

CANADIAN CROP REPORTS

Ottawa, August 2.—A summary of telegraphic reports on the condition of field crops in Canada at the end of July was issued to-day by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as follows:

Atlantic Provinces—Prince Edward Island (Charlottetown): Frequent beneficial showers early in July greatly increased hay crops; heavy crops of cereals; rain has given all hoed crops, except corn, a sturdy vigorous growth. Small fruits below average; large fruits now promising. Nova Scotia (Amherst): July weather very unsettled. All vegetation made splendid growth, present prospects for grain and root crops good. Hay only fair, potatoes good, bugs very bad, seed roots good. New Brunswick (Fredericton): During first half of July every day was wet and precipitation totalled five inches. Much crop lost from flooding. An average crop of hay is partly harvested. All other crops on dry land, except wheat, and apples, promise a fair yield (Kentville): Rain early in July furnished much needed moisture, and very materially increased the hay yield, which will average 75 p. c. of normal. Grains are exceptionally good; roots are good; corn making strong growth; potatoes promise to be a fair crop.

Quebec.—Roberval (Chicoutimi and Saguenay): Everything favorable if weather continues fine; hay less than last year, corn good; early sown grain fine; potatoes will give a very good yield. Wheat not successful. Ste. Anne De La Pocatière (Kamouraska): Weather unsettled, rather cold, with excessive rainfall; damage to all crops during last half of the month; haying backward; hay an average crop; poor prospects for grain of all kinds; potatoes fair; tree fruits, very light. Lennoxville: Hay, which is being harvested late this season on account of the wet weather, is giving nearly an average crop. The extra warm weather the latter part of month followed with showers has done much to bring along the corn and other crops. Oka and Two Mountains (Valdieu, Soulanges): Crops in general abundant. Wheat exceptionally good. Oats and barley good. More smut and lodging than usual. Fodder corn improving since heat, but will not give more than 60 per cent. of good stand. Potatoes promising in spite of disease noticed on wet soils. Peas, beans, and vegetables full crop. Apples, summer varieties, bear lightly, winter practically nothing. Makamik (Pontiac): Conditions materially improved by rain and warmth of the last fifteen days, hay especially; it promises average yield; wheat very fine; other cereals good and yield probably above average; garden potatoes very fine; no damage by frost.

Ontario—The Ontario Department of Agriculture telegraphs as follows: "Hay about average, cut well cured; fall wheat small yield of good quality; barley excellent yield, but some smut; spring wheat, oats, and buckwheat promising; all grains rather short in straw; corn now growing rapidly; beans and peas look better than for years; potatoes and roots promise good yields; field crop averages as a rule are larger than last season." Ottawa (Central Experimental Farm): Hay a fair crop; oats a good crop; spring wheat good, but very little grown; roots promise very well; corn will be a poor crop; it is very late and uneven and the seed was bad; pasture grasses fairly good. Manitoba.—Brandon: Rain in last week came too late to save wheat, which will be less than half a normal crop. Hay crop a failure from drought; oats and barley very light, but late crops greatly helped by recent rains. Morden: Weather conditions have much improved; rainfall has been quite ample during the latter half of July. Temperatures are low for the most part, especially at night; no frost, no hail. Wheat promises fair crop, not greater than 15 bushels per acre. Perhaps ten per cent. blown out in early season and reseeded in some instances; oats and barley promise fair crop. Barley promises well, no rust in sight. Hay prospects decidedly poor. Potatoes promise big crop; flax not generally grown, uneven.

Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture telegraphs as follows: South-Eastern, Regina, Weyburn and South Central Districts: Heavy rains during past week have greatly improved crop outlook; in some places crops are reported as equal to last year. South western District: Crop will average from fair in north to total failure in south. East Central, Northeastern, and North-western Districts: heavy frosts 24th and 25th, too early to estimate damage, but afraid it will be very serious, as some wheat in blossom stage. Central and West Central Districts: Heavy rains have greatly improved conditions especially north of Regina and Moosejaw. In western part of district crops are reported almost total failure. In all southern parts of province many farmers are selling stock as no feed is available. Indian Head: July warm with heavy showers from 18th to 29th, crop outlook greatly improved; from 1 to 8 degrees frost reported on 24th; corn, potatoes, and garden crops slightly damaged in this district; no damage to grain yet apparent, fallow wheat promises good average crop stubble wheat and early sown oats will be short, late sown oats and barley greatly improved, hoed crops coming along rapidly. No damage from hail reported during month. Alberta.—The Alberta Department of

Agriculture telegraphs as follows: "Considerable damage has been done by frost throughout the province during the past week, the full extent of which cannot be ascertained at present, but the indications are that it is not general but more or less irregular. A large portion of the southern part of the province was visited by heavy rains during the past few days which will do much to revive late crops and pasture lands. Sufficient hay and pasture lands have been located in the northern districts to take care of all applications from the south." Lacombe: First ten days of July hot and dry; rains from 12th proved sufficient to carry crops and improve pastures; frost night of 23rd damaged crops in many points. From Wetaskiwin north and east, and from Stettler east crop outlook poor to fair. Lethbridge: Drought in southern Alberta partly broken by rains which were general during week beginning 21st, but as less than an inch fell more must come at once to improve conditions much, though it will aid in filling of grain; everything failure except that sown on summer fallow; cutting commenced.

British Columbia—Agassiz: Weather conditions during July hot and comparatively dry; crop prospects somewhat improved over June; harvesting of cereals just started; fall wheat promises good crop. Invermere: Crops under irrigation very good, dry farming a failure. Alfalfa first cutting particularly good, second crop promises well; clover, peas, potatoes very good, roots and wheat good, oats and barley fair. Sydney: Autumn cereals cut, will thresh an average yield; Spring cereals short and ripening fast; corn and root crops below average; stock seeds very short; live stock at present in good condition. Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, August 2, 1918.

CAMPOBELLO

Word was received here on Monday last of the death by drowning of Cecil Stimpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Stimpson, aged 15 years, which occurred at Hampden, Me., the result of an accident from a pleasure yacht on which he and three companions, all belonging to the U. S. Navy, were pleasuring, the boat becoming unmanageable, and the lad was swept overboard by the boom, his companions being unable to rescue him, he was swept away in the current. His cries for help brought out a motor boat further down the river, but the relief party, say that when they got to the spot he had vanished. The body was recovered later. Mr. William Lank, of the Island is a grandparent. Much sympathy is felt for the family, as the lad was the eldest of eight children.

The following goods were recently shipped by the North Road Red Cross Society viz:—12 pairs of bed-socks, 2 dozen personal property bags, 1 dozen hot-water bottle covers, 3 dozen triangular bandages, 12 pairs of socks, 55 trench candles, and 6 cotton binders. The Society also contributed \$5 towards the France fund. Miss Olive Mitchell is visiting friends at St. George. Miss Hazel Calder spent the past week with friends at West Isles. Those to visit the Shire Town on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Silas McLellan, Miss Emma Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, and Mrs. Horace Mitchell.

Mrs. Albert Lawson, of Lubec, Me., recently visited her old home here. Haying and berry-picking form the chief industry at present.

CUMMINGS' COVE, D. I.

Aug. 7. Mrs. Jack Ingalls recently gave a crowded party for the children and a few of her friends on the beach at Deer Island Point. Mrs. Alonzo Chaffey and daughter, Miss Doris, of Calais, Me., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chaffey. Mrs. Willis Doughty is visiting at Leonardville. Mr. Onslow Haney and children have returned home again from Fairfield. They were accompanied by two of Mrs. Haney's little nieces from St. John who will visit her for a month. Mrs. Daniel Letscher and brother, Earle Hooper, have returned to their home in the States. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bavis, and little daughter, of Worcester, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moses McDonald.

Mrs. John Johnson spent last week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harland Gillis, at Eastport. The congregation of the U. B. Church listened to a very pleasing address from Rev. Dr. Heine in the interest of the Canadian Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society on Sunday evening last. Mr. Wasson, a former pastor of the U. B. Churches of the Island, paid a brief visit to his friends here last week before taking up his new field in Everett, Mass. Miss Della Haney, of the Sentinel staff, of Eastport, spent the week-end with her friend, Mrs. Chester Dixon.

Miss Eva Hooper is visiting relatives at Mohannes. Mrs. Edgar Cummings visited her daughter, Mrs. Herman Creamer, at Machias Port, Me., last week for a few days. She returned home Tuesday, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Creamer, and baby. Mrs. Geneva Fountain is visiting friends at Chamcook for a few days.

LAMBERTVILLE, D. I. Aug. 7. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foss, of Chamcook, were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Butler. Mrs. Ezra Leeman, who has been visiting her daughter at Grand Manan, returned home on Saturday. Mrs. Selvy and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Frank Butler, returned to her home in Lubec, Me., on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pendleton and Messrs Herbert O. Stuart and Herbert Cammie spent Sunday at Didgeguash. Mrs. Hannah Lord is visiting this week at Letite.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrill and children, of Lowell, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Morrill's father, Mr. Herbert Stuart. Misses Marion Pendleton and Alberta Leeman visited Mrs. Frank Wentworth at Fairhaven for a few days. Mr. Alphonso Lord and daughter, Althea, are visiting his brother, Mr. Percy L. Lord. Mrs. Fred Richardson, of Richardson, visited friends in the village on Wednesday. Mrs. Wm Carvner, who has been visiting Mrs. Frank Pine, returned to her home in Eastport on Tuesday.

Miss Ernestine Davis, who is camping at St. Andrews Island was a week-end guest of Mrs. Hugh McGregor. Misses Edna Mitchell and Marion Gibson, of St. Stephen, and the Misses Madeline, Bessie, and Adelaide McCullough, of Upper Bocabec, were entertained pleasantly on Thursday last by the Misses Mary and Inez Holt. Miss Annie Holt spent the week-end in Upper Bocabec with her sister, Mrs. Harold Mitchell.

Wilfred Bryant, of Bartlett's Mills, was a week-end guest of his wife, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jas. Crichton. Master Earl Hanson, of St. John, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Matthew McCullough. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hanson and two little sons, of Moncton, were week-end guests of Mrs. Olive Morse. Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Crichton spent Sunday in St. George. Miss Mildred Taylor spent several days recently with Miss Anna Davis at St. Andrews Island.

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GREAT WORK OF BRITISH NAVY

London, August 5.—Upon the fourth anniversary of Great Britain's entry into the war the First Lord of the Admiralty made public figures and facts which throw an encouraging light upon the naval situation of the Allies.

The British navy, apart from the American forces which form an integral part of its fighting strength, consists at the present time of warships and auxiliary craft whose total displacement reaches 6,500,000 tons, against 2,500,000 in August, 1914. During that period about three-quarters of a million tons have been lost, but at the present day the growth of the fleet shows an increase of 160 per cent.

Similarly with the personnel, the original 146,000 officers and men have grown to 394,000. Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in the House of Commons on March 5, 1918, was able to express the opinion that the British and American naval forces in the North Sea, the North Atlantic and the English Channel were sinking submarines as fast as they were built, and on the 30th of July, says the statement, he made the welcome announcement that during the last three months of the first half of 1918 the world output of tonnage exceed the world's losses from all sources by no less than 100,000 tons per month.

As to the means of defence against submarines, figures are now available which show that the convoy system has played a large part in overcoming the submarine menace to the ocean communications of the Allies. Whereas in the period from April to June of last year, before the convoy system was established, British steamers sailing to and from the United Kingdom in the main overseas trade suffered losses through enemy action of 5.41 per cent. of their total number, the figures since then have steadily diminished, until in the period from March to June of this year, during which 93.8 per cent. of the ships were conveyed, the losses had dropped to 1.28 per cent.

American troops who reached Europe by July 27 of this year totalled well over one million. Nearly half of these were carried by American ships, and the United States furnished for them forty ocean escorts and 335 escorts of destroyers. The total tonnage of ships of all nationalities conveyed in all trades since the introduction of the convoy system is 61,691,000 of which 373,000, or approximately .61 per cent., has been lost while in convoy. Since August 4, 1914, the British navy has transported nearly 20,000,000 men to different destinations, 2,000,000 animals and 110,000,000 tons of naval and military stores. The men lost through enemy action during the transportation bear the proportion of one to every 6,000 carried.

NEW CUBAN WAR MEASURES

Havana, August 3.—The House of Representatives last night approved the Senate amendment to the obligatory military service bill empowering the President to send to France all the regular troops he deems expedient, together

with all volunteers. The House also adopted a special Senate measure establishing telegraph and postal censorship. This action was requested by President Menocal in a message to Congress when he signed the Espionage bill. Censorship has been exercised under a special decree issued by the President under authority granted him by Congress during the Liberal revolution, when constitutional guarantees were suspended. The Espionage act provides for restitution of constitutional rights, but failed to authorize postal and telegraph censorship.

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