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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, September 4, 1946, 3 p.m .- The last of a series of 8 telegraphic reports covering crop conditions throughout Canada is issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Included in this report is the fourteenth of a series of fifteen telegraphic reports on crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces. A selected list of crop correspondents chosen from Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, private crop observers and grain men, supply the information on which these reports are based. The weather data included in this release are furnished by the Lieteorological Service of Canada.

SUMMARY

Favourable rains have continued to improve crop prospects in Nova Scotia during the past two weeks and the drought which prevailed in New Brunswick has been relieved by frequent rain since August 15. Pastures have been revived in many areas and the late potatoes in Nova Scotia have been sided materially. Although straw is short, grain yields are larger than anticipated.

Intermittent rains in Quebec during the past two weeks have benefited pastures and aftermath. The improved moisture conditions have promoted the better filling of grain crops, although the straw is short. Pasture conditions vary considerably from one district to another, but on the whole considerable improvement is indicated. The general situation with regard to various pests remains about the same.

Harvesting of the grain crop in old Ontario is practically completed and in some sections threshing is almost at an end. Generally speaking, the crop is one of the best in many years. Dry weather, insects and disease have reduced the prospects of the late potato crop and cool weather has retarded the growth of corn, the ripening of tomatoes and the harvesting of tobacco. Pastures are generally poor and the milk flow has declined considerably. Considerable fall wheat seeding has started with a larger acreage in prospect than in many years. Rain is needed to replenish the soil moisture supplies in most counties. The harvesting of grain crops has been retarded in northern Ontario, but the rainfall will prove beneficial to pastures and late crops in this area.

In Manitoba, excellent progress has been made with threshing since the middle of last week. In southern areas threshing is from 50 to 80 per cent completed and is getting well under way in the remainder of the province. The wheat crop is living up to expectations both in yield and grade. The quality is particularly good. With the exception of Crop District 1 in the south-western part of the province, where yields may run less than 15 bushels per acre, a wheat crop in excess of 20 bushels per acre is anticipated. Pastures throughout the province are generally fair. No crop damage has been reported with the exception of very light wheat stem sawfly infestations in the south-west.

Harvesting operations are making satisfactory progress in most sections of Saskatchewan. Sixty-five to eighty-five per cent of the grain has been cut in southern, central and east-central districts, while 35 to 60 per cent of the cutting has been completed in west-central and northern areas. Threshing is well under way in southern areas. In the eastern section of the province, where crop prospects have been well maintained all season, wheat yields are averaging from 15 to 25 bushels per acre. Drought and sawflies have materially affected the yields in south-central and south-western districts where outturns of from 3 to 14 bushels per acre are being reported. Good yields are expected from the heavy soils in the west-central area but prospects in the lighter soil areas of the west-central district and the north-western region are only fair with reported yields ranging from 6 to 15 bushels. Drought, frost and excessive heat have lowered the grade considerably in some areas, although much of the wheat will still grade No. 1 and 2 Northern. Pastures have improved in many areas and live stock are generally in good condition.

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In Alberta, harvesting has been delayed by rain in some southern and south-central areas but good harvesting weather has prevailed in most of the remainder of the province. Cutting is quite general in most districts but little threshing has been done except in the south-east and in the Peace River area. Fall pasture and feed prospects are generally good. Early reports on wheat yields are fairly optimistic ranging from 12 bushels per acre in the south-east to 40 bushels per acre in the Peace River Block of British Columbia. Yields of 15 bushels are reported at Hanna, 24 bushels at Clareshelm, 17 bushels at Sedgewich and 18 bushels in the Peace River District of Alberta.

Cooler weather has prevailed in British Columbia during the past two weeks and recent showers have proved beneficial to the crops. Harvesting and threshing of all grain crops are now in full swing and indicated yields are exceedingly good. With the exception of blackberries the small fruit season is almost at an end.

Nova Scotia

Continued rainfall in Hova Scotia has greatly improved the crop outlook and there is promise of fairly good crops except in the case where harvesting has been completed. Early potato yields are indicated to be low but higher yields are in prospect for the late crop. Despite short straw, the yields of grain crops are expected to be greater than a year ago. Pastures have benefited from the improved moisture conditions and an increased milk flow is anticipated. The quality of the apple and pear crops remains satisfactory and yields are expected to be good.

New Brunswick

The drought conditions which prevailed for several weeks have been broken with frequent rains since August 15. Grain harvesting is well advanced and yields are higher than the short straw indicated. So far the revival of pastures has been slight. Prospects for late apples and root crops have been improved by the recent rains. The picking of early apples is under way and although they are slightly undersize they appear to be clean.

Quebec

While frequent rains during the past two weeks have delayed harvesting they have benefited the pastures and growing crops. Grain crops have been filling well during the last few ripening days, but the straw is short. Variable pasture conditions prevail throughout the province, but it is thought that considerable improvement has been registered for the province as a whole.

At Ste. Anne de la Focatiere pastures remain poor despite 1.82 inches of rainfall during the past fortnight. Cereal crops are good and about 50 per cent harvested. Hoe crops, with the exception of corn, are good. Fruit crops are also good but the honey flow is poor.

August precipitation at L'Assomption totalled 3.39 inches and pastures are showing improvement. The grain harvest is practically completed. Silage corn is improving although a low yield is anticipated. Fifty per cent of the cigar and pipe tobacco has been harvested but the priming of flue-cured tobacco has been delayed due to retarded maturity.

The general situation with regard to insect pests remains about the same. The long, dry spell earlier in the season encouraged the development of many aphids. Grasshoppers are more abudmant while the corn borer is less prevalent than has been the case at this time during the past years. Cereal rusts and out smuts have developed quite extensively. Mildew on potatoes is not very severe but blemish has developed somewhat.

Ontario

Harvesting and threshing of the grain crops are drawing to a close in old Ontario with the outturn promising to be one of the best in many years. Here rain and warmer weather are needed to revive pastures and improve late-sown crops. Fall wheat seeding has been started and a large acreage is anticipated.

Cool weather in the Harrow district has delayed maturity in the late crops, particularly tobacco, corn, soybeans and tomatoes. It is estimated that one-third of the flue-cured tobacco crop has been horvested, while the burley harvest has just been started. Another month of good weather is needed to harvest the whole crop.

Leafhoppers have damaged some field beans in the Chatham district and a lower yield is expected. Other crops will do well if warm weather is experienced and frosts do not occur.

In Middlesex the threshing of spring grain is practically completed and the outturn of oats is excellent. Wheat yields are normal. Cool weather has retarded the tobacco harvest which is now half completed. While some silo filling has started, the corn crop is maturing slowly. Bean prospects have been adversely affected by cool, dry weather.

Good yields of grain have been reported from the area around Galt and farmers are preparing the land for fall wheat. Threshing is about 65 per cent completed around Barrie with yields fair and quality good. Dry weather is reducing prospective yields of red clover seed. Early potatoes are yielding average or better-than-average but the late crop is still uncertain. Pastures have been badly burnt and some stable feeding has been necessary to maintain milk production. Hoe crops are very discouraging.

Lanitoba

Since the middle of last week splendid progress has been made with threshing. In the south of the province threshing is from 50 to 80 per cent completed and is getting well under way in the central and northern parts of the province. In southern areas a good start has been made in cutting flax. The wheat crop is continuing to live up to expectations, both in yield and in sample. Quality is particularly good and wheat yields are turning out in accordance with the good condition maintained since early in the season. Early reports of yields indicate that the average for Crop District 1 in the extreme south-west of the province may average under 15 bushels but reports from all other districts in the province indicate a wheat crop in excess of 20 bushels per acre.

At Morden in the south-central section of the province, the harvest is well advanced with combining completed in some sections. Wheat is averaging 20 bushels per acre with oats running at 35 and barley at 28. Corn and sunflowers are maturing well but pastures require rain. Fall ploughing is already under way. Brandon reports that threshing has been delayed by rains between August 26 and 30. Yield and quality of grains is reaching expectations. Four degrees of frost on September 2 and two degrees on the 3rd withered corn foliage, potato tops and all tender garden crops. At Woodnorth in the western part of the province wheat is grading 1 and 2 Northern with an average yield of 20 bushels. Barley is turning out at 30 and oats at 40 bushels per acre. Feed supplies for live stock appear to be ample. At Swan River in the north-west the wheat harvest is about completed with oats and barley well under way. Wheat is running from 27 to 30 bushels per acre with barley averaging 30, oats 40, rye 22 and flax 14 bushels per acre. Some frost on the night of September 1 will lower the grade of late grain. Peas are reported to be yielding 27 bushels per acre, while alfalfa seed, garden crops and pastures are all reported in good condition.

Very light wheat stem sawfly damage has occurred in south-western Manitoba but no other insect damage to field crops is indicated.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 14 per cent below normal as compared with 11 per cent below normal two weeks ago. Mean temperature for the week ending September 2 was 4 degrees below normal.

Saskatchewan

Good progress has been made in harvesting operations in most districts of the province. In southern, central and east-central districts 65 to 85 per cent of the grain crops have been cut, while in the west-central and northern districts the amount is 55 to 60 per cent. Threshing has made substantial progress in southern areas.



Saskatchewan (concluded)

In the eastern half of the province where crop prospects have been most favourable, wheat yields are averaging 15 to 25 bushels per acre. In the south-central and south-western districts yields are fair to poor with outturns of 3 to 14 bushels per acre. Satisfactory returns are anticipated on the heavy land in the west-central area. Prospects in the lighter soil areas of the west-central district and the north-western region are only fair with yields ranging from 6 to 15 bushels.

Some heavy sawfly damage is reported in south-central and south-western districts and some damage as a result of the late July frosts is now apparent in the west-central district. While considerable wheat will grade Nos. 1 and 2 Northern, it would now appear that owing to drought, frost and excessive heat damage, much of the grain will be of the lower grade. Live stock generally are in good condition while pastures have improved in many districts.

Our correspondent at Yellowgrass in the south-eastern part of the province reports harvesting 60 per cent completed with all wheat grading No. 2 Northern due to bleach. Out yields are averaging about 35 bushels per acre with barley yielding 20 bushels per acre. At Willowbrook in the east-central district cutting has been completed and threshing is under way. Samples of wheat are grading Nos. 1 and 2. Good threshing weather prevails and wheat is yielding from 25 to 40 bushels per acre.

The Dominion Experimental Station at Swift Current reports that frequent rains and heavy dews have retarded harvesting and caused further deterioration in quality and yields in that area. The average wheat grade is No. 3 Northern with some sprouted grain being picked up from swather rows. The rapid growth of weeds and loss of sawfly infested stems will result in abandoning harvest of many lighter stands in the south and west portions of this district.

The Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Saskatoon reports that surveys covering most of Saskatchewan indicate severe injury by leaf-rust of wheat, chiefly in eastern districts. Other rusts have not been important. A few fields of wheat, oats and barley have been damaged somewhat by smut diseases. Drought has confused conclusions regarding root disease injury but it is considered that common rootrot has caused moderate to severe injury in some areas. A few cases of disease damage to potato and vegetable crops have been observed, but there appears to be no noticeable disease injury in the flax crop.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 3 per cent below normal as compared with fractionally below normal two weeks ago. Mean temperature for the week ending September 2 was 4 degrees below normal.

Alberta

Rain has delayed harvest in south and south-central regions of the province but good weather has prevailed in most north-central and northern areas. Cutting is well under way in most districts but little threshing has been done except in the south-east where 30 per cent of the wheat has been threshed and in the Peace River area where 20 per cent is in the bin. The fall pasture outlook and feed prospects are generally good.

The Dominion Range Experimental Station at Manyberries reports that another ten days of continued good weather will complete harvest and threshing. The wheat yield is averaging 12 bushels per acre of No. 2 Northern. Heavy losses have occurred from shattering and wind. Weed growth is impeding harvest and reducing grades in the Medicine Hat area. Showery weather during the past week has delayed the harvest in the south-western part of the province but conditions improved over the week-end. At Vulcan in the south-central area cutting is well along but wet weather has delayed threshing. Good yields of fall wheat and rye have been reported but no flax or spring wheat has been threshed as yet in this area. At Claresholm harvesting is becoming general with wheat averaging 24 bushels per acre with average grade of No. 2 Northern. Oats are running at 45, barley 35, rye 16, and flax 8 bushels per acre. The recent storm delayed harvest 10 days and caused a loss of about one grade.

No rain has been reported from Hamma in the east-central area during the past week and harvesting is getting under way with ideal weather prevailing. Crops are fair and wheat should average about 15 bushels per acre. Pastures are good. Some early wheat and barley have been cut in the Stettler area but harvesting will not be general until September 6. It is anticipated that wheat yields here will be good, while barley prospects are fair. If no frost damage occurs in the

"Alberta (concluded)

near future a fair crop of oats will also be harvested. Our Sedgewick correspondent reports that 40 per cent of the wheat, 10 per cent of the oats and 100 per cent of the barley and rye crops have been cut in that district. Little threshing has been done but combined wheat so far is averaging about 17 bushels of No. 3 Northern. Warmer weather is needed. At Lacombe in the west-central area excellent harvesting weather has prevailed since August 15. Seventy per cent of the barley, 30 per cent of the oats and 10 per cent of the wheat crop have been cut. Swathing is common practice throughout the district and is proving satisfactory. No spring grain has been delivered to the elevators this year.

In the Edmonton area harvesting is general and a week of good, warm weather has greatly facilitated progress. No reports on yield are available. Light frosts occurred on the 26th and 27th of August but as all grain was fairly ripe no damage is anticipated.

The Dominion Experimental Station at Beaverlodge reports that harvesting is in full swing with favourable weather prevailing. Two-thirds of the wheat, oats and barley and 10 per cent of the flax crop have been cut or combined. Some threshing has been done in the Peace River Block of British Columbia. Grades are generally good. Further frosts occurred last week in the British Columbia Block and damage was evident in gardens but it is doubtful if grain was affected materially. Beaverlodge states that wheat may average 18 bushels, oats 30, barley 20, and flax 7 bushels per acre. The average grade of wheat appears to be No. 2 Northern. Reports from the Peace River Block indicate that wheat may average from 25 to 40 bushels per acre. In the district immediately around Pouce Coupe, 80 per cent of the cutting is completed and 25 per cent has been combined or threshed. Wheat yields of 25 to 30 bushels per acre are anticipated.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 9 per cont below normal as compared with 2 per cent below normal 2 weeks ago. Mean temperature for the week ending September 2 was 1 degree below normal.

British Columbia

Good showers during the past two weeks have benefited the later crops. Harvesting and threshing of the grain crops are well under way and present indications suggest excellent yields. Haying is nearing completion, and hop picking is proceeding rapidly. Outside of blackberries, the small fruit season is nearly over, and the crops in most areas have been fair to good. Italian prunes and Bartlett pears are being harvested and the movement of the main crop of peaches is under way.

At Saanichton steady progress is being made with threshing and above-average crops of all grains are in prospect. A good crop of ensilage corn will be ready at the end of September. Root crops are promising but would improve with good rains. The picking of Bartlett pears is about completed, the plum crop has been good and Italian prunes are almost ready for picking.

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1	Pierson Taskada	N.R.	8.42 6.74 <u>2</u> /	10.29	N.R.	59	
2	Boissevein	.02	9.02	10.24	52	61	
	Ninette Filot Mound	Nil Trace	10.58 8.91	10.74	52 53	60 59	
3	Portage la Prairie	Trace	8.12	10.51	55	59	
	Graysville	Nil	7.64	10.72	54	59	
	Morden Morris	Trace .Ol	7.02	10.65	56 56	60 59	
	Emerson	.06	7.04	10,16	55	60	
4	Winnipeg	Trace	7.47	12.09	55 N. P.	60 58	
6	Sprague Pinawa	N.R.	7.83 <u>2/</u> 4.61	11.14	N.R. 53	57	
7	Virden	Trace	9.73	9.20 10,75	54	58	
8	Rivers Brandon	.01 Nil	8.70	10,75	53 53	58 59	
	Cypress River	.06	7.01	10.76	53	58	
9	Minnedosa Neepawa	.04	9.62	10.60	51 55	58 58	
10	Russell	Nil	11.81	10.08	53	56	
3.3	Birtle	,50	13.48	10.67	51	56	
11	Dauphin Gimli	.04	7.22	9,37	54 -55	56 58	
13	Swan River	Nil	10.30	10.85	52	54	
	The Fas	Nil	10.70	8.72	55	57	
Manitoba		.05	9,00	10,49	54	58	
Saskatche		50	0.00	3.0.03	t'e	50	
1A	Estevan Carlyle	.50	9.86	10.01	53 5 1	59 57	
1B	Broadview	.32	9.74	9.61	52	57	
2A	Moosomin Yellow Grass	.02 Nil	12.87 12.53	9.74	52 51	56 59	
K.O.	Midale	02	9,20	10.08	51	59	
2B	Moose Jaw	Nil	8.50	9.62	54	59	
	Regina Francis	Nil Nil	12.43 12.54	9.69 8.31	52 51	58 59	
	Qu'Appelle	Nil	11.95	11.40	52	59	
3AN	Indian Head	Nil Nil	7.43	10.99	52 52	57 57	
Ogn	Chaplin Gravelbourg	N.R.	7,18 2/	8.48	N.R.	57	
3AS	Assiniboia	Nil	9.99	7.74	54	59	
3BN	Ceylon Pennant	.02 Nil	18.12 7.90	9,38	56 54	58 59	
	Swift Current	Nil	9,18	9.94	53	59	
3BS	Hughton Instow	Nil Nil	6.68 2/ 5.51 2/	8.70 8.61	53 54	57 59	
000	Shaunavon	Nil	5.83	8.07	N.R.	57	
	Cadillac	N.R.	5.32 2/	10.62	N.R.	59	
	Val Marie Aneroid	Nil Nil	4.92 5.07	8.76 9.72	49 52	58 57	
4A	Maple Creek	Ni.1	7.14	8.94	53	60	
ΛD	Consul	Nil Nil	4.82	7.56 8.70	53 53	58 57	
4B 5A	Roadene Leross	Nil	8.22 12.74	9,71	56	56	
	Hubbard	Nil	11.36	9.79	54	55	
5B	Yorkton Dafoe	Nil Nil	10.93 7.46	10.14	54 53	56 54	
OB	Foam Lake	N.R.	11.58 2/	9,59	N.R.	54	
	Lintlaw	Nil	7.47	9.62	48	54	
6A	Kamsack Davidson	Nil Nil	8.04 6.90	9.22 7.93	50 52	55 56	
V44	Dilke	Nil	5.96 2/	8.35	N.R.	N.R.	
	Nokomis	N.R.	3.91 2/	6.81	N.R.	55	
	Semans Strasbourg	Nil Nil	9.30	6.25 8.86	54 53	5 5 56	
6B	Harris	Nil	6.50 2/	8.41	52	56	
	Outlook	Nil	8.94	7.47	N.R.	56	
	Saskatoon Elbow	Nil Nil	6.79	9.33 7.89	54 N.R.	56 58	
	Dundurn	Nil	5.90	9.37	53	56	
C7.A	Tugaske	Nil	7.37	7.86	51	57	
7A 7B	Kindersley Macklin	Nil Nil	7.76 9.42	8.41 9.42	N.R. 52	56 55	
	Scott	Nil	8.22	8.87	50	56	

		Week ending	Cipitation Total Normal		peratures Sent
Crop		8 a.m.	since since	Week ending 8	
Cistrict	Station	Sept. 2/46	April 1 April 1	Mean	Normal
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7B	Ruthilda	N.R.	8.74 2/ 9.47	N.R.	N.R.
	Biggar	Ni.1	6.36 9.56	54	57
8A	Nipawin	Nil	10.62 9.24	54	55
8B	Hudson Bay Junction	.03	8.43 9.79	51	56
40	Humboldt Melfort	Nil Nil	9.45 7.88 7.07 9.74	N.R. N.R.	55 56
9A	North Battleford	Nil	8.87 9.27	54	58
	Rabbit Lake	Nil	7.99 2/ 9.64 .	49	55
0.5	Prince Albert	Nil	8.59 9.69	52	56
9B	Waseca	Nil	8.46 9.03	54	53
	Loon Lake Island Falls	N.R. .02	13.59 <u>2</u> / 10.72 8.92 10.29	N.R. 54	53 56
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1	Nedicine Hat	.16	7.21 11.05 8.73 8.09	56 55	61 61
	Manyberries	.04	7.65 2/ 8.29	56	61
2	Cowley	.84	11.17 10.23	53	57
	Macleod	.62	11.37 9.11	N.R.	59
	Cardston Lethbridge	.54	8.42 13.11 8.62 9.00	54 5€	57
3	Vauxhall	.04	8.62 9.00 6.38 <u>2</u> / 7.96	56	58 57
	Brooks	.04	8.33 7.78	56	60
	Empress	Nil	5.33 8.28	N.R.	58
4	High River	1.34	14.19 11.40	52	55
5	Vulcan Drumheller	.16	11.13 9.02	N.R.	N.R.
U	Hanna	.06	9.29 9.98 1C.88 1O.47	N.R. 54	61 57
6	Olds	.78	12.21 11.37	54	52
	Calgary	.62	11.96 11.30	53	57
	Three Hills	N.R.	10.02 2/ 9.57	N.R.	55
	Strathmore	N.R.	5.20 2/10.07 8.25 2/10.07	N.R.	53 56
7	Gleichen Viking	.02 N.R.	14.27 2/ 9.36	53 N.R.	54
,	Sedgewick	Ni l	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	54	54
	Hardisty	N.R.	8.30 2/ 9.50	N.R.	N.R.
	Coronation	Nil	11.65 8.07	54	57
	Hughenden	Nil	11.84 9.00	54	58
8	Red Deer	.59	11.70 13.28	52	53
	Lacombe	.30	11.65 11.28	53	53
	Wetaskiwin	Nil	14.67 10.76	54	55
	Camrose	Nil	10.94 9.85	54	55
<u> </u>	Stettler	.10	13.00 11.05	52	54
9	Jasper	Nil	6.24 5.73	58	51
	Rocky Mountain House Springdale	1.24 Nil	16.35 12.09 10.55 <u>2</u> / 13.39	52 49	52 52
10	Vegreville	Nil	10.78 11.96	54	53
	Vermilion	Nil	13.15 11.71	52	53
	Lloydminster	Nil	9.81 8.49	54	53
11	Calmar	Nil	13.59 12.12	51	55
12	Edmonton Whitecourt	Nil Nil	12.43 11.45 9.38 12.32	54 50	56 53
16	Edson	.01	12.89 2/ 11.58	52	53
13	Glendon	N.R.	$9.34 \frac{2}{2} / 9.45$	N.R.	51
14	Campsie	Nil	10.69 11.50	52	53
	Athabaska	Nil	10.38 10.59	54	53
	Lac la Biche	Nil	8.12 9.60	57	53
15	High Prairie	Nil	6.89 9.65	52	54
	Kinuso	N.R.	.34 2/ 9.24	N.R.	55
	Wagner	Nil	6.12 10.53	53	54
16	Beaverlodge	Nil	5.15 2/ 8.02	59	54
	Grand Prairie	Nil	4.71 9.63	58	54
	Frirview	Nil	3.59 7.33	60	54
17	Keg River	Nil	5.58 9.38	56	53
	Fort Vermilion	Nil	7.64 7.55	55	54
	Fort McMurray	Nil	9.99 9.33	53	55
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	Fort St. John	Nil	6.57 9.10	60	56
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