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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

CROP CONDITIONS IN CANADA: Further deterioration in crop prospects have occurred in the Prairie Provinces during the past week, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Premature ripening will reduce yields, especially of coarse grains, in most districts.

Intensive heat during the past week has hastened maturity of all grains in Manitoba and has caused deterioration especially to coarse grain crops which are maturing too rapidly. Rains since Saturday have brought some relief. The wheat crop in the main is promising especially in the Red River Valley and Swan River regions. Oats and flaxseed crops are average while barley prospects are below average. Other crops are mostly good especially the hay crop which has been gathered under excellent conditions. Swathing and cutting operations are becoming general in the southwest and central sections of the province while in the northern areas harvesting will get under way next week.

Continued dry weather with high temperatures is forcing premature ripening of all grains in Saskatchewan. Harvesting of fall rye is now general and cutting of coarse grains will start this week. Some fields of wheat are now being harvested in the western districts. Considerable sawfly damage is indicated in south central, south-western and

west-central districts.

"Timely rains in central and northern Alberta brought some improvement in crop prospects for the province as a whole. Continued hot, dry weather in the south-eastern and eastcentral districts, however, caused further deterioration of crops. Rain is urgently needed in these districts and elsewhere in the province for filling, particularly of late crops. Prospects are fair to good in the central and northern districts but in the southeastern half of the province the outlook is poor. The wheat crop is headed out with coarse grains 90 per cent in head. Some combining of early fields of wheat is reported in the south, and cutting of fall rye is under way.

Reports from Quebec indicate that during the past two weeks haying operations have been delayed and the quality of hay damaged by frequent heavy rains. The average yields of hay per acre are good but about 35 per cent of the crop still remains to be harvested. Generally speaking pastures have benefited from the wet weather and milk production has been maintained at a good level. The appearance of grain crops is good on well drained soils but only mediocre on low land. In spite of abundant weed growth truck crops are promising and potato crop prospects are especially good. The strawberry crop has been one of the best and raspberries and blueberries also promise good

yields.