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UNUSUALLY cold weather and a prolonged drought has been general all over Ontario so far this season. The drought has recently been broken by general showers and the thermometer has moved up several degrees. Hence grains and root crops still have an opportunity of reaching out to a good average. Hay, however, will be short in almost every section of the province. Fall wheat will be good.

This in brief is the way in which Farm and Dairy crop correspondents sum up the situation in Ontario. Almost all are agreed that the hay crop will be away below average. Some correspondents do not look for more than half a crop. Last winter was a severe one on both alfalfa and clover and consequently the crop that is harvested will be largely timothy and native grasses and not of average feeding value. There are exceptions, however, to this general rule. South Western Ontario appears to have had more favorable growing conditions than the rest of the province. One Farm and Dairy correspondent in Middlesex, Mr. Jas. E. Orr, looks for a good average crop of hay. So do D. N. Anderson and W. A. Barnett in the neighboring counties of Lambton and Essex.

SEEDING CONDITIONS GOOD

If growing conditions have not been of the best, seeding conditions could hardly have been more favorable. All crops were gotten in in good shape and this will help out if we have good growing weather from now on. An unusually large acreage of corn has been planted in all sections of the province, the increase being particularly noticeable in the southwest where corn growing is becoming more and more a specialty. Following is a synopsis of the reports of each of our correspondents:

"Hay is growing very little. Grain, corn and roots are doing fairly well considering the dry weather."—J. A. Davidson, Carleton Co.

HAY NOT WORTH OUTTING

"Hay is very poor and a large number of old meadows will not be cut, as the average by haying will be only 200 lbs. to the acre. New meadows will be half a crop on good land and on poor land considerably less. Beaver hay is above the average. Grain is short in its straw, but a good stand and will yield well. Peas are poor corn better than last year's at this date, potatoes coming on well."—J. A. Seymour-Taylor, Haliburton Co.

"Spring grain very fine. Fall grain good. Meadows generally poor. Much corn had to be planted over, which will make the crop late. Potatoes are looking well and no bugs as yet."—J. Kelly, Hastings Co.

"Present indications do not point to a heavy crop of hay. Nearly all alfalfa meadows were killed. Timothy is thin and red clover very little better. Spring frosts injured barley. Rye and oats are good. Corn and roots are making good growth."—H. S. Tucker, Hastings Co.

IN WESTERN ONTARIO

"The crop outlook is good with the recent rain. Hay will be short but grains never looked better. Fall wheat is heading out well. Mangels and sugar beets are an extra good stand. Turnips and buckwheat are coming along well."—A. B. Snyder, Waterloo Co.

"We had dry weather up to June 19th. Clover is in full bloom and will stay short. Timothy will stretch out some. Wheat is of fair length, better than last year. Barley is short, oats with good weather should be an average crop. All kinds of roots and corn promise well."—C. H. Shuh, Waterloo Co.

"Crops are not up to the usual standard owing to continued drought following the dry spell. Recent showers will bring everything on finely except clover, which is in full bloom and too short to cut. Rye are late, but will make up at once."—Geo. Wright, Wellington Co.

SHOWERS HELPING OUT

"Crops made very little growth up to the first week of June. Since that with occasional showers and warm weather they have grown very rapidly. Red clover will be short, but thick on the ground. Timothy will not be nearly so heavy as last year. Wheat will be better with a smaller acreage. Grain is doing well. Corn and roots are making a good start."—C. A. Whetham, Renfrew Co.

"A very dry spell has cut the hay crop almost in half. Frost also has hurt it. We have had a refreshing rain. Wheat is a fair crop, on average, spring grain doing well. A good acreage of mangels and turnips has been sown."—G. B. Syme, Waterloo Co.

"Clover is good; old meadows poor. Wheat and spring grain are looking well. Early planted corn is poor, late good."—J. E. Jewson, Wellington Co.

IN NEW ONTARIO

"All crops are three weeks behind last year. We need rain. Grass is poor, clover promising well, and alfalfa is one for high where ground is in good cultivation. Potatoes have been touched by the frost. With rain soon good returns generally are looked for."—E. E. Showell, Nipissing Co.

"Field crops are looking well. Hay will reach a full average. Corn is growing rapidly now."—C. S. Burton, Simcoe Co.

"Fall wheat looks well but is short in straw. The hay crop will be lighter than last year. Recent rains will help it out. Spring grains, corn and roots will be good crops."—Wm. Lockhart, Simcoe Co.

HEALTHY BUT BACKWARD

"Crops look healthy, but are rather backward owing to drought and cold. The hay crop is rather backward."—Mrs. Chas. Pollard, Grey Co.

"Seeding was early, but cold weather has checked growth. Clover is almost a failure and timothy light. Hood crops promise poorly. Fall wheat is better than last year."—Jas. A. Lamb, Bruce Co.

"All spring grain has the appearance of giving a heavy crop. Old weather has kept things backward and harvesting may be a little late. Hay, old meadows especially, is light, not more than half a crop."—J. E. Livingstone, Bruce Co.

"Hay will be half a crop or less. Corn is promising well. All grain doing nicely. Pastures are dead. Everything needs rains."—Geo. Swale, Bruce Co.

"Hay is very light and short. Old field on heavy loam will yield an ordinary crop. Wheat is 60 to 65 per cent. of an average. Barley was injured by frost. Oats are short but picking up."—Chas. Macfie, Middlesex Co.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

"Weather conditions have not been conducive to an average crop. Crops are now pushing and Meadows will be below the average. Some good clover is seen. Pasture first class. Fall wheat has held well; other grains too are doing well. Middlesex will have a good average crop this year."—Jas. E. Orr, Middlesex Co.

"Wheat is the best in years; not normal; hay good; corn coming well and potatoes normal."—J. E. Kennedy, Kent Co.

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