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CROP CONDITIONS AT THE END OF AUGUST, 1926.

Ottawa, September 3, 1926, 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, 1926.

Prince Edward Island.- Dominion Experimental Farm, Charlottetown, August 31: "Cereals already harvested well filled. Growth of straw about average. Later seedings filling well, and straw above average. Slight damage from rust of oats reported from some sections. Potatoes roots and pastures above average. Corn average. Apples and plums below average."

Nova Scotia.- Dominion Experimental Farm, Amherst, August 31: "Weather during month was unfavourable for good growth, being extremely dry throughout, although corn, sunflowers and roots have made satisfactory progress. Hay on upland yielded slightly below average; on well cultivated fields and marsh it was above average. Pastures beginning to show effect of dry weather. Fruit crop only fair, but clean." Kentville, August 31: "Nearly one inch rain on eighth brought along grain crops rapidly and revived potato crops, which however will be light. Grains filling well with fair to good crops. Some oats harvested. Root crops fair to good. Corn has grown well. Pastures short, but rain on 29th will do much good. Apples growing well with indications of fair yield of above average quality."

New Brunswick.- Dominion Experimental Farm, Fredericton, August 31: "Wet month, backward season. Heavy straw on grain. Oats promising, barley and wheat poor. Bad stem rust. Corn extremely light and immature. Potatoes and roots good. Apples splendid crop. Good patches of grass seed. Pastures good."

Quebec.- Quebec Bureau of Statistics, August 31: "Cereal harvest well forward in the counties of Chateauguay, Portneuf, Terrebonne and Laval, and has begun in several other counties. Elsewhere the harvest has been delayed by the late cold spring. The condition of cereals varies between excellent and good, but is poor in a few localities where oats have been scalded or their ripening has been delayed. Corn both for husking and for fodder will also be poor. Vegetables will give an excellent yield this year. Apples and plums will be abundant, except in certain localities. All cereals, as well as potatoes, and especially the pastures, have suffered somewhat from drought, but in certain districts oats and barley have suffered from rain. The condition of pastures is average. The local market is generally good."

Ontario.- Ontario Department of Agriculture reports August 31: "Bad harvest weather prevailed until August 28. Large quantities of grain including fall wheat in stock and some of it sprouting, though this injury to date has not been serious. Week of August 22 harvest at a standstill, stooks saturated and ground soft. Hauling recommended on August 30 with clear weather. There is considerable grain to be cut in central and western Ontario and a great deal of it is badly down and tangled. In northern districts and in part of the eastern section the greater part of the crop is uncut. Threshing is general in fall wheat areas. While the average will be below last year some fields are turning out very well, yields of from 50 to 60 bushels per acre having been reported. Barley is a very satisfactory crop, but rust is taking a serious toll of oats, particularly in late sown fields. Alfalfa seed cut previous to August 21 by binder is sprouting in centre of sheaves. The general cutting of this crop, however, did not commence until last week. Large areas remain uncut. As most of this crop is threshed from the field, the grain crops will probably

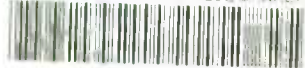
remain out until alfalfa has been harvested. Corn has made wonderful growth during the month but considerable of it has been beaten down by storms. Large areas of turnips were seriously damaged by aphids, but these have disappeared and considerable recovery has been made, although many fields were ploughed under. Special crops, like beans and tobacco have made excellent growth, but are suffering from excessive moisture in some places. Pastures are luxuriant and conditions have been favourable for the preparation of wheat land and fall ploughing. Some fall wheat has been seeded in Temiskaming, Bruce and some other counties in western Ontario."

Manitoba.- Manitoba Department of Agriculture, August 31: "Considerable rain past three weeks delaying work somewhat. Wheat, barley and flax yielding very well. Oats lighter. Some very high wheat yields; no rust damage. Early crops in stook, but some late crops still uncut. Threshing nicely begun. Quality of grain high. Pastures satisfactory. Fodder corn, fair. Sunflowers good." Dominion Experimental Stations, Brandon, September 1: "Threshing commenced; yield and quality of wheat highly satisfactory in most districts. Oats and barley lighter due to drought and rust. Fodder corn greatly improved and potatoes promise big yield, except in northern district." Morden, August 31: "Threshing is general. Wet weather caused some sprouting in stook. Yields a good average, except oats. Estimate wheat 22 bushels, barley 44, oats 50, flax 16, fall rye 21; late oats and wheat much rusted. Roots good. Corn fair."

Saskatchewan.- Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, August 24: "Cutting is now from 35 to 40 p.c. completed. The weather during the past week has been showery and cutting has been delayed in many parts, particularly in the south. Practically no threshing has been done, and very few correspondents venture a forecast of the yield of wheat, but it is apparent that the rains in early August have benefited the crops, and that the yields in general will be better than expected at the beginning of the month. Hail and sawfly damage is apparent in many districts, otherwise the crops in general have not suffered materially from any cause during the last two weeks. Frost is reported at some points in the northern part of the province, but it is too early to determine the extent of the damage. Although rust is visible in one or two districts, no apparent damage has resulted. The estimates of the yield of fall rye vary considerably, with the average from 18 to 20 bushels per acre. Pastures were becoming fairly dry, but the recent rains have greatly improved their condition, and live stock generally are reported in very fair condition. Potatoes show considerable variation in condition, and it is likely that the yield will be less than last year." Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current, August 31: "Cutting finished, threshing just starting; no threshing returns available. Wheat cut before mid August has lost one or two grades. Oat crop poor."

Alberta.- Alberta Department of Agriculture, August 31: "Harvesting about one-third done, with rain interfering seriously with operations and likely to reduce quality of grain; otherwise condition satisfactory for a good crop. Some shortage of harvest help is reported. Oats and barley benefited somewhat by rain, but slow in ripening." Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge, August 31: "Rains in southern Alberta last few days interfered with harvest operations in part of province south of Calgary. Sixty p.c. cutting completed. Threshing has begun but range of yields in various districts is so wide that it is impossible to make estimates of the average yield. Sugar beet outlook good."

British Columbia.- B.C. Department of Agriculture, August 31: "Every indication points to a record crop of high quality fruit. All vegetable crop are doing excellently. The yield of potatoes is not as heavy as was generally anticipated, and some potatoes have been abandoned, owing to second growth. Considerable split will occur in the tomato crop from now on owing to recent rains. The last crop of alfalfa and all pastures will receive great benefit from the showers of the past two weeks. Harvesting of all cereal crops well advanced, and yields are generally good."



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