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The Guide Crop Report

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year. Two reports from East Edmonton are very similar to these.

Peace River.—Six settlers say wheat will average 25, oats 48 and barley 30 bushels in Peace River country. One reports hail but others practically no damage. There has been an increase in the area summerfallowed and considerable new breaking done. Hay was a good crop and potatoes are much better than a year ago.

Strathcona.—Twelve reports average wheat 23 bushels, oats 43 and barley 25. Slight early frosts delayed the crops. A little barley damaged later. Three report hail. Decreased areas prepared for next year are reported. Hay seems to have been up to normal. Many say better than last year. Potatoes are generally good.

Victoria.—Sixteen farmers say wheat will average 22, oats 39 and barley 30 bushels. Drought was the factor determining the returns. There was a little frost and some damage by insects, presumably wheat thrips. There was a little hail and one report from Killam mentions black rust. There seems to be quite enough help. Summerfallow has decreased in area and breaking is about as last year. Dry weather hindered breaking. Hay is a fair crop but below normal about 20 per cent. Potatoes seem slightly better than a year ago but very variable and later.

Battle River.—Fifteen reports put a 17 bushel average on wheat, 30 on oats and 20 on barley. Early frosts kept the crop back. Gophers were bad. Only one reports hail. There seems a general increase in the area prepared for next year. Hay is 80 per cent. to a normal crop. Potatoes seem 20 per cent. under last year and later.

Red Deer.—Wheat will average 22 bushels, oats 40 and barley 27, according to 20 reports. Eight mention hail, but not generally serious damage. One says rust. Several say frost and more drought. Everything conspired to do a little damage, gophers included, but altogether were not enough to make things bad. There is more land summerfallowed but considerable less new breaking. The labor problem is much less serious than in most districts. Hay is a normal crop or better. Ten say potatoes are good, better than last year, ten say not so good—you see what that averages.

Calgary.—Reports from East and West Calgary place wheat at 25 to 30 bushels, oats 45 and barley 30 to 35. Little damage is recorded. Hay was fair. Potatoes seem not up to 1916.

Beaumont.—Here 15 farmers say wheat will average 15 bushels, oats 23 and barley 19 per acre. Districts vary tremendously, some having very little. Seven mention hail damage but generally slight. Drought was severe. Some places hail damaged 10 per cent. and in some 25 per cent. of oats, and barley will not be cut due to drought. Land prepared seems about the same as last year, possibly slightly more. Hay is a fair crop. Potatoes are late and from 50 per cent. to a normal crop.

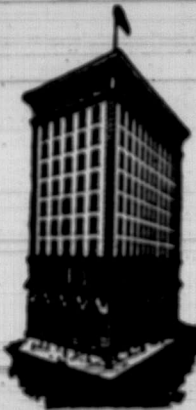
Medford.—Five reports average wheat at 26 bushels, oats at 47 and barley at 35. Some serious hail damage in spots. Weed damage seems less serious this year. Hay was fair. Potatoes fair.

Lethbridge.—Four reports average wheat at 29 bushels, oats 38 bushels and barley at 24. Two mention hail, all drought, some frost. No more land in preparation than for 1917. Potatoes are considerably poorer than 1916. Hay was very fair.

Medicine Hat.—Fourteen reports say wheat will average 16 bushels, oats 15 and barley 12. Drought did the trick. Lots of oats will be cut green for feed, as they were still growing September 5. A little hail. Nearly everywhere there seems a decrease varying up to 50 per cent. in the area summerfallowed. Less has also been broken on account of dry weather. The short crop largely solved the labor situation. Hay is from 80 per cent. to normal. Many sloughs drying up made some more hay. Potatoes are poor, many say half of last year.

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