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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

CROP PROSPECTS IMPROVE. Crop prospects in the Prairie Provinces have shown quite general improvement during the last two weeks. Near-normal temperatures, along with fairly well distributed rains, have promoted growth and improved the outlook for late-seeded crops particularly. Yields will be extremely variable however, in many areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta due to previous drought conditions and uneven germination. Harvesting of fall-sown grains is generally well advanced and is complete in many southern districts. Cutting and combining of spring grains will be general in Manitoba in a few days. Spring crops are particularly late in Alberta and harvesting will not be general for at least one to three weeks.

Favourable weather has prevailed in Manitoba during the past two weeks and crop prospects remain excellent. Most crops have filled well. Cutting of rye is completed in some districts and is well advanced over the southern part of the province. Swathing of coarse grains has commenced in many districts and harvesting of most early-sown crops is expected to become general within the next few days. Damage from insect pests and plant diseases is very light.

In Saskatchewan, the general appearance of crops has continued to improve as a result of favourable weather conditions throughout most of the past month. In most areas there is now sufficient moisture to carry early-sown grains to maturity and, provided that no extremes of high temperatures or hot drying winds are

experienced, most stands are expected to fill out well. With the exception of the area centering on Last Mountain Lake, crops east of the third meridian are for the most part fair to excellent; west of this line prospects are fair to poor. Rye harvesting is under way in all districts with preliminary outturns indicating the yield only slightly below average. Grasshopper damage is still heavy in central and western districts and sawfly losses are in evidence. The feed situation has continued to improve.

Crop prospects in Alberta have improved generally over the last two or three weeks as a result of recent rains and favourable weather conditions. Late-sown crops have shown particular improvement but the outlook is still variable due to earlier drought and uneven germination. Further rains and warm weather will be required in most parts of the province to promote maturity. Harvesting of fall-sown crops will soon be completed in south-eastern districts where good to fair yields are being reported. Cutting of spring grains is now under way in the south-east, but harvesting will not be at all general elsewhere for at least one to three weeks. Sawflies are active in early-seeded wheat in some areas and grasshoppers are damaging late cereal crops and flax.

Harvesting of fall wheat and fall rye in Ontario has been practically completed and over half the acreage of spring grains has been cut. Yields of fall wheat and fall rye are reported to be above average in nearly all