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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

CROP CONDITIONS VARY: Scattered rains only fell over the Prairie Provinces during the past week and mean temperatures varied from 3.4 degrees above normal in Manitoba to 7.5 degrees above normal in Saskatchewan. These weather conditions made for good growth in those areas which benefited from the rains received in the latter part of May and early June, but in many sections, particularly in western, south-western and south-central Saskatchewan and in central and north-central Alberta, rain is urgently needed to halt deterioration, reported the Bureau of Statistics on June 14.

In Manitoba the situation is relatively favourable, except for areas around Winnipeg and Teulon where moisture is required. In eastern and northern Saskatchewan and in southern Alberta and the Peace River area prospects remain favourable and the general appearance of the crops is good. However, with moisture reserves relatively low, continued satisfactory progress even in these areas will depend upon the receipt of further timely rains.

Grasshoppers are hatching in many areas but widespread poison spray campaigns are evidently proving quite effective. Despite this, there is still potential danger of serious grasshopper damage, particularly in some parts of central Saskatchewan where heavy losses have

already been reported from some localities. Recovery from earlier frosts has been quite good, although some coarse grain fields required reseeding in northern areas and some stands were thinned. Early vegetables and corn in the Winnipeg area were damaged by frost a week ago but sugar beets escaped injury.

Growing conditions in British Columbia, especially in the Peace River and central-interior sections, have been good but more moisture is needed over much of the province. Haying is becoming general, and in the northern Okanagan area the alfalfa crop is yielding two tons to the acre. In the same district coarse grains are developing rapidly and fall wheat stands are excellent. Picking of strawberries is now general and the raspberry harvest will begin about the end of the month.

Prolonged drought, accompanied by unseasonable extremes in temperature, has seriously reduced crop prospects in Ontario. Heavy precipitation is urgently needed in central and south-western Ontario where conditions are most serious. Eastern and northern Ontario have generally escaped the effects of the drought and crop prospects in these areas are still considered quite satisfactory. Extremes in temperature, ranging in the past week from freezing to around 90 degrees, have also caused considerable damage.