

The Crops.

M. & N. W. R. REPORT.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company's report for two weeks ending the 18th of August, is as follows:

Westbourne—Most of the barley is cut, and wheat cutting is almost general, being from one week to 10 days earlier than last year. About an average crop all round; sample expected to be good. Some little damage done to wheat and oats by hail. Yield of wheat expected to be 25 bushels to the acre as compared with 22 last year, and a much better sample.

Gladstone—Harvesting has been somewhat hindered by the recent rains. Cutting is now general and if the present favorable weather continues the wheat will be all cut in eight or ten days. Damage by hail very slight. Yield of wheat estimated to be 15 to 20 bushels to the acre, about the same as last year.

Arden—The grain is ripening fast, is turning out well and is a good sample. Cutting commenced the first of the week, but will not be general until Monday next. If the cool weather continues harvesting may be delayed a little, but this will improve the sample which may be a little light in places. The wheat yield will be a large increase over last year, estimated 15 bushels to the acre as compared with 8 last year. Oats and barley will also be a large increase over last year.

Neepawa—Wheat cutting has commenced and will be general next week. The yield will not be quite as large as was expected owing to long continued dry weather; estimated yield 18 bushels to the acre as compared with 22 last year; a small proportion of the heads are blighted. Samples so far appear very good. A small strip to the south was hailed out, but that is all the damage known in this district from hail. No frost whatever. Oats are turning out a light crop and will be below last year. The acreage of barley is small, about the same as last year; yield fair and sample good.

Minnedosa—Crops are ripening fast and will be ready to cut in a few days. Some cutting has already been done. Harvest will be about a week earlier than last year. Yield of wheat will probably be 15 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats and barley thirty per acre.

Rapid City—Harvesting is almost general, this is four to six days earlier than last year. Grain of all kinds is a good sample. Wheat will yield from 15 to 20 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats and barley from 25 to 30. Hail storm of 12th did not do as much damage as thought at first.

Newdale—Harvesting of wheat and barley will start the last of this week; average yield estimated from 35 to 40 bushels per acre as compared with from 20 to 25 bushels to the acre last year. Oats will be cut next week and average yield will be from 45 to 55 bushels to the acre. Sample of all kinds of grain could not be better.

Strathclair—Some farmers have already commenced cutting wheat, but it will not be general until next week. The yield of the various kinds of grain promises to be large and considerably better than last year. Yield of wheat estimated 18 bushels to the acre as compared with 15 last year. The sample will be good if the present favorable weather continues. The rains of last week helped much in filling the grain. No damage from hail or frost.

Shoal Lake—Harvest will be general in this district next week. This is a week earlier than last year. Wheat and barley cutting commenced yesterday in some places. The cool weather will probably keep grain back a little if it continues, but some of the wheat will improve by cool weather in the filling out. Yield will be fair; wheat will average about 20 bushels to the acre as compared with 18 last year; oats 40 to 50, and barley 35, which is an increase over last year.

Birtle—Weather very favorable and all kinds of grain ripening fast. About 15 per cent of the wheat is out. Yield estimated 15 bushels to the acre as compared with 18 last year. No damage by hail or frost. Oats are ready to cut; yield estimated from 35 to 45 bushels per acre.

Blisscarth—Harvesting is general in this district. Yield of wheat estimated 15 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Weather favorable.

Russell—Harvesting is now general. The grain is ripening very rapidly and all kinds will be ready to cut as fast as the farmers can get at it. Recent rains have retarded the ripening somewhat, but farmers generally claim that will be a benefit rather than otherwise, allowing the grain to fill out more. With continued favorable weather the sample will be good and yield about 18 bushels to the acre, the same as last year.

Langenburg—Wheat is much improved since last report. About one-third of wheat is cut already, it is fully seven to ten days ahead of last year at this time. Yield estimated at 20 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats are turning fast and a few farmers have cut. Harvest will be general next week.

Saltcoats—Harvesting has commenced here and will be general by end of week. Wheat is a very good sample, much better than last year, and will yield probably 20 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats will probably yield 40 bushels to the acre. Weather favorable for harvest.

Yorkton—Harvesting is general here; about quarter of the wheat is cut. Farmers report an average crop and yield about 25 bushels to the acre as compared with 30 last year. Oat cutting has just commenced, fully as good as last year and will yield probably 50 bushels to the acre. Weather could not be more favorable.

THE N. P. CROP REPORT.

The crop report of the Northern Pacific Railway company for the week ending Aug. 19th, is as follows:

Brandon—We had a good rain last Friday, which stopped cutting for a day or two. It was accompanied by hail in some sections, but no damage done here. The weather is fine now and everybody busy cutting.

Rounthwaite—The harvesting of wheat is now general. The yield promises to be good. Oats are looking better after the heavy rains of last week, but will still be a light crop. Most of the hay is stacked, but what remains will be poor on account of damp weather. Vegetables are growing fine.

Wawanesa—Weather during the early part of last week has been cold with heavy rains, latter part cloudy and warm. Harvest is now general in this vicinity. The yield will be about 20 bushels per acre. No damage by hail or frost.

Hilton—At time of writing cutting is general in this district. The showery weather of the past week has retarded harvest operations somewhat. It is reported by some of the farmers that these late rains are bringing on the late crops wonderfully. The wheat crop taken as a whole is rather thin, but with large heads and well filled.

Belmont—Weather fine and harvest started in general first of this week. Good average crop is promised. No damage yet from frost or hail. Some localities show some blight but not to any great extent. Average yield will be about twenty bushels per acre and wheat is of a good grade.

Bakker—Wheat cutting is now in full swing. Weather very favorable at present, chiefly cloudy, light southwest to south-east winds. Heavy rains on 14th inst. No damage reported.

Somerset—Wheat cutting is in full swing here; some barley has also been cut. Oats green yet and the crop will be light. Had cold wet weather from Friday to Monday last which kept grain from ripening, but weather at present is very good and one more week of good weather all wheat will be fit to cut.

Miami—Harvesting is progressing finely. One-third of the wheat already cut. No damage as yet.

Rosebank—The rain of last week delayed harvesting till Monday, but it is now well under way all over the district. Wheat is expected to average 18 to 20 bus. per acre. Oats are also a good crop.

Roland—During the past week the weather has been warm and fine and harvesting is going ahead most favorably. Fully 25 per cent of the wheat crop is already cut.

Morris—Farmers are now at the wheat, a good many of them cutting; about Monday next cutting will be general. Have had several showers during the fore part of the week and nights have been very cool. Thermometer went very near frost point last night. Barley about fifty per cent cut, and wheat 35 per cent. Oats in some places quite green yet.

St. Jean—Thursday night, August 12th, hard rain; Friday and Friday night, August 13th, light rain. Saturday and Saturday night, August 14th, light rain. Balance of the week clear and pleasant. Farmers are harvesting.

Letellier—Cutting is now in full swing in this vicinity. We have had no frost or hail and are having splendid harvest weather. While the yield will not be quite as large as was at first expected, it is thought wheat will average between 15 and 20 bushels to the acre while oats and barley are a splendid crop. Threshing will commence in two weeks time.

Emerson—Harvesting in full blast. Frequent light showers since last report. Slight frost last night. No damage reported from hail or frost.

Portage la Prairie—Since last report harvesting has been somewhat delayed by unfavorable weather, but there has been no damage in any way. From now on harvesting may be said to be general. I am informed that the berry is very plump and large this season and requires to be carefully handled to avoid shelling out.

K. S. A. Graburn, late of the Merchants' bank, has been appointed cashier of the Winnipeg agency of the Equitable Life Insurance company, and has arrived from the east to assume his duties.