

last of the week, or the beginning of next.

Indian Head—A considerable number of farmers have commenced cutting wheat, and if the present favorable weather continues, will be general by the end of the week. No frost has as yet been reported.

Sintaluta—Cutting is progressing slowly; the weather is rainy and crops are not ripening rapidly. The grain shows a magnificent sample. No frost yet.

Qu'Appelle—Cutting will start in a few days, and is expected to be general by the end of the week. The weather has been favorable, with a heavy rain on Saturday night.

Regina—The weather has been favorable and crops are doing well. Cutting commenced this morning. A good yield is expected.

Pense—Grain is ripening steadily. The weather has been cloudy and cool, but no damage has been done. Some wheat has been cut.

Moose Jaw—Warm and favorable weather prevailed last week. Cutting will be general next week. Crops are good.

EMERSON BRANCH.

Emerson—Harvesting is under way and the weather is clear.

Dominion City—The weather of the past week has been favorable. Wheat cutting commenced early in the week and is now general.

SMALLER BRANCHES.

Selkirk—The weather has been wet and harvesting has been delayed. Farmers will start cutting by the end of the present week. An average yield of twenty bushels of wheat per acre is expected.

Stony Mountain—Considerable barley has been cut. Wheat cutting will be general this week and harvesting in full blast. No injury has been reported as yet from any cause.

Storowall—Grain of all kinds has ripened rapidly. Farmers are harvesting barley so as to be ready for wheat next week.

Pipestone—Wheat during the past week has ripened well. Cutting is now general. Eighteen bushels per acre is expected for wheat and also a fair crop of oats and barley.

Reston—Harvesting is general. The wheat is in fine order; no damage by frost.

PEMBINA BRANCH.

LaSalle—Weather continues favorable for harvesting operations with the exception of two light showers, causing half a day's delay in each case. Prospects have never been brighter.

Morrison—Harvesting starts today and will be general about Thursday. The weather during the past week has been cool with some rain. No damage yet.

Rosenfeld—Weather has been favorable during the past week. Wheat will be nearly all cut this week and average 24 or 25 bushels per acre. Flax is a splendid crop and there is a large acreage.

Altona—Wheat cutting is general; sample is good; weather cool.

Greta—Weather since last report has been very favorable. Wheat cutting is now general.

Plum Coulee—Barley is all cut; wheat cutting began on Wednesday last and is general today. No damage of any kind as yet.

Winkler—Harvesting is general this morning.

Morden—Weather of the past week has been fine. Harvesting is general. No reports of any damage in any way.

Thornhill—Cutting commenced and will be general by the last of the week. Weather cool and favorable. One light shower during the past week.

Manitou—Weather of last week fine for crops. A shower fell on Saturday night. Cutting general this week.

Larivière—Weather is favorable; cutting is general this week; crops looking well.

Cyril City—Cutting is general today. Weather favorable. Yield of wheat is expected to average about 18 bushels.

Clearwater—The past week has been favorable to the wheat harvest; cutting is general.

Cartwright—Weather of past week has been fine. Cutting wheat today; will be general by end of week.

Hornfield—Wheat is maturing rapidly. Some cutting done today; will be general next week.

Killarney—Harvest commenced; weather fine.

Ninga—Harvest is about commencing. All grain in fine condition, and will yield about as expected. Weather fine, with a few local showers.

Boissevain—Weather of past week has been cool, with showers last two days. Barley and oat cutting will be general this week, and wheat next week.

Deloraine—Weather grand, and late sown crops much improved. Wheat cutting began on Wednesday last, and is now general.

SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Starbuck—Cutting wheat in this locality now general. Wheat turning out pretty heavy.

Elm Creek—Harvest is general in this district. Weather during the past week has been favorable for ripening. A heavy yield is expected.

Carman—Weather continues very favorable for maturing crops. A number of farmers are cutting. Wheat harvesting will be general this week. Laborers are scarce.

Rathwell—Weather past week a little cool for grain to mature fast, but cutting is general in this district to-day.

Treherne—Cutting is general here. About ten per cent. of wheat was cut last week. Average yield of twenty-five bushels is expected. No frost.

Cypress River—Weather is favorable. Wheat cutting has commenced, and will be general at the end of the week. Anticipated yield twenty-two bushels. No frost.

Methven—Weather last week has been favorable to crops. Some cutting is done. It will be general this week. Average about twenty bushels. Sample good.

Glenboro—Crops in fine condition; ripening fast. Harvesting will be general by the middle of the week. A large yield is expected. No damage.

Nesbitt—Harvesting has commenced, but will not be general for a few days. Weather is very favorable.

Carroll—Some cutting has been done, and it will be general this week. Crops are looking well. Weather favorable.

SOUTHS BRANCH.

Souris—Harvesting will be general this week. Weather is most favorable to proper filling of the grain.

Hartney—Weather of past week has been favorable for crop. Harvesting is general this week. No frost as yet.

Napinka—Cutting is general this week. Weather favorable.

Pierson—Weather was favorable last week. Ten per cent. of the cutting is done, and will be general to-day.

Elva—Harvest has just commenced. Weather favorable. Cutting will be general in a few days.

Carleton—Quite a little cutting was done last week and becomes general to-day. Weather favorable with heavy rain on Saturday night.

Carnduff—Weather is still favorable for the ripening of grain. Had very heavy rains Saturday night. About ten per cent. of the wheat is cut. Cannot say the probable average yield.

Gainsboro—Harvesting will be general this week. Light showers during the week.

Oxbow—Weather of the past week has been favorable for harvesting. Wheat cutting is now general.

EDMONTON BRANCH.

Olds—Crops are reported in good condition. Heavy thunder storm in south yesterday.

Smitsburg—Prospect improving, and point to a fair yield.

Red Deer—Weather favorable; harvesting commenced about the first of the week. Grain is well filled.

Lacombe—Crops are looking well. Farmers say they may not have as much grain as last year, but it will be of better quality.

Wetaskiwin—Crops are looking well, and harvesting will be sooner than expected.

PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH.

Lumsden—Weather during the past week was favorable. A very little cutting is done yet, but expect harvesting to become general during this week.

Saskatoon—Weather during the past week has been very favorable for crops. A couple of farmers will begin to cut wheat to-day, but generally it is very green yet.

Duck Lake—Weather has been favorable for crops during the past week, and they are coming on well. Harvest will be general in ten days.

Rosthern—Crops are looking well. Cutting will commence this week. Several small showers.

Ontario Crops.

Toronto, Aug. 17.—The Ontario department of agriculture have completed the preparation of the crop statistics for the province relating to the present season, the following being the results:

The fall wheat crop will amount to 20,000,000 bushels, compared with 21,000,000 bushels last year.

Spring wheat will amount to 6,500,000 bushels, as against 5,000,000 last year.

Barley, 12,000,000 bushels, same as last year.

Oats, 82,000,000 bushels, as against 86,000,000 bushels last year.

Hay, 4,400,000 tons, as against 3,800,000 tons last year.

Peas, 15,700,000 bushels, as against 14,000,000 bushels last year. The increase is attributed partly to augmented acreage, and partly to greater yield.

Fur Trade Notes.

At the recent meeting of the Hudson's Bay Co., Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal said that the usual periodical decline in many classes of fur-bearing animals—which appeared to occur in cycles—was now going on, and they could, therefore, hardly expect that the collection for this year and for next year would be up to the average.