

Excellent Crop Conditions Over Whole of Canada

Dry Weather Has Ripened Ontario Crops Earlier Although Rain is Needed for Later Crops of Roots and Vegetables.

General

Crop conditions in the prairie Provinces continue favourable on the whole, although some damage has occurred as a result of hot weather, particularly in Southeastern Saskatchewan and in the southern portion of Alberta and Manitoba. Moderate rains and light showers in many districts have checked deterioration but further Grasshoppers which are now in flight, are a serious menace to crops, but, apart from southeastern Saskatchewan, where some severe damage has occurred, losses so far have not been extensive. Hay damage is reported at scattered points. In Quebec crops continue to make good progress under favourable conditions and the outlook is promising. With recent showers, moisture is ample, and the warm dry weather, now prevailing is proving beneficial. In Ontario the continuing dry weather has facilitated harvesting operations and the condition of the crops is good generally. Moisture, however, has been inadequate, and rain is urgently needed for growing crops. In the Maritime Provinces, while growth in some districts is still backward, progress during the past week and prospects continue favourable. There is ample moisture, and warm, dry weather is needed to hasten developments. In British Columbia, with the continuance of favourable weather all crops are making good progress. While the quality of hay is only fair and the prospect for tomatoes is below average, the outlook for grain, roots and vegetables is good, and indications point to fruit yields being from 90% to 100% of average.

Prairie Provinces

ALBERTA—Crops have deteriorated during the week chiefly owing to insufficient moisture and winds in Central and Southern areas. Rains are required in these areas for filling and for checking deterioration. The weather in Northern areas has been showery and cool. Light yields are expected in the Peace River district due to early drought. **SASKATCHEWAN**—While hot weather has caused deterioration to crops in some sections, conditions generally continue satisfactory. Light to heavy showers in many districts have been beneficial to crops but good rains are required at most points to ensure proper filling. Grasshoppers are attacking crops in Eastern district. Some wheat is being cut for feed. Elsewhere the damage to date from grasshoppers is slight. **MANITOBA**—Crops are maturing rapidly and wheat harvesting should be fairly general in about a week. Crops generally continue satisfactory, although, due to the hot weather, some deterioration has occurred. While light to moderate scattered rains have fallen in most districts, Grasshoppers are prevalent in the south, but little damage is reported so far.

Province of Quebec

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS AND OTTAWA VALLEY—Grains are progressing favourably and prospects are for a good yield. Haying has been delayed by frequent showers but it is now almost completed in most sections and a normal cut is indicated. Pastures are in very good condition. Fodder corn is generally making satisfactory progress, although some districts report growth still backward. Tomato plants look promising. A good crop of canning peas is being garnered. Tobacco plants are in good condition. Potatoes and other roots are growing well. Blueberries and raspberries give promise of a good yield and other small fruits are plentiful. Prospects are favourable for a good apple crop. **LOWER ST. LAWRENCE AND LAKE ST. JOHN DISTRICT**—Grains continue to make satisfactory progress and prospects are favourable. Root crops are growing well and give promise of a good yield. Haying is general and an average cut is indicated. Pastures are in very good condition. Raspberries and other small fruits are plentiful.

Province of Ontario

Cutting of fall wheat is nearing completion and a satisfactory yield of good quality is reported. Spring grains are ripening rapidly and average yields are indicated in all sections, except in the East-Central districts and the Niagara Peninsula, where slightly below normal crops are in prospect. An average crop of hay has been stored in good condition, but second cuttings of alfalfa will be light. Corn and roots have made progress, but rainfall is needed. A normal yield of good quality tomatoes is being marketed, and late varieties are progressing satisfactorily. Topping of tobacco has commenced but growth is suffering from lack of moisture.

Maritime Provinces

In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, potato plants are growing well, with little evidence of disease, and the crop outlook is considered bright. Other root crops are progressing favourably. Haying has been retarded by frequent rains and while reports vary, a light to average cut is generally indicated. Pastures are in good condition. In the Annapolis Valley apples are sizing well, with scab and insect pests well under control. The drop has been heavy, but prospects are favourable for a good crop. Picking of blueberries has commenced in some sections and a good yield is anticipated. In Prince Edward Island, grains have made good progress and root crops have shown excellent growth. The cut of hay will be light. Pastures show improvement but are below average.

Province of British Columbia

An above-average yield from grain crops is indicated. Roots and vegetables are doing well. Potatoes are estimated at 100% of average. Tomatoes are late and the yield will be below average. A large tonnage of hay is being cut, but the quality to date is only fair, due to heavy rains. The second cutting of alfalfa will commence within a week. Hops are in excellent condition. Cherries and strawberries, now past their peak, were damaged by excessive rain. Raspberries and loganberries of good quality are yielding well. All fruits are sizing up well. Apples and early apples are moving to market. The following tree fruit yields are now indicated: apples, 100% pears, peaches and apricots, 95%, plums and prunes, 90% of average. Orchard pests are under control and no serious damage has been recorded. Water for irrigation purposes is plentiful and pasturage is abundant.

NEWS OF THE TORONTO BASEBALL CLUB

LEAFS TO AGAIN OPERATE BASEBALL SCHOOLS IN ONTARIO

Jack Burns, clever first baseman of the Toronto Maple Leafs, probably won't get back into the game until the club returns home on Civic holiday from its present road trip. X-ray photographs of Jack's injured thumb show a bad fracture. Jack's temporary retirement is a bad blow to the Leafs' ambition to climb out of the cellar into a play-off spot, as his big bat will be missed. He was leading the club in runs batted out when he got hurt. But the Leafs' hopes of moving up in the stretch are heartened by the fact that fourteen of the road games left on the schedule will be played with Baltimore and Montreal, their nearest rivals.

Beginning August 7th, when the Leafs return from the road, there will be games at Maple Leaf Stadium for two straight weeks. Syracuse on Toronto August 7, 8 and 9; Newark on August 10, 11 and 12; Baltimore on August 14, 15, 16, and Jersey City on August 17, 18 and 19. This is the last visit of the southern clubs to Toronto and week-day games will all be flood-light affairs beginning at 8:30 P.M. Saturday games are afternoon engagements.

"They said I wouldn't like playing in the minors," mused old Anthony Michael (Push-Em-Up Tony) Lazzari, a few days ago. "They're crazy. I love it. This old game of baseball is substantially the same, no matter where you play it. They're all asking me how long I'm going to keep up before I retire. That's easy; I'm going to play the game with everything I have until they kick me out—and that won't be for a long time yet, I hope."

Tony likes his new post as manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs but says he finds it all new and different. "It's one thing to go out and play yourself and have somebody tell you what to do in a tough situation," he says, "and quite another when you have to do the telling. But the boys on my club are a great bunch of guys. They're hustling all the time. There's only one thing I won't stand for and that's being second-guessed. I never second-guessed a manager as a player, and now that I'm a manager I don't want anybody second-guessing me. Any half-wit knows what should have been done when the play is over. The tough thing is to be able to force what you should do before the play comes." Lazzari took charge of the Leafs on the 19th of June, so he has had a chance to make up his mind about his new surroundings. Getting used to the night routine of the International League is easy, he has found his toughest assignment.

"With this night ball I don't know when to eat," old Push-Em-Up says. "Some of the boys say eat at two o'clock; others say four. The first couple of weeks I ate, pecking but sandwiches. Night baseball has been the salvation of my stomach, but it sure plays hob with my stomach." "The lights, the way I figure them, show a good infielder or outfielder to advantage. If he is fast, they make him look faster. On the same basis, they make you over-estimate a pitcher's ability. The ball looks bigger when you're up there at the plate, but somehow it seems to be coming faster. A lot of pitchers can get by under the lights who don't have a prayer in the daylight. That's why, I suppose, the score is better moaning for years that night baseball makes their job tough."

"Well, it's tougher for everybody. It gets damp out there at night. The minute you sit down you stiffen in every joint. The majors will have to learn to play in the night, they're there already. They'll have to get a whole hog sooner or later, because that's where the dough is."

Tom Paddon, Jersey City catcher, declares that young Phil Marchildon, the Penetang boy who jumped from amateur league in Northern Ontario to baseball with the Toronto Leafs this year, is far and away the best pitching prospect in the International League. Tom says it this way: "If that kid ever gets command and learns to pull the strings, they'll never beat him." Which is a ballplayer's phraseology for the opinion that if he gets control and acquires a change of pace, he is a sure shot for the major leagues.

This time last year Marchildon was pitching for Creighton Mines in an amateur league in Northern Ontario. He attended the Toronto Leafs baseball school in Barrie, where Dan Howley got a peek at him. Howley was so impressed by his natural "stuff"—blinding speed and a curve that breaks like a jug handle—that he signed him without delay to a Toronto contract. Some five hours later a St. Louis Cardinal scout arrived in town for the same purpose, which should give you an idea of how widespread is Phil reported at the Leafs' training camp in March, and right away things began to happen.

In an exhibition game with Detroit, he had the great Hank Greenberg and Rudy York ducking away from his curve ball. They both went on record as saying they had never seen a sharper breaking curve. The team came north and Phil started his first league game before a crowd of 26,000 people in Jersey City. He gave up one run and lost the ball game, because the Leafs couldn't even get a run.

He started again on opening day in Toronto, a game for a freshman. He lost this one, too, but so impressed Ed Barrow, president of the great New York Yankees, who happened to be in the stand, that Barrow started talking option. Before the end of the month he was in there in an exhibition game against the greatest collection of power hitters in baseball, those same New York Yankees. The kid was nervous and yielded several runs in the very first inning. After that he settled away and had the vaunted Yanks popping weakly to the infielders. All these things happened within a year. No wonder

Phil told a friend of his that he felt as if he were on a merry-go-round.

Lack of control is what has kept young Phil Marchildon, the Toronto Leafs' sensational rookie pitcher, from being a greater sensation than he is. As an amateur he had always pitched from the flat and working from a mound bothered him. Old-timers told him the secret of control was in perfect balance and advised him to watch his feet and let the ball go the minute his front foot hit the ground. He didn't have much success following this advice. But in recent weeks his control has improved magically and he gives a very simple explanation for it. "Before," he says, "I was so wrapped up in watching my front foot that I took my eye off the plate. Now I just draw a bead on that old dish and let the ball go."

The Toronto Baseball Club announces that it will again operate baseball schools this August in four Ontario centres. There will be no tuition fee and players of all classes are eligible to attend. Preference will be given to players registered with the Ontario Baseball Association and the sessions will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Dan Howley, Clyde Engle and Dink Carroll of the Toronto Club will assist amateur club officials in the operation of the school and instruction of the players. Youngsters who make a good impression on the Toronto men have a chance of being taken south next March for the spring training session and getting started on a professional career. The dates selected are St. Catharines—August 8; Oshawa—August 9, 10 and 11; Owen Sound—August 14, 15 and 16; and Penetanguishene—August 17 and 18.

MAN 40, GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Arthur W. Smith, freight house clerk on the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, who is 40 years old and the father of two children who are students in Owasco High School, has just graduated from the same high school, being one of 206 seniors to be awarded a diploma. Smith was forced to leave school when a youth and has studied for his high school degree in his spare time from his Grand Trunk duties. He took his examinations with other students at the school. He now plans to study, while continuing his railway work, seeking an L.B. degree.

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"SALADA" ICED TEA

SALAD FOR SUMMER MEALS

The tendency to serve lighter foods in the form of salads and fresh fruits during the summer is a welcome change in the diet and a pleasant holiday for the cook. A fruit or tomato juice cocktail, a fairly substantial salad and fresh fruit make a completely satisfying lunch or supper on warm days and is an easy meal to prepare. To incorporate the necessary nourishment into salads, Canadian fish play a large and tasty role. Fish is rich in health-giving vitamins, in body building mineral salts and because there is very little waste in preparing fish, it is an economic food as well. Here is a delightful jellied fish salad which can be made with three different kinds of fish. It is a good basic recipe which allows for a necessary substitution, so whichever fish you choose (and plan to make it with each kind before the summer is over), you will find it a popular addition to your stock of recipes.

which have been dipped in cold water. Chill and unmould on crisp lettuce. Garnish with radishes or olives. Diced chicken and lobster make a good combination. Serves 6.

Mold and Unmold

By Frances Lee Barton
A RICH fruity Bavarian Cream is the simplest kind of a dessert to prepare now that raspberries are in season. Really, "Mold and Unmold" almost covers the process of preparation. While a few things together, place them in the refrigerator, and you may sit back and chat, knowing that the evening dessert problem has been solved.

To be more explicit, here's the recipe in its entirety:
Fresh Raspberry Bavarian Cream
1 package raspberry-flavored gelatin; 1 cup hot water; 4 tablespoons sugar; 1 cup crushed fresh raspberries; 1 cup raspberry juice and water; 1/2 cup cream, whipped. Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add sugar to berries and let stand 20 minutes. Drain off juice and add water to make 1 cup. Add to dissolved gelatin. Chill until cold and syrupy. Place in bowl of cracked ice or ice water and whip with rotary egg beater until fluffy and thick like whipped cream. Fold in berries and cream. Turn into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serves 12.

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