide area in several important districts during the past week. No important change has occurred in the Saskatchewan situation. Cutting has commenced and should be general this week. Recent rains have improved the feed situation in the dried out areas but grasshoppers are taking toll of the green growth. Yields will be low in those areas where commercial crops are still found. Alberta prospects have shown some further improvement following recent rains. Both grain and feed crops have benefited in the central and northeastern areas. Wheat harvesting has begun in the southwestern section with yields reported as low. West-central areas report good crop prospects with harvesting expected to start in about two weeks.

British Columbia has enjoyed good weather which has favoured the progress of all crops. Haying is practically finished with a good yield reported.

Maritime Provinces

Hot dry weather has prevailed during recent weeks and haying has been rapid under good conditions. The crop has been one of the heaviest on record in Nova Scotia but in New Brunswick it is less than a year ago. Rain will soon be needed to prevent damage to spring grains, potatoes and roots while the berry crops are showing the need of rain. Apples continue very promising with crops well above last year. Dry weather has caused considerable drop but the commercial crop has not yet been materially affected. Pasture growth is now slowing up as a result of the dry conditions and rain will be needed soon to revive the grass.

Quebec and Ontario

With weather mostly hot and dry in Quebec during the past fortnight, haying has progressed rapidly under good conditions and is now nearing completion. The absence of rain is beginning to affect root crops and pastures and milk production is falling off, particularly in northern districts. In the eastern townships, pastures are holding up well. Spring grains vary from fair to good while roots, corn, tobacco and fruit crops are mostly good throughout the province. In Ontario the weather has been favourable for the development of all crops. Cutting of fall wheat is nearly finished and yields should be above average. Some early spring grains have been cut and in southern districts harvesting will be general this week with fairly good yields in prospect. Fruit and truck crops are promising. In northern districts haying is delayed by wet weather but general prospects are good.

Prairie Provinces

In the dry sections of Manitoba, cutting of wheat and barley began last week. Wheat will be not more than half a crop and much of the barley and oats is a failure. In the southern and eastern parts, wheat will not ripen for another two weeks. Rust is fairly general. Much of the early crop should escape damage but some late fields are already badly rusted. Recent showers have improved pasture conditions in the northwestern section and late crops will also benefit but the rain came too late to help early grains. Heavy hail damage has been reported from Brandon, Minnedosa, Portage la Prairie and Morden districts. Grasshopper damage has been light with disease killing the hoppers in the Red River valley.

Warm weather during the past week in Saskatchewan hastened the ripening of the crop. Cutting has commenced and will be general this week. In the drought areas, local showers made further improvement in the feed situation at several points. There will be little if any threshed crop in south-central and west-central Saskatchewan. In the southern part of east-central Saskatchewan, rain is required to produce seed. In the northwestern part of the province, there is wide variation in the prospective outturn of the crop. While there will be a commercial crop in the northeastern district, it is expected that yields will be much below average. In this area, the hay crop is short and feed supplies are generally much below normal. In those areas of the province favoured by rains in the first half of July, weeds have made considerable headway. Grasshoppers were reported as active by several correspondents.

Improved condition of the crop was reported from Alberta during the past week. In Northeastern Alberta recent rains have aided the wheat and feed crops. North-central Alberta also reports prospects much improved. There has been good growth in central Alberta with harvesting expected in two weeks. No damage has been reported from insects or disease. The correspondent at Calgary expects a fair crop in that district, although in the eastern part, crops will be light. In southwestern Alberta, cutting has commenced, and some wheat has been delivered to the elevators. Yields are reported as low. The hay crop was short. The feed situation in eastern Alberta has been improving. No damage has been reported from rust or grasshoppers in this area.

British Columbia

Fine weather has favoured the progress of all crops since the last report. Haying is nearly finished and yields on the whole are satisfactory. Cutting of winter wheat has begun and spring grains are turning colour. Early fruit and vegetable crops are moving in volume and a few apples are now on the market.

- 3 - METEOROLOGICAL REPORT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

The following record shows the precipitation in inches, reported by the Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, for the week ending July 26 at 8 a.m. In addition, figures are given showing the total precipitation from April 1 to date this season and the average for the ten year period, 1926-35, April-July 26.

Station	Week ending July 26	Apr. 1 to July 26 1937	1926-1935 average Apr. 1- July 26	Station	Week ending July 26	Apr. 1 to July 26 1937	1926-1935 average Apr. 1- July 26
<u>Manitoba</u>							
Birtle	.6	#	8.75	Valmarie	nil		
Brandon	.4	11.93	10.46	Consul	tr		
Cypress River	.3	9.57	9.60	Elbow	.05		
Winnedosa	.7	9.41	8.21	Estevan	.05		
Ninette	.6	11.96	10.72	Naicam	.1		
Portage la Pr.	1.1	12.22	8.52	Moosomin	.2		
Virden	.2	8.14	7.95	Rosetown	.3		
Graysville	.6	#	7.65	Meadow Lake	.5		
Morden	1.0	14.60	8.91	Lintlaw	.6		
Morris	1.0	8.13	7.48	Lloydminster	.7		
Sprague	1.5	18.76	9.41	Broadview	.8		
Winnipeg	.1	7.98	8.59	Rabbit Lake	1.0		
Dauphin	.3	7.28	7.23	<u>Alberta</u>			
Le Pas	.1	4.70	6.22	Coronation	.8	5.15	6.09
Pinawa	.2			Edmonton	.3	9.67	10.08
Swan River	.3			Wetaskiwin	.9	10.09	8.20
Boissevain	.6			Olds	.3	8.10	9.00
Emerson	1.3			Stettler	.3	6.95	8.44
Pierson	1.3			Brooks	.05	2.12	6.89
<u>Saskatchewan</u>				Calgary	.05	8.76	9.08
Carlyle	.3	5.60	8.64	Cardston	nil	9.09	8.59
Davidson	.7	3.57	6.46	Vauxhall	nil	#	6.54
Humboldt	.4	6.48	7.27	High River	tr	6.43	10.21
Indian Head	.2	3.55	7.62	Lethbridge	nil	9.73	7.59
Kamsack	.3	4.53	6.81	Macleod	nil	10.66	7.56
Midale	.2	3.65	8.12	Medicine Hat	.05	3.79	6.44
Qu Appelle	.3	3.15	7.96	Edson	.4	5.30	9.58
Regina	.3	3.30	7.22	Beaverlodge	.1	3.73	7.34
Strasbourg	.2	1.46	7.64	Foremost	nil		
Yellow Grass	.4	3.05	7.48	Kinuso	nil		
Yorkton	.1	4.73	7.67	Manyberries	nil		
Aneroid	.1	3.97	6.20	Empress	.1		
Assiniboia	.1	3.93	6.41	Fairview	.1		
Chaplin	.3	4.33	6.72	High Prairie	.2		
Maple Creek	.05	2.75	6.82	Drumheller	.4		
Swift Current	.05	2.23	7.80	Hughenden	.5		
Battleford	.7	6.49	6.43	Sedgewick	.5		
Biggar	.9	5.18	6.38	Keg River	.6		
Kindersley	.9	5.17	6.79	Viking	.6		
Macklin	.3	4.41	6.98	Glendon	.8		
Scott	.3	#	6.67	Naco	1.0		
Melfort	.1	6.26	7.23	Vegreville	1.1		
Prince Albert	.1	6.17	7.74	Red Deer	2.3		
Rosthern	.6	7.83	7.10				
Saskatoon	.7	3.05	6.96				

denotes information incomplete
tr. denotes traces of rain

Departures from normal mean temperatures for the week were as follows:
Manitoba: One degree above normal- district 6; two degrees above- districts 1, 2, 5; three degrees above- districts 3, 4, 9; four degrees above- districts 7, 11, 13;
Saskatchewan: Two degrees above normal- district 9; three degrees above- district 6; four degrees above- districts 3, 7, 8; five degrees above- districts 1, 2, 5; six degrees above- district 4;
Alberta: One degree below normal- district 13; normal- district 14; one degree above normal- districts 10, 11; two degrees above- districts 6, 8, 9; three degrees above districts 2, 4, 12, 15, 16, 17; four degrees above- districts 3, 7; five degrees above districts 1, 5.

INSECT DAMAGE - PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Brandon.

Armyworm has occurred in several scattered points in Manitoba, defoliating some field of oats and barley. Grasshoppers in the Red River Valley dying of fungous disease.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Saskatoon.

Armyworm causing considerable loss of excellent stands of oats, other grains and grasses in wide area in eastern Saskatchewan including Lemberg, Saltcoats, Norquay, Reynaud and Nipawin. Heavy grasshopper attack on maturing crops continues and infestations are spreading into many new districts north and northeastwardly.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Lethbridge.

Wire worms injuring sugar beets at Taber. Wheat severely infested with stem sawfly at Rockyford, Nobleford and Barons. Say's grain bug abundant in wheat fields in Lethbridge district and may cause serious losses.

HAIL DAMAGE

Severe storm reported July 21 from north of Strathclair to Minnedosa, Neepawa, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Elmcreek, Sperling. Also storm reported July 22 Sperling, Morris. Heavy damage reported in all districts for both storms.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Charlottetown.

Haying well advanced, weather ideal, hay saved in perfect condition. Rain needed for grain crops. Roots and potatoes growing rapidly. Potatoes have received first spray for blight. Local strawberries finished. Raspberries and blueberries now on market with quality and quantity good but rain needed.

NOVA SCOTIA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Halifax.

One of Nova Scotia's heaviest hay crops being harvested under ideal conditions. Early grain and hoed crops very promising but two weeks dry hot weather is checking new seedings and if continued will greatly reduce yields. Pastures extra to date but now drying up. Apple crop estimated at two and a quarter to two and half million barrels, at least 30 per cent above last year but if dry weather continues, drop may reduce yield.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville.

Practically no rain with bright weather and excessive evaporation since July twelfth has brought about almost drought conditions so that potatoes and grains are prematurely drying out. Weather ideal for haying which is above average in yield and well advanced. Drop has been considerable in apples but possible commercial crop not materially affected to date.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Kentville.

Hay making throughout province well started. Farmers taking advantage of fine weather and storing hay in excellent condition. Heavy yield but lacking clover in many districts. Early sown oats good stand. Most land was sown late and grain does not look at present as if crop will be average. Hoed crops on heavy soils planted late not growing satisfactorily and contain weed growth. Apple crop sizing rapidly. Thinning being practised on small scale throughout valley. Large crop of good quality predicted.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Kentville.

Apple crop still looks excellent with no outstanding damage caused by pests. Some reports are being received of damage to grain and garden crops by army worm but cannot yet say how extensive this infestation is though obviously **infestation**

is serious in some areas.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Warm dry weather following wet May and June has hastened growth. Farmers have stored considerable hay in excellent condition. Hay average yield except new seeded fields. Grain, potatoes, roots, vegetables making rapid growth. Apples promise large yield. Pastures have been good but are now making slow growth.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Fredericton - reporting from Bathurst.

Haymaking in province of New Brunswick has proceeded rapidly during the past week under ideal weather conditions. Crop probably one-third harvested. Lighter than last year. Grain crops show promise of heavy crop. Early oats, wheat and barley headed out. Needed rain in northeast portion of province has arrived.

QUEBEC

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Quebec.

During the past fortnight haying has been rapid under ideal weather conditions. The hay stored to date is of excellent quality but yields vary considerably with the district and the quantity of leguminous plants. Moisture is scarce in some districts but general conditions are good. Fertilized pastures are in excellent condition and others are fairly good. Local hail damage occurred in Richelieu Valley and Montreal district. Cereals are growing well and heading is general. In districts where seeding was late, the heat has forced early heading. Condition of roots and corn varies with the district. Fruit crops are promising.

Dominion Experimental Station, Cap Rouge.

Hay is being stored in good condition. Over seventy-five per cent crop cut. Yield good to fair. The heat of the last ten days has hastened the maturity of cereals. Root crops are doing well but rain would help considerably. Pastures are turning yellow and aftermath is short due to dry and hot weather. Strawberry crop finished, yield and prices good. Raspberries need rain or yield will be cut by half. Apples sizing normally.

Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

Weather fairly dry for all farm crops but ideal for hay. Harvesting not yet finished. Except for sunflowers and corn all field husbandry crops are promising. Pastures and aftergrowth of meadows are not very good. The orchard crops are promising. No important damage by insects or diseases observed.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville.

Weather hot and dry but soil moisture ample. Haying seventy per cent completed, crop above average. Stand of grain poor, crop prospect below average. Corn, root and potato prospect good. Pastures excellent.

Dominion Experimental Station, L'Assomption.

Haying almost completed, ten days earlier than usual, has given a medium yield. Corn is late but fairly good. Tobacco has improved wonderfully and is promising one of the best crops in many years. Potatoes are excellent. Oats are late but good. Pastures are rather poor.

Dominion Experimental Station Farnham.

Pasture medium. Haying going on, seventy-five per cent done. Corn and tobacco made rapid growth under favourable weather conditions. Weather warm and damp during period covered by this report. Early oats ripening, late sown heading out. Truck crops doing well.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Hammingford.

Haying well advanced. Heavy crop. Weather showery. Pastures remain good. Grain and corn up to average. Potatoes look very good. Raspberries fair crop and a ready market. Apples sizing well but plenty of scab. Canning peas harvesting well advanced and a fair to good crop.

Dominion Experimental Station, Normandin.

No important amount of rain received immediate district since later part June and first two days July. Pasture greatly reduced, milk production down. Hay harvesting started July fifteenth, crop medium quality, good. Early sown grain good, late sown medium. Other crops good.

Provincial Entomologist, Quebec.

No new developments during the past 15 days in regard to weeds, diseases or insects and no serious outbreaks have been reported.

ONTARIO

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Weather in Ontario generally favourable for development of crops. Cutting of fall wheat nearing completion in western Ontario, will yield above average. Second cutting alfalfa under way. Some early spring grain already cut with harvesting becoming general in the next few days in southern Ontario. Yield expected to be fairly good. Fruit crop and late field crops developing satisfactorily.

Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow.

Three inches rain July ten to seventeen. Severe damage to tobacco heavy and low lying soils. Blight general early tomato crop. Wheat threshing progressing, rust general, fair yield only. Harvesting oats well advanced. Harvesting commenced early flue tobacco. Armyworm found attacking local crops, field peas and late tomatoes.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing.

Crops at this station are excellent but haying is delayed owing to wet weather. Three decimal four four inches of rain fell in July to date with heavy humid weather which makes haying almost impossible. Crops of all kinds are splendid and pastures cannot be eaten down. Flies are terrible on stock and it is difficult to work horses. Grain is all in full head at this station and fall rye turning.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Chatham.

Most crops progressing favourably in general districts. Some damage from rain in Essex county. Wheat threshing general, yield and sample on poor side. Armyworms present in small numbers in Essex, Kent and Lambton counties. Damage very localized, control measures not warranted.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Strathroy.

Hessian fly infestation gradually building up in counties of Middlesex, Kent and Essex due to many farmers sowing near first of September. Pea weevil noted in garden patches. General insect injury light in district. Exceptional growth of crops in many cases overcame the early insect injuries.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Kapuskasing - reporting from Makamik, Que.

About thirty per cent of the hay is cured in very good condition. Good weather to cure it. Crop of hay thirty per cent less than usual. Rain on July twenty-sixth. Grain crops good as well as new seedings. Potatoes very good and pastures improving.

MANITOBA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

Wheat and barley cutting began last week in dried area north of Elkhorn and adjoining Saskatchewan. Wheat there at best not over half crop and oats and barley failure. In southern and eastern Manitoba much crop will not be ripe for two weeks and these parts have considerable straw. Some rust almost everywhere but much crop should escape with but little damage while some fields of late crop are already badly rusted. Considerable hail loss during past week. Some grasshoppers in southwest.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

Cutting barley already started. Some wheat will cut this week. Early wheat will give good yield and sample. Rust developing fast. Late wheat carrying considerable stem rust. Heavy hail damage southwest of Morden, thirty sections with 25 per cent damage, some fields hundred per cent.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

Weather past week favourable for grain crop. Rust severe on Marquis and Ceres wheat. Reward and Durums standing up well. Crops heavy to thirty miles north of Brandon thence rapidly reduced to very poor. Barley and fall rye being cut. Wheat cutting will commence this week.

Agricultural Representative, Dauphin.

Scattered showers through district improved prospect in some sections. In general crop prospects deteriorated. Outbreak of armyworms at Dauphin, Gilbert Plains, and Ochre River damaged wheat slightly and seriously affected some oats and barley. Wheat cutting will soon be general. Pastures very bare.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Melita.

Point five six rainfall last week. Close check up on rust shows no noticeable deterioration of grain. Rye cutting general. Some fields of oats and barley cut. Wheat cutting general second of August. Impossible to estimate yields. No hail. Potatoes and gardens good.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Killarney.

Cutting of early barley and rye is well under way. Sample very fair with barley severely infested with rust. Some early wheat is being cut. Not yet possible to estimate damage rust may cause on main cash crop Durum wheats as all are well spotted and final yield or eventual outcome is very problematical but up to date all seem to be filling satisfactorily. Oat crop looks good and appears almost rust free. One inch rainfall twenty-second and twenty-fourth very beneficial to rather parched gardens and pastures and will help to fill out later grains if they can escape rust.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Kelwood.

Rust getting serious on Marquis wheat. All other grains filling. Well scattered rains, in places quite heavy. Considerable hail damage thirty miles south of here. Haying well advanced, good crop. Some wheat and barley cutting. Harvest will soon be general. Very small per cent of stem maggot.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Woodnorth.

Some improvement in crop conditions during past week due to additional rain fall and cooler weather. Considerable rust evident on non resistant varieties of wheat but most fields are nearing maturity so will not be severely affected. Some indication of wheat stem maggot, particularly in Durum wheat. No hail damage.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Russell.

Scattered showers Wednesday and Thursday have materially helped the pasture and will help to fill out the grain in those fields that were not past recovery. Gardens were also benefited. Cutting barley commenced last week and wheat cutting will begin this week. It is now evident that the frost in this district on the 15th of June being followed by dry weather, did more damage to the coarse grains than the drought alone.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Swan River.

Very little change since last report. Recent rain has improved late crops. Armyworm here in large numbers. Very little damage done as yet but situation serious unless checked at once. Attacking oats most. Pastures continue to improve and stock looks well. Gardens doing well but potatoes will be light crop.

SASKATCHEWAN

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Regina.

Taking the province as a whole, little change in the crop and feed situation has taken place during the past week. Light showers and some good rains have fallen at scattered points and at these places conditions have been fairly well maintained or improved somewhat. At some other points some deterioration is noted. As previously reported, there will be little if any threshed crop in most of southern, central and west central Saskatchewan but rains would produce feed. In the southern portion of east central Saskatchewan, good rains are required to produce seed and feed and if moisture is received immediately, a little commercial crop may be possible in some of the better fields. In the northern portion of east central and in north eastern Saskatchewan, commercial yields are expected but the return will be much below the average. Little change is noted in the north western district, there being a wide variation in crop expectations ranging from feed only to some fair commercial yields. Grasshoppers are reported active and doing considerable damage to late grain and are causing farmers to rush cutting for feed at several points.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

Rains have improved crops particularly later sown grains. Considerable short grain cut for feed. Grain ripening very rapidly and harvest will be general this week. Grasshoppers doing considerable damage to late crops in southern Saskatchewan. Rainfall during week decimal two nine.

Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern.

Weather warm, sultry, two showers, total point six four inches rain. Crops revived, pastures fair. Considerable feed in district which may supply requirements. Early crops being cut for feed. Grasshoppers numerous, doing great damage. Probably yields two to ten bushels. Late crops fair. Corn good.

Dominion Experimental Station, Scott.

Where good rains have fallen, oats, pastures and gardens making good growth. In wheat, moisture aiding best fields to fill but crops considered failure before rain not recovering and weeds taking possession of crop. Heavy rapid weed growth will add to difficulty of harvesting. Hoppers numerous, doing some damage.

Dominion Experimental Station, Melfort.

Drought causing early harvest, some grain already cut, will be general next week. Wheat crop slightly better than last year, estimated fifteen bushels. Coarse grain lower, oats thirty bushels, barley eighteen. Barley crop short, will be difficult to harvest. Hay crop short. Feed will be scarce.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Senlac.

Rain has been plentiful during last two weeks making big improvement in oat crops and all garden crops. Potatoes look good and pasture improving. Pig weed is bad in wheat fields and grasshoppers very thick. Gulls appear in thousands, evidently eating hoppers.

ALBERTA

Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge.

Crops in extreme south and west where rainfall has been favourable during the season are maintaining themselves. In other parts only very light yields can be expected. First wheat delivered to elevators from dry areas east of Lethbridge.

Dominion Range Experimental Station, Manyberries.

The past week of very warm weather has forced the maturing of grain crops and range grasses. In spite of local showers last week, the yield of grain through the district in general is expected to be very low. Some localities have no prospects of crop and have very little feed. Southwest edge of Cypress Hills area very dry. Short grass and hay crop.

ALBERTA - (Con.)

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

With .73 rain during week and 4.77 during July, all crops making rapid growth. Heavy second-growth started in almost all crops. This will make feed but unless frost later than usual, will be of little value for grain. Heavy growth weeds smothering considerable crop.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Calgary.

Fair to good rains received over this territory during the past week. Weather now clear and bright. Indications for a fair crop on western portion of this territory but much lighter on eastern portion. Pastures and coarse grains benefited by recent rains. Expect some cutting of barley end of this week if weather remains fine.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Okla.

All grains made wonderful headway since recent rains and all filling nicely. Odd field beginning to turn. Looks like with good warm weather, be some cutting in next two weeks. No damage from hail or insects.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettler.

Point thirty-four rainfall past week. No further damage. No grasshoppers. No rust. Feed situation improving rapidly. Weather favourable.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Received over one inch rain last week. Crops have improved considerably especially late grain. Weather has been cool.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Hanna.

Half inch rain during past week helps pasture and feed. Too late to help crop situation. What grain there is filling well. Gardens improving during past two weeks.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

A period of fine warm weather has been experienced in the province during the past two weeks and good progress has been made by all crops. Haying is nearing completion on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland districts and is general in other sections. Yields on the whole are very satisfactory. The second crop of alfalfa is coming along in good style. Cutting of winter wheat has commenced. In the southern portions of the province, oats are fully headed out and commencing to show color. Apricots of excellent quality are now moving in volume as are field tomatoes and cucumbers from the Okanagan district. A few early apples are now on the market.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz.

No rain since July first. Heavy crop hay stored in excellent condition. Ensilage corn growing rapidly. Early oats well headed, good crop. Pastures require rain. Flies troublesome to stock. Light cherry crop completed. Raspberries better than anticipated with growers having trouble to market them. Feed prices high. Eggs tending upward.

Dominion Experimental Station, Summerland.

Weather past fortnight hot with showers thirteenth and eighteenth. Ground crops good. Semiripe tomatoes moving in volume. Canteloupes just commencing. Apricot harvest in full swing, crop good. Peaches promise heavy crop, other fruits average crop. Second crop alfalfa heavy, harvested in good condition.

Dominion Experimental Station, Sidney.

Cherry harvest complete. Quality good except for loss from birds. Loganberries in much greater quantity than last year, nearing end of season. Grain getting ripe, harvesting begun. Weather perfect, dry.

Dominion Experimental Station, Beaverlodge, Alberta.

Rain still extremely local. Several sprinkled showers totaling point one seven inches at Beaverlodge rather improved situation. Yield may be fairly good in proportion to straw but maturity many fields must be irregular.



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