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### Crop Report

Below will be found a brief synopsis of the telegraphic reports received at the Head Office of the Bank of Montreal and from its branches. The Branch Managers have complete and intimate knowledge of each local situation and are in close touch with crop conditions in all sections of the districts mentioned.

#### GENERAL

In the Prairie Provinces seeding is about completed with the exception of small acreage of coarse grains. Germination and early growth were retarded by cold weather, but with the warm weather now prevailing crops are making rapid progress. There is generally sufficient moisture for the present but good rains will be needed soon over large areas in Northern Saskatchewan and North-eastern Alberta. In Quebec seeding which has been delayed by cold weather is now general and in some areas has been completed. In Ontario fall wheat continues to make excellent progress; very little having been damaged from any cause at all and prospects are that the crop will be above the average. All clovers are looking well and all indications point to a good average hay crop. Seeding was fully two weeks late owing to cold weather and this was the case also in the Maritime Provinces. In British Columbia nearly all the crops are late but the outlook has become promising. Details follow:

#### PRAIRIE PROVINCES

**ALBERTA WESTERN AREA.** With few exceptions moisture conditions are satisfactory and growth rapid. **ALBERTA NORTHEASTERN AREA.** Whilst crops are not suffering more rain is required. **ALBERTA SOUTHEASTERN AREA.** The whole area has had sufficient rain and the conditions are favorable. **SASKATCHEWAN NORTHERN AREA.** Seeding has been completed and crop conditions are satisfactory. Wheat shows sturdy, even growth, and with the prevailing warm weather is now making headway. **SASKATCHEWAN SOUTHERN AREA.** Cold weather earlier in the season retarded germination but the growth of crops is now more rapid, with prevailing conditions favorable and prospects satisfactory. A small percentage of coarse grains has still to be sown. **MANITOBA.** Seeding is almost completed and all grains are making satisfactory headway. Wheat is well rooted and on an average is up six inches. The weather is now warmer and moisture conditions are satisfactory at present.

#### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Prospects are favorable, although a further period of warm dry weather is needed. Grass pastures are in good condition. Fruit trees blossomed well and small fruits came through the winter with little evident damage.

#### PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Owing to excessive rains in the early spring, followed by a protracted period of cold raw weather, seeding in most districts is now only being completed. In Southwestern Ontario the season is more advanced but there has been very little growth and the whole province is greatly in need of warm weather. Corn and root planting is general. Tobacco planting has commenced and while there will be an increased acreage in Norfolk County, where only the flue cured variety is grown there will be a substantial decrease in Essex where Burley has been the chief crop. Fruit trees and bushes came through the winter well. There was a heavy bloom and very little frost damage.

### NEWSY FARM NOTES

By Agricola

#### BUCKWHEAT

Buckwheat is one of the seeds that may be sown late; up to mid-June or even later. It is grown for two purposes, either for the sake of its seed or for the cleaning and enriching of the land. Professor R. A. Derrick, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, gives some interesting notes on this plant.

The flour made from the seed is in high favor for making griddle cakes, and there is a fairly steady demand for it. The grain is excellent poultry feed, and can be used for stock, but is not of such value as oats, wheat or barley.

Buckwheat will thrive on comparatively poor, light land, and when plowed under its thick succulent stems decay quickly, increasing the supply of plant food and improving the physical condition of the soil. Because it withstands acidity of the soil, and lack of drainage, it can be grown on land which rejects other crops.

A good practice is to clean cultivate, to destroy growing weeds, before sowing; afterwards the buckwheat will act as a smother crop, and prevent the development of any weeds that may remain.

Buckwheat may be cut green, as a sowing crop, and a further usefulness is indicated when we are told that it is one of the best honey producing plants.

#### THE FARMER'S LIFE

Sandy Frazer, of the Farmers' Advocate, is not only a farmer, but a philosopher—a combination that is perhaps commoner than is supposed. He recently moralized on the case of Miss Marjorie Talley a New York singer with an income of a hundred thousand dollars, who has given up her career to go farming. As the lady is only twenty three years old, Sandy has his "doots" as to the wisdom of her change, but his niece who is on a visit from the States puts before him a few matters that considerably alter his viewpoint.

"There's about a million reasons why only a sensible person would wish to spend their days in the country rather than in the city" says Jennie. "First its interest as Nature's school, but his niece every day, and if not a dunce entirely, comes out wiser and better than one went in.

Secondly, it is an independent life. For the farmer depends upon himself alone for his living; as times go, and particularly in the big cities, the worker is at the mercy of inexorable economic law, which demands the last ounce of energy and scraps the worker when he fails to produce it. The farmer works hard too, but has his repayment in his thriving

stock "which depends on him for its life and such comfort and pleasure it can get out of lying." These repay him in labor, milk or eggs or whatever happens to be their particular line of business." Instead of being relegated to the scrap heap, the farmer by industry, sobriety, and good management, become honorably independent.

"It rather be a farmer on my own land" concludes Jennie, than the Queen of England, or Mrs. Herbert Hoover for the matter of that.

#### PREVENTION OF FIRES

There is unfortunately a heavy annual fire loss in Canada. Much of it is preventable if proper precautions are taken. Farm property suffers more loss than city property, and this is partly due to the fact that lighting is usually done by means of oil lamps or lanterns, and straw and hay are always present. There are also very inadequate means of fighting fire on the farm, as a rule, so that a fire once started has matters pretty much all its own way. Insurance never covers the value of loss, and replacement is becoming more expensive, consequently every means of prevention should be carefully considered.

The stove is a serious source of fires. Chimneys and flues should be properly constructed and cleaned frequently. Stove pipes should run as far as possible from the walls, and walls protected where necessary by sheet metal or other incombustible substance. When passing through walls or floors, the chimney or safe is better set in a concrete block. The fire should not be started with kerosene, as many accidents have been caused by this. In England the law requires all gasoline to be colored pink to prevent accidents through mistaking it for kerosene. All oils should be stored in metal containers.

Smoking in farm buildings should not be thought of. Matches should never be carried loose, they are liable to be dragged out of the pocket, and many causes may ignite them. They should be carried in a metal case.

Every year we have barns and houses destroyed by lightning; the proper installation of lightning rods would prevent this. Professor Heimpel of MacDonald College, who is an authority on this matter, recommends copper cable for this work, and is always willing to help the enquirer. I read that the U. S. Government rods its buildings with three ply of barbed wire which is kept painted.

Bonfires are sometimes the cause of fires and should be carefully watched that they do not spread, and as carefully extinguished before being left.

Conditions generally are very promising. Pastures are in good condition.

#### PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Recent heavy rains have been very beneficial. Field crops are in good condition and a heavy hay crop seems assured. Strawberries are on the market and prospects for small fruit's are favorable. It is anticipated that the yield of tree fruits will be somewhat below average. Hops are well advanced and pasturage is abundant.

### Control Of Carrot Rust Fly

Adults of the carrot rust fly have already been seen so steps should be taken at once to apply control measures. These insects winter over in the ground and soon after emerging in the spring lay their eggs upon or in the soil immediately surrounding the tiny carrot seedlings. The maggots when they hatch kill many of the small carrots or burrow into the roots of the larger ones where tunnels are formed much damage being done in this way. There are two generations of the carrot rust fly each year, the present one which will soon be laying its eggs and a second one which appears in late August and early September.

When carrots are planted early for the summer market the rust fly can be controlled by watering the seedlings three times with corrosive sublimate, used in the strength of one ounce to 10 gallons of water. Make the first application at once and subsequent applications 7 days apart. Pour the solution over the plants, being careful to wet them thoroughly as well as two or three inches of the surface soil on either side of them. Never mix or apply corrosive sublimate in metal vessels as it quickly eats away the container and in so doing loses much of its strength. Wood-

### Egg Laying Contest in P. E. I.

Notes on the Prince Edward Island Egg Laying Contest for the week ending June 12, 1929.

The Experimental Farm Charlottetown B. R. pen 15 led the contest for the week of 60 eggs, 67.9 points; Mr. S. R. Pendleton's B. R. pen 19 were second with 60 eggs, 66.8 points and the Experimental Farm, Fredericton, N. B., B. R. pen 6 were third with 57 eggs, 65.3 points.

Mrs. J. H. MacPhail's B. R. hen No 8 still leads with 172, 195 points; the Experimental Farm, Fredericton, N. B., B. R. hen No 10 is second with 175 eggs, 194.7 points and Mr. T. H. Foster's B. R. hen No 4 is third with 171 eggs, 194 points.

The pens leading in total production are:

1st, Experimental Farm, Fredericton, N. B., B. R. pen 6, 1508 eggs, 1646 points.

2nd, S. R. Pendleton Kensington, P. E. I., B. R. pen 19, 1431 eggs, 1569.5 points.

3rd, Mrs. J. H. MacPhail, New Haven, P. E. I., B. R. pen 20, 1442 1544.4 points.

4th, Exp. Farm, Charlottetown P. E. I., B. R. pen 15, 1381 1426.2 points.

The total number of eggs laid for the week was 1017 and to date 248-71.

This is 110 eggs more than for the same date last year and 3961 more to date.

#### Dunedin—New Haven

Mr. Theo. Ling was a visitor to Dunedin Sunday.

Messrs Leonard MacPhee and William Cameron were on Long Creek Sunday night.

Messrs MacEachern and MacGregor were visiting at West River Bridge lately.

Abundant rain and hot sun of the past week has revived the beauties of vegetation and foliage, and at the present time P. E. I. is looking its most picturesque. The charming variegated landscape exhibits a lustre and freshness peculiar to only this season of the year. Roadside ferns, berry and apple blossoms combine their odours to produce an ambrosial perfume whose fragrance is without a peer, and the musical chirps of the feathered songsters does much to increase the appeal of the great out of doors.

Mr. D. Darrach and family have returned to New York after spending a pleasant two weeks holiday renewing old friendships on P. E. I.

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in loading potatoes on the motor boat, Mary J. Arthur. Considering the fact that the work was held up several times owing to lack of materials, it shows that the job was expeditiously done, thereby reflecting credit on those in charge.

A raft of native piles was procured from Mr. Allan Stewart, Stratgartney and floated down to the bridge on Thursday D.

**World's Smallest Dog**  
LONDON, June 15.—Poogs, it is claimed, is the world's smallest Pekinese. A Londoner, with a very lofty pedigree, Poogs is three months old and turns the scale at 13 ounces. Her body is soft and fluffy like a kitten's, and she measures six inches from the neck to the start of the tail. She possesses the following claims to beauty: real bow legs, correct waddle walk, a short back, no nose, two flat black nostrils, large elegant brown eyes, upright tail, a pure Pekinese sneer.

With only 13 ounces of physique at her disposal, Poogs has to take life leisurely, and must never, never have enough to eat. At present, she is taking a superior view of things from behind the glass screen of a purple upholstered puppy basket in Mayfair.

Cnet, of life's joys for her is to stretch luxuriously across the open hand of her owner, Lady Cecil Douglas — and Lady Cecil takes only five in gloves.

Poogs is fed scientifically, and from a small silver spoon, on carefully measured proportions of minced pot, steak and patent bone and brawn-building baby food. If she is ever allowed to eat enough to satisfy her appetite, she will die of indigestion. Her delicate digestive organs account for her tiny proportions.

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### NEW ANNAN AND VICINITY

Most of the farmers in this community are intent on finishing up. Even though the spring was late, apparently seed time is being completed about the same time as previous years.

A heavy electric storm swept over this part of the province between the hours of 1 and 5, Wednesday morning. It is reported that two barns belonging to Mr. John Hughes, Norboro, were totally destroyed, for which he has the sympathy of the surrounding vicinity. No other losses have been reported up to this time.

Mrs. Isabelle Moase, who has been visiting her old friend, Mrs. Joseph Schurman, Summerside, returned to her home Wednesday evening.

Miss Mamie Mill, Baltic, spent Tuesday evening in New Annan.

Mrs. Harry Waugh, Wilmet Valley, who has been a patient in Prince County Hospital for over a week, suffering from a severe attack of gastritis, is now well on the way to recovery. Her numerous friends here and other communities look forward to welcoming her back home in the very near future.

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