

OFFICIAL REPORT ON CROPS.

A bulletin on the condition of field crops in Canada, compiled from data supplied by correspondents in all parts of the Dominion at the end of July, has been issued from the Census and Statistics Office. The bulletin states that good rains which fell generally throughout Canada during July have improved the outlook, and on July 31 the condition of all grain crops was favorable, with the exception of fall wheat in Ontario and in Alberta, where this crop never fully recovered from the effects of the exceptionally severe winter. Fall sown wheat represents, however, only a comparatively small proportion, viz., 7 p.c., of the total area under wheat. The condition of spring wheat is 83 p.c. of the standard for the whole of Canada; it is above 90 in the two extreme provinces of Prince Edward Island and British Columbia and between 80 and 90 in each of the other provinces, excepting Ontario where it is just below 80 and in Quebec where it falls to 70. Oats, barley, rye, mixed grains and flaxseed are all marked above 80 for Canada as a whole,

and for each province except Quebec the range is between 80 and 90 and in certain cases even above 90. In Quebec the condition is lower, being between 70 and 80. Buckwheat in the Maritime provinces shows over 85; but in Ontario and Quebec the averages for this crop are respectively 75 and 73. Corn for husking is 70.37 and for fodder 73.19 for Canada, the condition being comparatively low in Ontario and Quebec owing to the cold and wet weather of the early part of the summer. The condition of potatoes, turnips, mangolds and other root crops is generally excellent, the figures being above 80 for Canada and either approaching or exceeding 90 in the Northwest provinces and in British Columbia. Only in Quebec are the prospects unfavourable, the condition being little above 70. Hay and clover crops are excellent upon the whole, Quebec being again the exception. The condition is especially high in the Northwest provinces and in British Columbia. Sugar beets are given as 77.17 in Ontario and 86.50 in Alberta. In Quebec the condition of all crops is below that of the other eight provinces.

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