

LATEST CROP REPORTS

Government Returns for the End of July Show Satisfactory Progress

Government crop reports for July are as follow:—

Prince Edward Island.—Beneficial rains fell frequently from the 2nd to the 22nd. Having now the necessary heat, all farm crops have made wonderful growth and give promise of a yield 10 per cent. above the average. A few sections of Prince county, owing to excessive moisture on low lands, have light crops.

Nova Scotia.—Telegrams from Kentville, River John, Antigonish and Central Clarence report an abundance of moisture during July. Hay is yielding a bumper crop, but the showery weather interferes with its curing. Grain, hoed crops and pastures are doing well.

New Brunswick.—Fredericton reports an abnormally heavy precipitation during twelve days. The remainder of the month was fine, with extra growing weather; crops that are not drowned are doing well. The hay crop is not quite an average one; the crop is about half harvested. Potatoes occupy a smaller area, and there has been considerable rotting of seed. Turnips are thrifty; and grain crops on well-drained land are looking extra well. The pastures are good and the milk-flow is larger than last season. From Hartland hay is reported as only a half crop; pastures are good and wheat looks very well. Other grains are short and late; potatoes and turnips are excellent; corn and beans are late. Anagance reports a heavy hay crop and that grain and roots are looking fine.

Good Reports in Quebec.

Quebec.—Excellent reports on the condition of the grain crops have been received from Shawville, Lennoxville, Knowlton, Ste. Anne de la Pocatière and Baie St. Paul; but at Cap Rouge drought has prevailed and if the warm weather continues without precipitation the grain, it is feared, will ripen prematurely with diminished yield. The hay crop was poor at Shawville and Ste. Anne de la Pocatière; but a good average at Lennoxville, Knowlton and Cap Rouge. At Baie St. Paul the crop was small, but the quality good. Corn is reported as backward but fairly good.

Ontario.—From Essex county it is reported that to the north excessive rains have damaged corn and hoed crops; in the south there is no damage and there is promise of splendid crops. Wheat and barley are all harvested. Oats are a splendid crop and are now being harvested. From Galt, in Waterloo county, exceptionally heavy rainfalls are reported; hay and wheat are being harvested under difficulties. Barley and hoed crops never looked better. Oats are heavy but show considerable smut. Brooklin, Ontario county, reports showery weather all the month and no damage. Fall wheat, well ripened, is being harvested. Barley is an average and oats are a full crop. Corn and root crops are doing well. Pasture is good, but hay is light and injured by rain. In Eastern Ontario the grain crops have filled very well and promise better than an average yield. The hay crop has turned out to be better than was expected in June. Corn and roots and all hoed crops have made good growth during July, especially corn, which has made a remarkable growth due to the showers of the earlier part and the high temperature which prevailed during the whole of the month.

Favorable in Manitoba.

Manitoba.—From Brandon the report is that July has been favorable, and that there has been enough rain to ensure good filling of the grain. Cool weather has made a rank growth and delayed maturity. Wheat-cutting will begin about August 15th, or two weeks later than last year.

Saskatchewan.—From Indian Head it is reported that the crops have improved greatly during July, with a good rainfall from the 1st to the 15th. Fallow wheat, oats and barley on properly prepared land are up to the average; stubble crops are late. A severe wind and hail storm on the 22nd did great damage to grain 20 miles north of the district. The oat crop is satisfactory. Warm weather is required to bring all crops ahead. At Lloydminster continued rains have kept the grain crops growing and have somewhat retarded the harvest. Hoed crops and later grains have come along fine and good weather now should bring

a bumper. At Kindersley the prospects for a bountiful harvest surpass all expectations. Wheat and oats have headed and partly filled. Only a very early frost can injure them. Flax, though not so well advanced, is good. All roots and vegetables promise heavy crops. Harvesting should be general by August 20th. At Rosthern the conditions reported in June continued until July 15th, when heavy rains set in. Grain crops and vegetables are now very favorable, the grain yield promising to be superior to last year, but below average. Rains came too late for the hay crop, which is almost negligible. Potatoes and root crops are in good condition. The Scott Station reports the weather as continuously cool and showery, with grain crops growing exceptionally tall and rank. Warmer weather is necessary to hasten maturity and barley-filling. Oats are heading out. Excellent yields of hay and small fruits have been harvested.

Alberta Crops Advanced.

Alberta.—Edmonton reports weather was cold and wet until the 16th. Since then it has been ideal, grain crops advancing rapidly; roots and hoed crops are excellent and a heavy crop of hay is being gathered. At Lacombe the weather conditions during the last half of July have been favorable. All early-sown crops are fully headed, and with continuance of present weather the harvest should begin the last week in August. Straw is heavy and the grain yield promises to be good. From McLeod is reported too much rain all the month. Crops are very heavy, but are from two to three weeks late. From Lethbridge it is reported that many rainy days during July have been unfavorable for grain, but not for hay. In some localities, particularly near the foothills, apprehension is felt as to whether the grain will mature before the frost; hot weather is needed. In the greater part of South Alberta the crops are safe with normal weather from now on. Hail has occurred in several localities. A report covering a wide area states that the crops in southern and south-eastern Alberta are fair to good. At Lethbridge, McLeod and Pincher Creek they are good, but excessive rains have injured many fields, and summer fallowing is not finished. From Lethbridge and McLeod to Calgary the crops are excellent; from Lethbridge to Medicine Hat they are good. Hail has damaged parts of districts from 40 to 75 per cent. From Maple Creek to Gull Lake and Shaunavon the crops are excellent; from Shaunavon to Assiniboia they are fair to good; it has been too wet. From Swift Current to Pambum and from Swift Current to Abbey the crops are excellent. From Prelate to Empress they will not ripen evenly. Cutting will be general in two or three weeks.

Satisfactory Reports in British Columbia.

British Columbia.—At Agassiz July has been hot and dry, but there was plenty of moisture in the ground, and the hot weather made for the best development of corn, mangolds and grain. A large quantity of grain has been cut and some threshing has been done. At Invermere intermittent rains have fallen on eighteen days, rendering irrigation unnecessary. Much of the early-cut hay is damaged. There is a promise of a heavy second cut of alfalfa and clover. Cereals are ripening well; oats and peas have improved; roots have made rapid growth; corn is very backward. At Sidney, Vancouver Island, a heavy crop of hay has been gathered in good condition. An excellent crop of autumn-sown cereals has been harvested. A good crop of oats is now being harvested. Roots, forage plants, fruits and vegetables are in good condition.

Last Week's Reports Good.

An optimistic report as to Western harvest conditions was received this week by Hon. Mr. Burrell, acting minister of the interior, from the immigration branch, Winnipeg. It is as follows:—

"Weekly weather report, week ending August 5th. The whole West rejoicing in abundance of heat and sunshine, and conditions to-day are everywhere perfectly ideal. Temperature throughout Prairie Provinces for last six days averaged eighty to ninety in shade. No frosts reported at nights from anywhere in the West. Wheat, which is most abundant crop, ripening quickly; oats and other later-sown grains are also maturing satisfactorily.

"Harvest will be general in West from 20th to 25th this month. Great feeling optimism and confidence all parts Prairie Provinces, more particularly in those drought-stricken districts of last year."