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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**CROP OUTLOOK IMPROVED:** General rains in the Prairie Provinces during the past week have somewhat improved the crop outlook. Prospects in Manitoba are now very favourable. In Saskatchewan favourable prospects have been maintained over eastern, east-central and north-central districts, but elsewhere the conditions range from poor to fair. Prospects are now fair to good in most districts of Alberta. In British Columbia general crop conditions have improved considerably. In eastern Canada, conditions have continued favourable in Ontario and are promising in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Good rains were received in Manitoba last week and ample moisture is now assured to fill the crop in most areas. Prospects for late-sown coarse grains and flaxseed have greatly improved. Haying has been delayed, however, and in some areas considerable spoilage has occurred.

Further rains and relatively cool weather in Saskatchewan have improved the feed and fodder crop outlook and provided favourable conditions for the more advanced wheat stands. Grasshopper damage is still a hazard and rye crops in western areas are being swathed to prevent destruction by migratory infestation.

Crop conditions in Alberta have been improved by recent rains and moisture conditions are now satisfactory except in east-central districts, where rainfall has been inadequate and crops are poor. Wheat is 50 per cent headed with no significant damage other than drought. Coarse grains show a very uneven stand.

General crop conditions in British Columbia during the past two weeks have shown considerable improvement, although weather conditions for the most part have been quite unsettled with temperatures below normal. Heavy rains in the Peace River area and central interior regions, along with intermittent rain over the remainder of the province, are seriously interfering with the harvesting of an excellent hay crop. The cutting of fall rye is now well under way and the harvest of the winter wheat crop will commence in about a week's time.

Continued favourable conditions in Ontario indicate a bountiful harvest of all crops. Harvesting of fall wheat is under way in southern districts and will be general by the end of the week, with prospects for an excellent yield. Spring grains are ripening rapidly and cutting of oats and barley is expected to start in many districts within a few days. Hot, dry weather during the past week has enabled farmers to make favourable progress in harvesting the hay crop which, both quantity and quality, is better than average. Throughout most of the province pastures are in good condition for this time of year, although rain is needed in some sections, particularly in northern Ontario. Corn, potatoes, tobacco, soy beans and canning tomato crops have made rapid progress during the past two weeks.

Although crop conditions in Quebec are generally quite promising, a good rain-fall is needed in many areas where grains are almost at a standstill.