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Ottawa, June 10, 1927, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day a bulletin reporting on the condition of the field crops of Canada at the end of May. The report is compiled from the returns of the Bureau's corps of Crop Correspondents, including practical farmers, bank managers, railway agents and managers of grain elevators. In Manitoba the condition of wheat, oats and barley is considerably below the ten-year average; in Saskatchewan the condition of the same crops is better but still below average; but in Alberta the condition is above average for fall wheat, equal to the average for spring wheat, and only two points below average for oats and barley. For rye in Alberta the condition is as much as 5 points above the ten-year average.

Atlantic Provinces.- The weather during May has been wet and cold with few warm days. Pastures and meadows look well. There still remains some seeding to be done. Orchards are in good condition, and promise a good crop. Frosts during the month have somewhat affected small fruits.

Quebec.- Seeding has been delayed by excessive rainfall, which has also prevented the planting of gardens; so that vegetable crops will be somewhat late. Fruit trees are almost in full bloom, and small fruits have a good appearance. The weather has been cold, but there has been little frost.

Ontario.- Seeding has been delayed by a good deal of wet weather in nearly every part of the province, especially in northern Ontario and also in eastern Ontario where some damage was done to early sown crops. In western Ontario the crops appear to be in good condition, except old alfalfa meadows which suffered from winter-killing. Fall wheat suffered from too much rain, but has recovered somewhat. In northern Ontario the season is late, very little seeding having been done, except on light land. Unfortunately, frost during the last week of May caused injury to the fall wheat crop, to meadows, fruits, and vegetables. The planting of gardens has been delayed. There is a heavy show of blossoms especially on apple, plum and cherry trees; but it appears as if the peach crop will be light, owing to wet weather and frost. Apple scab is occasionally reported, as well as the tent caterpillar. Some injury has also been done by mice to apple-trees. The outlook however is good for apples and small fruits.

Manitoba.- Rainfall and cold weather have delayed seeding operations in many districts. However, wheat seeding is well under way. There appears to be some decrease in the acreage sown. A fair percentage of oats, barley and coarse grains has been sown up to the present. Very few gardens have been planted, as the ground is still too wet in many places. Orchards are in blossom in a few districts. Small fruits have wintered well.

Saskatchewan.- Crop correspondents report backward conditions due to rainy weather, which delayed seeding, particularly on heavy land. Consequently, crops were not as far advanced at the end of the month as in an average year. Early sown wheat, however, had a healthy appearance. The soil was in excellent condition, and the general expectation was that with warm weather in June, crops would make sufficiently rapid growth to bring them up to average or better.

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Alberta.- With plenty of moisture, soil conditions are excellent; so that wheat and oat crops are making good growth. Wheat-seeding is practically completed, and up to 75 p.c. of oats are sown. Vegetables will be late, but some gardens already show good growth. Low-lying lands are suffering somewhat from the wet weather; but conditions have improved with warm days at the end of the month.

British Columbia.- Owing to severe frosts during April, and cool weather during May, the growth of all grain and fodder crops was very backward. Soil moisture conditions are very good, but fine warm weather is needed. Small fruits and vegetables, late strawberries and other small fruits promise a very good yield. Pasturage conditions are excellent, and prospects are that the hay and fodder crops will yield heavily. Cutworms are numerous and are doing considerable damage.

CONDITION EXPRESSED NUMERICALLY

Expressed as a percentage of the average yield per acre for the ten years 1917-26, the condition of the principal field crops on May 31, 1927, for all Canada, was as follows, the figures within brackets representing the condition on the corresponding date in 1926: Fall wheat 93 (83); spring wheat 95 (104); all wheat 95 (103); oats 95 (99); barley 91 (100); fall rye 100 (96); spring rye 98 (100); all rye 100 (97); peas 98 (93); mixed grains 97 (97); hay and clover 100 (94); alfalfa 92 (92); pasture 100 (93). A comparative statement of the numerical condition of field crops at the end of May 1922 to 1927, for (A) Canada and for (B) the three Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, is appended.

CONDITION OF FIELD CROPS AT THE END OF MAY, 1922 - 27.

NOTE. 100 = Average yield per acre for the previous ten years in each case.

A. CANADA

Field Crops	: 1922	: 1923	: 1924	: 1925	: 1926	: 1927
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
CANADA-						
Fall wheat	95	93	97	97	85	93
Spring wheat	101	98	96	102	104	95
All wheat	101	98	96	102	103	95
Oats	101	95	94	99	99	95
Barley	99	94	94	100	100	91
Fall rye	--	--	--	97	96	100
Spring rye	--	--	--	98	100	98
All rye	102	98	92	98	97	100
Peas	100	93	90	97	93	98
Mixed grains	102	96	91	97	97	97
Hay and clover	98	99	96	96	94	100
Alfalfa	102	98	95	97	92	92
Pasture	101	95	91	98	93	100

B. PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
MANITOBA-						
Spring wheat	102	94	92	102	101	86
Oats	101	94	92	100	100	85
Barley	99	91	92	101	100	86
Fall rye	--	--	--	93	94	98
Spring rye	--	--	--	99	98	88
All rye	103	103	95	95	94	97
Peas	100	99	92	96	101	99
Mixed grains	109	99	83	100	100	81
Hay and clover	105	97	86	99	95	90
Alfalfa	102	95	82	98	95	98
Pasture	103	91	83	93	96	97

	: 1922	: 1923	: 1924	: 1925	: 1926	: 1927
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
<u>SASKATCHEWAN-</u>						
Spring wheat	101	98	96	100	104	94
Oats	100	97	95	98	101	95
Barley	100	97	97	98	101	95
Fall rye	--	--	--	97	100	101
Spring rye	--	--	--	98	101	98
All rye	102	96	92	97	100	100
Peas	107	102	--	102	102	94
Mixed grains	93	100	97	99	99	89
Hay and clover	106	97	91	101	102	100
Alfalfa	105	95	91	100	102	100
Pasture	106	92	90	99	103	100
<u>ALBERTA-</u>						
Fall wheat	93	96	92	105	102	101
Spring wheat	103	100	97	107	105	100
All wheat	101	100	96	107	105	100
Oats	99	98	97	104	102	98
Barley	98	99	97	103	102	98
Fall rye	102	97	88	102	102	105
Spring rye	--	--	--	--	--	105
All rye	--	--	--	--	--	105
Peas	100	100	97	103	101	--
Mixed grains	99	98	98	104	105	99
Hay and clover	94	93	95	104	104	104
Alfalfa	93	101	97	104	102	104
Pasture	101	95	93	105	104	105

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