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## Crop Indications

The Molsons Bank is responsible for the following statement as to the crop indications in the main provinces. The information has been gathered by its hundreds of branch managers throughout the east and west.

Reports on western conditions make gloomy reading. Complete failures are indicated in certain districts in Alberta south of the C. P. R. line, especially around Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, while a less than average crop is indicated in the rest of the province and in Saskatchewan. Manitoba shows rather brighter prospects, but here again the conditions are only average, with five weeks to go before harvesting, during which hail or blight are possible.

Drought and high winds are the principal causes of the unsatisfactory crop conditions, but there is still a chance for improvement if heavy rains come quickly.

F. O. Fowler, secretary of the Northwest Grain Dealers, figured out the situation a month ago, and estimated that the damage done to wheat throughout the west runs from 10 to 50 per cent. There is increased acreage over last year in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, as follows: Wheat, 14 per cent; oats 6.7 per cent; barley 5.7 per cent; flax, 10 per cent. He estimated the possible wheat crop at 190,824,000 bushels; oats at 59,000,000; barley, 10,000,000, and flax 5,000,000.

### QUEBEC.

The heavy rains during the month of June have done much to improve the hay crop in the Province of Quebec, which was in very poor condition earlier in the season. At Cowansville and Bedford where the drainage is poor the excessive rains have retarded the growth. In other sections the hay was winter killed to a great extent. The crop is expected to be below the average in volume. The most optimistic reports come from Sorel, Lachine and Quebec city, where heavy yields are looked for and from St. Ours, Lachute and Pierreville, where the quality is above last years.

The grain crops, such as oats, barley, wheat and buckwheat, are in favorable condition throughout the province, although cold weather in June has retarded them in certain districts. Larger acreages of wheat have been sown as a rule and farmers are endeavoring to supply themselves, where they formerly bought western wheat for home consumption. Hot sun is needed during the month of August to ripen these grains. Lachute reports excellent prospects, while oats never looked in better condition. Optimistic accounts also come from Chicoutimi, St. Ours and Drummondville.

Reports indicate that the corn crop will be below the average and in one or two cases practically a failure as a result of the June frosts.

June frosts also had a very detrimental effect on potatoes, beans and garden produce of all kinds. In most cases the frost bitten crops were re-seeded and prospects at the present time are consequently very fair. Potatoes promise well in Sorel, Roberval and Pierreville and a wonderful crop is looked for at Ste. Therese.

Tobacco will equal past records at St. Cesaire and Three Rivers.

The sweet grass industry at Pierreville has fallen off owing to lack of demand.

In the fruit growing districts of Quebec, unhealthy apple trees were killed by the severe winter, and in many cases this year's crops of late apples was considerably curtailed. At Lachute the apple crops will be practically nil. Early apples, small fruits such as cherries and strawberries are plentiful.

### ONTARIO.

Ontario's fall wheat crop was practically a total failure with the exception of Lambton and Essex counties. The conditions for fall wheat were unfavorable from the beginning. In most districts the entire crop was winter-killed and the farmers ploughed it in the spring and sowed spring wheat, oats or other grain. Ontario's spring wheat crop has never been a large one, but this year the acreage is larger than usual and the yield per bushel promises to be normal. A good crop of fall wheat is promised from Lambton county where the acreage is 30 per cent greater than last year.

A heavy crop of oats is reported from all over the province and it is expected that a bumper crop will be harvested. A probable yield of from 30 to 50 bushels an acre is reported from various points. The acreage is considerably larger than heretofore. Some

sections including Western Ontario, report that while the oat crop is heading well the straw will be shorter than usual.

The barley crop is also good. The corn is backward but the indications are that if the weather continues warm the crop will be on the whole well up to the average. Western Ontario corn will be a very slim crop unless unusually favorable weather conditions prevail. The rye crop will be good.

The peas and beans have suffered from the cold weather, but a large acreage has been planted, and with favorable weather conditions, including a late autumn, a large yield will be the result.

The flax crop of the western part of the province promises to be a record. The acreage is larger than last year and the crop is in excellent condition. The root crop is backward owing to the cold weather of the spring, but indications are that the yield will be up to par if warm weather prevails.

The potato crop in the Lake Ontario region will be excellent. Further west the large acreage under potatoes is in good condition, though early blight has done some damage. The hay crop is lighter than last year on the whole, though a few districts report a heavy crop. Haying is now well advanced and the crop is being harvested under ideal weather conditions.

The apple crop in eastern Ontario will be fairly good; in the West it will be lighter. In any case, the crop will greatly exceed last year's. Small fruits will yield but a light crop. Quantities of the western peaches were winter-killed. The region about Hamilton expects to harvest only about 50 per cent of the usual quantity of apples and peaches. Berries are poor throughout.

### ALBERTA.

The question of feed for the stock through the coming winter is one of serious concern in southern Alberta, and efforts are being made by the railroads, in conjunction with the Federal and Provincial Governments to ship enough feed from the north where rain was more plentiful to supply farmers in the south.

The acreage sown to wheat in Alberta this year was considerably greater than last year, and the high prices of seed grain, taken in conjunction with the heavy cost of labor, will mean a big loss to the farmers, although fortunately in most districts they are financially strong enough to stand a bad year.

Despite the exceedingly poor crop prospects in the Lethbridge district the farmers there are in a better position to stand a setback than they were in 1914, as during the past two or three years they have acquired a certain amount of live stock, and should rain fall early next month, many of the fields will produce good feed that can be profitably used by those who have cattle and sheep.

According to present indications the Lethbridge district will not produce more than five or six millions bushels of grain this year as against twenty to thirty million bushels last year.

### SASKATCHEWAN.

While the crop situation in Saskatchewan is much better than it is in Alberta, at the same time reports indicate a crop much below the average. This is particularly true of the wheat crop, because much greater damage has been done to the wheat than to the oats and barley. There is very little rye sown, and very little flax in comparison with the oats and wheat. Nearly all the damage in this province has been caused by drought, hail and cutworms having done little harm so far. There does not appear to be any lack of feed for stock the quality of which is improving daily. The grain crops is much above last year.

### MANITOBA.

Manitoba suffered little from the high winds which played such havoc in the western provinces, except in the southwestern part, where crop prospects are very poor indeed. Sections east of Winnipeg and pretty generally the whole northern part of the province did not suffer to any extent from wind, and while the rainfall has not been great, there has been enough to produce an average crop. In the immediate vicinity of Winnipeg the crops are excellent.

Root crops around Winnipeg show large increases in acreage planted, and a big crop is indicated thanks to recent rains and warm weather. Hay crops in the province are reported light, although in the neighborhood of Winnipeg they will have a good yield. On the whole it is estimated the ultimate prospects are for average crop. Manitoba being better of this year than the rest of the west.