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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, July 13, 1937, 4 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the fourth of a series of 7 telegraphic reports covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the eighth 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

Good prospects for farm crops are now evident in all parts of Canada except in the prairie wheat belt where the most serious and prolonged drought in the history of the country continues practically unrelieved. The advent of warm dry weather has been of great benefit to farmers in the eastern provinces and British Columbia where haying is now general with a good crop in prospect. Spring grains and hoed crops are promising throughout all eastern Canada and the effects of the late wet spring have been largely outgrown. While parts of the province are too dry, general conditions are still good in Manitoba although the rust which is widely distributed may yet prove a serious factor. Saskatchewan conditions have shown little or no improvement. Rains which fell during the week in scattered localities helped feed prospects somewhat, but were of little value to the grain, most of which is now beyond aid except in the northeastern section. Variable prospects prevail in Alberta with some good crops in the southwest, the Calgary and Olds section, the northeast and Peace River areas and elsewhere prospects only fair to poor. Pastures are gone in much of Saskatchewan and Alberta and heavy shipments of cattle have been made to areas where feed is more plentiful.

The crop situation in the Maritime Provinces has improved materially during the past week or two since warm dry weather has provided good conditions for haying and rapid growth of all crops. The late wet spring resulted in a substantial acreage of ploughed land remaining unseeded, particularly in eastern Nova Scotia and in New Brunswick. In the latter province, potato acreage has been increased and throughout the Maritime area the potato crop is doing well. Hay crops are promising and pastures luxuriant. Apples promise larger and cleaner crops than were harvested a year ago.

Haying is general in Quebec except in the northern districts and the crop is being harvested in good condition as a result of the warm dry weather. The crop will be less than last year and of lower quality because of the scarcity of clover. Cereal crops are coming ahead rapidly and even late sown fields show promise although they may be short in the straw. Pastures are providing ample feed for live stock and milk production is holding up well. In Ontario all crops have been making strong growth under the influence of warm bright weather and ample soil moisture. Cutting of fall wheat has begun and haying is well under way. Some damage was caused by severe storms over the week-end and lodging in many fields will reduce yields somewhat. Prospects for fruits and vegetables continue good.

The northwestern area of Manitoba is experiencing drought conditions, but general prospects throughout the rest of the province remain good. While rust is now fairly widely distributed, it should not cause serious damage unless the weather turns favourable for its rapid spread. Grain crops are headed out and will soon be filling. The past week has seen little change in the Saskatchewan crop situation beyond establishing more firmly the fact that complete failure over a large part of the province is inevitable. Rainfall during the week was scattered and although good showers in some parts have helped to relieve the feed situation, there has been no real break in the general drought which has prevailed since early spring. Only the northeastern section of the province gives promise of a satisfactory crop and even there more rain will be required to keep growth active. In northern Alberta, conditions improved during the past week but in the southern and eastern parts of the province prospects have shown further declines. Timely rains restored crops in the northeastern section and prospects there are now reasonably good. In other parts of the province conditions are variable with prospects fair to good in the southwestern corner, the Calgary-Olds section and the Peace River country and mostly poor in the remaining sections.

British Columbia has experienced good weather conditions recently and all crops are responding well. Hay, pastures, spring grains and fruits are all promising.

Maritime Provinces

Better weather conditions during the past two weeks have resulted in improved growth of all crops. Haying is now being done and a heavy crop is in prospect throughout most of the area. Potato crops are making fine growth while roots and early cereals are all doing well. Owing to the late wet season, a considerable acreage of ploughed land will not be seeded this year. While wet soil conditions caused a reduction of grain acreage in New Brunswick, potato plantings have been increased over last year. All fruits are promising with the Nova Scotia apple crop sizing nicely and generally free from pests. Pastures continue to provide abundant forage and live stock are doing well.

Quebec and Ontario

Dry weather which has been fairly general over Quebec during the past fortnight has resulted in rapid maturing of hay and grains and more rain would be welcome in many sections. Haying is in full swing in southern and western sections of the province but the yield will be considerably less than last year because of the scarcity of clover. Pastures, particularly those that have been fertilized, are holding up nicely and dairy production is being well maintained. Cereals are making good progress although late sown fields will be short. Good rains which fell in northern districts relieved the drought conditions which threatened crops in that area. In Ontario, warm dry weather has favoured crop development and provided good conditions for haying which is now general throughout the province except in the north. Heavy storms over the week-end caused some damage to grain crops. Wheat is ripening rapidly and cutting has begun. Fruit and vegetable crops are making good progress and no serious epidemics of insects or diseases have been reported. General prospects in northern Ontario have been improved by recent rains but more moisture would be welcome.

Prairie Provinces

Showers of varying intensity were fairly well distributed over Manitoba during the past week. Growth has been normal in practically all sections with the exception of the western area north from Virden to Swan River where drought conditions which have become evident recently were unrelieved during the past week. All early crops are well headed out and with continued good conditions, should fill properly. Rust is present over a fairly wide area and while it is not yet considered serious, with weather favourable for its spread it could do considerable damage. Hay crops are heavy, particularly in southern districts and pastures are providing good feed in most areas except the dry section already noted. Some hail damage has occurred during the past week or two but in no case was it widespread or particularly serious. Active poisoning campaigns have resulted in substantial reductions in the numbers of grasshoppers in the southwest.

No change was reported in the drought situation in the southern, central and western parts of Saskatchewan during the past week. High temperatures and lack of precipitation continued, except in very local areas. There will be practically no grain threshed in the south-central and west-central districts of the province. In many areas a serious feed shortage exists and heavy shipments of live stock are reported. Grasshoppers are active and threaten the small patches of green remaining in the southern and central areas of the province. In the eastern and northeastern parts of Saskatchewan, rains checked deterioration of feed prospects and gave material aid to the grain crops. The northeastern part of the province is the remaining section where there are possibilities of an average yield of grain and from which will come practically all of the commercial marketings in the next crop year.

While crop conditions in northern Alberta improved somewhat during the week, further deterioration of crops was experienced in the eastern and southern parts of the province. In east-central Alberta, practically a total crop failure is reported, with the feed situation critical. Crop prospects in the southeastern part were lowered by several days of hot weather. In the Peace River area, the crop is holding up well because of adequate moisture reserves. North-central Alberta received rain late in the week, which benefited the grain crops coming into head. Crop conditions in Alberta are quite variable and some sections report good prospects. In the Olds and Calgary districts the present outlook for grain crops varies from fair to good. Crops in western Alberta have not suffered excessively from unfavourable weather conditions.

British Columbia

Good weather during the past fortnight has resulted in good growth of all crops. Haying is proceeding rapidly with the second cut of alfalfa very promising. Pastures are still good and stock are in fine condition. Fruit and vegetable crops are developing rapidly and the general outlook is encouraging. Crops are backward in the northern areas.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT - PRAIRIE PROVINCES

The following precipitation in inches, was reported by the Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, for the week ending July 12 at 8 a.m.

<u>Manitoba</u>		<u>Saskatchewan</u>		<u>Alberta</u>	
Le Pas	.1	Maple Creek	-.1	Brooks	-.1
Birtle	.15	Scott	-.1	Empress	-.1
Russell	.15	Swift Current	-.1	Stettler	-.1
Dauphin	-.2	Estevan	-.1	Vegreville	-.1
Minnedosa	-.3	Regina	-.1	Beaverlodge	-.1
Ninette	-.5	Consul	-.1	McMurray	-.1
Cypress River	-.6	Kindersley	-.1	Coronation	-.1
Portage la Prairie	-.6	Moosomin	-.1	Fairview	-.1
Boissevain	-.7	Moose Jaw	-.1	Manyberries	-.1
Morris	-.8	Aneroid	-.1	Medicine Hat	.15
Virden	-.9	Midale	-.1	High River	.15
Sprague	-1.0	Strasbourg	-.1	Olds	.15
Pierson	-1.0	Lintlaw	.15	High Prairie	-.2
Brandon	1.0-1.3	Yellow Grass	-.2	Keg River	-.3
Pinawa	1.0-1.3	Carlyle	-.3	Edmonton	-.3
Emerson	1.0-1.3	Naicam	-.3	Drumheller	-.3
Morden	1.0-1.3	Kamsack	-.4	Calgary	-.5
Winnipeg	1.5	Lloydminster	-.4	Edson	-.6
Saskatchewan (Cont'd.)		Shaunavon	-.4	Kinuso	-.6
Prince Albert	1.0-1.3	Indian Head	-.5		
Val Marie	1.0-1.3	Qu'Appelle	-.6		
Torkton	1.7	Meadow Lake	-.6		
Rosthern	3.6	Melfort	-.6		
		Humboldt	1.0-1.3		

Minus signs denote less than the amount of rain indicated.

The following stations reported no rain during the week: Lethbridge, Sedgewick, Viking, Davidson, Cardston, McLeod, Elbow, Outlook. Traces of rain fell at Hattlerford, Vauxhall, Foremost, Red Deer, Assiniboia, Macklin and Saskatoon.

Temperatures during the week were as follows: Peace River district, normal to seven degrees below normal; foothills districts, one or two degrees above normal; south and east Alberta, five degrees above normal. Most of Saskatchewan was five to seven degrees above normal except southern districts which were seven to ten degrees above normal. Manitoba was four to six degrees above normal. Very high maximum temperatures, 110 to 114 were registered in southeastern Saskatchewan.

REPORTS OF DOMINION ENTOMOLOGICAL LABORATORIES - PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Brandon

Grasshoppers are now seventy-five per cent adult and excellent kills being made with bait at Melita among rank vegetation. Marked reduction in potato beetles throughout province.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Saskatoon.

Local dispersal of grasshoppers has resulted in severe defoliation of remaining crops throughout westcentral and northwestern Saskatchewan with heavy reduction in feed supply for live stock.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Lethbridge.

Grasshoppers migrating into southern Alberta and losses increasing inrier sections, particularly in southeast. Wheat stem sawfly abundant in Barons,obleford districts.

HAIL DAMAGE

Manitoba

Very little hail from June 24 to July 10. Hail reported storm July 3 arwilliam, Sanford, Storm July 9th Transcona, Tyndal. Small areas affected however.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown.

Haying general last week, weather favorable. Yields, Queens and Western Kings, above average. Hay below average Western Prince. Cereals making strong growth. Potatoes, roots and vegetables promising. Small fruits abundant. Heavy set apples. Pastures above average. Live stock doing well.

NOVA SCOTIA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Halifax.

Crop conditions about same as in last wire. More sunshine and heat has improved condition of field crops and apples. Harvesting of heavy hay crop now under way. Early seeded grain, potato and root fields for most part exceptionally good. Considerable acreage will not be seeded. Apples large, very clean in most orchards with prospect of fairly heavy crop.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville.

Haying delayed because of damp weather but now general with good crops in prospect. Grains, potatoes, roots and pastures good. Apples sizing well and generally quite free from apple scab. Conditions for crops generally are favorable.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Nappan.

Eleven days precipitation recorded June twelfth - thirtieth. Month total four point two six inches. Prevailing wet weather seriously retarded seeding. Of area ploughed, ten per cent seeded early, seventy-five late, fifteen unseeded. Normal growth has been recorded for all crops. Early seeding heading. Few started haying, crop average. Pastures excellent. Warm dry weather badly needed.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Kentville.

Haymaking generally commenced, heavy crop but lacking clovers. Home crops growing well. Heavy soils however cultivation prevented until now. Grain crops fair. Land too wet for maximum growth. Apples growing splendidly, little or no spot in well sprayed orchards. Thinning commenced some parts.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Fredericton.

All crops growing rapidly. Hay crop large and root and potato acreages increased above last year. In northern section oats and barley headed but in south backward due late sowing. Wet soil and poor tilth contributing to reduction of grain acreage estimated twenty per cent.

QUEBEC

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Quebec.

In all districts complaints are heard concerning drought of last two weeks which is causing too rapid ripening of hay and grains. In the southern and western districts of the province, haying is in full progress. Fertilized pastures are still good. Those unfertilized are getting poor in some places. Dairy production does not seem to be diminishing. Hay crop will be lower than that of last year and the lack of clover will reduce its quality.

Provincial Entomologist, Quebec.

None of our correspondents report any pests not already mentioned in previous reports. Cutworms seen everywhere, have caused less damage than last year. Apple scab continues to cause anxiety in western parts of the province. In Brome, Rouville, Befford the infection varies from one orchard to another. Apple blight is causing considerable damage in Quebec district to a degree that makes ordinary means of control practically ineffective. Eradication measures taken against mustard among grains were carried out under good conditions and have given satisfactory results everywhere.

QUEBEC (Cont'd.)

Experimental Station, Cap Rouge.

Haying has begun, yield light, particularly in old meadows clover very light. Cereal crop doing well but late sown fields very short. Strawberry crop just about finished, yield was good. First picking of raspberries this week, crop promising. Vegetables doing well. Pastures are fair but would welcome rain. Apples sizing up well. June drop was very heavy. Scab in some orchards.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville.

Moderate rainfall with high temperatures. Small amount hay cut, crop average. Grain heading but stand patchy due to excess of rain. Pastures excellent. Corn, potatoes and root crops in good condition.

Dominion Experimental Station, Farnham.

Pastures medium. Haying started July 1st. Very nice weather, warm and dry. Corn and tobacco made considerable advance. Oats heading out.

Dominion Experimental Station, L'Assomption.

Hay very patchy, not much clover. Hay making just begun in the district. Pastures not very good on account of dry weather. Cereals late but very promising. Silage corn late but fairly good. Tobacco uneven on some fields due to late planting and dry weather but fairly good on some other fields.

Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

Weather ideal for all farm crops. Hay harvesting just started, yield 40 per cent less than last year. All field crops have good appearance. Pastures fairly good, white clover starting to grow up. Honey crop very poor. Apple crop has good appearance. No important damage by insects or diseases observed.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Hemmingford.

Haying well started and a good crop. Pastures are good. Grain crops fair to good, and the same for corn. Potatoes look very good. Raspberries fair crop. Apples growing well but scab is fairly prevalent all districts. Apple maggot sprays being applied. Plenty of moisture.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere reporting from Chandler.

Haying started, fair weather, clover 35 per cent lower than last year. Hay crop as a whole is good. Cereal and hoed crop promising. No parasite or disease appeared yet. Cereals begun to head out. Improved pastures are supplying abundant grazing.

Dominion Experimental Station, Normandin.

Little over two inches rain fell during last fifteen days which greatly benefited all crops but none received since July 2nd. Meadows, potatoes, turnips good. Oats very good. Barley, wheat, pastures fair. Hay cutting started July twelve. Blueberry crop promises to be fair. Price offered one half cent per pound.

ONTARIO

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Weather has been warm and dry during past week in old Ontario and favourable for crop development as well as haying operations. In northern Ontario weather has been dry and rains are badly needed for continued growth. Severe rain storms over most central and western Ontario Saturday and Sunday caused heavy lodging damage to grain crops and yields will be lessened on many fields. Wheat has ripened rapidly and cutting is under way this present week.

Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow.

Cessation of rainfall and rising temperatures past ten days. Early potatoes, tomatoes being harvested, fair yield and quality. Leaf spot diseases severe on some localities. Tobacco and corn doing well on lighter soils. First cuttings hay completed, prospects good second cutting. Harvesting wheat started, apparently well filled. Leaf rusts general.

ONTARIO (Cont'd.)

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Strathroy.

Insect conditions normal except in some localities where potato beetles, asparagus beetles and rose beetles appear to be unusually abundant. Considerable reseeded necessary due to maggot and sod webworms.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Vineland.

Average infestation of oriental fruit moth still very low in peach orchards. Large first brood codling moth but no serious worm injury in well sprayed apple orchards.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Chatham.

All crops progressing favourably. Wheat cutting general throughout the district. No report on yield yet. Insect damage negligible.

Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing.

Crops at this station look excellent. Reward wheat and Alaska oats heading out and appearance of excellent crop. Cutting alfalfa and early red clover. Hay crop excellent except last year seeding almost a failure. Hoed crop and roots excellent. Could stand more moisture but all crops look well except late sown grain. No trouble from cut worms to date.

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

Heavy rains fell during last week. Cereals turning yellow in low places due to rains followed by hot weather and sunshine. Haying operations not started yet. Hay crop good except first year meadows. Pastures good.

MANITOBA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

Some widespread showers during past week. Normal growth almost everywhere though area adjoining Saskatchewan from Virden to Swan River has suffered from drought. Crops headed in all earlier fields. Some recent days humid but no reports of serious rust advances though some rust present. Insect damage light so far. Some local hail.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

Beneficial rains totalling over one inch just came in time to save serious deterioration of cereal crop from drought. Recent moisture creating favourable conditions for spread of rust. Drought has extended into Manitoba from Saskatchewan at several points.

Dominion Experiment Station, Morden.

Crop continues to make splendid growth, filling well. Considerable stem rust pustules showing up on upper portion of stem. Rainfall of one inch last week very beneficial to all crops. Weather ideal for rust development. Hay crop heavy. Stock looking well. Gardens looking well.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Woodnorth.

Considerable decline in crop prospects owing to excessive heat wave during first eight days of July. However recent rainfalls July ninth and twelfth will improve conditions to some extent. Yield will likely be under average. No rust apparent. Hay and pastures somewhat improved.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Minnedosa.

Wheat and two-thirds barley headed out. Oats just coming in head. Summerfallow crops fairly good. Late crops are short, need rain badly. Some grain burned last week. Red rust starting. No hail damage. Outlook poor unless get rain at once and cool weather.

MANITOBA (Cont'd.)

Telegraphic Correspondent, Teulon.

Moisture conditions for filling the crop out in this district could not be better as we had a good rain on July 9th. All grains are out in head and some early barley is starting to ripen. No signs yet of rust or pests and everything points to a bumper crop.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Melita.

Point sixty-two inches rainfall last week. Sufficient moisture for filling early crops. Traces of rust all through district but not advanced enough to cause any worry at present. Depends entirely on weather conditions. Hot wave of July 5 did some damage especially to late sown crops. General conditions good.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Russell.

Continued dry and hot weather has burned some fields of grain beyond hope of recovery. All others will require rain soon to prevent a total failure.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Swan River.

Two good rains last week have helped the late crops. Late grains are light and will average sixty per cent normal. Some hail damage but not over wide area. Considerable damage to buildings by heavy wind almost a cyclone. Wheat headed, rye turning rapidly. No insect or disease. No rust reported.

SASKATCHEWAN

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Regina.

Little material change has taken place in the general crop situation during the past week. Drought has continued over the greater portion of the dry area but some good rains are reported at points in eastern Saskatchewan which will help the feed situation and also benefit late grains where crops can still produce threshed grain. Practically no grain will be threshed in the greater part of southern, central and west central districts and a serious feed shortage threatens this area. Further deterioration has taken place in northwestern Saskatchewan but in the northeastern district, crops are standing up well and there are still some fair crops in east central Saskatchewan.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

Serious damage to all crops resulting from continued drought and hot winds. Heavy shipments of live stock due to lack of pasture and water. Total precipitation during week decimal four four. Grasshoppers causing some damage to grain crops.

Dominion Experiment Station, Scott.

Drought continues unabated with no moisture received to date for July. Eighty per cent of crop west central Saskatchewan appears to be complete failure which far exceeds any previous drought. Grasshoppers on wing and concentrating on any spots of green grain. No prospects of feed and pastures brown.

Dominion Experiment Station, Swift Current.

Crop complete failure. Heat and dry winds have completed destruction of crop. Pastures still barren. Grasshoppers flying.

Dominion Experiment Station, Rosthern.

Weather has continued hot and bright. Violent electric storms and deluge of rain night July ninth. Three point six inches rain, considerable run-off but changed conditions in this district. Late crops will afford feed at least but rain too late for general good of crop.

SASKATCHEWAN (Cont'd.)

Dominion Experimental Station, Melfort.

Crops deteriorated severely during past week due to heat and drought. Point three eight inches rainfall Friday night. Soil extremely dry and even with favourable conditions from now on, crop will be light and hay will be scarce this winter. Pastures are becoming bare.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Val Marie.

Heavy showers totalling one inch and quarter yesterday too late to help crops but may bring on green feed especially if more rains later. Pastures may improve now but doubtful if sufficient for local requirements. Live stock being disposed of and only limited number will be kept on farms this winter.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Yellow Grass.

All crop nil. Eight hundred acres in lake bottom seeded for feed coming up good, will make feed with some rain. Grasshoppers bad in some parts of district. Pastures gone. Live stock are being shipped out to good pastures. Rain to date 1.06.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Senlac.

No improvement in crop conditions since last report. Continued hot and dry weather with early crops completely dried up. Late crops would still produce if given plenty moisture. Pasture grass becoming scarce and live stock being shipped out.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Rosetown.

Crops are complete failure on light land. Some fields on heavy land will be harvested. Doubtful if much of it will pay harvesting expenses. Some farmers are going north to cut hay for feed purposes. No rain last week and very hot weather.

ALBERTA

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

With three hot days and no rain, crops seriously deteriorating during week. Large percentage of wheat heads are dry and white with little value even for feed. Coarse grains are turning brown at base. All crops particularly pastures, need heavy rains. Winter feed for live stock is becoming vital problem.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge.

Scattered showers along foothills and extreme south of province were received over week end. One fifth inch at Lethbridge. In balance of the south, crops will vary from a failure to feed even if further rains are received.

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries.

Most crops are burning badly. Outlook poor although good showers would insure ample feed and pasture. Limited favoured areas have had heavy thunder showers and crops are holding their own. Stands uneven. Early crops headed out. Late crops range from three inches to shot blade state.

Dominion Experimental Sub-Station, Beaverlodge.

Thanks to subsoil reserve and temperatures not yet reaching eighty-six degrees here, crops have despite the continued drought, maintained surprisingly good colour although some now commencing to yellow at bottom. July precipitation point four inches to date and weather now warm. Rain badly needed though most crop likely enough for binder and a few neighbourhoods quite good.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Olds.

Weather for the past week has been fairly warm but not excessive. All crops have made good growth and wheat is 50 per cent headed out. Light drizzle for an hour Sunday morning and also light rain falling Monday morning. No serious damage and prospects are for fair to good crop of wheat. Coarse grains light.

ALBERTA (Cont'd.)

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Past week quite warm. Crop conditions are not improving, all grains at a standstill since last report. Must have rain soon to save what little crop we have at present. Pasture and hay crop very light and poor.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Sedgewick.

No rain, pastures dried up, almost complete crop failure. Need rain to help feed and produce enough grain for seed purposes.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Athabasca.

Improvement seen in crop condition after five hour rain Saturday. One inch of rain fell and entire district covered. Weather warm and more rains will be required soon as later crop coming into head. Prospects better for ten bushel average wheat.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Hanna.

Light rain during past week. All grain headed out short, burned in some places. All crops very light. Pastures burning up. Water scarce.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Calgary.

Good rains received over weekend should offset heat damage earlier last week. Very little other damage reported. Chances now are for only a fair crop over this district but with great variation between localities due to rains being scattered or crop on lighter soil more affected by heat.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Vermilion.

The wheat crops have suffered a further decline and look now like a six or seven bushel average. Many oat fields are green and would produce a fair crop with rain. Showers this week have been very light and only enough to freshen the leaf.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Victoria,

Climatic conditions in the province during the past two weeks have been generally fine and warm. Despite the fact that spring seeding was later than usual and cool weather in June retarded growth considerably, general conditions at this time are good with all crops making rapid growth and development. Harvesting of the hay crop is proceeding rapidly and the second crop of alfalfa is very promising. Tree fruits are making good development. Harvesting of the cherry crop is in full swing and a few apricots and field tomatoes are commencing to move from the Oliver and Osoyoos districts. The main crop of strawberries is about cleaned up and raspberries are moving in volume as well as small shipments of currants and loganberries. There is a plentiful supply of all vegetables and the condition on the whole is good.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz.

No rain since July 1st. Haying being rushed, one of the heaviest crops on record. Oats heading and promise average crop. Pastures still good. Grain prices still high. Corn growing rapidly. Cherries below average. Raspberries same with season just starting. Stock in good condition and prices fair.

Dominion Experimental Station, Summerland.

Weather conditions past fortnight excellent. All crops making good progress. Cherry harvest proceeding, little splitting except Oliver district, crop light. Apricots moving next week. Prospects peaches heavy, pears good, apples about same tonnage as last year. A few tomatoes moving but main crop not ready till late in month.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Cont'd.)

Dominion Experimental Station, Sidney.

Haying well advanced under excellent weather conditions. Sweet cherries fair crop being harvested. Strawberry harvest complete. Potatoes and grain promising.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Victoria.

Dry warm weather continues with winds drying out soil. Strawberry picking about over. Sweet cherries being picked, light crop. Fall wheat all headed out and some ripening. Hay situation much improved since advent of good weather. No serious insect damage reported.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Agassiz, reporting from Prince George.

Alsike crop heavy southward to Strathnaver. Coarse grains in same area backward. Spring wheat Quesnel southward in Cariboo well headed. Alfalfa and mixed hay in same area now being harvested. Heavy crop. Settled weather needed.

LATE REPORT

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettler, Alberta.

Continued hot dry weather has reduced crop prospects very much. Wheat is all headed out and heads are small. Weather today cloudy with light rain. With continued cool wet weather this district could give half crop.



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