

Prospects for More Than Average Canadian Crop

Rainfall Has Been Good But Not Too Heavy—Quebec and Alberta Only Provinces to Experience Dry Weather—Cutworm and Grasshopper Outbreaks in the West Well Under Control—Despite Many Setbacks, Grain Prospects Favourable

CROP conditions are well above the average, judging from the reports wired to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at the end of June. Rainfall has been good but not too heavy. Some parts of Quebec and Alberta have suffered from dry weather, however, but the damage was not large. Some setbacks have been encountered in various parts of the country, but these are being overcome. Generally speaking, the prospects are very favorable. The following reports summarize the conditions:—

Atlantic Provinces: Prince Edward Island—Season favourable for all crops. Cereals growing rapidly and showing good colour. Oats, corn and vegetables have germinated quickly. Strong growth of clover. Grasses not up to first estimates owing to dry May. Timothy heading out. Prospects for hay and pasture average. Large and small fruits have set well and promise a full crop. Nova Scotia—Frosts on the 20th and 24th, combined with lack of precipitation, have been detrimental to good germination and growth. Wheat, oats and barley fair; potatoes and roots fair; small fruit below average; apples good; turnip seed good; hay slightly below average, with fair amount of clover in evidence. New Brunswick (Fredericton)—Following extremely dry May, June has given no rain to penetrate ground, but frequent light showers totalling 1½ inches for month, have germinated seed and helped cultivated crops. Grains, potatoes and corn looking well; hay crop not half average; pastures fair. All seeding except some turnips and buckwheat completed.

Quebec: Cap Rouge—Garden peas, gooseberries, currants excellent; field peas, oats, cherries, ornamental plants very good. Corn, wheat, potatoes, mangolds, hay, pasture, plums, strawberries, raspberries and squash good. Swedes, carrots, barley, apples, string beans, tomatoes and onions medium. Drought is main cause of trouble. Lennoxville—Excessively dry weather throughout the month of June has been detrimental to hay crop and late-sown grains. There is not the usual amount of clover on account of the severe cold weather of the past winter and the high price of clover seed this spring.

Ontario: From the Ontario Department of Agriculture—June rains greatly helped all field crops. Fall wheat promises good yield; straw short. Spring rains fair. Timothy and clover light. Alfalfa first cut good. Corn looks splendid. Sugar beets prospering, but mangolds disappointing. Tomatoes and other canning crops promising. Strawberries good yield. Other fruit prospects excellent. Live stock thrifty.

Grains in Fine Shape

Manitoba: From the Manitoba Department of Agriculture—Crop outlook promising. Growing and maturing rapidly. June showery and moderately warm. Grasshoppers threaten many districts, but have been vigorously poisoned and have been kept under control. Hay crop good. Animals thriving. Conditions fairly uniform over province. Brandon—Rainfall has been light but timely, with no frost during June. Some grasshoppers, but precautionary measures have prevented serious loss as yet. Wheat prospects are fairly good, but more rain is needed at once. Oats and barley are late but vigorous. Hay crop light. Morden—Timely showers have improved conditions. Wheat looking well; other crops average but somewhat later than usual. Potatoes and garden crops average. Wireworms and cutworms prevalent. No grasshopper damage in this section, and no injury from late frost.

Saskatchewan: From the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture—Wheat is now in shot blade in nearly all parts of Saskatchewan. Generally speaking there is plenty of moisture in the ground, and intermittent showers from now

on should assure a good crop. Grasshopper war being waged with good success and comparatively little damage has been sustained from this pest. Excellent reports received from Swift Current district. Wheat heading out at Dundurn. Pastures and hay promising splendid crop. Coarse grains making good growth. Cattle improving rapidly. Indian Head—Crop conditions generally slightly above average, although grain crops hardly so far advanced as usual. Hay crops all 10 to 20 per cent. above average. Hoed crops 10 per cent. above average, except corn, which requires more heat. Some damage reported from grasshoppers and cutworms, but all outbreaks under control. Scott—Rainfall recorded at Scott for June amounts to 2½ inches. Early-sown wheat 18 in. high. Late-sown crop short. Weeds unusually numerous, particularly in stubble fields. Hay and pasture crops have made rapid growth, consequently live stock have thriven unusually well.

Alberta: Lacombe—During June 1½ inches rain fell here. Weather has been favourable for crops with no damage from frost, cutworms or grasshoppers. Grain crops promising. Hay short. Rain needed from Olds south. North-western part of province also dry. Fall rye good crop all over. Lethbridge—Weather conditions for crop development during June in Southern Alberta have only been fair. Severe soil drifting took place west and north of Lethbridge. Showers that have occurred have been heavier in some localities than others, resulting in great irregularities in conditions. General rains are needed. Cutworms have done damage in some localities. Grasshoppers increasing, but situation apparently well in hand.

Fruit Prospects Good

British Columbia: Invermere—Although the season has been very backward, the crops are in good condition and growing rapidly. The hay crop is below the average, but pastures are only fair. Spring cereals are looking fine, and with good weather and irrigation should equal last season. The root crop has suffered considerably from cutworms. Summerland—Okanagan crops are at present hard to estimate. Pears heavy, peaches good, apricots good, cherries fair, apples good. This spring it has been difficult to estimate crop. Bloom was excellent, but cold weather made pollenization poor. June crop has been heavy. Sidney, V.I.—Weather conditions very favorable to all crops. Satisfactory growth was recorded for grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables. Haying has commenced; will be two-thirds crop. Wheat has headed out and will be two-thirds crop. Live stock in good condition. Agassiz—June, with precipitation of 8.29 inches, is wettest for twenty years. The growth of most crops is rank. Pasture and hay crops exceptionally good, also cereals. The root crop is good, but late and weedy. Excessive moisture made weed control almost impossible. Corn crop late.

Canadian National Railways Report

The crop report of the agents along the National Railways lines west of the Great Lakes in Canada, for the week ended June 26th, received at the head office here to-day, is decidedly encouraging in its general tone. The country along the lines of the publicly-controlled system appears to be almost entirely outside the zone extensively affected adversely by high winds and grasshoppers. As a matter of fact, this report mentions grasshoppers at but a few points in the Prairie—one of the three great operating divisions into which the C.N.R. western system is divided—while there is no mention whatever of this menace to the crops in the Central and Western divisions. Where notice of the presence of the grasshoppers occurs it is stated that the damage resulting is but slight, likewise there is mention made of high