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The backward spring gave vegetation an unusually late start, the harvesting and general growth being about a fortnight later than usual. This condition of affairs also accounts for the comparatively late issue of the bulletin.

Rain was not frequent enough for the best conditions, and a number of correspondents state that the land has been drier during midsummer than for many years.

The fall wheat crop has turned out to be much better than was anticipated. Considerable injury was done to it by winter-killing, and by the cold and trying weather of April and May, a larger acreage than usual had to be plowed up or

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drilled in with barley or oats; but the fields rallied remarkably well, and the yield per acre will be a good one. The weather during harvesting was ideal, and the crop was housed in splendid condition. The straw was rather short, but stood up well and was very clean. The grain is an excellent sample in most cases, and will be well up to weight. Cutting ranged from the 15th of July to the 10th of August, the bulk of the crop being about 2 weeks later than usual. Very little mention was made of insect pests. The most favorable reports regarding fall wheat came from the Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and West Midland districts.

Most of the spring wheat was yet to be cut on August 10th. The crop got a poor start in the spring owing to the very backward weather, but it picked up nicely and there will be a fair yield. The straw is clean and the kernel plump. The main injury to the crop came from drouth and grasshoppers. Spring wheat appears to be steadily declining in favor with Ontario farmers.

EAST AND WEST.

The following notes are taken from letters submitted to the Monetary Times. We invite brief communications from readers everywhere. Every paragraph helps to make known the town from which it comes.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Work has begun upon the court house, post office, custom house, and C. P. R. station building at Saskatoon.

Red Deer, Alta.—Owing to financial conditions the trustees of the Methodist Church have suspended operations on their new church, which is to cost \$40,000.

Russell, Man.—The flour mill and grain elevator owned and operated by Messrs. Bird & Johnston have been totally destroyed by fire. The buildings were valued at \$14,000, with insurance of \$10,000. About 2,000 bushels of wheat and 2,500 bushels of oats were burned with the elevator, all covered by insurance. It is the intention of the firm to rebuild at once.

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