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CROP CONDITIONS ON AUGUST 31, 1924.

Ottawa, September 3, 1924, 4 p.m. 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 1924.

Prince Edward Island.- From the Dominion Experimental Farm at Charlottetown, Sept. 1: "August was showery. Grain short in straw, but well filled crop. two thirds cut. Potatoes, corn and roots promise yields above average. Large fruit light. Vegetables full crop. Pastures poor, but recovering from drought".

Nova Scotia.- From the Dominion Experimental Farms: Kentville, August 30: "Harvesting of grain is well advanced; straw is short but grain well filled. Yield is about average. Early potatoes are light because of dry July and early August. Late potatoes doing nicely because of recent rains and promise a good yield; roots and corn good; apples light, about 50 p.c. of last year, but of good size". Amherst, Sept. 1: "Season up to end of July very dry, resulting upland hay about two thirds crop. Marsh land slightly below average. Wheat did not stool; prospects 85 p.c. crop. Oats and barley average, but straw short. Corn and sunflowers about 35 p.c. Recent rains been very beneficial to latter also turnip crop, which will be good average. Potatoes generally fair. Small fruit below average. Recent rains have improved pastures and aftermath, likewise hastened ripening of grain harvest well under way."

New Brunswick.- From the Dominion Experimental Farm, Fredericton, August 30: "Ideal growing weather; corn and sunflowers heavy but immature. Potatoes fair; tubers rather scarce. Turnips promising. Apples splendid crop. Early sown grain has light straw but well filled grain. Late sown grain has very heavy straw. Good catches of grass seed. Pastures poor".

Quebec.- From the Quebec Bureau of Statistics, August 30: "Summer rainy and ripening very slow. Hay cutting is not yet finished. Cereals promise well, but in general are still standing, except in the Eastern Townships, where conditions have greatly improved. Pastures excellent. Vegetables, potatoes and fruits abundant".

Ontario.- From the Ontario Department of Agriculture, August 29: "All cereal crops are threshing out well, but harvesting has been much delayed by frequent rains and there has been some grain sprouting in the stock. Roots are very promising. Potatoes large yield with little rot. Early apples a fair yield; winter varieties scarce. Peaches a light crop. August pastures excellent with good milk flow. Plenty of grain hay and straw for wintering live stock. Corn backward but may yet be a fair crop for the silo."

Manitoba.- From the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, September 1: "Wheat two-fifths cut in southern Manitoba, just beginning in north. Rye and barley cutting well along; slight local August frosts, damage relatively small. Hail loss slight; rust damage negligible in most of Manitoba but some loss in places. July and August cool and showery. Grain plump; straw average. Pastures good". Brandon, August 31: "Wheat cutting started last week of August in southern districts; next week in north. Rust has reduced cropsome, but is patchy and hard to estimate. Some frost damage in north. Estimate yield at about 18 bushels. Oats good but late. Barley ripe, mostly good crop". Morden, August 30: "Wheat cutting completed. Threshing general. Cereal yields are better than for several years, some fields of Marquis yielding 40 bushels. All cereals good, crops. Corn late but prospects good for some ripe seed. Root crops excellent".

Saskatchewan.- From the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, August 25: "Crops throughout the province have made steady progress during the last two weeks; the best crops are in the southern part of the province; a marked improvement however is apparent in the east central and the northern districts, and some fair yields of wheat are expected. In the central and west central districts the early drought was more severe and the crops generally will be light. The weather during the last two weeks was cool and showery, which generally retarded the ripening process. Eye cutting was general during the third week of August. Only a small acreage of wheat has been cut, but with favourable weather wheat cutting will be general about the end of August. The wheat stem sawfly has done slight damage in some districts. Rust is reported in a few districts, but very little damage is apparent." From the Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current, August 30: "South main line wheat cutting beginning. Probable yields ten to thirty bushels. Empress branch crops earlier. Much lighter yields nothing to fifteen bushels. Later rains have improved feed situation. Oats generally fair to poor crops. Cold wind to-day may bring frost. Many crops would be damaged."

Alberta.- From the Department of Agriculture, August 30: "Harvesting of the wheat crop is proceeding now in Alberta under varied conditions. In southern portions of the province, the cutting is from 15 to 25 p.c. completed, while in the central and northern districts harvesting operations have just commenced, and will not be general for a fortnight. In the southern areas late rains have improved the grain crops somewhat and warm weather has aided the filling process to such an extent that yields in some districts will be larger than at first anticipated. Notwithstanding the late rains, however, there is a very large area in southeastern Alberta where the yields will be extremely light, and where much of what grain there is will be cut with headers. This process is now going on, and has been somewhat hampered in many districts by a heavy growth of weeds which has developed as a result of the late rains." From the Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station at Lethbridge, September 2: "The general rains in August greatly improved feed situation as at end July. Yield of late seeded coarse grains will be materially improved but effect on wheat beyond better filling will not be much. My personal estimate wheat production for Alberta is 40 p.c. of last year's crop, or 66,734,000 bushels."

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