

## CROP CONDITIONS FROM COAST TO COAST

Rains in West were too Late for Grain Crops, but Helped Growth of Feed—Other Parts of Canada Report Good Returns

THE following summary of telegraphic reports on the condition of field crops at the end of August was issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on September 4th:—

**Atlantic Provinces—Prince Edward Island** (Charlottetown).—Weather favorable for hoed crops. Heavy crop of hay well saved. Cereals have filled well and yield above average. Potatoes and corn doing well. **Nova Scotia** (Kentville).—Weather dull and favorable for all growing crops; haying generally finished and above average yield; early-seeded grain ripening rapidly and 25 per cent. harvested; yield above average and well filled; potatoes promise an average crop, with little blight; corn, excellent; apples, developing well. **New Brunswick** (Fredericton).—August has given moderately warm weather; many showers, but only two inches rainfall; rather slow haying and harvesting weather, but excellent for growing crops; grains are all up to average except wheat; potatoes promise a full crop unless blight becomes general; roots are good and pastures better than usual.

**Quebec** (Ste. Anne de la Pocatière).—Weather conditions have been seasonable and favorable to all crops; cereals, ripening normally, will yield a little over average crop, so will the field roots; potato affected by late blight and mosaic, which reduce the yield 30 per cent. **Quebec**.—All grain and corn for silage better than average; potatoes good, roots medium, pastures fair, apples very good, plums, cherries, pears, bad; all vegetables promise fine crop with exception of onions. **Lennoxville**.—Weather throughout August favorable for crops, although the rain for the last ten days has retarded the harvesting of grain. Practically all grain is cut, with a large percentage still in shock; silage corn, potatoes and roots looking well.

**Ontario** (Toronto).—All grain crops well secured; fall wheat and rye average yields, long straw. Spring wheat average yield, short straw; barley and oats very light in grain and straw. Summer pastures very poor, corn barely middling, potatoes and roots poor, but all growing crops are improving with recent rains.

**Manitoba** (Morden).—Thrashing half completed, wheat yielding from 12 to 15 bushels; oats, 40 bushels; weather, hot and dry; potatoes, poor; garden stuff ripening well.

**Saskatchewan** (Indian Head).—Thrashing general in this district. Wheat will average about 20 bushels per acre, oats 50 bushels and barley 20 bushels. Later wheat damaged by rust, some wheat grading number one, but dockage heavy for small grains; bulk of crop will grade number two. **(Scott)**.—Beneficial rains early in month have improved the feed situation considerably, but were almost too late to help early maturing grain crops. Cutting is nearly completed and thrashing has commenced; yields are more variable than usual, wheat yields running from 2 to 3 bushels per acre up to 30. **(Rosthern)**.—No frost during August; rust did damage 50 per cent. of ripe grain; yield of wheat, Duck Lake to Rosthern, 12 bushels; Rosthern to Hague, 5 bushels; Hague to Saskatoon, nothing; feed for three-quarters stock between rivers; no cultivated hay, only native hay on sloughs; oats and barley insufficient for seed.

**Alberta** (Lacombe).—Weather during August warm; showers totalled 1.5 inch at Lacombe. No frost reported; cutting now general; grain yields better than expected. Wheat, 20 to 30 bushels; oats, 40 to 60 bushels; barley, 30 bushels; sample good. Late green feed growing, and feed situation improved. **(Lethbridge)**.—While the rains in the early part of the month improved the summer pasture, it has not greatly improved the live stock situation, so far as winter feed is concerned; second cutting of alfalfa well advanced. Wheat harvest in southern Alberta completed and thrashing started.

**British Columbia** (Invermere).—Rains from 1st to 4th broke long-continued drought, precipitation for the four days

exceeding that of previous three months; crop prospects materially improved in consequence. Second crop hay from irrigated plots very good, especially alfalfa; dry farming plots a failure; harvesting of all grains has been completed and thrashing commenced; potatoes and corn promise well. **(Summerland)**.—Hot, dry weather has ripened crop very quickly. Some districts are suffering from want of water; the apple crop is largest in the industry; peaches fair crop, but small. **(Agassiz)**.—August, with only .45 inch rain, is driest for four years. Excellent month to harvest and thrash. Grain yields slightly below average. Roots and pasture badly in need of moisture. **(Sydney)**.—Grain-cutting completed and 50 per cent. of thrashing done; autumn grain yielding well; spring grain below average; roots, corn and potatoes suffering from drought; pastures dry.

## Canadian National Railway Report

Canadian National Railways' detailed crop report for the week ended August 30, covering areas served by its lines in western Canada, indicate that yields of grain throughout the country are considerably better in many cases than opinion some few weeks ago expected. Cutting may be regarded as practically completed except in a few points along the northerly line, and thrashing is under way generally, with the exception of those northern points, and where weather conditions have prevented activities from being continued. The yields by points and by provinces are given as follows, wheat to be understood where other classes of grain not stated:—

**Manitoba**.—St. Jean, 17; Letellier, 18-20; Rosebank, 20; Miami, 20, oats 40, barley 35; Altamont, 18-23, oats 40, barley 30; Lowe Farm, 16; Myrtle, 18-20; Grosse Isle, 20, oats 45; Fisher Branch, 15, barley 35; Sanford, 14, oats 25 and barley 30; Sperling, 15-22; Somerset, 18-20, barley 25, rye 30, oats 30-40; Hallboro, 20-22; McConnell, 18; Decker, 25; Isabella, 17; Eden, 13-22; Birnie, 15-18, have shipped 7 cars of new wheat; Warren, 20-30; Moosehorn, 17, oats 50-60, barley 28-35; Amaranth, 14, oats 30, barley 30; Portage, 20, barley 30, oats 60; McCreary, 15-20; Makinak, 15; Pleasant Point, 10-25; Carberry, 20; Holmfild, 14-15, oats 20-25, barley 10-14; Clanwilliam, 25; Rossburn, 20, oats 40-50; Cromer, 10; Scarth, 18-20; Virden, 12; Elgin, 15; Margaret, 18; Minto, 12-15; Hartney, 12,000 bushels of wheat marketed to date; Grandview, 15; Gilbert Plains, 14; Sifton, 6-13, oats 40, barley 35; Durban, 15-20.

**Saskatchewan**.—Davin 3 cars of wheat shipped from Dreghon and 2 from Cunliffe siding; Regina, northern district, 15-20, southern 5-15; Colgate, 4; Estevan, 5-8; Bienfait, 8; Bengough, 2-10; Hardy, 2-18; Truax, 10-15; Hearne, 8-20; Forward, 8-10; Briercrest, 15-20; Mazenod, 20; Spring Valley, 20, flax, oats and barley, 25; Mossbank, 15-20; Quill Lake, 25, oats 50; Ruddell, 10; Borden, 3; Langham expect about 50 cars of wheat from this point, grading good; Birch Hills, 10, oats 30-40, barley 30; Lumsden, 15; Disley, 12; Condie, should ship between 50,000 and 75,000 bushels from here and 25,000 from Bredin siding; Hague, 4-5; Blaine Lake, 9; Richard, 6; grain shipments from this point will be heavier than last year, expect about 100,000 bushels; Krydor, 10; Carlton, 5-10; Swanson, 3-5, probably 5 or 6 cars shipped from this point; Elrose, expect to ship about 50,000; Wiseton, 4; Laura, 7-8; Rostown, 7-8, oats 15; Edam, 8, oats 12-40; Turtleford, 18, oats 30-40; Pinkham, 16-18; Flaxcombe, 5-20; Marengo, 12-15; Alsask, 10.

**Alberta**.—Lavoy, 10, oats 20; Forestburg, 15-20, oats 30; Kelsey, 20, rye 12, oats 50; Sangudo, 50, oats 75; Mecheche, 40; Drumheller, 25, oats 30; Benton, 2-20; Oyen, 5-7; Cereal, 3-7; Morrin, 25.

The following information regarding the grading of grain is given by points and these have also been divided into provinces: **Manitoba**.—Miami, No. 2 Nor.; Lowe Farm, 2 and 3 Nor.; Somerset, 2 and 3 Nor.; Eden, good grade; Birnie, 2 and 3 Nor.; Moosehorn, good grades; Portage, generally 2, some No. 1; Pleasant Point, good quality; Carberry, 2; Rossburn, 2 and 3 Nor.; Grandview, 2 and 4. **Saskatchewan**.—Vibank, 2 and 3; Colgate, 2 and 3; Hearne, 2; Ettington, 2; Veregin, 3; Ruddell, 2; Lumsden, 2 Nor.; Blaine Lake,