

Rain Gladdens Prairies: Fairly general light rains across the northern sections of Alberta and Saskatchewan and over Southern Manitoba Wednesday night and Thursday have brightened the outlook of many Prairie farmers.

With warmer weather forecast for Friday and more light rain, especially in Alberta, set-backs caused by frost damage in the last few days are expected to be offset soon.

Across Canada: In the general election campaign, the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, returned to Ottawa last night by air from Timmins; the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Mr. Drew, held a press conference in Edmonton, Alta.; the Leader of the C.C.F. Party, Mr. Coldwell, spoke at Windsor, Ont.; and the Leader of the Social Credit Party, Mr. Low, spoke over a C.B.C. radio network....Newfoundland holds its first provincial election today. Liberals and Progressive Conservatives both have a full slate of candidates....The strike of common labourers which tied up construction in Toronto for four weeks ended yesterday.