

BANK OF MONTREAL MAKES REPORT ON CROP CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION

Say Winter Killing of Pasture and Hay Lands in Maritimes May Have Occurred

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

General

Wheat seeding is now well under way in the Prairie Provinces, although it was retarded by wet weather in Manitoba and northern Saskatchewan. Surface moisture, generally, is adequate for germination but owing to deficiency in subsoil reserves rains are urgently required particularly in southern and central Saskatchewan and eastern Alberta, where there has been very little rain so far this spring. In Quebec province the season is late and field operations are not as far forward as usual. The maple syrup crop generally was above average in quality but the run was small. In Ontario field operations are about two weeks late. Fall wheat wintered satisfactorily and old meadows and alfalfa are in excellent condition. In the Maritime Provinces seeding operations will not be general before another two weeks. In British Columbia field operations have been retarded by cool, wet weather. Fall wheat and hay crops wintered well. Details follow:

Prairie Provinces

Alberta: Wheat seeding commenced about two weeks earlier than last year and is now fairly well advanced. Surface moisture is considered sufficient to start germination. Except in northwest and Peace River districts there is practically no subsoil moisture, and frequent rains in the growing season will be necessary. Wheat acreage is about the same as last year. Saskatchewan: Seeding operations, on the whole, are now well under way. Surface moisture is sufficient for germination in most sections. Apart from the northern districts, little rain has fallen and as subsoil reserves are inadequate, good rains will be required throughout the growing season. Manitoba: Field operations were delayed to some extent by a heavy snowfall and general rains towards the end of April, but seeding has commenced and is progressing favourably. Seed bed conditions are satisfactory for early growth, but subsoil moisture reserves are low and further rains would be beneficial.

Province of Quebec

Moisture conditions are generally satisfactory but warm rains would be beneficial in some parts. In the Lower St. Lawrence and Lake Saint John district frost is not yet completely out of the ground and while work on the land has commenced, seeding operations will not be general for one or two weeks. In some sections damage to pasture and hay lands is feared but generally sufficient depth of snow was received to protect against winter-kill. In the Ottawa Valley and Eastern Townships operations are generally in the form of preparatory work and seeding will not be general for a week to ten days. In some districts little or no damage to pasture and hay lands from winter-kill is reported.

while others fear considerable injury from this source. There is no sign that fruit trees have suffered, but from one or two points winter-killing of strawberry beds is reported.

Province of Ontario

Frequent rains have corrected the moisture deficiency caused by an unusually light snowfall last winter. Land preparation is progressing and spring seeding will shortly be general. New clover seedlings entered the winter in poor condition owing to the sustained drought of last summer, and a large acreage will now be ploughed under. There is no apparent frost damage to fruit trees or small fruits, and conditions are favourable. A normal acreage of early potatoes was planted in southern sections. Tobacco seed germination was slow, due to lack of sunshine, but plans are now progressing satisfactorily. Pastures have shown little growth and cattle have not yet been turned out.

Maritime Provinces

A mild winter generally was experienced and while break-up was earlier than usual it was followed by cold and backward weather. Work on the land has now commenced and moisture conditions are satisfactory. While it is yet too soon to determine definitely the extent of damage it is generally feared that considerable winter-killing of pasture and hay lands has occurred. Apple trees have come through well but injury is indicated in some sections to shrub fruits and strawberries.

Province of British Columbia

Moisture conditions are satisfactory but the sowing of spring grains is late in most districts. Fall wheat and hay crops wintered well. The onion crop in the Kamloops district has been planted. Transplanting of tomato plants is nearing completion. Early potatoes are planted and late varieties are about 50 per cent. completed. Strawberry plants and berry canes wintered well. Orchard conditions are satisfactory. Winter damage to fruit trees is negligible. The heavy snowfall of last winter should provide ample water for irrigation purposes. Pasture is improving but warmer weather is required to hasten growth.

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PROVED BY 2 GENERATIONS

THE KING'S A CAMBRIDGE MAN

George VI is the First in Modern History, and He's Proud of It, 'Twould Appear.

CAMBRIDGE, May 8—Undergraduates here will celebrate Coronation Day with greater enthusiasm than any other in living memory, because for the first time in modern history, the King is a Cambridge man.

King Edward VII was for a short time at both Oxford and Cambridge; King George V chose a purely naval career until he became Prince of Wales; and Edward VIII was an Oxford man. But King George VI is a Cambridge and proud of it.

To the average Cambridge undergraduate and undergraduate this puts the lid on Oxford's claim to pre-eminence. The succession of Oxonian defeats in the annual boat race has suggested for some time that the university of the Isis was slipping. On Coronation Day Cambridge does not divide the honors. She comes to the throne alone.

It was after the world war that the King went to Cambridge. There was a scheme to encourage young men whose education had been interrupted by war service to return to the universities and take abbreviated courses. The King, then plain Prince Albert, decided to do what so many of the boys were doing. And he chose Cambridge.

The subjects he took were history, economics and civics; not with the object of obtaining a degree, but to fit himself better for the job of deputizing for his father and elder brother, the Prince of Wales, as need arose.

Scores of people here remember him riding to and from his residence outside the town on a humble bicycle—the favorite form of locomotion in the town—in a mortar-board cap, worn with a naval tilt, and a somewhat dusty gown.

Usually with him was his brother, Prince Henry, now the Duke of Gloucester, who came here to study with him; or Wing Commander Louis Greig, who had been detailed by his father to act as guide, philosopher and friend to the two young men.

But though the princes lived out of the college precincts, they were subject to the same rules as any other gowmsman. King George afterwards told an audience of university men that he, too, like most students, had been caught smoking in the streets while wearing his cap and gown and reported to the college proctor, whose duty it is to preserve discipline. For this the future King was fined 6s. 8d. about \$1.75, in accordance with the scale for such offences.

Putting this in typical university slang, the King said: "The proctor's bulldog once took 6 pence and 8 pence out of me."

James I said of Cambridge that if he were to live there he would dine at Trinity, worship at King's and sleep and study at Jesus. The present King did not quite follow this advice. He concentrated on Trinity both for study and dinners. For worship and recreation he went to King's. Jesus and other colleges. He tasted life here, in fact, to the full.

The stranger may seek in vain for the 'University of Cambridge.' He will find laboratories, lecture rooms, a university library and Senate house. But in answer to requests to

BOSTONIANS TO CELEBRATE CORONATION WITH 3 BALLS

"Cradle of American Liberty" Takes Steps to Pay Homage to New King and Queen of England

BOSTON, May 8—In this "Cradle of American Liberty" where Yankees take the celebration of their national events rather seriously, Bostonians next week will celebrate the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth with not one Coronation ball—but three.

There will be the "official" British and Canadian ball and promenade concert at Symphony Hall, there will be the Scottish Highlanders' Ball at one hotel and the 301st Infantry Returned Veterans' Association composed mostly of men of Irish descent will celebrate the crowning at another.

Full of Memories

It all happens right here in New England where cornerstones and plaques everywhere remind one of the Boston Tea Party, and the midnight ride of Paul Revere.

Of course there is a bit of rivalry between the three groups, to make

be shown the university people will point to college buildings of ancient lineage with names that belong to the Middle Ages.

They'll seem much alike Scattered among them are the professors who study and teach and examine and call themselves the 'University' when they get together for official purposes.

In the Middle Ages Cambridge never equalled the lustre of Oxford. But the Renaissance made it. From the time of Henry VIII the University has been noted for its advanced thought. Oliver Cromwell was a Cambridge man. So was John Harvard. He studied at Emmanuel in 122. There is a diivny book in Emanuel library with his autograph on the fly leaf. In 1632 he sailed for America for bodily health and religious study.

Darwin and Milton were both at Cambridge; so was Cramer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who steered Henry VIII through his divorces and his quarrel with the Pope. He was at Jesus.

There also went John Eliot. Persecuted by religious fanatics, he fled to America, became a missionary and translated the Bible into the tongue of the Massachusetts Indians. It was the first English missionary Bible. In the college library there is a copy which the author gave to the master with some Latin verses that offer it in humble gratitude to his mother in learning.

In St. John's College there are two souvenirs of interest at the present time. These are prayer books used by Charles II and Archbishop Laud at the King's Coronation.

Trinity—the college where the King studied—is by far the largest college at either Oxford or Cambridge, having 600 resident members. It was founded in 1546 by Henry VIII who wanted to outdo Wolsey's work at Oxford.

King George was able to do a great deal of hard work under the auspices of this foundation. He had been trained in the habits of study from his early days by his tutor, H. P. Hansell, who looked after his work until he went to Osborne—now closed—and Dartmouth. When he left Cambridge he left with the background of historical and economic knowledge so vital to those who aim to devote their lives to public and social service.

their ball the best. So far the British ball committee under the direction of His Britannic Majesty's Consul Hugh Alexander Ford has marshalled the forces of British societies and seemed to be in the lead in organization.

But the Scottish promoters have far outdone the British in advertising and billboards and cards in subway cars and broadcasts announce the event.

Most elaborate plans of all are being made by the infantry organization whose president, Joe Callahan says: "Our proposition is that Ireland, as represented by Boston people, shall give a goodwill gesture to the British people, because we have been associated together so long and so the 301st Infantry comes through with a dance and pageant in honor of the new King and Queen."

Tableaux Planned

According to his plans the different nationalities of the world will be represented in the tableaux, bearing the

costume and flags of their respective countries and all doing homage to the King.

The Scottish event is being directed by George M. Wallace who organized the Boston Scottish Highlanders' Pipe Band. Their outfits in the tartan of Clan Macanlay were furnished by Mrs. Agnes Wallace who is a Macanlay, her husband being a direct descendant of "the Wallace." Every one of these kilties served with either the Canadian or Imperial forces during the Great War.



NEW YORK, May 8—Gertrude Niesen, who duplicated a successful radio career on the screen, still calls the microphone her "great love" and proves it, by travelling 7,000 miles—from Hollywood to New York and back—to fill a guest engagement. The exotic torch singer will be the guest star of Ed Wynn, the Perfect Fool, on his farewell broadcast of the season with Graham McNamee, Don Voorhees and Harry Von Zell over the NBC-Blue network, on Saturday, May 8, at 8 p.m., EDST.

Following the broadcast, the veteran clown, who celebrated his fifth microphone anniversary only two weeks ago, will leave the airwaves for a summer vacation on his yacht, the "Seawyn." Miss Niesen will en-train for her return trip to Hollywood and work on a new motion picture.

Miss Niesen made her radio debut in 1933. She then was engaged for a commercial series that ran for more than two years. Success on the air won for her a series of Broadway engagements in the "Ziegfeld Follies," "Calling All Stars," and other productions. Last season she added the screen to her varied careers and recently starred in "Top of the Town."

In her broadcast with the Perfect Fool, Miss Niesen will sing two selections from this picture: "Where Are You?" and "Jamboree."



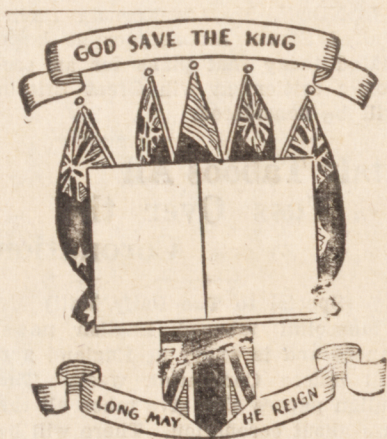
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