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## MANITOBA.

Throughout Manitoba the crep prospect is good, in the central and eastern part of the Province could hardly be better, there having been abundant rains during June. In some sections of western Manitoba the rainfall has been somewhat light; consequently, the crop will be short in straw, and on the light side. On the whole, however, the outlook is most hopeful for all kinds of grain crops. The hay crop is, however, very light, and will be in many districts a total failure. Dependence will have to be put on sheaf oats and other fodder crops, which in these districts will be light, unless copious rains come soon. In districts where there are deep sloughs and swamps there will be a good supply of hay on land usually too wet to cut; but the quality of such hay is not always of the best. Root crops have suffered from lack of early rains, and are backward. The season has not been favorable for seeding down to grass, although some good catches of grass are reported. Native wild fruit and cultivated currants and gooseberries promise a bountiful crop. Raspberries generally have been winter-killed. A very large area of new land is being broken up, new settlers coming in and the natural increase spreading out.

## ONTARIO.

WARIGOON.—It is too early to give any idea as to prospects of potatoes and roots. Spring grains probably a fair crop. Hay below average. Wild fruit plentiful. Pasture fair. Season has been very dry.—A. E. Annis. Dryden, June 21st.

MUSKOKA AND PARRY SOUND.—Crops in this vicinity fair If the weather continues favorable they will be above the

ESSEX.—Crops of all kinds are looking well here, and promise an abundant harvest. Wheat, corn, cats and barley are a first-class crop, and will in this locality give a yield of a 100 per cent, crop. Meadow will be short perhaps one-fourth. Pastures are all right yet, but dry; root crops short, but not much grown. Fruit promising an abundant yield of all kinds, Tobacco is the all-absorbing topic, hundreds of acres being planted, and shortage of plants will be the only limit to the acreage.—W. S. Baldwin.

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Lambron.—Prospects for wheat good. Oats and barley average, with oats somewhat short, but improving with rains. Peas very little sown, owing to failure for last few years. A large acreage of beans planted, which are looking well. Corn promises well, not the usual acreage planted. Roots a poor stand with many, owing to defective seed. Potatoes are looking well. Fruits: Apples a medium crop; plums average; peaches dropping badly, owing to curl leaf; raspberries and blackberries good.—E. F. Augustine.

W. ELGIN.—Wheat is above the average. Oats are looking splendid. Peas not so good. Corn so far is looking splendid, acreage sown is very large. Hay is barely as large a crop as it was last season, but still it is good. Roots are extensively sown in this section, and as they are sown at different dates it is hard to give a correct idea of the prospect, but I believe it will be good. Potatoes not so good. Fruit of all kinds, good prospects, especially peaches.—Chas. C. Ford.

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HALDIMAND.—Wheat is in good condition, and will average from 15 to 25 bushels per acre. Oats, peas, and barley are exceptionally good. The hay crop is very heavy. The potato crop also promises good results. Apple prospects are fair. Frosts have done no damage.

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HURON.—Fall wheat is looking well; spring, none sown; oats, fair crop: peas, good; barley. very little sown; clover and timothy hay, disappointing; roots, looking well; apples, not much winter fruit; small fruits, plentiful.

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BRUCE.—Hay—Old meadows are very light, but fresh seeded is above the average, especially clover. Fall wheat very uneven; some good fields, and as many others that are very poor. Summer fallows are generally good, and where there was sufficient moisture last fall to give a good growth it is all right. Peas exceptionally good. Oats and barley promise well. Corn is not growing satisfactorily. Roots are very uneven and backward. Potatoes promise well and are growing freely. Pastures are generally good, but the cold weather and drouth are telling on them now, and unless we have rain they will soon be very short and dry.—J. B. Muir.

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GREY.—Fruit prospects for this section appear to stand
about as follows: Small fruits rather light, but more than
sufficient for the demand. Cherries, 50 per cent.; plums, 70
per cent.; early and fall apples, full crop; winter apples, fair
to good—about 75 or 80 per cent., excepting Spys, which are
very light. Trees and fruits of all kinds looking remarkably
well, except a few orchards which have been infested with
caterpillars.—J. G. Mitchell, Georgian Bay Fruit Exp. Stm.

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GREY.—Wheat, oats, barley and peas over the average, and fruit prospects are good. Root crops, early sown, look well, but late sown need rain. Clover exceptionally good, and meadows will yield large returns.

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NORTH MIDDLESEX.—The wheat in this neighborhood is very good. Oats are hardly up to the average. Barley fair, but very little sown. Peas are very good. Hay is just fair, as the rain came too late. Corn looks very well. Roots are coming on well since the rains came. Potatoes are promising. Strawberries are very good. Raspberries, not many grown, but very good. Apples are good. Gooseberries and currants are very good. Very few plums, peaches or cherries grown. Pasture is very good.—R. Nicholson.

MIDDLESEX (EAST).—Clover haying is now in full swing, and the yield is fairly heavy. Winter wheat and barley crops are exceptionally fine. The former is filling well, but a good deal of rust is making its appearance. Going from Belmont to Guelph on the C. P. R. the other day I did not see a poor field of wheat. Late heavy rains have helped spring grains. Peas promise better than usual, though there are few fields compared with years ago, but oats have not yet made any great growth. Corn and roots are coming on well, and up to date growth. Corn and roots are coming on well, and up to date growth. Corn and roots are coming on well, and up to date price \$4.65 to \$4.75 per owt. alive. Cheese factory patrons are pleased to note a slight improvement, prices for that product now getting up towards 8 cents. Farmers are alarmed at the report of a sharp advance in binder twine. A newspaper report the other day credited the Government with closing the Central (Ont.) Prison factory because the country was flooded with twine and prices so low. It don't look like it now. Potatoes and garden stuff are doing well, barring insect pests. Strawberries, currants and other small fruits abundant, and excellent prospects for larger sorts, though it is too early to speak confidently regarding apples. The yield, however, will be nothing like what the spring bloom indicated.

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PERTH.—Seldom has there been such a promising outlook for an abundant harvest as there is in this district at the present time. Fall wheat particularly is looking well; sown principally on sod land, and of the Dawson variety. In fact, I know of no product of the farm at the present writing that seems to indicate even a partial failure. Orchards promise abundant yields. There are more insect pests than usual. Tent caterpillars and curculio seem to be quite busy in orchards that have not been sprayed. Hay and pastures abundant. Corn, potatoes, and all kinds of roots have started well.—John Burns.

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WATERLOO.—Crops of all kinds at this date are fully up to average. Wheat fine—none winter-killed. Rather early to speak of the prospects of corn and roots. Have had an exceptionally good season all round so far. Plenty of rain to give good crops of pasture and hay. Roots and corn are getting a good start. There is, the prospect of a good, even crop of fruits of all kinds. Apples ahead of last year. Pears, plums and cherries a good average crop, but scarcely "loaded down" as heavily as last year.—John Taylor, Jr.

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PREL.—Present prospects of fall wheat 18 to 20 bushels, spring fairly good. Barley good. Oats promise well. Peas not up to average. Corn not up to average. Roots, turnips, and potatoes promise well. Mangels not very good catch. Hay excellent quality, but not very heavy. Pasture is excellent. Apple prospect good. Plums below average. All small fruits good.—J. Pickering.

oxford (North).—Fall wheat that was well put in last fall is really grand, but a lot of the late sown had to be plowed down this spring, which again teaches the lesson that it is useless to put in wheat on land that is not well prepared and in good condition. Barley, peas, and oats have never been as good at this time of the season, that I know of. Very little spring wheat is grown, but looks well. Mangels are not as good as some other years. Potatoes came up vigorously, and are making rapid growth. Turnips came up rapidly, and are not injured by the flies. Clover and all grasses are exceptionally good, and promise a big yield. Pasture is better than it has been for years. Applies are only a fair crop. Plums will be the same, as brown rot has attacked them. Pears and small fruits are simply immense. On the whole the outlook is more encouraging than it has been for years past.—H. Bollert.

BRANT.—Crops are looking fine here, and fall wheat perhaps never looked better. There is some rust reported, but not heavy enough to do any damage. Hay is a heavy crop. Oats, barley and root crops look well, and promise a rich harvest. Apples have been falling off the trees, but the yield will be fair, nevertheless. Small fruits plentiful.

NORFOLK.—Reports from all parts of the country show that there will be an abundant harvest. The hay crop in many parts is superior to that of last year.

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Welland.—The outlook for a bountiful harvest on the Niagara frontier has not been so promising for years as at present. Wheat, oats, rye and barley will be exceptionally good. Corn is a little backward, Other crops fair. Fruit harvest will be a very light one, and peaches are about one-quarter crop; plums a failure; pears and apples promise fair.

Simcole.—From all parts of this county come most encouraging reports of all crops and fruit prospects. Fall wheat has been greatly improved by timely warm rains, so that the probable yield is above the average. Haying has commenced and is a heavy crop. Farmers nearly all say they never saw the country look better from every point of view.

Lincoln.—Wheat, 75 per cent.; cats, 100 per cent.; barley, 100 per cent. Corn good, increased acreage planted. Hay very heavy. Potatoes look well, increased acreage. Apples, good many dropping in orchards not sprayed. Peaches about one-third crop; plums about one-half crop; pears good average crop; grapes promise full crop.

Wentworth.—Fall wheat has much improved of late—is still only a poor half crop. Spring grain of all kinds promising a full crop, quite above the average. Hay, and especially clover, is very fine; clover a little affected with midge. Corn, not so much put in, but looks well. Potatoes promise well. Pasture has been excellent. The principal fruit grown in this section is apples, which promise a fair crop. Small fruits promise well. Pears very good. Plums and cherries average. Upon the whole, crops very satisfactory.—John Jacksen.

Halton.—The great bulk of fall wheat is a medium crop, while some is far above the average. Spring wheat good:

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Halton.—The great bulk of fall wheat is a medium crop, while some is far above the average. Spring wheat good; not much sown. Barley, cats and peas away above the average. The hay crop is exceptionally heavy, especially the clover. Pastures all good. Potatoes and all roots promise large yields. Small fruits are very abundant and of excellent quality. Apples and pears very abundant, butdropping badly. Cherries and plums will be a fair crop.

YORK.—All kinds of grain looking the very best. Hay (timothy) fair. Clover an abundant crop, two crops on the ground. Corn starting nicely. Mangolds considerably damaged by fiy, but plenty left for a crop. Turnips starting away nicely. Potatoes are coming a little delicate in clay and. Apple prospects fair. Small fruits of all kinds abundant. Pasture excellent.—John Bell, Cilydesdale Farm.

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ONTARIO (SOUTH).—Fall wheat, very little sown; some lgood, rest poor stand last fall. Spring wheat turned yellow in many cases, perhaps an average. Barley, cats and peas all looking well, except peas on wet land. Hay a fair average crop. Clover mostly good, some old meadows are light. Corn doing well. Mangels are doing well. Apples promise a very small crop. Pears are also scarce. Plums and cherries heavily loaded. Small fruits variable. Pastures good.—Elmer Lick.

VICTORIA.—The crops in this section were never in a more promising condition. Fall wheat is very heavy. The first crop of hay will be extra heavy, and old meadows will be an average crop. Spring wheat, cats and peas are good, as well as corn and roots. Some of the grain was slightly damaged by the worms. Fruits looking well.

PETERBORO.—Hay and clover a fine crop. Wheat, fall and spring, heavy on the ground, but a good deal of the wheat is showing rust and may affect the crop very much later on. Peas and oats are both booking well, peas particularly. Roots looking favorable.

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Northumberland.—Wheat, both spring and fall, above the average, a large acreage of spring but not of fall. Rye not an average. All other grains extra good. Hay—clover a large acreage, and good; a small acreage of timothy, and not an average, mostly old seeding. Pasture never better, if as good. Silo corn coming on fairly well, smaller acreage than last year. Roots coming on nicely. Mangels and carrots doing well. Potatoes, toe early to say, but must be a crop. Fruit (small) of all kinds abundant. Apples only fair. The most favorable prospects in years.—Alex. Hume.

\*\*Frontenac.\*\*—The hay crop is very good, with the exception of old meadows, which have been hurt with the heavy rains. Potatoes are good. Root crops are very backward. Corn is not doing very well up to the present time. Fruit of all kinds a heavy crop. Pastures are commencing to get rather short, but on the whole we are going to have a bountiful harvest when everything is taken into consideration.—Richard Moore.

PRINCE EDWARD.—The prospect for a good grain crop is evident. Wheat, barley, cats, and pees are all good, and should favorable growing weather continue it will be up to the average. Timothy fair, but clover is very heavy—the heaviest for years. Corn, roots and potatoes all looking fine, with a good prospect. Pasture never was better. The small fruits crop will be larger than usual. Strawberries are about the average. Apples can be safely placed at half crop. The season has been thus far an excellent one, and prospect never was brighter.—W. C. Huff.

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Grain shows an unusual length of straw, and development is fully two weeks in advance of average seasons. Rye alone shows poorly. Roots are making a fine showing, and pastures are excellent. Strawberries are a very large crop and of fine quality. All other fruits are abundant and of average quality.

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Lennox.—Everywhere the country has the appearance of abundant crops and good pastures. Fruit of all kinds will be plentiful from present indications.

ADDINGTON.—The crops are above the average this year. Rye, barley and fall wheat are headed out and will soon be ready to harvest. Hay has not been as good as now in years past. Peas are above the average. Oats are coming on well. There will be plenty of fruit here.

Leeds.—If the weather continues favorable the prospects are there will be the largest yield in many years. Corn, buck, wheat and oats are in a particularly flourishing condition Hay crop is heavy. There will probably be a very large yield of potatoes.

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Grenville.—Not much fall wheat sown, but what is in is very good. Hay is very good. Grain crops never looked better at this time of the year.

Carleton.—With fair weather conditions during the remainder of the season the crops in the Ottawa district should be exceedingly heavy in all lines. Fruit is the only crop that has suffered, and in some sections apple and plum trees were attacked by caterpillars. Orchards that were near poplar bushes suffered especially, and in some cases were stripped entirely of leaves. However, other sections escaped, and where the caterpillars did not visit there are prospects of a large yield of fruit.

Renfrew.—The general appearance of the crops in this section is good. Wheat is reported in some places not quite up to the average, but oats and peas promise an abundant crop. Hay will be a large yield.

Glengarr.—Hay, clover, etc., will be an extra crop—best in years. All grains promise well. Roots are looking well; potatoes also; bugs very numerous. Corn made a good start, but last two weeks have been cold, especially at night. It has given it rather a stunted; yellow look; better weather may cause it to recover. Fruits, currants and gooseberries good crop. Apples, plums, cherries and strawberries only a medium crop, varying very much even on adjoining farms. Pastures extra good.—James H. Ecdon.

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Shefford.—The county in general never looked better. Hay is average, or above in places. Grain is more advanced than usual and above the average. Corn promises well—about average. Potatoes extra good for the time of year. Roots a good stand, but too early in the season to give an opinion. Small fruits a large yield. Apples fair. Pastures at their best—seldom better. April, May, and the first week of June was very dry, and a large area is put under crop in fine condition, and the recent heavy rains have forced crops shead at a wonderful rate.—P. P. Fowler.

Sherbbooke.—The continued heavy rains for the last ten days have insured the full hay crop so well started in the early spring, and in new meadows the yield will be a full crop, in old meadows above the average, though the latter show many weeds. Clover particularly good. All grain crops promise a heavy yield, now well advanced. Patatoes show remarkably well. Corn medium; much seed failed, and crows have stripped many fields.—W. A. Hale.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Queen's.—All kinds of grain are growing exceedingly

QUEEN'S.—All kinds of grain are growing exceedingly well. Hay premises an abundant crop. Corn, potatoes, and root crops have come up well. Pastures are good, as we are having an abundance of rain. The fruit is well set on the trees, and promises to be as heavy as the great crop two years ago. Small fruits are also very promising. We are now having beautiful growing weather after the somewhat cold spring. We have had no frosts to injure the most delicate plants.—W.S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

YORK. — Good prospects for hay. Pasture first-ole Grain was sown under favorable conditions, but the we er lately has been too cool and wet. Rather early say much about roots. Potatoes are looking well. Frof all kinds wintered well and bloomed satisfactor some strawberry rust, and considerable cool, wet west during blooming time, otherwise the prospects for small fragree decidedly good. Many apple blossoms have blighted, plenty have set to give a good crop. Some cutworms, not many tent caterpillars.—J. C. Gilman.

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King's.—Hay crop is exceptionally good, will exceed that of last year. A large acreage of potatoes planted, and propents good. Colo. beetles not very numerous. Apples have not set the phenomenal crop that was promised, owing probably to a week of rainy weather at blossoming time; still most orchards have set fairly well so far as can be judged now. Canker worms not very plentiful. Tent caterpillars more abundant. Spraying more general than ever before. Plums variable; some orchards have set remarkably well, others very poorly. Pears have set well. Pastures are remarkably good, and stock doing well. The weather has been unusually moist since the last of May, and farm work has been delayed somewhat.—F. C. Sears, N. S. School of Horticulture.

CUMBERLAND.—Grain of all kinds good. Hay exceedingly good. Corn, roots and petatoes have made a good stand, and are starting nicely. Potato bugs right on time. Apples and cherries promise well; small fruits fairly well.—C. H. Black.

UNITED STATES.

The U. S. Government statistician reports the aggregate acreage of winter and spring wheat to be 43,000,000 acres; prospective yield 700,000,000 bushels. The average condition of winter wheat is 90.8 per cent. and of spring wheat 100.9 per cent.—which is an unprecedented condition. The average for the past ten years has been 92.5 per cent. The condition of spring pasture is phenomenally high.

BANILAC CO., MICH.—Fall wheat, 100 per cent.; coats and barley, 95 per cent.; peas and cern, 100 per cent.; cherries and NOVA SCOTIA.

SANILAC Co., Mich.—Fall wheat, 100 per cent.; cats barley, 95 per cent.; peas and corn, 100 per cent.; potatos per cent.; apples, plums, and pears, 100 per cent.; cherries peaches, 70 per cent.; pastures, 100 per cent.; hay, 100 per —Henry Jackson.

Michigan.—Prospects good for wheat, cats, barley, chay—New meadows good, old meadows light. Fruit good John Aitkin.

Oxford County, Untario.

We had some very heavy rains which have insured us an abundant crop of hay, and pastures are good and the milk flowing well, although cheese is still very dull of sale at 7 cents. The winter stall feeders in my immediate vicinity have just got rid of their cattle at 4; cents; potatoes have been selling well at about 80 cents to \$1.00, but now that the new crop is looking so well the demand is considerably limited. The ever-present potato bug does not seem to be so vigorous this year as formerly. The fall wheat is looking very well and has gained in evenness more than could possibly have been expected from its condition last fall, and if we get good filling weather we believe that the yield will not be much short of last season. Some have commenced haying. Corn and roots are doing well on ground that was properly prepared early in the season. Fruit promises to be abundant, and although we have been on the confines of frost at different times the temperature has not gone low enough to do any harm. At least one has not gone low enough to do any harm. At least one barn in our county was completely demolished by a wind storm or cyclone, and some others partially damaged; and this has given rise to an agitation for instituting an insurance department against wind storms and cyclones, to be run and worked as a branch of our worthy and successful local fire insurance. A barn in our neighborhood was consumed by fire, supposedly from spontaneous combustion.
A quantity of crushed oats had been thrown loosely in a bin in the granary, and getting damp, generated heat enough to set the mass on fire. In warm weather chop should be well tramped and leoked after for a time, as it will be likely to heat enough to deteriorate very much in feeding value, even if it does not burn up the buildings. Hoeing, weeding, cutting thistles and doing read work are now our principal occupations. D. L. June 22nd, 1898.