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CROP CONDITIONS ON AUGUST 31, 1923.

Ottawa, September 4, 1923. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to day the following telegraphic reports on the condition of field crops in Canada at the end of August 1923.

Prince Edward Island.- From the Dominion Experimental Farm at Charlottetown, Sept. 1: "Weather during August was fine with moderate temperatures. Light showers occurred on eight days. Hay crop above average, well saved. Cereals late. Heavy crop. Barley only grain started cutting. Roots and potatoes promise full crops. Fruit below average. Vegetables excellent".

Nova Scotia.- From the Dominion Experimental Farms: Kentville, Aug. 31: "Haying has been delayed greatly because of rain. Grass has remained green, and good quality hay has generally been secured. Grains are good with little lodging so far. Corn below average; roots fair; potatoes good with no evidence of blight. Some loss of fruit by wind. Fruit average crop of good quality, probably slightly undersize."

Amherst, Aug. 31: "Weather for August unsettled. Precipitation recorded on 15 days. Week ending 18th dull and rainy. Haying slow; crop above average; 25 p.c. still uncut. Roots, grain, flax and hemp made splendid growth. Pasture, sunflowers, vegetables fair; corn poor."

New Brunswick.- From the Dominion Experimental Farm, Fredericton, Aug. 31: "Cold, damp weather has checked growth of forage, corn and sunflowers. Turnips backward but making rapid growth. Mangolds poor; grain late. Prospects of splendid grain crop, especially oats. Potatoes good. Apples light crop, especially late varieties. Pastures poor; very poor aftermath. Live stock in fair condition".

Quebec.- From the Quebec Bureau of Statistics, Aug. 30: "Cold and drought have considerably delayed the cereal harvest, which has hardly begun in lower Quebec. Recent rains have benefited all crops, especially potatoes and vegetables in general. The oat and barley harvest will be very good, that of wheat, peas, rye and buckwheat less good. Potatoes are abundant and the yield will be considerable. Tobacco, flax and corn are poor. Apples and other fruits will be under average. Roots and vegetables promise well. Pastures have regained vigour. If September should be sunny the harvest will be abundant, but less so in certain northern districts and in the lower part of the river."

Ontario.- From the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Aug. 29: "Fall wheat, spring wheat and barley better than average; yields fair quality. Oats poorer in yield and quality. Beans about average. Hay big crop, except in the north. Pastures were very dry, but recent rains have improved them. Corn and roots also picking up, but potatoes few and small from drought. Prospects for winter keep of live stock encouraging".

Manitoba.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden, Aug. 31: "Cereals are cut and nearly all threshed. The district wheat average is 11 bushels, oats 36 bushels, barley 23 bushels, fall rye 12 bushels. Fodder corn is ripening and being ensiled. Potatoes are average crop. Pastures are much improved since July".

Saskatchewan.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current, Aug. 31: "Wheat 40 p.c. cut; considerable rust damage, grades will be lower than last year. This district may average 20 to 25 bushels on acreage cut. Oats 20 p.c. cut, crop good. Some rye threshed, yield 10 to 15 bushels. Ensilage and fodder crops good. No frost damage."

Alberta.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge, Aug. 31: "Showers for part of August interfered somewhat with haying and harvesting. Last wheat ideal. 60 p.c. grain cut. Considerable lodging near foothills. Southeastern part of province crop lighter. Threshing started, but not enough done to verify estimate of yield. Quality of wheat excellent, grading one and two, mostly one."

British Columbia.- From the Department of Agriculture, Victoria, Aug. 31: "Threshings of grain show all cereals to be above their respective

average yields, oats especially which in many localities is averaging from 60 to 80 bushels per acre. Showery weather in some districts delayed harvesting somewhat, but occasioned no particular loss. Pasturage conditions excellent. Fruit, vegetables and potatoes above average."

WHEAT, FLAX AND OATS IN ARGENTINA, 1923-24.

Ottawa, September 4, 1923. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the receipt to-day of a cablegram from the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Buenos Aires, communicating the following official estimate of the areas sown to wheat, flaxseed and oats in Argentina for the season 1923-24: Wheat 17,026,000 acres, as compared with 16,081,000 acres in 1922-23 and with 16,143,000 acres, the annual average for the five years 1916-17 to 1920-21; flaxseed 4,819,000 acres, as compared with 4,049,000 acres in 1922-23 and with 3,373,000 acres, the five-year average; oats 2,619,000 acres, as compared with 2,618,000 acres in 1922-23 and with 2,613,000 acres, the five-year average.

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