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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT - CANADA

This is the seventh of the 1953 series of eight telegraphic reports, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the twelfth of a series of fourteen telegraphic reports on crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces. A selected list of crop correspondents chosen from the Federal 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 Meteorological Division, Department of Transport.

SUMMARY

Recent heavy rains throughout the Maritime Provinces have provided ample moisture for potatoes, vegetables and pastures but have prolonged haying and interfered with grain harvesting. Haying is nearing completion in most areas but much of the crop, particularly in Prince Edward Island, has been of poor quality. Grain crops are ripening rapidly and cutting is under way throughout all three Maritime Provinces. Yields are expected to be heavy but harvesting will be difficult in some regions due to storm damage. Heavy yields of potato and root crops are also in prospect although late blight is present and expected to reduce potato yields to some extent. All tree fruits in the Annapolis Valley are sizing and colouring well, with light crops of apples, pears and plums, and a full crop of peaches expected.

Dry weather and cool nights during the past two weeks in Quebec have slowed growth and slightly reduced yield prospects of all late crops. Grain harvesting is under way in all regions, with yields varying from fair to slightly above average. In general, early-seeded grain is giving a better yield than late-sown crops. As a result of unfavourable weather, truck crops are developing slowly. Some potato fields have been attacked by late blight which will reduce yields to some extent. Pastures and aftermath in meadows have been seriously affected by drought in most regions and in several places milk cattle have had to be given fodder and commercial feeds to make up for the lack of grass. As a result of poor grazing conditions the seasonal drop in milk production is more marked than usual. Cutting of the flue-cured tobacco crop in the Joliette and Three Rivers districts is well under way with good yields indicated.

Harvesting of grain crops is nearing completion in Southern and Western Ontario and well under way in central and eastern parts of the province. Yields of winter wheat have been exceptionally heavy and quality has been good. In Western Ontario yields of spring-sown grain vary widely, with early-seeded crops generally heavy. Yields in the eastern part of the province have also been generally good. Development of the corn and soybean crops has improved as a result of warm weather and adequate rainfall. Pastures, second growth and new seedings are in generally excellent condition in Western Ontario but rains are

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

needed in many sections of the eastern part of the province to halt deterioration.

Warm weather during the past two weeks has promoted rapid development of crops throughout the Prairie Provinces. As a result of these favourable weather conditions, crops in many areas will reach maturity earlier than previously expected. Harvesting is general in southern Manitoba, and swathing of early-seeded crops has begun in practically all sections of the Prairies. However, harvesting will not be general in northern Manitoba and most of Saskatchewan until the last week of August and in Alberta until the first week in September. With few exceptions, moisture supplies are adequate to carry crops to maturity. Yield prospects are still generally excellent despite considerable local damage earlier in the season from flooding and hail. Some rust damage has already occurred and is still a threat, particularly to late-sown crops in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Despite the recent rapid development of crops, frost is still a hazard over wide areas.

The weather in British Columbia during the past two weeks has been generally fine and warm. Harvesting of grain crops is now general throughout southern portions of the province with yields for the most part good. Second-crop alfalfa is practically all harvested. In the Prince George and central interior sections, cereal crops are in good condition and harvesting will commence soon. Crops in the Peace River District give excellent promise, although development is somewhat backward due to continued cool weather. Harvesting of the apricot crop is nearing completion and the early varieties of peaches are moving in increasing volume from southern Okanagan points.

Maritime Provinces

Harvesting of heavy crops of grain has commenced in Prince Edward Island but operations are expected to be difficult as a result of damage from rains last week. Haying has been greatly retarded and much of the crop has been of poor quality. Prospects for root and potato crops are excellent. There has been some damage to potatoes from late blight but it is not yet of serious proportions. Pastures and aftermath are in excellent condition. The Dominion Entomological Laboratory reports that army worms have caused severe damage in a few grain fields and that some damage has also been caused by potato aphids.

A very heavy rain on August 15 has ensured adequate moisture for the development of all crops throughout Nova Scotia. Harvesting of an average crop of grain is under way. Pastures are in good condition as a result of recent rains. In the Annapolis Valley all tree fruits are sizing and colouring well. A few early apples, pears, plums and peaches are being harvested. Prospects are for light crops of apples, pears and plums and a full crop of peaches. Apple scab is prevalent but insects and mites are apparently under control.

Haying in New Brunswick is practically completed except on some lowlands and yields have been about average. Grains are ripening and some cutting is under way with prospects for average to good yields. Ample moisture during the past week has been favourable to the development of potato and vegetable crops. Prospects for potatoes are good although some late blight has been reported. In most areas of the province pastures are rather poor but around Fredericton they are considerably above average. Corn is making good growth in the Fredericton area and grain is ripening fast. However, crops are later than normal and harvesting is not yet general. Harvesting of grain is well under way in the area around Andover with good yields indicated. Some early potatoes have already been harvested with average yields. The late potato crop is still green, with little disease prevalent. Pastures have been dry but will benefit from recent rains.

Quebec Harvesting is under way in all regions of Quebec and yields vary from just fair to a little above normal. Dry weather and cool nights over the past two weeks have slowed growth of pastures, and aftermath in meadows has been seriously affected.

In the St. Johns area grain yields have been fair up to date. About 5 per cent of the oat crop has been harvested but over 80 per cent of the mixed grains and barley is finished. Barley mixed with oats has been a failure in the majority of fields. Ensiling of corn has started, with yields very good. Canning corn prospects are good but harvest has not started. The canning tomato harvest commenced ten days ago, with yields very good. At L'Assomption no worthwhile rain has been received since August 4th and pastures and hoed crops are suffering from drought. Threshing and combining of cereals are in full swing, with good yields being obtained. The flue-cured tobacco harvest is in progress and harvesting of cigar and pipe tobacco is just starting. The sugar beet and silage corn crop are promising.

A report from Lennoxville states that the hay storage space has been filled to capacity. Grain harvesting is general and crop yields are good. Pastures and corn crops are also good. At Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere good progress has been made with harvesting and, in spite of drought, average yields are being obtained. Pastures and meadow aftermath are poor and the apple crop is below average. Many farmers have been feeding cows supplementary rations in order to keep milk production.

In the Macamic district haying was completed last week but owing to a severe lack of moisture the crop was poor and estimated to be 25 to 40 per cent below normal. Frost on August 3 caused some damage to potatoes in an area from Kapuskasing to Macamic. Warm, sunny weather during the last few weeks has greatly advanced grain crops. Oats are in the early dough stage and harvesting is not expected to commence for two weeks. Haying is also completed in the Gaspé Peninsula. Cereals have been affected by lack of moisture and are starting to change colour. No grain has been cut to date. Pastures are poor but the potato crop is very promising with no sign of blight. No rain has been received at Normandin since the end of July and only scattered showers have occurred in the district. As a result, pastures are very poor. Grain crops are turning rapidly with an average crop in prospect. Potatoes are also average, garden crops in general fair and blueberries ten per cent below normal.

Ontario Harvesting of spring grains is well advanced in most sections of Western Ontario. In Simcoe County harvesting of fall wheat has been completed, with yields good and quality slightly better than average. About 75 per cent of the spring grains is cut and yields appear to be at least average. About 20 per cent of the grain is lodged and is proving difficult to harvest. Recurring rains and a shortage of farm labour have also slowed up harvesting operations. The potato crop is promising although some blight is evident. Pastures are above average and new seedings are most promising.

Similar conditions prevail in Bruce and Wellington Counties where practically all crops are exceptionally heavy. Corn is late in Bruce County and will be lacking in maturity but the bulk of the fodder crop will be harvested. Yields of both winter wheat and spring grains have been heavy. Harvesting of spring grains is proving difficult in many areas because of lodging but with additional trouble it appears that most of this grain can be harvested. Yields from grain already threshed have been heavy and quality excellent. Considerable land is being prepared for fall rye and fall wheat in Wellington County. Rape sown for fall pasture in that area is making excellent progress.

Many farmers in Waterloo County are finishing threshing and considerable after-harvest cultivation has been done. The spring grain crop has varied widely in outturn, with some farmers reporting yields of only up to 30 bushels to the acre while others report yields ranging from 75 to 80 bushels per acre.

Growth of corn and soybeans in Essex County in the extreme south-western part of the province has improved following recent rains and warmer weather. Harvesting of the late tomato crop will start next week. This crop is good but cool nights may slow ripening. The peach harvest is well under way. All crops are making good progress in the Chatham area. The Dominion Entomological Laboratory reports that white beans show some damage from leaf hoppers and that onion thrips have caused considerable reduction in onion yields in marshland areas. Variable infestation of second-generation corn borer is occurring in field and canning corn.

As a result of adequate rains, field crops, pastures and fruit trees are in excellent condition in the Niagara Peninsula. Canning of Jubilee variety of peaches has started. Brown rot and Oriental fruit moth on peaches are generally well under control but apple scab is still troublesome in some orchards.

Harvesting of fall wheat and spring grains is well under way in Prince Edward County in Central Ontario. The tomato crop is excellent and some canning is expected to begin next week. The Dominion Entomological Field Station at Picton reports that squash bug is becoming common on cucumber crops.

Harvesting is well under way throughout the eastern part of the province, with generally excellent yields reported. Yields of early grain in Dundas County have been particularly good. Corn and soybeans are making excellent growth and prospects are for an above-average crop. Pastures remain green and lush. Apples are sizing well and picking of early varieties has started. Harvesting in Renfrew County is well advanced under ideal conditions. Some very high yields are reported, with Beaver oats averaging over 100 bushels per acre. Cartier oats 80, Montcalm barley 65, spring wheat 35, and fall wheat averaging 30 to 40 bushels per acre. Both colour and quality of spring grain have been excellent although some of the late-sown Victory oats were affected to some extent by rust. As a result of very dry conditions prevailing over most of the County, corn is now below average and pastures are drying up. Potatoes have generally good tops but a rather poor set of tubers to date. Some late blight has been reported.

The Experimental Station at Kapuskasing reports that excellent weather prevailed for haying and that harvesting of a good crop had been completed by August 8. Pastures have been very dry but recent rains should improve their condition. Temperatures have been generally warm although a light frost occurred on the night of August 2.

Manitoba Crops are maturing favourably in Manitoba under nearly ideal weather conditions. Harvesting is well under way in southern sections but will not be general in extreme northern areas until the end of the month. There is, however, much late crop throughout the province and it is expected that rust will lower yields. Durum wheat is badly affected by rust and low yields will result. Barley yields to date are lower than anticipated. Special crops are making good progress and haying is well advanced. Many summerfallows are weedy due to farmers' inability to work the land.

Harvesting is in full swing in Southern Manitoba and at Vita in the extreme southeast excellent weather is favouring operations. However, rust is adversely affecting yields of late wheat and barley. Yields to date

at Altona are better than expected and warmer weather is helping to mature late-sown grain crops. Sunflowers, sugar beets, and peas are progressing well and corn, though late, is improving. The Experimental Farm at Morden reports that crops are ripening well and swathing is now general. Rust will definitely lower grades of wheat and barley. The new wheat variety 186 is standing up well and maturing normally. Sunflowers and corn are making satisfactory progress, pastures are good, and crop prospects generally are fair to good.

In south-central Manitoba at Pilot Mound cutting of wheat and early coarse grains is general and threshing will be general by August 20. Estimated yields are 20 bushels for wheat, 29 for barley and 35 for oats. Grades will likely be reduced because of rust. Combining of rye is general at Melita, with yields running from 20 to 40 bushels to the acre. Harvesting of wheat, oats and barley is also in full swing. Drought and rust have caused deterioration of crops at least 25 per cent during the past week.

North of Winnipeg at Selkirk harvesting is expected to be general by the end of the week. Some early barley and wheat have been swathed. Expected yields are 27 bushels for barley, 20 for wheat and 30 for oats. Vegetables and potatoes are looking very good and the warm, dry weather during the past week has been very advantageous to all crops. Early barley is only averaging 42 pounds to the bushel at Portage la Prairie with a corresponding reduction in yield. The first wheat will be combined by the end of the week and average yields and grades are expected. All late-seeded cereals are carrying rust but dry weather should help to check development. Late blight on potatoes is widespread. Sugar beets are making rapid growth and peas are good.

A report from the Experimental Farm at Brandon states that cutting of early wheat and barley is under way and will be general by the first of next week. Stem rust is doing considerable damage to Durum and late-sown crops of common wheat and barley. Root rot damage is fairly extensive in barley. Common wheat is expected to yield 22 bushels to the acre, barley 28, oats 38, flax 12 and rye 18.

In the inter-lake area at Teulon cutting of early-seeded crops is becoming general and some threshing will start this week. Expected average yields are 24 bushels for wheat, 36 for oats, 30 for barley and 13 for flax. The rape seed crop is looking very good and is expected to yield at least 1,000 pounds per acre. At Arborg the first cutting of grain was done over the week-end and will be general by the end of the week. Crops are mostly good but spotty due to flooding, and considerable rust damage is expected in late-seeded fields. Summer-fallow has been very poorly worked. Second cutting of hay has started in many places.

In west-central Manitoba at Minnedosa early barley is in the swath and early wheat will be swathed by the end of the week. Late wheat is heavily infested with stem rust which will reduce yield and quality. Late coarse grains are very patchy but the flax crop is good. Stem rust and the possibility of an early frost are the main threats to the late-sown crops.

An odd field of early barley is being cut at Dauphin but harvest will not be general for another ten days. Heavy leaf rust and some stem rust are present on late crops. Most of the grain is patchy and uneven in growth. Fall rye is now being combined and yields are average. At Swan River fall rye is being swathed and early-sown wheat, oats and barley are well filled, with some fields in the hard dough stage. Late-sown crops are just heading out, with some in flower. Legumes for forage are very heavy and flax is setting well. Rust infection on grains is becoming heavy.

The average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 38 per cent above normal as compared with 48 per cent above normal two weeks ago and in contrast to 10 per cent below normal a year ago. The mean temperature for the week ending August 17 was 2.1 degrees above normal as compared with 0.9 degrees above normal two weeks ago and 0.2 degrees above normal a year ago.

Saskatchewan Warm weather during the past two weeks in Saskatchewan has greatly advanced crop development, with most crops nearing maturity much earlier than previously expected. With the exceptions of regions around North Battleford, Biggar and Maple Creek, where lack of sufficient moisture earlier in the season retarded proper growth, favourable conditions have been maintained and prospects are very satisfactory. Precipitation since April 1 has been normal or above average in all districts of the province except in the area around Prince Albert, and moisture conditions are now generally sufficient to carry crops to maturity. Cutting has commenced in the southern part of the province and it is expected that swathing of coarse grains will begin in most areas this week with wheat cutting getting under way from August 20 to 25. Although prospects are for another crop of near-record proportions, realization of current forecasts of production is dependent on favourable weather conditions being maintained until harvesting is completed. Rust damage is already evident in some southern sections and a lengthy period of warm, dry weather is required to ensure avoidance of frost damage.

Dry weather continues and late crops are badly in need of moisture in the Manor area in the southeastern part of the province. A good crop of fall rye is now being harvested. Prospects for early wheat are good but are only fair for oats and barley. The flaxseed crop in the district is in good condition. Around Fillmore good to excellent stands prevail but severe leaf rust and moderately heavy stem rust are almost certain to affect late wheat which is still in the milk stage. Hot, dry weather has hastened ripening of crops but swathing of wheat will not be general for two weeks. Fall rye and some early-seeded coarse grains are now being swathed.

Crop prospects remain favourable around Gravelbourg in the southwestern part of the province and cutting is in full swing in that area. A report from the Dominion Experimental Station at Swift Current states that over half the fall rye has been threshed, with yields ranging from 12 to 32 bushels per acre. Early-seeded wheat and oats are being swathed. Yields appear to be holding up well despite the continuation of hot, dry weather. Rains ranging from showers to two inches were received in the Eastend district during the past two weeks and have maintained yield prospects of 20 bushels per acre for wheat and 30 bushels for barley. All grain seeded before June 1 is well filled. Swathing of winter wheat and early-seeded rye and barley has started. Crops sown late in June are short and thin. In the Leader district most of the fall rye has been threshed, with yields averaging about 20 bushels per acre. The wheat crop is maturing well and most of it has turned colour. Winter feed supplies appear to be adequate.

Crop conditions continue to be variable around Togo in the east-central part of the province. Early wheat and barley are maturing well, and swathing of some barley has started. Heavy infection of leaf rust on all grains and stem rust on wheat and barley will reduce yields, particularly of late crops. Although most crops in the district are late, recent weather conditions have favoured rapid development. Crops in the Willowbrook district are beginning to ripen following recent warm weather. Some barley and rye has already been swathed but harvesting will not be general for another two or three weeks. Rust is prevalent and will retard grain from early ripening. No other damage is indicated.

Crops progressed favourably during the past week in the area around Drake in the central part of the province. Rye is now being combined and yields are averaging about 25 bushels to the acre. Harvesting of wheat and coarse grains is not expected to begin until about September 1. There has been no rust damage to date. Crops in the Saskatoon area are ripening satisfactorily and harvesting of coarse grains and some wheat has commenced. The Dominion Entomological Laboratory reports that a light infestation of army worms in flax fields in southeastern Saskatchewan is causing some damage. Grain is ripening fast in the Rosetown area of west-central Saskatchewan and swathing is expected to start this week. Prospects are for good yields and quality.

Dry weather during the past week has hastened the maturity of crops around Melfort in the northeastern part of the province. With the exception of the odd field of barley, harvesting will not begin for another two weeks. There is a heavy infection of leaf rust on Thatcher wheat in the district but oats and barley appear to be satisfactory. Estimated yields for the area are 30 bushels per acre for wheat, 35 for barley and 50 for oats.

Damage from hail has not been as extensive during the past two weeks as earlier in the season. Among the areas affected recently were Val Marie to Bateman and Hodgeville on August 8 where damage was medium to heavy, Meadow Lake on August 9 where damage was light, and Lloydminster to Lashburn and the Hillmond area on August 11 where damage was medium.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 35 per cent above normal compared with 42 per cent above normal two weeks ago and 6 per cent below normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending August 17 was 3.0 degrees above normal in contrast to 0.4 degrees below normal two weeks ago and 0.5 degrees below normal for the corresponding week a year ago.

Alberta Warm, sunny weather in Alberta during the past week has favoured crop development throughout the province. Early-sown barley is being harvested in most areas and harvesting of grains will be general in the first week of September especially in central and northern parts. In parts of southeastern Alberta crops are very late. Moisture supplies are generally adequate but rain would be beneficial in southern regions. Yield prospects are generally excellent, the chief hazard being frost.

Early coarse grains have been harvested at Manyberries in the southeastern part of the province and wheat will be harvested in two weeks' time. Late coarse grains need moisture immediately to ensure a crop. Summerfallow is in good condition, the range is good, and haying is nearing completion. The Experimental Farm at Lethbridge reports that extreme hot weather in the area south of Calgary is advancing the maturity of all cereal crops and that general rains would be beneficial for filling. In the central part, yield prospects are 30 bushels for wheat on summerfallow and 18 on stubble lands. Lower yields are expected in the extreme southeast while in the southwest and along the foothills to Calgary wheat is late and vulnerable to frost. The barley crop is promising and some flax fields may average 15 bushels per acre. In the Claresholm area fall wheat and rye are being swathed while spring wheat is still green. Harvest will not be general until September 10. The weather has been hot and dry at Brooks for three weeks and harvesting will begin next week. Hailed crop may mature if the fall is very late. The alfalfa hay crop is good but canning pea yields are about one-eighth of last year's due to hail. At Vulcan the condition of all grains is excellent, the only requirement being

sunshine to mature them.

In east-central Alberta all grain is now headed and warm weather is promoting ripening. At Hanna, swathing of barley should start in late August. Some fields are starting to turn colour around Calgary and cutting should start about the first week of September. Moisture is sufficient to mature all crops, and providing no frost damage occurs yields will be heavy. The weather has been very favourable in the Olds area during the past week. Some swathing of barley and rye has been done and with continued warm weather crops will come along fast. Yield prospects are good.

In the Sedgewick, Donalda and Stettler areas wheat is filling well and some is turning colour. Most grains, however, are green and late. Some early barley has been swathed. A report from Eckville, in the west-central part of the province, indicates that ideal weather has advanced crops rapidly. Swathing of early barley has commenced and will be general in a week's time. Haying is completed and yields are good, at one to two tons per acre.

Prevailing warm weather has been very beneficial to crops in the Edmonton area and early barley will be cut about the 21st. Gathering of a heavy crop of hay is about 60 per cent completed. There is sufficient moisture to carry crops to maturity and pastures and live stock are in good condition. Heavy hail damage has occurred in several small areas.

North of Edmonton at Bonnyville good ripening weather has prevailed for the past week. Swathing of early barley has started and will be in full swing this week followed by harvesting of other crops. Severe damage is apparent from lodging and root rot, but in general crop prospects are good and yields will be 40 per cent above average.

Moisture supplies and other weather conditions have been favourable at Falher in the Peace River District. Oats are **changing** colour and early-sown barley is in the swath. Grain crops are generally good and harvest will be general about September 1. The legume seed crop is late. Swathing and binding of barley is becoming general in the northern parts of the area around Beaverlodge. Some fall rye has been swathed also and the fescue harvest is 80 per cent completed, with yields of 200 to 500 pounds per acre. Approximately 15,000 acres of crop land has been completely destroyed by hail in the Grand Prairie district.

The Canadian Hail Underwriters Association reports hail losses as follows: August 7, 10 miles southwest of Grand Prairie to 20 miles northeast of Sexsmith medium damage; August 8, Wainwright to Provost medium damage, Elnora to Stettler to Donalda, medium to heavy, and Three Hills to Munson very heavy.

The average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 33 per cent above normal as compared with 37 per cent above normal two weeks ago and 2 per cent above normal a year ago. The mean temperature for the week ending August 17 was 3.2 degrees above normal in contrast with 4.2 degrees below normal two weeks ago and 0.6 degrees below normal a year ago.

British Columbia Harvesting of winter wheat and seed peas is well advanced in the Kootenay area with yields above average for wheat and normal for peas. Spring cereals will be ripe in about a week. Second-growth alfalfa is being cut and although the yield is only fair the quality is good. Apples are sizing well but considerable scab is prevalent. In the Peace River Block cereal crops continue to give excellent promise although development has been somewhat retarded by cool weather.

Reports from Kamloops indicate that high temperatures and low precipitation have promoted rapid growth and maturity of crops. Although moisture is probably sufficient for most crops, non-irrigated land is becoming dry. Most fall grains are harvested and yields were good. Spring grains are ripening and prospects appear promising. Pastures and range land are in fair to good condition. Harvesting of second-growth alfalfa is nearly completed and, although later than usual, the yield is quite satisfactory. Tomatoes are yielding well although the crop is late and only No. 1 grade is presently in demand. Grasshopper population is still relatively high where control measures were not attempted. Control by fungus disease is evident in damp spots.

In the Williams' Lake area haying is slightly behind schedule and although the crop is normal, there will be some loss in quality due to wet weather. Second-growth alfalfa looks very good. Potato yields in the area are heavy. Cereal crops appear promising in the Prince George region. Cutting of early barley has commenced on a few farms and will be general next week.

In the Summerland area of the lower Okanagan the weather has continued favourable for fruit development and prospects are very promising for the peach, pear, apple and prune crops. In the Lower Fraser Valley fall wheat and fall rye are ready to harvest. Olli barley is also ripe, with oats two weeks later. Harvesting of second crop hay has been completed under ideal conditions in nearly all areas of the valley.

A report from Saanichton indicates that the weather on Vancouver Island has been dry and only moderately warm. Soil moisture is low and pastures which are not irrigated are drying up. Grain harvesting is general. Picking of the logan and boysenberry crops is practically completed and blackberries are now appearing on the market.

Precipitation and Temperature Data, Prairie Provinces 1/

Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation			Mean Temperature	
		Week ending	Total	Normal	Week ending 8 a.m.	
		8 a.m.	since	since	Aug. 17	
		Aug. 17	April 1	April 1	1953	Normal
			- inches -	- degrees F. -		
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
1	Pierson	Nil	8.83	9.19	65	63
	Melita	Nil	10.11	11.97	66	64
	Waskada	Nil	10.73 2/	9.85	64	63
	Deloraine	N.R.	5.93 2/	9.50	N.R.	63
2	Boissevain	Nil	10.55	9.16	65	64
	Ninette	.75	15.15	9.68	66	64
3	Portage la Prairie	.05	13.04	9.49	66	63
	Graysville	.01	15.87	9.86	62	63
	Morden	Nil	13.48	9.72	67	64
	Altona	Nil	17.17	9.68	65	64
	Morris	Nil	15.23	9.60	66	64
	Roland	Nil	13.29	9.40	64	64
	Emerson	Nil	16.83	9.15	66	64
4	Winnipeg	.10	18.94	10.90	65	64
6	Sprague	.02	10.58	10.20	62	63
	Seven Sisters Falls	.11	13.02	8.14	64	61
7	Virden	Trace	9.99	8.30	65	61
	Reston	Nil	9.13	10.14	66	62
	Rivers	.02	12.99	9.65	64	62
8	Brandon	.23	16.07	9.80	64	62
	Cypress River	Nil	12.58	9.67	64	63
9	Neepawa	.01	10.93	9.54	65	62
	Plumas	N.R.	9.49 2/	9.63	N.R.	62
10	Russell	.22	12.36	9.11	64	60
	Birtle	.04	12.60	9.73	64	60
11	Dauphin	Trace	16.79	8.45	64	61
12	Gimli	.32	13.34	10.15	64	62
13	Swan River	.19	14.83	9.74	64	59
	The Pas	.57	9.78	7.73	63	61
MANITOBA AVERAGE		.01	13.21	9.56	64.6	62.5

SASKATCHEWAN

1A	Estevan	Nil	13.46	8.99	65	63
	Carlyle	Nil	12.17	9.68	61	61
	Oxbow	Nil	12.64 2/	9.30	62	63
	Redvers	N.R.	9.08 2/	8.57	N.R.	61
	Willmar	Nil	15.02	8.97	N.R.	N.R.
1B	Broadview	.02	14.91	8.80	62	61
	Moosomin	Nil	14.65	8.50	66	64
2A	Yellow Grass	Nil	16.11	8.49	65	64
	Weyburn	Nil	11.97	8.93	66	63
	Midale	Nil	16.12	9.34	64	63

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		8 a.m.	since	since	Aug. 17	
		Aug. 17	April 1	April 1	1953	Normal
			- inches -	- degrees F. -		
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u> (continued)						
2B	Moose Jaw	Trace	11.54	8.80	68	64
	Regina	.01	11.89	8.91	66	62
	Rowatt	N.R.	7.14 2/	8.80	N.R.	62
	Qu'Appelle	Trace	15.84 2/	10.49	63	62
	Indian Head	Trace	13.02	10.04	64	61
	Wilcox	.22	11.84	8.70	66	61
3AS	Assiniboia	Nil	11.32	7.20	66	62
	Ormiston	Trace	11.88	7.97	66	61
	Ceylon	Nil	14.08	10.65	60	63
3AN	Chaplin	.02	10.24	9.26	66	61
	Gravelbourg	.10	9.07 2/	7.44	67	62
	Coderre	N.R.	9.13 2/	7.83	N.R.	61
3BS	Shaunavon	Nil	9.75	7.47	66	61
	Cadillac	Nil	11.17	9.66	65	61
	Aneroid	Nil	8.42	8.84	66	61
3BN	Fennant	.03	12.05	8.65	67	64
	Swift Current	Trace	9.04	9.06	66	62
	Hughton	Trace	6.45 2/	7.97	66	62
4A	Maple Creek	Nil	9.24	8.32	68	63
	Consul	1.09	10.32	6.95	65	61
4B	Roadene	.03	10.35	7.98	66	62
5A	Leross	.04	18.18	8.91	60	60
	Lipton	.05	12.57	8.12	60	60
	Yorkton	.03	18.75	9.17	63	60
	Bangor	Trace	14.52	8.98	64	60
	Dafoe	.07	10.19	7.93	62	58
	Foam Lake	N.R.	9.68 2/	8.82	N.R.	60
5B	Lintlaw	.12	17.42	8.82	60	58
	Kamsack	.02	16.06	8.47	63	59
	Pelly	Nil	13.24	9.15	60	59
	Davidson	.02	9.74	7.26	64	61
	Dilke	N.R.	11.36 2/	7.55	N.R.	N.R.
	Imperial	Trace	9.62	7.26	65	60
6A	Semans	.20	12.32	5.77	62	60
	Strasbourg	.10	13.33	8.14	62	60
	Harris	Nil	6.96 2/	7.85	65	62
	Outlook	Nil	9.31	6.48	67	61
6B	Saskatoon	Trace	6.84	8.39	64	60
	Elbow	Nil	8.41	7.23	66	62
	Tugaske	Nil	11.92	7.23	66	62
	Dundurn	.06	10.49	8.59	65	61
	Eston	N.R.	4.82 2/	6.97	N.R.	61
	Kindersley	Trace	7.87	7.58	65	60
7A	Rosetown	Nil	7.13	8.53	65	60

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Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation			Mean Temperature	
		Week ending	Total	Normal	Week ending 8 a.m.	
		8 a.m. Aug. 17	since April 1	since April 1	Aug. 17 1953	Normal
			inches			degrees F.

SASKATCHEWAN (concluded)

7B	Macklin	Nil	9.07	8.65	64	59
	Scott	Nil	6.98	8.02	64	59
	Biggar	Nil	7.84	8.75	66	61
8A	Mistatim	.40	9.30 2/	8.84	58	59
	Hudson Bay	.28	13.53	8.83	62	61
8B	Humboldt	.05	6.19	7.34	61	59
	Melfort	.16	8.84	8.80	62	61
9A	North Battleford	.03	7.06	8.34	65	62
	Rabbit Lake	.26	9.89	8.76	60	59
	Prince Albert	.43	6.89	8.56	61	61
	Island Falls	.67	7.59	8.98	62	61
9B	Waseca	N.R.	11.21 2/	8.19	N.R.	57
SASKATCHEWAN AVERAGE		.08	11.36	8.42	64.0	61.0

ALBERTA

1	Taber	Nil	10.71	7.03	67	66
	Foremost	Nil	9.15	9.91	68	65
	Winnifred	.09	10.88	6.25	N.R.	N.R.
	Medicine Hat	Nil	11.49	7.40	71	65
	Manyberries	.02	8.25	7.46	68	66
2	Cowley	Trace	15.26	9.16	62	61
	Macleod	.02	16.99	8.28	67	64
	Cardston	Trace	16.85	12.00	61	62
	Lethbridge	.02	10.29	8.24	67	63
	Del Bonita	.04	13.53 2/	9.00	63	63
	Magrath	Nil	11.50	10.11	66	62
3	Vauxhall	.01	9.21 2/	7.15	68	64
	Hays	Nil	10.41	7.02	66	64
	Brooks	Trace	12.58	7.16	65	66
	Bindloss	.15	11.89	6.98	68	64
	Empress	Nil	5.62	7.64	69	65
4	High River	Nil	15.58	10.18	60	59
	Vulcan	Nil	13.79	8.43	N.R.	N.R.
5	Drumheller	.03	9.85	9.03	65	66
	Hanna	Trace	10.02	9.79	64	62
	Naco	Nil	12.46	8.50	64	62
	Oyen	Nil	9.04	6.89	N.R.	N.R.
6	Olds	Nil	14.78	9.87	60	56
	Calgary	.02	14.63	10.15	63	60
	Three Hills	.02	11.81	8.53	64	59
	Strathmore	N.R.	14.00 2/	8.89	N.R.	57
	Gleichen	Nil	11.42	8.31	66	60
	Hussar	Nil	14.88	8.18	N.R.	N.R.

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Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation			Mean Temperature	
		Week ending 8 a.m. Aug. 17	Total since April 1	Normal since April 1	Week ending 8 a.m. Aug. 17 1953	Normal
			inches			degrees F.
ALBERTA (concluded)						
7	Sedgewick	N.R.	5.17 2/	8.81	N.R.	58
	Hardisty	N.R.	2.45 2/	8.87	N.R.	N.R.
	Coronation	Nil	9.01	7.31	64	61
	Hughenden	Trace	10.41	8.25	62	63
8	Red Deer	.09	11.96	11.81	61	57
	Lacombe	Nil	14.03	10.10	66	57
	Wetaskiwin	.98	12.46	9.60	62	59
	Camrose	.86	13.03	9.04	62	59
	Stettler	Trace	11.21 2/	10.23	N.R.	58
9	Jasper	.11	8.20	5.02	60	54
	Rocky Mountain House	.10	18.01	10.56	61	57
	Springdale	N.R.	14.26 2/	12.05	N.R.	56
10	Vegreville	.25	11.27	10.81	63	58
	Vermilion	.66	10.89	10.64	61	57
	Lloydminster	.83	10.40	7.85	58	58
11	Edmonton	.32	16.96	10.37	64	60
12	Edson	.52	12.29	10.17	60	56
	Whitecourt	.11	12.70	10.93	59	57
13	Elk Point	.76	10.35	8.56	63	57
	Lac La Biche	.29	8.27	7.80	64	57
14	Campsie	N.R.	12.86 2/	10.39	N.R.	58
	Athabaska	.07	12.01	9.40	60	57
15	High Prairie	Nil	12.50	8.67	61	59
	Wagner	Nil	8.12	9.45	60	59
16	Beaverlodge	Nil	7.58	7.20	60	58
	Rycroft	N.R.	8.58 2/	6.16	N.R.	58
	Grand Prairie	.04	9.96	8.65	62	58
	Fairview	.03	10.92	6.42	60	59
	Berwyn	Trace	6.85 2/	8.47	60	58
	Fort St. John	.10	10.44	8.36	61	60
ALBERTA AVERAGE		.13	11.71	8.80	63.3	60.1

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1/ Source: Meteorological Service of Canada

2/ Incomplete; not included in average

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