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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

IDEAL SEEDING CONDITIONS: Temperatures over the Prairie Provinces during the past week have ranged from nine to 12 degrees above normal and the warm weather, combined with clear skies and drying winds, has made for near ideal seeding conditions in all three provinces, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Excellent progress has been made in seeding, particularly in southern areas. Early-seeded crops are germinating well and growth is rapid. Grasshoppers are beginning to hatch in Saskatchewan and Alberta. In Saskatchewan, wire worm damage to early seeded crops is becoming noticeable in some areas.

With ideal weather conditions throughout Manitoba good progress has been made in seeding during the past week. In most southern sections wheat seeding is almost complete and about half of the oats and barley acreages have been planted. Some flax is also in the ground. Exceptions are the flooded areas along the Assiniboine River and a limited section extending from Morris to Emerson on both sides of the Red River. Progress has been slower in the northern sections of the province as seeding was generally held up until about a week ago. Moisture reserves are excellent and following the extreme heat of last week early seeded grain is well above the ground. Grass is growing rapidly and a good hay crop is in prospect. No insect damage of importance is indicated as yet.

Above-normal temperatures and drying winds

in Saskatchewan during the week resulted in rapid progress in seeding. To date, 30 to 50 per cent of the wheat has been seeded as compared with 83 per cent at the same time last year. Between 15 and 20 per cent of the coarse grains has been sown and about 10 per cent of the flaxseed. Warm weather and ample moisture is promoting rapid germination and growth; wheat is showing above ground one week after seeding. The condition of fall rye and pastures is good throughout the province. Grasshoppers are beginning to hatch and wire worm damage to early seeded crops is becoming noticeable.

Favourable weather has prevailed generally in Alberta during the past week. The land is drying rapidly although considerable water is still lying in low areas. Except for a few sections of the province wheat seeding was general by May 25. Southern and eastern districts are well ahead, but in the west and north seeding has been hampered by excess moisture. In the Peace River district, about 40 per cent of the seeding has been completed. Pastures throughout the province are generally good and live stock have come through the winter in fair condition. In the south of the province it is reported that, while no damage from pale western cutworm has occurred to date, it may become evident during the next two weeks. There is some trace of grasshopper hatching but up till now insect problems generally are normal.