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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, July 22, 1941, 3 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the minth of a series of 15 weekly telegraphic reports covering crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces. Sixty-two correspondents supply the information on which the reports are based. Most of these correspondents are agriculturists of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture but a number of selected private observers and grain men also cooperate in this service. The Meteorological Service of Canada, Toronto, supplies official weather data. PROPERTY

SUMMARY

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Hot, dry weather and strong winds over most of the Prairie areas during the past week caused serious declines in crop prospects in Saskatchewan and Alberta. In Manitoba, showers and good subsoil moisture reserves minimized the effect of the higher temperatures and only slight deterioration occurred. The severe drought areas in the Moose Jaw-Swift Current district and west from North Battleford in Saskatchewan have widened and little commercial crop is anticipated. Rain is needed immediately in the central and east-central districts to prevent widespread failure. Conditions are fair to good in the south-east and crops in parts of the west-central and north-eastern districts are standing up well. Most stubble crops in the Vulcan area and east-central districts of Alberta have been damaged beyond repair but summer-fallow crops would benefit greatly from immediate rains. Elsewhere in the province, moisture reserves alleviated the intense heat and deterioration was less severe. Grasshopper damage is becoming more intensive in southern Saskatchewan.

Manitoba

Moderately high temperatures and drying winds during the past week caused some slight declines in crop prospects. While showers were received at most points they were too light to support the generally heavy crop growth and moisture reserves are being rapidly depleted. Crops are generally filling well but premature ripening of early fields of wheat and barley has occurred in the southern and north-western districts. More rain is needed to ensure proper filling of all crops. Some early fields of wheat and barley are being cut, and harvesting of fall rye is under way. Leaf rust is prevalent on susceptible wheat varieties and in the south crown rust on oats is general. Hail losses during the week were negligible. Pastures are in good condition.

Saskatchewan

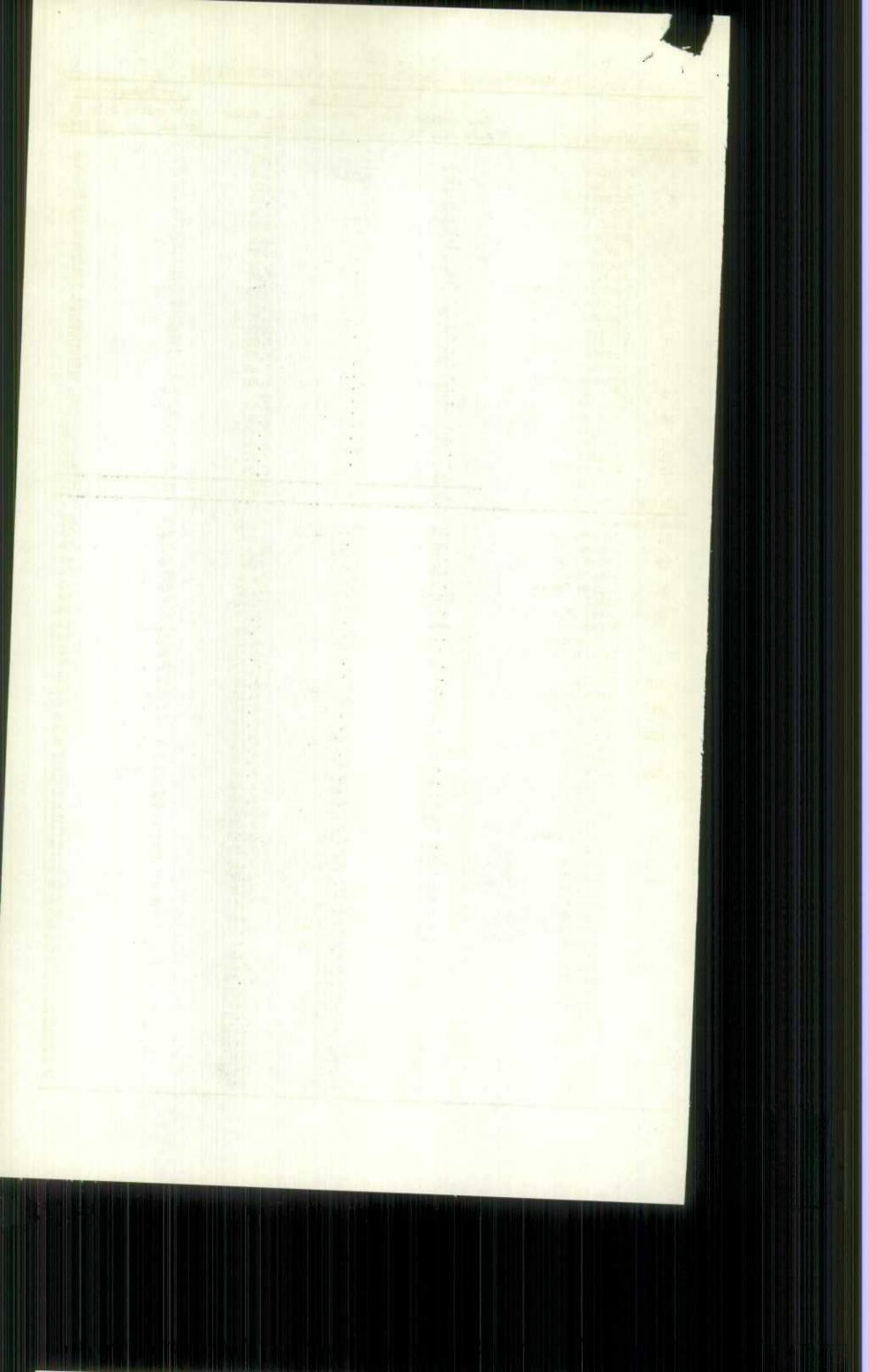
Further sharp declines in crop prospects occurred over the greater portion of the province during the week as a result of the prevailing high temperatures and hot. drying winds. Precipitation was extremely light in all districts and moisture reserves were inadequate to prevent deterioration and premature ripening, except in parts of the south-eastern and much of the Regina-Weyburn districts. The areas of extreme drought in the Moose Jaw-Swift Current district and west from North Battleford have widened, and little commercial crop is anticipated. In central and east-central Saskatchewan further serious deterioration has occurred and heavy rains are needed immediately to prevent widespread failure. Crops on the heavy lands in the southern portion of the west-central districts and in much of the north-eastern district are standing up fairly well in spite of light moisture supplies. Soaking rains are needed over the whole province to check further deterioration. Some grasshopper damage is reported from points in the south and sawfly infestation is extensive. Serious injury from heil occurred in the north-east.

Alberta

Intense heat with practically no rain during the past week caused considerable decline in crop prospects in all parts of the province. In the Vulcan area and much of the east-central district most stubble crops have been damaged beyond recovery but crops on summer-fallow would benefit greatly from immediate rains. All grains were forced by the hot weather, and early fields of wheat and barley are ripening prematurely in parts of the south and in the northern districts. A general rain is needed badly in all districts to check further deterioration and replenish moisture reserves. The most serious infestation of the wheat-stem sawfly ever recorded is reported as covering the entire open prairie area in Alberta. Considerable damage to wheat has been caused by Say's grain bug in the south. Pastures are in fair condition but would benefit from good rains.

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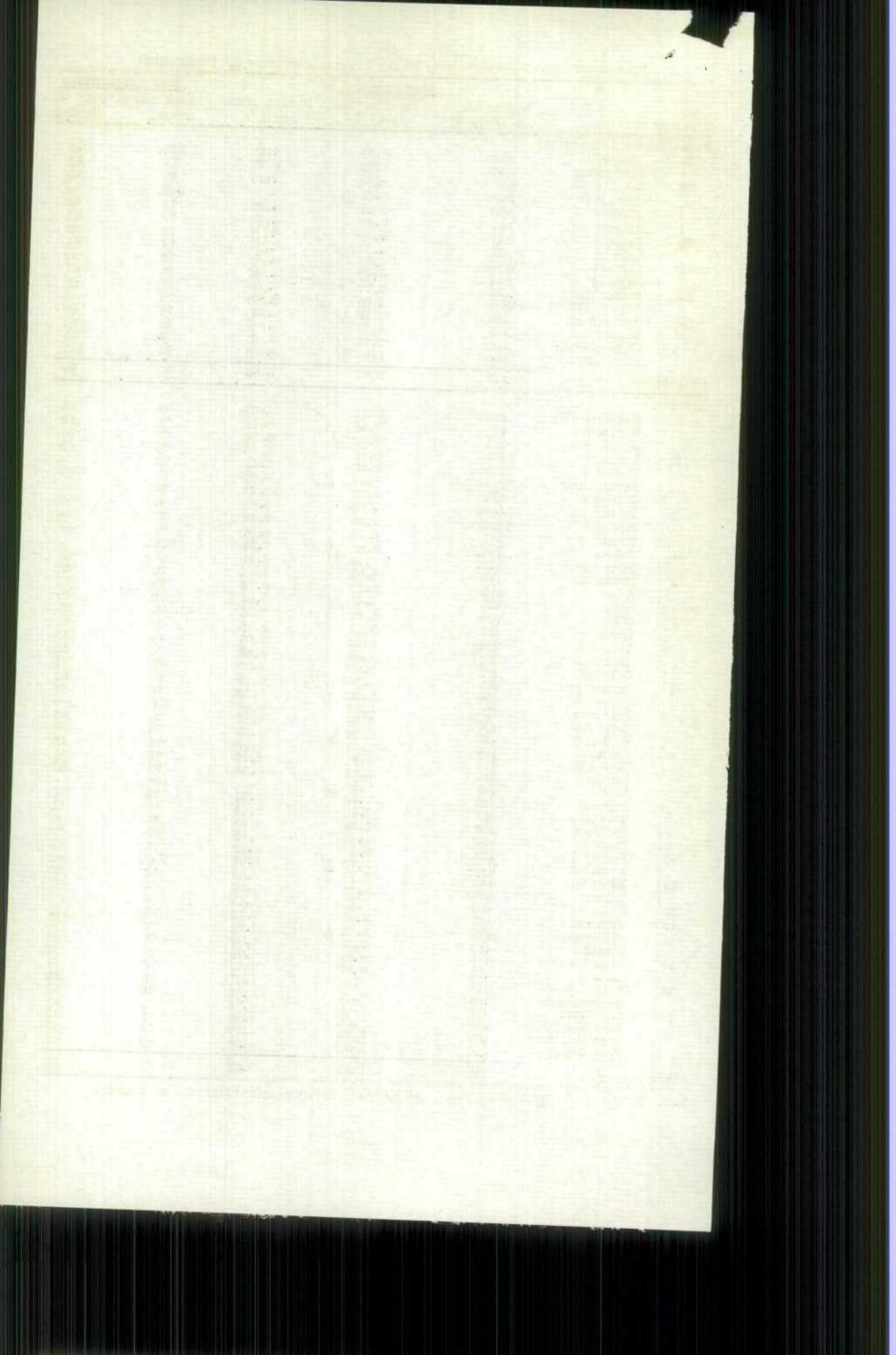
Precipitation Mean Temperature Crop Neek ending Total since Normal since Neek ending July 21 District Station 8 a.m. July 21 April 1 April 1 Actual Normal Manitoba Pierson 12.19 7.26 71 66 .70 Waskada 8.16 8.24 70 67 2 Boissevain .36 10.13 7.28 70 67 Ninette .06 7.88 71 9.26 67 Pilot Mound .66 12.21 8.54 69 67 Emerson 3 10.72 .44 7.26 70 67 8.10 Morden .20 8.03 72 67 . 34 Graysville 7.96 1/ 71 8.33 67 Morris .38 9.44 7.67 67 11.10 Portage la Prairie .79 7.67 71 65 Winnipeg 8.89 .47 8.65 69 67 6 Sprague .36 7.23 8.48 64 66 Pinawa .08 3.40 6.25 68 65 7 6.71 Virden .70 10.57 73 64 .63 Rivers 72 11.04 7.66 65 8 .38 Brandon 9.16 7.71 73 66 .78 Cypress River 11.99 7.59 71 66 8.73 Minnedosa 9 .63 7.60 71 65 4.72 1/ 4.91 I/ N.R. Langruth 7.45 N.R. 10 Dropmore N.R. 65 Russell .36 6.72 7.28 64 Birtle .86 8.40 7.60 70 63 .60 6.06 11 Dauphin 6.54 74 65 .88 1.3 Swan River 7.82 7.61 72 64 .61 The Pas 4.64 5.79 65 .51 Manitoba Average 8.91 7.54 71 66 Saskatchewan Carlyle .44 7.42 1/9.25 lA 7.84 63 .48 7.26 74 Estevan 65 18 Broadview 9.66 72 6.93 .OI 64 Moosomin . 04 6.86 6.55 66 2A Yellow Grass .14 7.00 7.15 71 66 Midale trace 6.80 7.92 73 65 .02 2B Moose Jaw 7.24 5.47 78 66 Regina .01 5.79 7.27 74 65 N.R. 8.54 u'Appelle 5.21 1/ N.R. 64 Indian Head trace 6.70 8.31 73 64 .02 Francis 8.28 6.11 70 65 .18 3AN Chaplin 4.30 7.57 N.R. 66 .78 .02 5.75.1/ 8.57 Gravelbourg 6.22 74 66 3AS Assiniboia 6.25 75 65 Cevlon 6.22 8.88 N.R. 66 .12 nil Swift Current 3BN 4.73 7.32 66 Hughton 2.51 1/ 6.57 64 75 Pennant nil 6.00 7.54 66 3BS 7.28 77 Aneroid .16 4.88 64 .12 Cadillac 3.81 8.35 79 65 Val Marie 6.86 .10 4.14 76 67 nil 76 Shaunavon 6.06 6.26 64 • 04 Instow 5.58 1/ 6.35 78 66 Maple Creek 4A nil 7.42 7.04 74 65 Consul .12 6.23 5.93 73 62 43 Roadene nil 6.15 6.58 78 64 5A Yorkton .20 5.19 7.13 62 7.00 70 4.22 Hubbard nil 63 Leross .01 5.63 7.35 72 63 .32 53 5.27 Kamsack 6.45 72 64 4.09 1/ Foam Lake .10 72 6.98 62 .14 71 Lintlaw 5.66 7.16 62 N.R. Wynyard 5.05 63 N.R. 5.94 73 65 6A Davidson 4.12 Nokomis 74 76 .40 4.94 5.44 64 Semans trace 6.44 64 .28 N.R. 72 Strasbourg 7.27 6.76 64 Dilke 3.26 1/ 6.45 64 6B 4.06 Saskatoon nil 6.38 Dundurn nil 3.94 7.22 76 65 .28 Tugaske 5.73 74 5.99 65 Elbow .12 5.68 77 6.02 64 Outlook nil 4.31 4.75 64 3.97 74 Harris trace 6.54 64



Precipitation and Temperatures in the Prairie Provinces 2/ (Concluded)

			Precipitation	2		emperature
Urcp Distri	et Station 8	Week ending	Total since	Normal since	Week endi	ing July 21
-	chowan (Concluded	Ba.m. July 21	April 1	April 1	Actual	Normal
7A	Alsask	nil	6.22	6 06	\$1 Y)	
	Kindersley	trace	4.40	6.26 5.77	N.R. 76	63
7B	Macklin	.02	4.48	7.19	75	63
	Ruthilda	N.R.	3.30 1/		N.R.	61
	Scott	.20	6.11	6.20	74	62
04	Biggar	nil	5.22	6.93	77	63
8A 8B	Nipawin	nil	5.42	7.11	73	63
	Naicam Melfort	.10	4.58	7.29	74	64
9A	Humboldt	trace	÷. 23	6.66	73	64
	Rabbit Lake	.36	5.29 6.77	5.86 6.80	75	64
	Prince Albert	trace	4.08	6.66	70 75	62 64
9B	Battleford	.18	4.16 1/	6.60	76	66
	Waseca	.46	4.77	6.59	75	61
	Lloydminster	.04	3.62 1/	6.16	N.R.	61
	Loon Lake	trace	5.73 I/	7.73	72	62
Saskato	howan Average	.11	5.67	6.80	74	64
Alberta						
1	Medicine Hat	nil	6.81	6.09	79	69
	Foremost	•50	7.66	8.11	78	63
	Manyberries	nil	5.89 1/	6.17	78	69
2	Macleod	trace	5.60	6.84	79	65
	Cowley	trace	6.10	7.61	73	-
	Lethbridge Cardston	trace	8.92	7.01	77	65
3	Brooks	nil trace	5.90	10.22	74	64
	Empress	trace	4.73 4.26	5.81	80	63
	Vauxhall	nil	5.14	6.52 5.67	79	64
4	Vulcan	N.R.	3.87 1/	7.29	76 N.R.	65
	High River	N.R.	.15 1/	8.30	N.R.	62
5	Drumheller	.10	5.91	7.34	78	62
	Hanna	.08	5.09	8.06	79	61
6	Naco	.10	4.42 1/	7.02	75	59
0	Olds Three Hills	•04	6.62	7.50	7.1	61
	Strathmore	nil trace	9.14	6.78	73	61
	Gleichen	trace	6.13 4.34	7.07	75	62
	Calgary	.01	7.63	6.55 8.05	74 74	63
7	Coronation	nil	4.97	5.93	75	63
	Hughen den	.02	2.92	6.60	76	60
	Hardisty	.10	3.69	6.98	N.R.	-
	Sedgewick	.02	5.78	6.75	74	60
8	Viking Camrose	.40	4.96 1/	6.22	74	60
0	Wetaskiwin	.06	4.47	7.26	74	62
	Lacombe	nil	9.53	7.47 8.00	76 72	61
	Alix	.02	6.64 1/	~	75	60
	Penhold	1.09	7.63	9.31	73	60
0	Stettler	nil	4.60	8.24	76	61
9	Springdale	.02	6.38	9.29	66	60
10	Jasper Vegreville	.06	1.97	3.85	72	60
~~	Vermilion	N.R.	6.75	8.35	71	61
11	Edmonton	.19	3.78 <u>1</u> / 7.10	7.98 7.85	N.R. 73	61
	Calmar	.18	6.79	8.30	74	62 61
12	Edson	.18	6.61	7.43	74	58
13	Glandon	.08	5.42	6.73	72	61
14	Athabaska	1.64	5.78 1/	6.95	74	61
15	Campsie	.28	8.05	7.82	74	61
15	High Prairie	nil	10.97	6.90	75	61
16	Kinuso Fairview	.06	8.96	6.70	76	61
10	Beaverlodge	nil	7.00 6.82	4.91	73	61
17	Keg River	nil	6.44	5.65 6.73	76 73	61
	Fort Vermilion	•46	6.56	4.92	74	61 62
	Fort McMurray	.65	5.96	6.07	74	63
	Fort Smith	.14	1.69	2.06	73	61
Alberta	Average	.15	6.15	7.03	75	62
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2/ Source: Meteorological Service of Canada. N.R. No Perort. 1/ Incomplete.



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REPORTS OF CONTHION ENTOMOLOGICAL LABORATORIES

Brandon, Manitoba

Majority of grasshoppers have now reached the winged stage. Beet webworm outbreak general through sugar beet areas but damage not as severe as last year.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Considerable grasshopper damage now occuring along crop margins in many areas with more serious attack in Wymark-Braddock district. Heavy infestations of wheat-stem sawfly larvae have been found over wide area.

Lethbridge, Alberta

Wheat-stem sawfly infestation most severe ever recorded extending over almost entire open Prairie area. Many fields showing one hundred per cent infestation with average infestation close to twenty per cent. Say's grain bug serious in Turin-Taber area, feeding on wheat kernels and abundant in other smaller localities. Grass-hoppers causing some losses in local areas where drought more severe.

HAIL DAMAGE

Manitoba (North West Adjustment and Inspection Company, Limited, Regina)

Light to fifty per cent hail Rapid City, Elphinstone, Seech; heavy Newdale, Oakburn.

Alberta (The Alberta Hail Insurance Board, Calgary)

Slight hail losses reported in the Lethbridge, Champion and Granum districts during the week.

REPORTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

MANITOFA

Winnipeg, Provincial Department of Agriculture

Weather moderate to quite warm with one-quarter to three-quarters inch rain recorded for week. Crop filling satisfactorily although more rain needed. Stands heavy except Riding Mountain north where drought has thinned stands. Crop very light Shellmouth to Benito. Barley harvesting commenced. Crop damage very slight. Wheat leaf rust moderately heavy on susceptible varieties. Southern portions crown rust oats general. Traces hail. Some grasshopper damage. Pastures still generally good.

SOUTH-CENTRE

Morden, Dominion Experimental Station

Point one nine inches rain during week. Crops burning up. Binders will be busy this week. Barley and wheat sample will be thin, yields greatly reduced. Some damage from wheat-stem maggot. Grasshoppers on the wing but little damage to date. Weather hot and dry.

SOUTH-WEST

Melita, Telegraphic Correspondent

Weather very hot. Crop damage by heat ten to fifteen per cent. Rainfall point four three inch at Melita, Practically no rain in other parts of the district. Some rye, oats and barley will be cut this week. Pastures drying up. Labour scarce.

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MANITORA (Concluded)

CENTRE

Portage la Prairio, Agricultural Representativo

Hot south winds are ripening crops prematurely. Heavy rein and wind on twentieth lodged crops badly. Early barley being swathed, combining next week. Late crops not doing well but general prospects good. No hail. Crops all good length. Best webworm under control.

MEST-CENTRE

Brandon, Dominion Experimental Farm

Weather favourable early in the week. Temperature one hundred and two registered on the twentieth. Early sown grain crops ripening rapidly. Late sown still green. Sawfly damaging wheat. Grasshoppers numerous. Haying still in progress with cutting of grain commencing. Serious shortage of farm labour.

Brandon, Supervisor of Illustration Stations

Brandon to Winnipeg grain crop very good. Cutting barley commenced. Wheat colouring. Corn and sugar beets doing well. Interlake area crop prospect good, moisture abundant. Winnipeg east all crops heavy. Moisture satisfactory eastern Manitoba west to Portage plains. Heavy crop hay being stacked everywhere.

Woodnorth, Telegraphic Correspondent

Extremely het weather during past week. All grains ripening rapidly. Some fields fall rye and barley ready for harvesting. Good rain needed. Live stock making rapid gains. Hay plentiful.

NORTH-CENTRE

Teulon, Agricultural Representative

Rains during past week of local nature. Generally crop has deteriorated from drought and heat. Some grasshopper damage. Considerable leaf rust. Good crop fall rye being cut. Seed alfalfa prospect very poor. No hail damage. Grain maturing fast. Outlook is for a good average crop of cereals.

NORTH-WEST

Minnedosa, Telegraphic Correspondent

Very hot weather last few days is ripening grain quickly. Some wheat may be cut this week if heat continues. Crop prospects as good or better than normal. Light showers have bleached hay. Some pastures getting dry. Stock not doing very well.

Moepawa, Agricultural Representative

Late crops deteriorated 15 per cent in past week. Weather has been very hot. Wheat is turning, will yield 25 bushels. Good rain last night will help. Very little disease or insect damage. Some hail in southern portion of district.

Dauphin, Agricultural Representative

Crop suffered severely past week due to very hot winds. Some cutting started on early barley. Late crops and coarse grains generally are poor. Summer-fallow wheat on good land is holding well. Pastures burned badly. Gardens and potatoes need rain.

Russell, Telegraphic Correspondent

Severe heat since last Tuesday with a strong blistering wind on Saturday has done heavy damage to all field crops, some beyond repair. No true estimate can be given till harvest. Very light shower last night with a renewal of hot wind all day.

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HACKATCHEWAN

Woin, Provincial Department of Agriculture

The weather during the past week has been dry and extremely hot with strong hot winds and crops have suffered a further sharp decline over the greater portion of the province. The extremely poor areas centering on the Swift Current to Moose Jaw district and in the area from North Battleford west have widened and in those districts very little commercial crop is now possible. Further serious deterioration has taken place in central and east-central Saskatchewan and immediate heavy rains are required to prevent widespread crop failure. Declines have also been general over the balance of the province except for points in extreme south-eastern Saskatchewan and on much of the heavy land in the Regina-Weyburn district where crops are still standing up well on the whole. Some damage has occurred during the past week from grasshoopers at points in southern districts and serious hail injury is reported in a strip four miles wide from north of Carrot River to south-east of Arborfield in north-eastern Saskatchewan. Moisture conditions over the greater part of south-eastern Saskatchewan are fair to good but in the balance of the province moisture supplies are very poor to only fair and copious rains are urgently required to check the present deterioration. Pastures are dry in many districts but live stock generally are still in fair to good condition.

SOUTH-EAST

Indian Hoad, Dominion Experimental Farm

Dry weather and high temperatures causing considerable damage and premature ripening of cereal crops. Haying well advanced. Harvesting rye crops. High temperature for week one nought three.

SOUTH-WEST

Swift Current, Dominion Experimental Station

Hot duy weather continues. Moisture from recent rains now used up. Crop prospects further declined. Fallow grain crops will fill but kernels may be light due to shrinkage. Crasshoppers now damaging early coarse grain. Pastures green. Live stock satisfactory.

EAST-CENTRE

Willowbrook, Telegraphic Correspondent

Precipitation April first to date five point six two inches. Wheat reduced thirty-five per cent, coarse grains forty-five per cent on account of drought. Damage will be considerably more if no rain soon.

WEST-CHNIRE

Scott, Dominion Experimental Station

Between townships thirty-four and fifty-four in western Saskatchewan crop prospects are exceedingly poor at this date with much of the wheat in the failure class. This condition prevails into east-central Alberta. There is some good to excellent crop running fanwise south of Kerrobert.

Senlac, Telegraphic Correspondent

Absence of vain and extremely hot weather has reduced crop prospects to practically nil. Many farmers mowing crops for feed and little hope is held for return of seed. Gardens holding fair but potatoes need moisture to prevent failure.

NCR'TH-EAST

Melfort, Dominion Experimental Station

No rain during past week and only point two eight inch in July. Temperatures have been high with hot winds. In spite of conditions the grain is looking remarkably well although a few coarse grains crops on stubble are being plowed.

SASKATCHENAN (Concluded)

NORTH-EAST (Concluded)

Melfort, Supervisor of District Experimental Sub-station

Parkside no rain this month. Stubble crops gone. Fallow crops burning. Much wheat being cut for hay. Hafford over inch of rain two weeks ago but all ran off. Stubble wheat being cut for hay. Fallow wheat burning. Rain needed to assure any coarse grain harvest.

ALBERTA

Edmonton, Provincial Department of Agriculture

Heat and drought have damaged all crops. Through central eastern section damage has been severe and approaches crop failure. Elsewhere heat is causing too rapid maturity, white heads and some burning. Along west border and in Peace River moisture adequate to offset effects of heat. Damage from other causes light.

SOUTH-EAST

Manyberries, Dominion Range Experimental Station

Past week of intense heat has caused much crop injury. Summer-fallow crop will still give fair yield if cool weather and rains come soon. Range conditions continue good with live stock in excellent condition. Hay crops are good.

SOUTH-WEST

Lethbridge, Dominion Experimental Station and Illustration Stations

At Lethbridge average maximum temperature during past week ninety degrees and no rain. Grain crops in southern Alberta generally have suffered from the extreme heat and many districts are maturing prematurely. Expected yields have been definitely reduced.

Cardston, Telegraphic Correspondent

Hot dry weather over past week with wind the past two days taxing reserve moisture to the limit. Crops are holding up well but rain is needed very soon or the crops will be short to just fair instead of being better than normal.

Vulcan, Telegraphic Correspondent

No rain since last report. Past week has been extremely hot and all crops have suffered. Summer-fallow crops are now showing the effect of the heat and are starting to burn.

Claresholm, Telegraphic Correspondent

No rain. Hot weather with some wind has reduced prospects considerably. However most crops will still give good return unless hot dry weather continues. No serious damage from pests.

EAST-CENTRE

Hanna, Telegraphic Correspondent

Weather hot and dry. Crops deteriorating. Most stubble crops past recovery. Summer-fallow could make a fair crop with immediate rain. Hay crop good. Pasture drying up fast.

CENTRE

Stettler, Telegraphic Correspondent

Hot dry weather maturing crops too fast. Summer-fallow fair stand but unless we get good rains at once wheat crop will be cut to half crop and coarse grains will be almost a failure. Pastures poor.

ALBERTA (Concluded)

CMTRE (Concluded)

Sedgewick, Telegraphic Correspondent

No rain and extreme heat during week has caused further deterioration. If we do not get rain soon only early wheat will be harvested. Pastures and gardens drying up.

WEST-CENTRE

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Calgary, Telegraphic Correspondent

No rain and very hot during past week. East of town crop will be below average, balance of district average. Should have rain soon to prevent further damage.

Edmonton, Telegraphic Correspondent

Past week of extreme hot weather was very hard on crops especially barley which has been forced to premature ripening. Other grains also badly affected. Looks like a sixty per cent normal crop. Cooler today and cloudy.

NORTH

Athabasca, Telegraphic Correspondent

Rainfall this week point four inch. Crop fifty per cent of normal. Intense heat of past week set all crops back. Rain on Sunday night relieved the drought. Army worms working on country gardens but not affecting crops yet. Haying general and good crop.

NORTH-WEST

Beaverlodge, Dominion Experimental Station

Crops deteriorated during quarter century record heat wave registering 98.1 degrees on seventeenth. Exposed gooseberries baked on bushels. Early wheat and barley turning colour prematurely. Other grain shortened though most crop would still improve with timely rain. Surplus of sweet clover hay on some farms. Beet webworms destroying many gardens.

