

The Crops.

The fortnightly crop report issued by the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company shows a very satisfactory condition of the crops throughout all the country traversed by this line. The frequent rains have been most beneficial and have in so far counteracted the drought of the spring that the crops are from five to ten days ahead of what they were last year at this date. In nearly all the different sections the wheat is headed out. Neepawa expects to market a million bushels of wheat should prospects continue as favorable as they are at present. Warm weather with very little rain is what is wanted now to bring the crop off successfully.

Westbourne—During the past week we have had frequent rains. Wheat oats and barley are all looking very good, but not a very heavy crop of either is expected. The wheat is commencing to head out and is about six days earlier than at this date last year. A very fair crop of hay expected.

Gladstone—Considerable rain has fallen since last report. All kinds of grain have been greatly benefitted in consequence. Wheat is commencing to head out and all grain will be fully ten days ahead of last year. Barley suffered a little from early drought, but is still much better than last year.

Arden—The crops have advanced wonderfully the last two weeks, there being abundance of rain with warm weather. Wheat is heading out; oats will head in about three weeks; barley doing nicely. Grain of all kinds from two to three weeks ahead of last year at this time. Prospects for a good crop look brighter than ever.

Neepawa—Owing to recent showers the wheat is mostly headed out and is looking very well. With present prospects may expect a million bushels to be marketed at this station this season. Oats and barley are improving right along and are considerably ahead of last year at this time. Hay will be a moderately good crop; light in some parts and in others quite heavy, but on whole as good a crop as last year.

Minnedosa—Crops are making very rapid progress and everything points to bountiful harvest; since the rainy weather commenced nothing has interfered with growth. Wheat crop is especially good, and is from one to two weeks earlier than last year. Oats are also good and as far ahead as at the same time last year.

Rapid City—Crops of all kinds are looking splendid. Wheat, in many places, is heading out. Oats and barley growing rapidly, and fully as far advanced as at this date last year. Weather since last report has been all that could be desired for the growing crops. No damage by hail in this district.

Newdale—The hailstorm July 2, did some damage to a few fields southeast of here, but nothing to speak of. All crops growing very rapidly. Wheat is keeping from eight to ten days ahead of last year at this time, and a number of fields now starting to head out. Oats and barley will be starting to head out next week, which will make it a little earlier than last year. All crops in healthy condition.

Strathclair—Crops in this vicinity are now advancing rapidly owing to recent rains and warm weather. No damage has been done by hail. Wheat is headed out; all that is needed is

warm weather to insure a splendid crop and an early harvest.

Shoul Lake—The warm rains during the past two weeks have made a vast improvement in the crops. Wheat has commenced to head out in some places, which is about a week in advance of last year. Oats and barley are also doing well. Hay will be a fair crop. Prospects are much brighter for a fair crop of all kinds of grain.

Birtle.—The recent rains have greatly improved all kinds of grain and growth is now very rapid. In some districts straw will be short owing to the dry weather in the early part of the season. Wheat is now very little behind last year; oats are about a week later. With continued favorable warm weather prospects are good for an average crop of all kinds of grain.

Bancroft.—All crops are growing rapidly; wheat is heading out and indicates a good heavy crop although the straw as a rule will be short. Oats being somewhat later will be much heavier. The weather lately has been all that could be desired to promote quick growth, frequent showers accompanied by warm weather.

Russell.—Crops in this district are looking splendid. Wheat is heading out and will be a good length. Oats and barley doing well and all crops up to what they were at this time last year.

Langenburg.—Wheat is improving every day after the heavy rains. Farmers say that it is fully ten days ahead of last year at this time. In most places it is heading out. Straw will not be as heavy but the yield will be as great. Oats are looking fine and doing well, they are about five days ahead of last year at this time, straw will be short but the yield will be good. The late rains have made a wonderful improvement on all grain and warm weather is needed now. We could do without any more rain until after harvest.

Saltecoats—The frequent rains and warm weather is all that could be asked for, and all grain is coming along rapidly. Wheat looks better than at this time last year and is about one week further advanced. Oats growing very fast, about as far advanced as same time last year. Root crop is now assured and hay growing fine. Farmers in this district are in best of spirits and if weather is favorable at harvest a good crop will be harvested.

Yorkton—Wheat crop has made wonderful progress this last week, some farmers report wheat heading out; this is two weeks ahead of last year and if the present growth continues most of the wheat crop will be as heavy. Oat crop is beyond expectations. Oats that were sown late have been pulled up wonderfully and they are about as far advanced as at this time last year. The total crop will be better than expected if the growth continues as at present.

The Northern Pacific crop report for the week ending July 8th, is as follows:

Brandon—With local showers and warm weather there has been a great growth for the last week. Crops in general are looking well.

Wawanesa—The weather during the past week has been all that could be desired for the growing crops. The wheat crop is well up and looking fine. No damage by hail. Prospects for fine yield splendid.

Rountlwaite—Crops in this vicinity looking well. We have had frequent showers since last report. A slight hail storm on Monday evening, but no damage reported. Considerable wheat heading out. Hay will yield well. Garden stuff growing rapidly, but somewhat backward.

Hilton—The weather during the past week has been fairly favorable to growing crops; very warm and a few light showers. Reports from farmers are rather conflicting, some say they never had better crops, whilst others say they have poor crops; but from present indications it is safe to say we will have a fair crop. Roots and garden stuff looking fine.

Belmont—Weather for the past week has been very favorable for the coming crop, which looks fine and doing well. Considerable wheat is now headed out and promises an extra good crop. Prospects have not been as good for several years as at present. If not caught with frost or hail a large crop can be depended on.

Baldur—The grain is still looking as well as can be expected. Frequent light showers since last report.

Somerset—Crops of all kinds are looking well. We had the heaviest rainfall of the season last Saturday night, and the weather during the week has been most favorable. Wheat has commenced to head out. The ground is thoroughly soaked and rain will not be needed for some time yet.

Miami—We have to report another very favorable week for the growing crops. Rain every day and very warm. About fifty per cent of wheat now out in head and by the end of this week will be nearly all out in head.

Rosebank—The crops the last week have continued to grow well. Prospects are good for a large yield. No damage has been done by hail in this district. The weather has been very warm with frequent showers of rain.

Roland—Since my previous report the weather has been warm and showery and all grain is coming ahead rapidly. From a general survey of the crop at this period a repetition of 1895 yield in this vicinity is fully expected. Some fields are already in head and an early harvest is predicted by all. The vegetable crop is doing very well and will equal that of last year.

Morris—Crops looking well and in many places are heading out nicely. If anything we are now getting too much rain. Had several heavy rains during the week. All roots, etc., looking splendid.

St. Jean—Friday morning, July 2nd, hard rain; Saturday evening, July 3rd, hard rain; Sunday noon, July 4th, light rain; Sunday evening, July 4th, light rain. Grain doing well.

Letellier—Weather still continues favorable and all grain looking well. Can say nothing more than the above and the prospects are good.

Emerson—Wheat all headed out and promises an abundant crop. Rain nearly every day since last report with fine growing weather.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

The following are the returns for week ending July 8th, 1897.

	Clearings	Balance
Total for week ending July 8, 1897.....	\$ 1,777,304	\$261,691
To -1- for week ending July 8, 1896.....	1,146,884	165,328
Total for week ending July 8, 1895.....	973,791	150,892