

Condition of the Crops.

R. Port.—The prevailing crop conditions just received from points along the Manitoba and Northwestern railway and the Northern Pacific railway are of a very favorable nature. The recent rains appear to have been general and the weather such as to promote rapid and vigorous vegetation. The growing grain is further advanced than it was at this time last year and all indications point to a good yield—one correspondent says the best ever known. At Birtle and beyond more rain is needed, but the absence of sufficient moisture has not yet injuriously affected the growing grain. With continued favorable weather a bountiful harvest is assured in all parts of the province.

M. & N. W. REPORT.

The Manitoba & Northwestern railway company crop report for the two weeks ending 23rd June, is as follows:

Westbourne—Have had frequent showers of rain. Wheat, oats barley and potatoes are looking fine, and good crops expected. All crops about one week earlier than last year at this date. Hay crop expected to be light. No frost since last report.

Gladstone—Since the recent rains, crops of all kinds are progressing splendidly, and are about one week ahead of same time last year. There are quite a few weeds in some places, but on the whole prospects for a large yield are good.

Arden—The grain is advancing very rapidly the past two weeks owing to the frequent showers at night followed by cool days. Wheat is looking much better than at this time last year. Oats are doing fairly well, but still look promising. Barley is somewhat backward owing to late sowing, but no doubt will yield well. The outlook is very much brighter than it was two weeks ago, and if the present weather continues the yield in this vicinity will exceed all past years.

Neepawa—The late rains have wonderfully improved the appearance of the wheat crop, and will tend to lengthen the straw, which was much needed. On light land the cold high winds had done some damage, but altogether the wheat crop is very promising at the present time, and much in advance of last year same period. A considerable acreage of oats was sown on spring plowing and at present do not look so promising as the wheat, but will owing to increased acreage, be considerably in advance of last year's crop. Barley is fully up to last year's crop at this time, and is looking much improved by the late rains. There is not very much hay to come out of the district, but what there is looks rather better than last year, and the quantity will be greater.

Minnedosa—Crops are wonderfully improved since last report. The recent rains and warm weather have been most beneficial and all crops are now doing splendidly. Wheat, oats and barley are about a week earlier than at same time a year ago. Prospects are bright for excellent crop.

Rapid City—The recent rains have done much to improve the condition of the crops. In many cases the wheat is in the shot blade. Oats and barley growing nicely and on heavy land are as far advanced as at this date last year. Wheat about six days later.

Newdale—The continued dry weather after seeding did, to some extent, stop the growth on all kinds of grain crop, especially oats and barley. Last two weeks warm weather and plenty of rain has caused the crops to grow rapidly, and they are now in a very healthy condition. As compared with last year the wheat is about a week to ten days earlier. Oats and barley on some fields show to be about a week ahead of last year, but taking it as an average they are about as far advanced as last year at this time. The hay crop will be as good as last year.

Strathclair—Crops in this vicinity much revived by Monday's rain. Prospects good for heavy crop. Wheat growing rapidly. Present condition of crops as compared with last year at same time fully as good, or better, in all kinds of grain.

Shoal Lake—The recent showers have advanced growth of crops rapidly. Wheat is looking well and is fully two weeks ahead of last year. Oats and barley are also doing well. Late sown grain has been very backward but is now making good progress.

Birtle—The continued dry weather has retarded the growth of all kinds of grain, more especially where the soil is of a light nature. Where soil is heavy growth is fairly good, and wheat will compare favorably with last year. Oats are generally from a week to ten days later than last year, and present prospects are unfavorable. Rain is badly needed in this vicinity.

Binsearth—The growing crops are doing well. There is a marked improvement since last report, owing to the recent rains, and with a few more good showers there is every prospect of a good crop. Taken as a whole they are in about the same state of advancement as at this time last year.

Russell—Crops looking well, notwithstanding the dry weather. The heavy rain Monday, the 21st, will work wonders with vegetation. Farmers are hopeful and say prospects are good for a very large yield of all kinds of grain. As far ahead now as last year.

Langenburg—Wheat is looking good south within twelve miles and is fully ten days ahead of last year this time. North is not so good on account of want of rains. There has been more rain south than north, but if rain comes soon we will have a good crop all around. Oats are looking as well as can be expected and are fully five to ten days ahead of last year this time. All prospects of a good crop.

Saltearts—Wheat improving fast since last week's rains and is fully equal to this time last year. The oats not doing as well, and straw will be very short, not being in as good condition as this time last year. Root crops are doing very well now, but not so far advanced as this time last year. The continued dry weather kept them back. Good rains fell here last week.

Yorkton—Wheat this last two weeks has made wonderful progress. Some farmers report their wheat in shot blade and will be out in head by the first of July. This is fully two weeks ahead of last year. The green crop is not so heavy as last year, but a good average growth. Oats in like proportion where sown early; later sown not as good, but coming ahead fast now after last week's rain.

N. P. CROP REPORT.

The reports of prevailing crop conditions in the districts traversed by the Northern Pacific railway received Friday, are as follows:

Brandon—We are having nice showers and beautiful growing weather, and the crop is doing remarkably well.

Rounthwaite—Crops looking well and growth rapid, though a little later than last year. The weather has been most favorable, cool with frequent rains. Some of the wheat on the light land is in the shot blade.

Wawanesa—The weather during the past week has been changeable, sometimes cloudy with heavy rains, and at others clear and warm. The growing crop has advanced very rapidly in this vicinity this week and is looking splendid. A fine yield is looked for.

Hilton—The frequent showers and warm weather during the past week have been very beneficial to the growing crop, the wheat having come ahead wonderfully in consequence. The wheat, although looking well, is not as advanced as it should be, but the fine growing weather of the last two weeks has helped it along nicely, and should the weather continue favorable and frost keep off we should have 1-3 to 76, closed 75 5-8; Sept., 70 1-4 to 70 9-16, closed 70 1-2; Dec., 71 7-8 to 72 1-8, closed 72 a fairly good crop. The root crop and garden stuff are looking fine.

Belmont—The past week has been very favorable for the coming crop, wheat is looking fine; have had a sufficient amount of rain the last week to carry the crop along for some time. Prospects are very encouraging for a great crop this season.

Baldur—Crops are looking splendid. The growth since the rains has been extraordinary. Farmers in general are pleased with the prospects. The hay crop was considerably put back by the severe frosts during the last of May but is now doing well and a good yield is expected. There have been frequent showers and the most favorable weather since last report.

Somerset—Crops are growing nicely. Had two good showers of rain since last report. Wheat in most places a foot high. The hay crop will be very heavy this season. Late sown oats are looking well and will be a fair yield.

Miami—Another week of good weather for the growing crop—warm, with frequent showers. Wheat is now showing the shot blade, and if weather continues a large crop and an early harvest is assured.

Rosebank—The weather of the last week has been all that could be desired. Wheat is looking exceptionally good and the hay and vegetable crop has picked up wonderfully. The prospects are good and crops several days earlier than last year.

Roland—The growing crops are doing immensely. The wheat has stood off very thick and in some instances is now twenty and twenty-two inches high. Weather since previous report has been warm, with two light rains.

Morris—Crops are looking splendid and growing very fast. Had two or three good rains since last report and the ground is now in excellent condition. Weather mostly cool, light north-west winds.

St. Jean—Had general rain on Friday evening, June 19, light general rain Monday evening, June 21st. Weather cool, except two days. Crops doing well. Ground well soaked.

Lotellier—During the past week the weather has been good for the growing crop, which is now in a flourishing condition. We have had a couple of heavy rains, followed by fine warm growth.