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Dominion Crop Report Generally Favourable

FALL WHEAT AND PASTURES EXCELLENT IN ONTARIO

Below will be found a brief synopsis of crop reports as compiled by the Bank of Montreal under date of May 8th, 1938.

General As operations on the land come into their full swing throughout the Dominion conditions appear more generally favourable than for several years past. Reports from every Province tell of ample moisture for the time being in most districts. Everywhere wintered well, and winter damage to fruit trees and small fruits has been negligible. In the Prairie Provinces present moisture conditions on the whole are sufficient to ensure germination and give the crops a good start. Widespread rainfall during the past few days has been beneficial, particularly in Southwestern Saskatchewan and parts of Eastern Alberta, where subsoil moisture reserves are low. While Spring operations have been retarded by snow and rain, wheat seeding has begun, and in Manitoba and in some parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan it is well under way. In Quebec Spring opened up about two weeks earlier than usual, and the season continues in general favourable conditions. The maple syrup crop has been exceptionally good, both as to quantity and quality. In Ontario land operations are well advanced, weather conditions are generally favourable. The maple syrup crop has been exceptionally good, both as to quantity and quality. In Ontario land operations are well advanced, weather conditions are generally favourable. The maple syrup crop has been exceptionally good, both as to quantity and quality.

ALBERTA - Seeding operations, which are one to two weeks behind last year, have been further delayed by general precipitation. General seeding and conditions are generally satisfactory. In the Peace River District 75 per cent of the wheat is seeded, in other districts seeding is nicely started. The acreage of all grain is expected to be about the same as a year ago. Infestation by grasshoppers is threatened in a large portion of the South and East Central areas. Pasture is good. SASKATCHEWAN - Wheat seeding is under way, but progress has been delayed by fairly heavy rains. The land is in good condition for cultivation, with sufficient surface moisture to ensure germination of seed. In some districts subsoil moisture reserves are inadequate and good rains will be required throughout the growing season. Indications are that the wheat acreage will be smaller than it was last year. MANITOBA - Good rains have fallen over the Province and, while wheat seeding has been delayed, conditions are generally satisfactory. Soil moisture conditions are satisfactory and present prospects are favourable. In some districts precipitation to date is above normal. It is estimated that there will be a reduction in the Durum acreage this year.

Province of Quebec EASTERN TOWNSHIPS AND OTTAWA VALLEY - In most districts Spring operations have commenced, with some seeding already done on the high land. There is plenty of moisture and seeding and planting of crops should be general within the next two weeks. Livestock will go to the grass in excellent condition. There are no reports of winter kill or other damage to hay or pasture lands. Fruit trees and small fruits have wintered well. LOWER ST. LAWRENCE and LAKE ST. JOHN DISTRICT - While break-up was ahead of normal, cold weather has prevailed and frost is slow in leaving the ground. Work on the land is expected to start about the middle of the present month. Livestock has wintered well. Sufficient snowfall protected pasture and hay lands against winter kill and no damage is reported. Moisture conditions are satisfactory.

Province of Ontario Fall wheat, clovers, and meadows wintered well and are in healthy condition. Pastures have shown rapid growth and cattle have been turned out earlier than usual. Sowing of oats and barley is well advanced. Germination has been satisfactory. Preparation of land for roots and corn is proceeding and planting of roots has been commenced in the Southern sections. Fruit trees and small fruits show minimum frost damage, and prospects are favourable. Growth under glass has been rapid and plants are in good condition. Maritime Provinces A mild winter of light snowfall was followed by a more or less normal Spring breakup. Cold, wet weather however, is generally being experienced at the present time and the season is somewhat backward. Seeding and planting should be general in about two weeks. Livestock has wintered well. Apple trees and fruit shrubs also hay and pasture lands have come through the winter in good condition and without damage. There is plenty of moisture and generally conditions are favourable.

Province of British Columbia Grain seeding is 50 per cent completed, germination is good. Fall wheat and hay crops wintered well. Transplanting of tomato plants is nearing completion. Potatoes and onions are not yet available. An increase in tomato and onion acreage and a decrease in potato acreage are indicated. Winter damage to strawberry plants, berry canes and fruit trees was negligible. Orchard conditions are good, the bloom is heavy and the present outlook is for a heavy crop of all tree fruits. The snowfall of last winter should prove ample water for irrigation purposes. Pasture is good and growth satisfactory. Livestock wintered well.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

(A recent Editorial for Young People in The Hamilton Spectator)

In a radio broadcast recently, one of the professors at our local university spoke eloquently of the debt of Canada to the past, to the men who endured such great hardships in subduing the wilderness for the use and comfort of succeeding generations. The civilization which we enjoy is the result of these heroic efforts, which can never be sufficiently appreciated by us. While most young people would be willing to acknowledge the services of the pioneers, not so many would be prepared to admit their obligations to a later age. An idea seems to prevail that human society has been ruined by the bungling of the elders, supposed to be endowed with the wisdom of age and experience. If only the young people—though without alone can bring—had been put in charge of affairs, the story would be very different, we are assured.

No one denies that the rising generation is capable of making a splendid contribution to the world, and that the young people of today are in a position to assist in the creation of whatever conditions are desired. Moreover, young people should remember that they are going to be judged by posterity, just as they themselves to-day judge their forebears, for what they make of the world. The future of mankind lies in their care—it will be better or worse, according to the quality of their thinking and exertions.

The mistake that young people make—and old people also—is to associate happiness and well-being with ease. As a matter of fact, it is in activity that true blessedness comes. That is why the pioneers were able to endure so much discomfort; they were too busy to notice it. In this young country of ours, there is still very much to be done, and it is for youthful vigor and enterprise to do it. It is no use for young people to say that present opportunities and future prospects have been taken from them. It is not true; instead of grumbling about others, they should set about making their own opportunities. Each individual, if he or she did but realize it, is in a position to assist in the creation of whatever conditions are desired. Moreover, young people should remember that they are going to be judged by posterity, just as they themselves to-day judge their forebears, for what they make of the world. The future of mankind lies in their care—it will be better or worse, according to the quality of their thinking and exertions.

SOME TIMELY HINTS FOR FLOWER GARDEN

Now that spring is here all dead stems should be cut off the plants. Leaves and broken branches raked up and the garden tidied up. Plants that were put in last autumn should be examined and any that have been heaved out of the ground by frost should be replanted or pressed firmly into the soil. If left, the roots will probably dry out and die. The lawn should be well raked, advises Miss Preston, Specialist in Ornamental Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

If the grass is poor and bare patches occur, some good lawn grass seed should be scattered over the surface and raked in. Rolling the lawn is very beneficial at this time of year. Perennials, such as Aster, Phlox, Helianthus, that have grown into large clumps should be lifted, divided and replanted. If any bad weeds are found in among clumps of perennials the plants should be taken up and the roots of the weeds carefully removed and destroyed. The plants will recover very quickly at this season of the year and there is no other way of destroying weeds like couch grass.

Seedlings of garden plants, such as young and poppies, frequently show up in clumps of Dianthus and other covering plants and if carefully taken vacant spot in the border. In loosening up the soil at this season it is well to watch carefully for young growth which may be just at the surface as tips of lily and other plants are easily destroyed and that means no flowers in summer.

BOYS ARE DRIFTING AWAY FROM FARM

Hon. L. J. Simpson, Minister of Education, told the trustee section of the Ontario Educational Association, meeting in Toronto in April, that young people are drifting from the farms to such an extent that in some rural schools only a dozen or less pupils are attending. "Be assured there will be no attempt to force on you a township unit of school administration, but I feel the trend in coming years will be toward larger units," he said. "The small school of eight or ten or 12 pupils is really the most expensive one. You cannot expect to get enriched courses in such a small school or to get a teacher able to teach music and special subjects." Dr. Simpson said total cost of education in Ontario last year was \$48,000,000, "up to the doors of the universities." Of that amount, the Department of Education gave \$127,000 of which \$3,000,000 went to Public and Separate Schools in grants. To the man who has been forced to swim rivers, creeks look small.

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION STATEMENT

There were 4,026 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of April, as compared with 5,975 during March, and 4,805 during April a year ago. The benefits awarded amounted to \$516,479.06, \$410,465.29 of which was for compensation, and \$106,013.77 for medical aid.

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