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Prairie Crop Conditions: While widespread rains over the greater part have improved crop conditions in the West, cold and drought were reported killing crops in southern and western Ontario. The usually rich farmlands of the Ontario region have had 14 rainless days and unseasonable frosts. Rich tobacco lands may need reseeding.

The growing crops of the Prairie Provinces, however, are now in quite good condition, the Bureau of Statistics reports, except in fairly larger areas of central Alberta and south-central and south-western districts of Saskatchewan, where rain is still urgently required. While the situation has improved remarkably in the last two weeks, sub-soil moisture reserves are still inadequate in many areas and much additional moisture will be required to bring the growing crops to maturity.

Cooler, wet weather during the past fortnight has retarded grasshopper infestation, although severe outbreaks are reported from some localities in central Saskatchewan. Grasshopper control campaigns are being carried on in the affected areas there and elsewhere, with good results generally reported. Recovery from frost damage has been good but some reseeding of coarse grains was necessary in a few districts.

In Manitoba seeding is almost completed, although some delay has taken place due to heavy weed growth and the necessity for some reseeding. Crops in general are progressing satisfactorily in Manitoba with fall rye heading out. Early wheat is well stooled on a heavy stand, although there is considerable late crop.

As a result of the recent rains, general crop prospects in Saskatchewan are greatly improved, except in south-central and south-western districts where moisture conditions are still unsatisfactory. Conditions in the eastern half of the province appear quite favourable with grain stands fair to excellent, wheat averaging five inches and coarse grains three to four inches in height. In other areas stands are slightly shorter.

Good rains were received over much of Alberta this past week. Seeding is now completed in most of the province and, weather permitting, very little will remain by the end of the week. Grain crops are quite generally fair to good with the important exception of a large moisture deficient area in the central part of the province.

ICAO Third Assembly: The Third Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization was opened at Montreal on June 7 by Dr. Edward Warner, President of the ICAO Council. Delegates and observers representing 33 nations and 2 international organizations were welcomed by the Canadian Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, and by Dr. Leon Lortie, representing the City of Montreal.

This year's Assembly, which is expected to last about two weeks, will concern itself mainly with administrative and financial matters. It will receive a report on the past year's operations from the ICAO Council, it will adopt the Organization's budget for 1950 and will allocate the costs among the 54 nations which make up ICAO's membership, and will consider a staff pensions plan.

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