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CONDITION OF FIELD CROPS ON AUGUST 31st, 1921.

Ottawa, September 2, 1921. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the receipt from the Provincial Departments of Agriculture and from the Dominion Experimental Farms and Stations of the following telegrams on the condition of field crops throughout Canada at the end of August.

Atlantic Provinces.- PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Frequent beneficial showers from August 1 to 21st; greatly improved crops last of month; fine harvest nearly completed; Wheat above average; Oats and Barley short thin yield, below average; Roots and Potatoes promise fair crop; Corn and sunflowers good; large Roots above average, season very early no frost. NOVA SCOTIA: (Kentville): Precipitation 0.93 inch for month, never known to be so dry; Roots, Corn and Potatoes reduced to about one half, Fruit not suffering greatly.

(Amherst): August fine throughout; slight improvement in crops; rain needed badly; early cut grain yield 80% Straw light; Roots, Corn and Sunflowers much below average; Potatoes fair, Apples fair, Pastures improved; markets quiet. NEW BRUNSWICK: (Fredericton): Draught was broken on 7th August, 3 in. rain for month has improved prospects for late potatoes, late grain and roots. Oats average 60%; early potatoes 30, late potatoes and roots probably 70%. Apple crop light, quality good. Pastures improved.

Quebec.- (Cap Rouge): Due to the draught of early summer turnips and pastures are poor, whilst mostly all grain will be below the average. Apples and Plums promise well, all ornamental plants look well. Potatoes and Corn for silage are very good. (Ste Anne de La Pocatiere, Total precipitation during month 3.30. Second cutting of clover will be small. Potatoes prospects low. Sunflowers, corn, turnips and beet roots will be excellent. The harvest being completed under favourable conditions, and grain excellent quality. (Lennoxville): Month of August very dry and little cooler second crop clover in blossom, but fields light, Grain threshed, Oats average 30 bushels per acre corn promises heavy field roots coming on well, pastures dry.

Ontario.- The Department of Agriculture Telegraphs: Harvesting complete a week or two earlier than usual, Fall wheat an average yield; Spring wheat, Barley and Oats only about three fourths of an average; Oats poor quality. Potatoes a comparative failure; Roots give fair promise; Corn a record yield and quality; Hay below average yield, Pastures good. (Kapuskaing): For the first part of August weather was cool with showers moisture helping late grain and root crops. The latter part of month warm; and extreme growth results in both grains and clovers which will help out the feed situation in this district which earlier in season was critical.

Manitoba.- The Department of Agriculture Telegraphs: Grain practically all cut; threshing well advanced, unusually heavy loss by hail this summer; considerable rust damage; no frost; cereal yields very patchy. Fodder Corn very good, pastures needing rain somewhat; potatoes variable, but with many good fields. Work very far advanced. (Brandon): Cutting of all grain crops completed and good progress made at threshing. Wheat is averaging about 12 bushels per acre in this district. Oats and Barley are also light. Rains on August 26th. and 27 were first effective rainfalls since June 19 and will help pasture and fall ploughing.

Saskatchewan.- The Department of Agriculture Telegraphs August 22nd. Cutting is now general and threshing has started in many places. Rye is turning out well and yield will be above the average. Slight frost reported at Carlyle and Alameda. (August 29th): Wheat cutting practically completed and 50% of oats cut; threshing started in many places. (Indian Head): Splendid harvest weather. Wheat and Barley all cut, Oats 50% cut; some threshing done; yield good, sample under average. Wheat will average 20 bushels, Barley 45 and Oats 65. Prospects good except in districts struck by hail. (Rosthern): No rain after 10th and no frost. Cutting done under ideal conditions. All grain high grade. Threshing beginning and will be general on the 4th. (Scott): Weather favourable for harvesting operations. Wheat cutting well on way to completion. First threshing returns indicate 20 bushels of Wheat per acre for a number of districts. Oats give promise of a fair yield. Has been slight damage from sawfly. Autumn frosts have held off.

Alberta.- (Lacombe): August weather bright and warm with less than inch rain crops ripened too fast to fill well, but yields above average Harvest week early and no frost, rust or insect damage. Wheat and Barley 90% cut, Oats 80, estimated yields for district wheat 25, Barley 40, Oats 60 Bushels. (Lethbridge): No extremes in temperature recorded. Harvesting in full swing in southern Alberta and in many districts threshing has started. Every district is harvesting some grain. Seeding of Fall Rye delayed by prevalence of grasshoppers.

British Columbia.- The Department of Agriculture Telegraphs:- First 15 days of month warm and in most places very dry. Frequent showers during last half of month. Harvesting now general throughout province. Yield of Wheat and Oats heavier than average. Slight loss on Vancouver Island to grain crops owing to rains during harvesting. Potato crop will be lighter than usual owing to drought during July and early part of August. Other vegetables in excellent condition. Fruit crops two weeks ahead of average season. Crop will possibly exceed last years production. (Agassiz): August precipitation 1.81 in. most fell since 17th. Harvesting 50% completed. Unharvested grain badly lodged by rains. Very little threshing done. Yields about normal. All grain not under cover in danger of ruin by rains similar to last year. Roots good; Corn not maturing well. (Invermere) Second cutting on hay being harvested in fine weather. Cereals turning out good despite dry heat and wind. Corn, Sunflower and Roots promise average yield. Wasps have practically devoured Raspberry crop. Other small fruit only fair owing to insect pests. Tree fruit failure owing to spring frost. (Summerland): Good rains middle of month helped moisture situation. Irrigation water about at end. Apple crop heavy and of good quality. Last Hay crop has been light. Root crops promise well. Corn and Sunflowers for silage cut and good yield.

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