

CANADA'S FIELD CROPS

Reports from Coast to Coast—Improvement Has Occurred Recently

The Census and Statistics office, Ottawa, has issued the following special report on the condition of field crops throughout Canada, as compiled from telegrams despatched at the end of August:—

Atlantic Provinces.—In Prince Edward Island the hay crop was heavier than anticipated. Pests have reduced wheat 20 per cent. below average. Other grains are full crop. Potatoes except for a few blighted areas, should yield above average. Full crop of roots, vegetables and corn. In Nova Scotia all crops made excellent growth. Labor scarce. Haying slow, but hay being stored in good condition. Flax ripening nicely. Hemp, fair growth; considerable rust. In New Brunswick August weather too wet and warm or best crop yields. Wheat and oats below average. Potatoes going down with late blight, reducing crop prospects to about 60 per cent. of average yields. Roots promise well. Very heavy hay crop. Pastures good.

Quebec.—Rimouski—Abundant yield of hay. Grain and potatoes have fine appearance. Plums good. Apples small and a month late. Lennoxville—Considerable hay not cut and much grain ripe, but in bad shape through excessive rainfall. Cap Rouge—Hay crop heaviest in years, but not yet all in and quality not good owing to frequent rains. All grain much below normal from same cause. Silage corn and potatoes poor. Apples only half a crop.

Ontario's Grain Crops Fair.

Ontario.—Ottawa—Harvesting is almost completed, and grain crops are giving a very fair yield. Potatoes, roots and corn are doing well. Pastures are short. Peterborough—Wheat, barley and oats yielding high. Grain extra good sample. Mangolds, turnips and potatoes doing well. Corn, large acreage and heavy crop. Pastures good. Apple crop light. Oshawa—Yield of wheat and oats above average. Lodged oats decrease crop and double labor, otherwise a record crop. Barley average crop. Root crops good. Corn fair. Hyde Park—Wheat yielding 25 bushels per acre. Oats in stock. Grain light. Barley grain small. Corn late and may not mature. Potatoes and roots good. Large acreage of fall wheat will be sown if possible. Petrolia—Ideal harvest weather. All grain crops harvested except 10 per cent. of oats. Best season for years. Increased acreage being sown to fall wheat.

Manitoba.—Brandon—Dry weather has continued throughout August. Cutting completed, thrashing begun. Yield better than was feared and quality excellent. Franklin—Conditions much improved during month. Wheat will yield very fair, good sample. Oats and barley a little light. No damage by frost. Harrowby—Wheat harvest well along; 15 bushels per acre. Oats and barley, 40 per cent. cut for feed; will thrash 25 bushels. Potatoes, 30 per cent. of average.

Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Saskatchewan.—Rosthern—Most wheat will grade 1 and 2. Yield, 20 to 30 bushels. Scott—Wheat will probably average 16 bushels, barley 30, oats 30 to 45. Sufficient laborers for immediate requirements at \$4 per day. More help wanted for thrashing.

Alberta.—The Alberta Department of Agriculture reports that crops have greatly improved on account of general rains, frequent showers and favorable weather conditions. It is now estimated that the yields will be a good average, if not a little better, although the previous dry weather permanently reduced average over a considerable area. With the exception of a number of destructive hailstorms there has been no damage to crops by frost or otherwise. Harvest operations are now general. In the lighter districts 50 to 75 per cent. of grain has been cut. Thrashing will be general latter part of next week. No frost yet. All cereals will grade higher than usual. Roots and live stock in excellent condition. Lethbridge—Harvest well advanced in southern Alberta. Yields generally are somewhat lighter than anticipated. Oats and barley rather poor. Serious hailstorms. Hyde Park—No frost recorded. Lacombe—Harvesting in central Alberta further advanced than for any previous season for ten years. Yield of grain below average, but superior in quality.

British Columbia.—Agassiz—August dry and hot. Grain medium crop. No damage from rain in stock. Root crops

and pastures badly need moisture. Summerland—Apples 10 per cent. more than last year and of best quality. Grain not well filled. Serious water shortage. Invermere—Good second cuts of alfalfa and clover under irrigation. Roots and corn have made good growth. Sydney—All grain harvested in excellent weather. Yield not heavy. Forage crops, roots and potatoes will be light. Apples and other orchard fruit below average. Pastures very short and rain much needed.

BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the bank clearings for the weeks of September 5, 1916 and September 6, 1917, respectively, with changes:—

	Week ended Sept. 6, '17.	Week ended Sept. 5, '16.	Changes.
Montreal	\$ 70,290,231	\$ 60,680,178	+ \$ 9,610,053
Toronto	51,389,714	39,867,004	+ 11,522,710
Winnipeg	26,544,260	32,252,494	— 5,708,234
Vancouver	8,067,512	6,181,547	+ 1,885,965
Ottawa	5,430,123	5,718,039	— 287,916
Calgary	4,493,914	3,827,467	+ 666,447
Hamilton	4,779,113	3,244,257	+ 1,534,856
Quebec	3,954,687	3,800,402	+ 154,285
Edmonton	2,201,455	1,627,730	+ 573,725
Halifax	2,569,339	2,526,534	+ 42,805
London	2,367,856	1,596,103	+ 771,753
Regina	2,325,041	2,037,963	+ 287,078
St. John	1,663,415	1,536,279	+ 127,136
Victoria	2,027,763	1,326,460	+ 701,303
Saskatoon	1,429,474	1,039,323	+ 390,151
Moose Jaw	897,254	794,424	+ 102,830
Brandon	527,489	648,192	— 120,703
Brantford	824,023	513,501	+ 310,522
Fort William	566,236	475,380	+ 90,856
Lethbridge	627,309	501,525	+ 125,784
Medicine Hat	380,321	287,317	+ 93,004
New Westminster ..	317,236	269,171	+ 48,065
Peterboro	511,284	407,823	+ 103,461
Sherbrooke	610,549	433,203	+ 177,346
Kitchener	539,701	421,739	+ 117,962
Totals	\$195,335,299	\$172,014,055	+ \$23,321,244

Toronto's bank clearings for the current week are \$55,897,820; for the similar period, 1916, \$44,960,058; and for 1915, \$32,372,448. For the week ended September 6, \$51,389,714; for the similar period, 1916, \$39,867,004; and for 1915, \$27,350,943.

AUGUST BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the bank clearings for the months of August, 1916, and August, 1917, respectively, with changes:—

	Aug., 1917.	Aug., 1916.	Changes.
Montreal	\$354,434,157	\$296,013,018	+ \$ 58,421,139
Toronto	244,647,685	187,511,224	+ 57,136,461
Winnipeg	150,156,145	194,133,827	— 43,977,682
Vancouver	38,527,759	28,550,714	+ 9,977,045
Ottawa	23,983,615	19,890,475	+ 4,093,140
Calgary	25,820,413	18,713,089	+ 7,107,324
Hamilton	20,103,111	15,864,278	+ 4,238,833
Quebec	16,932,194	16,769,606	+ 162,588
Edmonton	10,924,293	10,616,144	+ 308,149
Halifax	12,840,010	9,975,969	+ 2,864,041
London	8,726,050	8,003,529	+ 722,521
Regina	11,384,312	10,500,885	+ 874,427
St. John	8,820,379	8,463,056	+ 357,323
Victoria	7,418,946	7,629,000	— 210,054
Saskatoon	7,040,632	5,728,997	+ 1,320,635
Moose Jaw	4,458,347	4,223,031	+ 235,316
Brandon	2,146,893	2,611,038	— 464,145
Brantford	3,279,560	2,403,806	+ 875,754
Fort William	2,652,892	2,547,350	+ 105,542
Lethbridge	4,110,272	2,907,669	+ 1,202,603
Medicine Hat	2,248,301	1,676,966	+ 571,335
New Westminster ..	1,558,142	1,392,489	+ 165,653
Peterboro	2,728,770	2,343,781	+ 384,988
Sherbrooke	2,725,625	2,332,347	+ 393,278
Kitchener	2,295,655	1,901,086	+ 394,569
Totals	\$969,973,167	\$862,802,374	+ \$107,170,793