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CROP CONDITIONS AT THE END OF AUGUST, 1928.

Ottawa, September 4, 1928, 4 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the receipt of the following telegrams on the condition of crops in Canada at the end of August.

Prince Edward Island.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown:- August temperatures highest 90, lowest 50, mean 65.613. Rainfall 3.88, sunshine 181.7 hrs. August weather favourable for harvest. Haying completed with heavier yield than estimated. Most cereals were cut early. Crops are above average. Blight is showing but potato crop is growing well and should yield above average. Roots and pastures are good. Fruit crop will be light.

Nova Scotia.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Amherst:- Ideal weather prevailed for entire month. Hay better than average, 75 p.c. harvested. Grain average, ripening fast, 50 p.c. harvested. Root and silage crops excellent. Pastures good, but need rain. Maximum 89, minimum 43, mean 64.81, precipitation 1.92 inches, sunshine 167.4 hours.

New Brunswick.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton:- Wet month. Considerable hay, especially on interval lands, not made! Grain slow maturing, heavy straw, considerable lodging. Good catch grasses and clover on new seeded lands. Potatoes heavy crop, but blighting badly in some sections. Roots and vegetables good crop. Apples average. Pastures good. Livestock in good condition.

Quebec.- From the Provincial Bureau of Statistics, September 1:- Haymaking is not yet over in the Eastern Townships. The hay crop is rather poor in Montreal district and the Eastern Townships, while it is heavy elsewhere though slightly damaged by excessive rains. Harvesting of cereals is beginning which will be heavy in the Eastern Townships but only in the average in other parts of the province. Potatoes have suffered of too much rain and blight has resulted where the fields were not sprayed with Bordeaux mixture. In Montreal district the tobacco crop will be very satisfactory. Haymaking is not yet through in the North but cereals are highly promising. With two weeks more of fine weather, cereals should ripen and give a very good harvest. Vegetables are plenty, and with more sun, potatoes should be a good harvest, the tubers being abundant and sound. While vegetation is generally from three to four weeks ahead in the Eastern Townships, as compared with the lower St. Lawrence, it is in a reversed condition, this summer, and Gaspé and Bonaventure are much ahead for the present.

Ontario.- From the Ontario Department of Agriculture, August 31:- Weather conditions favourable for harvesting in Ontario in central and southern districts. Cutting of grain crops practically completed, 40 p.c. standing in stooks. Threshing general. Fall wheat yielding above expectations, barley above average. Oats light for amount of straw in many districts. Pastures excellent. Cutting of second crop alfalfa has commenced, excellent stand. Bean pulling has started, also early tobacco preparation. Wheat land and fall plowing below normal. Labour scarce.

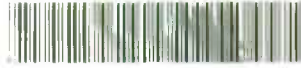
Manitoba.- From the Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon:- Most grain crops cut and a considerable percentage stooked. Threshing delayed by showers until last days of month. A small amount of wheat threshed, grading No. 2 northern. Heavy yield expected in most districts. Some frost damage to field corn and tender vegetables on August 24. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden: Threshing general, with yields about average. Fall rye poor owing to wet and heat at critical period. Wheat from 8 to 38 bushels, oats 45 to 80, barley 25 to 50 bushels. Grades of wheat No. 1 to No. 2 northern. Corn, second crop alfalfa and roots developing well.

Saskatchewan.- From the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture:- With weather generally favourable for work in the field, cutting has made good progress and is now well advanced. Wheat cutting is from 75 to 80 p.c. completed and harvesting of coarse grains is also well under way. Only a small percentage has been threshed. Frosts of varying degrees are reported in many districts, but it is impossible to estimate the extent of damage until the crop is threshed. It is serious in some areas, but generally appears patchy. While the loss will show mainly in grades, the yield in late fields of both wheat and coarse grains will undoubtedly be affected. From the Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current: Wheat harvesting 60 p.c. finished. Late crop damaged in both yield and grade by frost, August 22. Much of early crop will lose from 1 to 3 grades but will yield fairly well. Average wheat yield of district will probably exceed 20 bushels.

Alberta.- From the Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge: Frost on night of August 13 did material damage to wheat in lowering grades in certain areas of Southern Alberta, but probably 30 p.c. of area south of Calgary escaped damage. Twenty percent of wheat cut. Many swathers in use which are bustering harvest operations. Late grain ripening slowly.

British Columbia.- From the British Columbia Department of Agriculture: August weather ideal for harvesting grains. All fruits are sizing and ripening fast. Harvesting about 70 p.c. completed and threshing well advanced. Yield of grains generally above average. The dry weather has been favourable to vegetable crops, but rain is needed for root crops and pastures. Hop picking in full progress. Tobacco harvesting has commenced.

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