Varied Weather Conditions Affect Harvesting Prospects

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cool, rainy weather prevailing throughout mo of Canada this summer and in recent harvest weeks has damaged crops in some areas and set harvesting operations back from one to three weeks. Frost also has affected yields and quality in some areas.

But there were exceptions to the bad-weather picture and British Columbia was one. Weather there has been excellent for farmers since June, a Canadian Press survey shows.

The weather was kinder in the Maritimes, too, than it has been in Quebec, Ontario and the Prairie provinces. In Saskatchewan, general rains during the last two weeks could cause grade losses from bleaching and reduce yields through lodging—beating crops to the ground before they can be harvested. Manitoba was hit by its most disastrous hail storm in mid-August.

N.S. CONDITIONS GOOD

In Nova Scotia, however, crops and markets are good. There are no labor problems and although haying was late because of damp midsummer weather it has improved. Prince Edward Island crops are generally good and some are excellent.

During the growing season and until early harvest, Manitoba crops promised record yields, but on Aug. 16, southwestern sections of the province suffered hail damage estimated at $18,000,000. Then came the rain.

As a result damage from poor harvest weather and hail is expected to lower original crop production estimates by about 20 per cent. Major need late in September was for warm, dry, sunny weather so that harvesting could proceed.

Most cereal crops in southern Manitoba are swathed and combining is making good headway in the more favorable sections. But northward much grain is still standing.

Manitoba agriculture department officials said that given favorable harvesting weather now, the province could still reap one of its high crop returns.

Considerable revenue is expected from special crops such as sugar beets, sunflowers, rapeseed, corn, field peas and so on.

SASKATCHEWAN REPORT

Harvesting in Saskatchewan is far behind schedule and crop quality declines every day the harvest is delayed by rain and cool weather. Commercial grades are expected to be lower than in 1955.

Frost, touching wide areas in mid-August, helped bring about the downgrading and subsequent frosts, as well as hail, have added to the damage. Only about 15 per cent of the wheat and 20 per cent of the coarse grains have been threshed. Most cutting and swathing is finished.

The labor situation is severe with harvest help going into jobs offering such benefits as workmen's compensation and unemployment insurance. Wages, slightly higher than previously, have failed to ease the situation.

Last year's Saskatchewan crop was worth an estimated $521,720,000 based on initial prices. On the same basis, the 1956 crops would be worth about $560,000,000.

Alberta agriculture department officials say wheat yield this year will equal last year's but quality is down, little grading as high as No. 2. The best quality is around Medicine Hat and Taber where a fair amount is expected to grade No. 2 and 3.

Threshing in southern sections is from 15 to 70 per cent completed. No more than 15 per cent of harvesting is finished in northern areas. Some damage as a result of grain sprouting from damp weather is reported in the western Rocky Mountain House area.

A shortage of labor is being felt throughout the province, particularly around Lethbridge where harvesting of the sugar beet crop was starting.

TWO WEEKS LATE

Quebec Agriculture department officials reported all crops in the province have suffered this year from too much rain and lack of warm weather. Most crops were about two weeks later than usual.

Frost, which appeared in some districts in mid-August, delayed ripening and caused damage in most regions. Most Quebec farmers are cutting grain while still green and in some areas grain fields have been turned into pasture. A late hay crop gave a large yield but was below normal quality.

Dairy production is average for the time of year. Garden crops in southern areas are reported as average, although frost has delayed ripening and caused some damage. Severe frost in northern sections of the province caused heavy damage.

Quebec employment officials report more farm jobs than applicants to fill them. Wages offered are slightly better than previous years, averaging $120 a month.

RAIN IN ONTARIO

Rainy weather in Ontario continues to restrict harvesting of field crops. Some winter wheat and much spring grain is still in the fields either uncut or in stooks. Corn was late maturing and affected by light frost in some parts. The tobacco harvest is nearly completed.

The per-acre yield of Ontario's winter wheat was 32.2 bushels compared with 34.3 in 1955. Seeded acreage was greater this year, however, holding the forecast production at the same 20,000,0pp bushels as last year.

The 620,000 acres of winter wheat were expected to produce 19,964,000 bushels—the same as last year; 17,000 acres of spring wheat yielding 21 bushels per acre should produce 372,000 bushels—below 1955 production of 537,000; 1,630,000 acres of oats yielding 42 bushels per acre should produce barley yielding 33.3 bushels per acre should produce 4,396,000 bushels, compared to last year's 4,752,000.

Production of fall rye was expected to total 1,534,000 bushels, up from 1,255,000 last year and of flax 221,000 bushels, compared to 194,000 in 1955.

The labor situation was tight ready felt the pulse of the inflow of students from far and wide as the high school members enrolled on the eleventh of this month, and those in the college years on the thirteenth.

THE CHANGE

A significant change in college administration was effected this year when our Rector of former years, the Rt. Rev. R.V. MacKenzie was posted to new duties in the diocese as Pastor of the newly organized Parkdale parish. Father MacKenzie, a man of true scholastic principle and organizational abilities, has been associated with St. Dunstan's almost since his ordiantion in 1923, a period of over thirty years. We, the student body, appreciative of his work, wish him every success in his new task.

Father John A. Sullivan, who for several years has been Vice,President and Dean of Studies, was appointed new Rector of St. Dunstan's. Father Sullivan, always popular with the students, deserves the support of all in carrying out his new duties.

As has been the case in the last several years there have been changes made in the faculty. We heartily welcome into the ranks of the "chosen few" our new but nonetheless distinguished instructors Messrs Dominic MacDonald, Clair Callaghan, and Leo McGinn, all of whom are well, qulaified in rendering service to their old Alma Mater. Mr. MacDonald comes to us from Dominican House in Chicago, where he studied Philosophy. Mr. Callaghan, high-ranking engineering graduate last year at Nova Scotia Technical College, takes over the Engineering department, headed last year by Mr. Cullen DeLory. Mr. McGinn, an Arts graduate here last year, is affiliated with the high school department.

The college opened this year as usual with the same boisterousness and determinec resolution that faces all pursuers of knowledge, and the dominant characteristics of anticipated effort and happy associations were still there.

It was, however, with a sad note of regreat and deep sympathy that we of St. Dunstan's received the passing of our beloved faculty member. Father Michael Francis As a student graduate of St. Dunstan's (class of '19) as well as a faculty member, he became a vital figure in many facets of the college's activities.

The opening mass meeting for all students was held in the gymnasium the day after the commencement of classes for college years, and a brief outline of the college year was presented as well as the inevitable code of "do's and don'ts." The Registrar, Father Roche, introduced the topic of changes that were being made in some regards this year. He pointed out some aspects of the new system with the implicit demands made on the part of the student. We hear some favourable comments. So this situation must have alleviated the pressure of responsibility of some of our faculty members.

The hammer-and - tong battles for the election of officers of each club executive resulted as follows.

St. Dunstan's Students' Union: President - George Mullally, Vice President - Mike Swift, Secretary-Treasurer - John Conran; class representatives: Senior - Leo Doiron, Junior - Donald MacDougall; Sophomore - Paul Davey, Freshman - Ian MacDonald, Grade XII - Edward Morrison. Grade XI-Bernard MacNeill, Grade X - Francis Buggie.

Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League: President - Ian Gillies; Vice President - Donald MacDougall; Secretary - treasurer - Leo Reddle.

Dramatic Society: President-Edward Baird; Vice - President-Maureen Beagan; Secretary - Maureen Beagan; Secretary - treasurer- Anthony Spencelgy.

Glee Club: President - Thomas Swift; Vice - President - Doreen Cusack; Secretary - Treasurer - Gerry Burns.

C.F.C.C.S. President James Noonan; Vice - President - Larry Gallant, Secretary - Treasurer Francis Gillis.

W.U.S.C.: President - Michael Quigley; Vice - President - Mary Elaine Trainor; Secretary - Treasurer - Ronald Bolger.

N.F.C.U.S. Chairman - Michael Swift.

The accredited prophets of the outcome of the present baseball muddle are beginning to gather

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THE WEEK AT S.D.U.

Once again the doors of S.D.U. have been opened to its students and the welcome mat placed before its entrance. The campus is buzzing with excitement as those holdovers from previous years (some regarded as perennial) mingle in association with the new students.

These hallowed walls have al- with the St. Lawrence Seaway project making inroads in eastern Ontario. Wages are slightly higher than last year.

FRUIT CROP DOWN

The British Columbia fruit crop was down because of frost. Grain and vegetable acreage was slightly higher but yields were about average. Harvest progress except for a labor shortage, is advancing fairly well.

B.C. farmers' cash incomes were estimated this year to be $7,000,000 for grain compared to $4,000,000 last year0 $10,000,000 for vegetables compared to $8,50,000; $12,00,0 for fruits compared to $17,000,00.

New Brunswick crops are two to three weeks late maturing, which may affect quality. Grain production was expected to be down about 10 per cent from last year's yield. Frost might reduce the value of grain for seed purposes. The barley crop is excellent but its acreage is lower than usual.

A good yield of potatoes is predicted, with prices slightly higher than last year. The apple crop is about two-thirds of last year's which amounted to about 275,000 bushels.

Labor supply is sufficient although not so plentiful as in previous years. Good wages prevail.

The Nova Scotia apple crop is estimated at about 2,500,000 bushels, well below last year's 3,500,000 bushels—bigggest since 1949. Field crops were all good in the province and expected to provide an income of about $20,000,000.

The biggest P.E.I. hay and grain harvest in years was expected this fall and strawberry and pea crops were excellent. Potato prices were low but expected to rise. Butter poundage is high this year because of excellent conditions.

Coming Events

Regular Dance Bonshaw Inn Tuesday night. Burns Orchestra

Cleaning and buying Timothy seed. Gordon MacMillan Cornwall.

Dance Forest Hill Hall, Wednesday night, Turners Orchestra.

Dance Grandview Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Boudreault and O'Connor.

Afton Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Program of Varieties. Followed by dance.

St. Teresa's supper, Wed. Oct. 3rd, Supper 5-8.30. Dance after Webster's Orchestra.

Chicken supper and dance Iona Hall Monday October 8th., Supper served 5 to 9.

Regular dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night. Weatherbies Orchestra.

Weekly Dance Fort Augustus Hall every Wednesday night. Burke's Orchestra.

Dance Cardigan Legion Hall every Thursday night. Websters Orchestra. P. A. System and Canteen service.

St. John's Anglican Church—Chicken and ham supper Wednesday, Oct. 3, North Milton Hall.

Chicken supper Kelly's Cross, Monday October 8th. Supper served from 5:30 to 9:30. Dance after.

Chicken and Ham Supper Belfast hall Thursday October 11th. Supper served 5 to 9. Auspices Eldon United Church.

Chicken supper, Immaculate conception Parish, Wellington, Thanks giving, October 8th., supper beginning at 4 O'Clock.

Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service. 9:30 to 12:30.

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Voters Register Choice In Newfoundland Today

By GERALD FREEMAN

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Newfoundland's three political leaders have presented their cases to the people and judgment comes Tuesday as electors in 31 districts go to the polls and drop their ballots.

Thirty-six seats are at stake in the provincial election, third in Newfoundland since confederation with Canada, but four went by acclamation on nomination day. One district elects two members.

Premier Smallwood, who reorganized the Liberal party at the time of Confederation, led it to sweeping victories in 1949 and 1951. He is running in Bonavista North against Paul Thoms of the CCF.

Malcolm Hollett became leader of the Progressive Conservatives in 1953 after losing in St. John's West in 1951 and winning in a by-election. He is the only member of his party who won his seat—St. John's West—by acclamation this election.

Samuel Drover, leader of the CCF, brought the party White Bay, its only seat, when he broke with the Liberals in 1954. The CCF never before contested a Newfoundland provincial election.

White Bay was split by the 1955 Redistribution Act that created eight new seats, and Mr. Drover is opposed in White Bay South by Liberal Education Minister F. W. Rowe.

A total of 78 candidates were nominated—35 by the Liberals, 29 by the Progressive Conservatives, 10 by the CCF, two independents and two independent Liberals.

Liberals won Fogo, Labrador South and Placentia West by acclamation.

Premier Smallwood is predicting his Liberals will win more than 30 seats, Progressive Conservatives say they figure on taking at least 20, and the CCF says it will take the balance of power because neither major party will get a clear majority.

Campaigning in the three weeks since Premier Smallwood announced the election date centred on the personal level and produced no flareups or major incidents.

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