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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, June 1, 1937, 4 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the first of a series of 7 telegraphic reports covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the second 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

Except for parts of the Prairie Provinces where the spring season opened earlier than usual, agricultural operations throughout the Dominion have been retarded by cool weather and abundant rainfall. Throughout eastern Canada generally, farmers have been obliged to wait till fields dried before seeding could be commenced and at this date, much seed still remains to be sown. Except where adverse conditions during the winter resulted in some killing, meadows and pastures are good throughout the east and particularly so in the Maritime Provinces. For the Prairies as a whole, wheat seeding is virtually completed and the sowing of coarse grains is well advanced. In southern Saskatchewan, sowing of the coarse grains has been delayed through lack of rainfall. While badly needed rainfall improved the prospects somewhat in southern Alberta during the past week, the scant supplies of moisture in this area and throughout southern Saskatchewan are causing concern. In these regions considerable acreage will be lost should heavy rain be long delayed. Recent improvement in weather conditions in British Columbia is bringing growth along rapidly.

Backward weather has delayed farm operations throughout the Maritime Provinces. Conditions are variable on Prince Edward Island with seeding well under way and the main crop of potatoes still to be planted. In Nova Scotia, work on the land has been held up by frequent rains but early seeded crops are growing well and hay and pastures good. Fruit bloom was heavy and good crops are in prospect. Fields have dried slowly in New Brunswick and many farmers have not yet started seeding. Some winter killing of pastures and meadows is apparent but all grass growth is rapid at present.

Because of early frosts last fall, much ploughing remained to be done in Quebec this spring. This factor coupled with cool weather and excessive rainfall through much of May resulted in delayed seeding of spring crops. Winter injury sharply reduced the prospects for hay crops and growth of pastures has been slow. Small fruits show considerable winter injury but apples promise a good crop. Crops are making good progress in old Ontario but here also, work on the land was retarded by heavy rainfall and some seeding is still to be done. Fall wheat wintered fairly well and is making good growth. Tobacco planting is in full swing on the light soils of southern Ontario and prospects for fruit and vegetable crops are excellent. While the season is a little late in northern Ontario, spring grains and pastures look well at present and seeding is being rushed.

In the Prairie Provinces, further rains have improved the crop outlook in Manitoba, in northwestern and west-central Saskatchewan and in southern and east-central Alberta during the past week. In addition, there was some improvement in southwestern Saskatchewan and in the extreme southeast of the province. In southern Saskatchewan, south of the Canadian Pacific main line, a large wheat acreage is very patchy and retarded in growth by drought and wind. Some central areas are in the same condition. Rains in southern Saskatchewan have been light and ineffective and a heavy, general downpour is urgently needed. In Manitoba the grain is very promising, some fields being entirely green, about six inches high and very thick. The dry area in southern Alberta was benefited by rains during the past week. Central Alberta, which made a good start, deteriorated last week through lack of rain. The Peace River district suffered from soil drifting and rains were light. Grasshoppers have been hatching in several points in Alberta and Saskatchewan and control measures have been undertaken.

Until the past week when the weather turned warm, the season in British Columbia was about two weeks later than usual. With continued fine weather, growth could be rapid as moisture supplies are for the most part ample. Early sown crops have made a good start, particularly in the Peace River district where wheat is all seeded and growing well. Fruit prospects are good.

The Maritime Provinces

Following a dry cold spring, weather since the first week of May has been showery and seeding operations have been retarded. While some farmers were able to sow crops in advance of the rains, the season generally is backward and particularly so in New Brunswick where heavy low lands will require further drying before they can be worked. Hay and pastures have made good growth and are decidedly promising. Fruit trees have bloomed heavily in the Annapolis and St. John River Valleys but wet weather during the blooming period may interfere with the set. No frost damage has been reported and orchard pests have been well controlled to date.

Quebec and Ontario

Continued wet weather has retarded farm operations in Quebec and seeding is backward. Severe winter killing of clovers and meadows was widespread throughout the province and much of the new seeding will be lost. Hay crops will be substantially lighter than last year. Pastures have made slow growth and in some districts stock have not yet been turned out. Winter losses to small fruits were fairly heavy though tree fruits suffered little damage. Wet weather has favoured the spread of apple scab and insect pests are abundant in gardens. In Ontario seeding is well advanced except where excessive moisture has prevented farmers from working the land. Winter wheat is in fair condition while meadows and pastures are good. Fruit and truck crops are promising throughout the province. In northern Ontario the season is somewhat backward but general prospects are encouraging.

Prairie Provinces

With seeding completed and crops making good growth under the influence of good weather and ample moisture, conditions throughout Manitoba are decidedly encouraging. Early sown grain is covering the land with strong growth and thick stand. While much of last year's seeding of sweet clover failed to catch, surviving fields are promising. Pastures are good and live stock doing well. Damage from soil drifting and frost was slight and grasshoppers have not yet been sufficiently abundant to warrant the use of control measures.

Northwestern and west-central Saskatchewan showed considerable improvement due to rains which varied from .7 to 1.3 inches for the week. There was also some improvement in the southwest along the Alberta boundary and in the extreme southeast. In the main southern area, however, the rainfall was very scanty and the drought conditions remain unbroken. In this area there has been varied damage to the wheat acreage from soil drifting. Seeding of the coarse grains is being retarded due to the lack of rain, and reseedling of the drifted areas is being held back due to this same cause. East-central and north-eastern Saskatchewan received a fair amount of rainfall during the week. Grasshoppers are reported in several places but precautionary measures are being taken and so far no damage is reported from this source.

Most of southern Alberta received rain during the past week varying from .3 to 1 inch. As a result crop and range lands are showing considerable improvement. Continued rains are needed, however, in the area south of Calgary. In eastern-central Alberta fair rains fell last week although there has been some damage from soil drifting. In the area from Olds to Edmonton no rain fell during the past week and conditions have deteriorated. The Peace River district experienced some damage from soil drifting although rain has continued to fall in light showers. Grasshoppers are hatching in the Calgary area, and damage from wireworms is reported around Stettler.

British Columbia.

Following a late spring, the season has been further retarded by backward weather throughout most of May. The past week has brought higher temperatures and all growth is responding rapidly. Moisture conditions are generally satisfactory and spring grains, meadows and pastures are making good growth now. Tree fruits promise abundant crops with a record yield of peaches in prospect. Increased acreages of vegetable crops are being planted.

REPORTS OF DOMINION ENTOMOLOGICAL LABORATORIES, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Brandon, Manitoba.

Grasshopper hatching slow and irregular. About twenty-five per cent hatched in southwestern Manitoba but no damage and no need of control yet.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Observations show that fully one-fifth of the seed or seedlings of wheat have been killed by wireworms in districts where drouth has been severe until recently. This pest is also proving unusually troublesome rather generally especially localities where frost set back the crop. Cutworms appear to be less numerous than expected in districts which have had little or no plant growth but scattered reports of damage are beginning to come in elsewhere in the forecast area.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

The following precipitation in inches was reported by the Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, for the week ending May 31 at 7 p.m.

<u>Manitoba</u>		<u>Saskatchewan</u>		<u>Alberta</u>	
Boissevain	-.1	Aneroid	-.1	Edson	-.1
Pinawa	-.1	Midale	-.1	Jasper	-.1
Pierson	-.1	Val Marie	-.1	Calgary	-.1
Morden	.1	Broadview	-.1	Wetaskiwin	-.1
Morris	.1	Moosomin	-.1	Edmonton	-.1
Greysville	.2	Moose Jaw	.1	Brooks	-.1
Cypress River	.2	Elbow	.1	Drumheller	.1
Portage la Prairie	.2	Strasbourg	.1	Vauxhall	.1
Russell	.2	Yellow Grass	.1	McMurray	.1
Swan River	.2	Yorkton	.1	Kinuso	.2
Minnedosa	.3	Maple Creek	.2	Viking	.2
Winnipeg	.3	Consul	.2	Vegreville	.2
Ninette	.3	Regina	.2	Beaverlodge	.3
Brandon	.3	Shaunavon	.2	Lethbridge	.3
Emerson	.3	Swift Current	.3	High River	.3
Virden	.3	Qu'Appelle	.3	Hughenden	.3
Birtle	.4	Carlyle	.3	Cardston	.3
Dauphin	.4	Chaplin	.3	Fort Vermilion	.4
Le Pas	.9	Davidson	.3	Sedgewick	.4
Sprague	.9	Lloydminster	.3	Coronation	.4
		Assiniboia	.3	Empress	.4
		Estevan	.4	Fairview	.5
		Humboldt	.4	High Prairie	.5
		Indian Head	.4	Naco	.5
		Lintlaw	.5	Foremost	.6
		Meadow Lake	.5	Medicine Hat	.7
		Outlook	.5	Keg River	.8
		Melfort	.6	MacLeod	.9
		Saskatoon	.6		
		Battleford	.7		
		Rosetown	.7		
		Macklin	.7		
		Biggar	.8		
		Naicam	.8		
		Rosthern	.8		
		Kamsack	.8		
		Scott	.9		
		Prince Albert	1.2		
		Rabbit Lake	1.2		
		Kindersley	1.3		

No rain was reported at Olds and Stettler during the week while traces of rain fell at Red Deer.

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

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

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown.

Soil conditions for working, dry up to May eighth. Early seeding made strong rapid growth. Frequent showers since have delayed general seeding which is late. Grass and clover wintered well and very promising. Trees leafed out, fruit bloom abundant, cherries, early apples in bloom. Live stock in good condition; pastures very promising.

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.

Prevailing wet weather has hindered seeding to great extent. About three-quarters of grains seeded to date. Some early potatoes planted, main crop to be planted. Great showing of hay and pastures, best for number of years. Fruit trees and plants wintered well, cherries just breaking into bloom.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Charlottetown.

Conditions over province vary greatly. Early sown grain on light soil excellent. Many heavy soils baked. Grasses excellent. Clover good on limed or mudded fields. Ten per cent seeding completed. A few mangels ready to thin. Value of drainage illustrated by wet spots in otherwise dry fields.

NOVA SCOTIA

Dominion Experimental Farm, Nappan.

May first to eighth fine, comparatively warm, two light showers. Land dried quickly uniformly but few took advantage this dry spell. Ninth to twenty-seventh unsettled, rain recorded sixteen dates, three point sixty-five inches, consequently seeding for most farmers will be late. Wheat sown April twenty-eighth eight inches high, oats six. Sixty acres sown third to eighth four to six inches high, clover seven, timothy eighteen. Pastures good but soft for grazing. Fine warm weather badly needed.

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Halifax.

Conditions generally favourable. Grass and hay a little late but very promising. Considerable early seeding done followed by fortnight of dull wet weather with little progress made. Weather for past three days and at present warm and bright affording good outlook. Orchard bloom generally heavy but part of bloom during dull wet weather only fairly favourable. Present conditions of both boom and weather excellent. Spraying somewhat retarded last week with possible consequent injury too soon to predict.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville.

Weather for working land favourable during early May; continued dark weather with moderate precipitation hindered work since middle of month on wet lands so all seeding not completed. Conditions for grass, clovers, seeded crop good, all making fine progress. Apple bloom good with short bloom season. Full bloom this date.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Dry weather badly needed; seeding at least two weeks later than normal; many farmers have not begun planting. Heavy low lying land will require about week dry weather before it can be worked. There was some winter killing in pastures and hay lands but both are making excellent growth.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Con.)

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Fredericton.

Grain seeding and potato planting proceeding satisfactorily although delayed somewhat by recent rains. Early grain well up also few early turnips and mangels. Planting and seeding dates extremely variable throughout the province. Timothy and clover making rapid growth.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Fredericton.

Planting late. Few crops above ground yet. No insect injury reported.

QUEBEC

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Quebec.

Spring is late. Frequent rains during the first half of May have delayed ploughing and seeding although a good proportion of the crop is now seeded. Cereals are now making good growth in some districts, particularly the Quebec region where conditions have improved within the past few weeks. New meadows and alfalfa suffered considerable local damage by frost. Pastures are in good condition and are coming along well. An excess of moisture has delayed cattle going on pasture. Fruit trees are in good condition but strawberries and raspberries suffered some winter injury.

Dominion Experimental Station, Cap Rouge.

Northshore district surrounding Experimental Farm, seeding operations seventy-five per cent completed. Southshore only twenty-five per cent done due to rainy weather. Clover and alfalfa meadows very severely damaged by rain in January and February. Pastures in general very good due to high precipitation. Prospects for good crop of apples and small fruits.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville.

Season late. Considerable winter killing of hay and pasture owing to wet weather. Very little seeding done.

Dominion Experimental Station, Normandin.

Lake St. John experienced late cold dry spring. Land slow to dry and seeding not general until May eighteenth. Seeding operations delayed as lot ploughing had to be done spring account early freezing last fall. Meadow and pasture fair to good. Stock medium condition.

Dominion Experimental Station, Farnham.

Prairies and pastures good. Cattle turned to pasture ten days later than last year. Sowing of grain delayed by poor weather conditions. Not more than five per cent done. Potatoes planted on high lands.

Dominion Experimental Station, L'Assomption.

Spring work very late on account of almost daily rains up to May 24th. Very little grain has been sown. Meadows very patchy. Most of new meadows should have been seeded. Clover all winter killed. Small fruits severely damaged by winter.

Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

First part of May dry and warm, much rain at the end. Very little seeding done in the district to date owing to unfavourable weather. Pasture and meadows greatly damaged by winter killing. Clover, alfalfa nearly all destroyed. Poor crop of hay anticipated. Plum trees, strawberry plants also damaged by winter killing.

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

Cool and rainy weather of May delayed seeding until now. Pasture and meadows badly damaged by ice and winter killed. Hay crop probably at least twenty-five per cent lower than last year. Live stock not yet turned to pasture. No damage to apple trees in Lower St. Lawrence district.

QUEBEC (Con.)

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Hemmingford.

May extremely wet. Practically no seeding done yet. Pastures and meadows good. Apples promise a large crop but scab very prevalent. Tent caterpillars present in large numbers. Raspberries and strawberries suffered heavy winter injury. June beetles present in very large numbers and defoliating raspberries in many places.

Provincial Entomologist, Quebec.

Preliminary report shows apple scab spreading in orchards due to continuous rains. Vegetable pests numerous. Eggs laid by flies of the cabbage and onion maggots. Butterflies very active and flea beetle damage on cabbage reported. Tent caterpillars observed locally in eastern townships. Second year white grubs will likely cause serious damage in Montreal-Oka-St. Jerome section. June beetles emerging in swarms south of Montreal. Poplars heavily infested by aphids. Mosquitoes showing in great numbers throughout the province. Cleaning of corn fields for corn borer control rapidly progressing in the quarantine zone.

ONTARIO

Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow.

Planting of flue cured tobacco in both Essex and Norfolk counties in full progress. Work on heavier soil greatly delayed due to wet soil. Comparatively little corn planted to date. Spring seeding very good and winter wheat fairly good. Early truck crops and strawberry crop in Essex look very promising.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing.

Seeding started on May 3rd on the station, several days earlier than the average and ideal weather followed till the 11th when we got a bad break and no work was done from the 11th to 20th owing to severe frost, snow and rain. Ideal condition for seeding from the 20th to date and seeding is about completed at the station but backward in the district. Seed has gone in under ideal condition and spring grain looks well also grass. Stock are out on pasture due to scarcity of feed.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Strathroy.

Seeding practically completed except on wet heavy land. Slight injury to wheat by Hessian fly and winter heaving. June beetles appearing in small numbers. Outworms active in truck crops.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Chatham.

Crops in general progressing favourably although there has been an excess of rain which has retarded field operations. Fall wheat and orchards entered this spring in good condition. Pasture is excellent.

MANITOBA

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

Early sown cereal crops several inches high. More late seeding than usual as result present favourable weather and shortage of horse power. Loss from frost and soil drifting comparatively light. Acreage in fall rye small but crop now commencing to head. Many last year's catches sweet clover failed. Surviving fields promising.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

Weather continues moderately cool. Crop making splendid growth. Pastures good. Some corn above ground. Surface moisture fair, .16 inches of rain during week. Very little soil drifting present. Prospects fair to good.

Agricultural Representative, Portage la Prairie.

Growing conditions ideal. Small acreage of late barley and sixty day oats to be seeded yet. Weed growth excessive.

MANTTOBA (Con.)

Agricultural Representative, Carman.

Good prospects continue, light rain yesterday. Probably increased acreage of cereals. Big increase of power machinery. Slight decrease in grasses and clovers account of high seed cost. Increase in corn acreage, planting well under way.

Agricultural Representative, Dauphin.

Crop developed well past week. Days are warm with cool nights. No frost but still a danger. Sharp thunder storm and good rain during week. Pastures are good. Prospects very encouraging.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Melita.

Seeding completed. General crop conditions very favourable. Two and one-third inches rainfall in May. Slight damage by frost to early oats. Fall rye fair, heading. Pastures good. Stock doing well. No outbreak of grasshoppers yet.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Killarney.

Crop continues to make good progress and practically everything sown now showing with early sown covering the ground. Weeds too prevalent in many instances. Stock picking up nicely. No damage to report as yet.

SASKATCHEWAN

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Regina.

Timely rains have improved crop prospects at many points in the province including several places in the west central area during the past week. Little change however has taken place in the extreme southern regions where with some isolated exceptions, drought conditions have continued unbroken. In this area germination and growth of crops have been retarded and in some cases the problem of feed for live stock is causing concern. Wheat seeding is practically completed but in some cases in the southern sections coarse grain seeding is still being delayed awaiting more favourable moisture conditions. Grasshoppers have made their appearance at several points and bait is being spread but no crop damage is reported so far. Good rains are urgently needed over most of the southern portion of the province and will be welcome in central and west central Saskatchewan shortly to insure the steady progress of the crop.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

Weather conditions generally improved during week. Crop conditions improved. Hay and pasture very poor. Rainfall during week .41 inches. Summer-fallowing well advanced. Total precipitation for May 1.16 inches.

Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current.

Precipitation for week .30 inches. Warmer. Crop recovering from effects of dust storms but some reseeded necessary. Early sown grain previously dormant beginning to germinate. Some emergence evident. Spring sown crops three weeks later than normal. Fall rye heading short and thin stands. Grasshoppers more numerous but no damage.

Dominion Experimental Station, Melfort.

Seeding ninety-five per cent complete. Many farmers delayed seeding coarse grains to kill weeds. Growing weather excellent, general rain last night, point six eight inches fell here. Flea beetle is damaging beets and sugar beets, cutworm destroying cabbage.

Dominion Experimental Station, Scott.

Effective rain during past week has improved crop prospects in northwestern Saskatchewan and west centre Saskatchewan but scattered. Badly blown fields in the latter area will need almost ideal conditions to produce crop. Rain Scott for May totals 2.28 inches, highest for May past ten years.

SASKATCHEWAN (Con.)

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Swift Current.

Tugaske district, spring has been dry, about quarter inch rain fell Friday night, total for May 1.07, more moisture required very soon. Seeding practically completed, most grains fair stand, some fields patchy due to uneven germination. Fall rye light crops. Very little damage from soil drifting. No grasshopper damage yet. Riverhurst district .51 inch rain this week and 1.31 week before. Moisture conditions fairly good now. Seeding completed except some late coarse grains. Early sown grain fair stand except on some fields where germination is uneven. No damage from soil drifting except on very light land. No grasshopper damage.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Yellow Grass.

Wheat seeding completed. Seventy per cent of other grains seeded. Twenty per cent summerfallow seeded to wheat will be reseeded to other grains on account of soil drifting. Pasture fields are very dry. Rain is urgently required. May rains .46 of an inch.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Senlac.

Excellent growth past week, half inch rain over week end, moisture supply good. Wheat seeded and oats about seventy per cent. Hoppers thick in patches and some reports of cutworm damage. Expect next ten days will show extent of damage. Early wheat six inches high.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Radville.

40 per cent coarse grains seeded, balance to be seeded if rain comes in time. Average height of wheat 3 inches. Very spotted due to lack of moisture. 30 per cent damage done by soil drifting. Crop prospects compared with last year 25 per cent poorer. No signs of grasshoppers to date. Rain since last report one fourteenth inch. Rain needed at once.

ALBERTA

Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge.

Further rains during past week have brought average at Lethbridge to normal for May. This situation applies generally area south of Calgary. Three-quarters inch received in southeast centering around Medicine Hat and Foremost. Crops and ranges already showing benefit of rains last two weeks.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

During week all crops suffered from drought with high winds and soil drifting. Frost and cutworms also caused considerable damage. Large acreage will soon be beyond recovery unless heavy rains come at early date. Late seeded grains are now more promising than early seedings.

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries.

Limited localized showers have improved crop outlook somewhat. Weather has remained fairly cool. Crops and range land slightly improved in appearance over last week. Seeding complete. Early crops up four to five inches. Late crops in same localities need more moisture for germination.

Dominion Experimental Substation, Beaverlodge.

Precipitation Beaverlodge 0.73 in light showers. never reached deeply placed seed. Though still ample moisture beneath, high winds last week drilled top soil and started drifting on a few farms in Grande Prairie district. Crops fairly good but need an inch of rain. Moisture apparently more ample at some points northward and crops especially good Rolla district.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Cardston.

About one-third inch rainfall since last report and most crops and pastures recovering from the effects of previous drought and wind damage. Some reseeded being done but unnecessary to any extent. Wheat stooling out very well. Fall rye coming in head, about 20 inches high and normal crops.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Hanna.

Seeding completed. One-half inch rain during last week. Considerable moisture needed to make crop this year. Wheat coming up thin. Some damage from wind and frost. Hay and pasture in poor condition.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Calgary.

Good rains during week, conditions favourable with sufficient moisture week or two. However no reserve moisture and continued rains necessary. Grasshoppers hatching but no damage reported as yet.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Sedgewick.

Wheat growing rapidly. One inch rainfall the last week. Pastures very good. Coarse grain seeding practically completed. Eight per cent damage from soil drifting. Some reseeded.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettler.

Crop condition fair. Eastern part of district report good rain. No rain here since last report. Some damage by wireworms and frost. Will need rain soon as there is no subsoil moisture. Pastures fair.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Crop conditions continue quite favourable. Only odd shower during past week and good rain would be welcome. Crops coming on nice and even, fairly good growth. Nights are cool. No damage of any kind.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Vermilion.

The past week has been good with about a half inch of rain. A slight frost caused little damage to early garden stuff but grains are doing well. Only moisture enough for immediate need. Farmers breaking land find ground dry.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Athabaska.

Weather for past week mostly cool especially at night. Five degrees frost Friday night. Light local showers for total of .25. Winds taking away top moisture, spring plowing looks dry. Good general rain needed soon.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

The spring season was possibly a week later than the previous year but conditions since the opening have been much more backward and at present the season is about two weeks later than usual. The weather during the first three weeks of May has been generally cool and dull which has had the effect of retarding growth of all crops. During the past few days higher temperatures have been experienced and growth should be rapid. With the exception of the southern portion of Vancouver Island and non-irrigated lands in the Okanagan where good showers would be welcome, soil moisture conditions at this time are very satisfactory. In the Okanagan and coast districts stands of fall wheat are in excellent condition. Spring sown grains appear to be getting away to a good start. Alfalfa fields and hay and pasture lands have made quite slow growth but have shown considerable improvement over the past week. In the northern interior districts, due to the cold weather, seeding was much delayed but is now going ahead rapidly. In the Peace River district, the weather has been ideal for all crops. Wheat is all seeded and in some instances six inches above the ground. In all districts there will be an increased acreage of vegetables and other ground crops. Prospects at present are for a large apple and pear crop while peaches give promise of the highest crop on record.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Con.)

Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz.

Rain 3.57 inches this month. Still cold with fresh snow on mountains. Pasture good. Eighty per cent oats sown, ten per cent ensilage corn planted. Bright warm weather required. Feed prices high with poultrymen suffering most. Below average prospects for small and tree fruits. New potatoes will be late.

Dominion Experimental Station, Sidney.

Though no excessive amount of rain, season remains cold with little sunshine. Grass abundant with promise of good hay crop. Fall seeded grain promising but spring seeded crops late. Growth slow.

Dominion Experimental Station, Summerland.

Weather cool, particularly nights. Splendid show of bloom all fruit but set lighter than expected. Truck crops backward, considerable loss by frost. Irrigation supplies good. Spring run off late. Forage crops and pasture late but making good growth. Prospects fair crop stone fruits, average crop pears and apples.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Victoria.

Season backward due to continued cool weather but improving now. Strawberries looking well no frost damage. Grain crops looking well. No serious insects damage reported yet. Ten lined June beetle larvae very abundant in some light soil areas. Damage from earwigs reported in urban districts.

LATE REPORT

Telegraphic Correspondent, Val Marie, Saskatchewan.

Seeding has been delayed, farmers considering soil too dry to sow. Only sixty per cent of wheat seeded, forty per cent oats. Crop coming very slow, cause is lack of moisture. High wind continues. Some worms have been noticed but too early to estimate damage. Grasshoppers appearing light.



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