

Farmers Look for Dry Fall and Winter Precipitation Below Normal

District of Prairie Provinces.

REG, March 30—Fall and winter precipitation in the western grain belt was below normal except the northern portion of Saskatchewan. Prairie province farmers are anxiously awaiting spring rains which they hope will make up in part the moisture deficiency. Manitoba's average decrease from normal for the six-month period was 31 per cent, Alberta's 23 per cent and Saskatchewan's 13 per cent.

Official figures issued by the meteorological division of the federal department of transport covering the period between Aug. 1, 1943, to Feb. 29, 1944, revealed the largest average decrease below the normal of 25 per cent to 35 per cent occurred in Manitoba and in southern and central Alberta. There was a slightly smaller deficiency in southern Saskatchewan while in northern Alberta precipitation was less than 10 per cent below normal. The only exception was the northern portion of Saskatchewan's farming area where there was an excess of less than five per cent.

Similar conditions generally prevailed in all three provinces during March, it was stated unofficially. Precipitation continued negligible early in March but towards the end of the month reports showed a slight improvement.

An example of the sub-normal moisture conditions was found in the stream run of the Assiniboine River, which flows through Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This was only 75 per cent normal.

Of the six months under official review, August was about the best from a precipitation point of view. In northern Alberta excesses during the month averaged nearly 50 per cent. Smaller gains of 20 per cent to 30 per cent occurred in southeastern Saskatchewan and throughout the agricultural area of Manitoba. August rainfall was practically normal in northern Saskatchewan and 10 per cent above normal in central Alberta. However, in southern Alberta only about half the normal fall was recorded and in southwestern Saskatchewan there was a 30 per cent deficiency.

September rainfall generally was light over the entire prairie grain region with losses as high as 50 per cent in some sections. In October precipitation was variable with more than twice the normal fall being recorded in northern Saskatchewan and 75 per cent more than normal hitting southwestern sections of the province. Below normal figures, however, were still reported for southern and central Alberta and Manitoba.

Practically normal rainfall was reported from northern Saskatchewan in November but deficiencies were noted elsewhere. In December, January and February deficiencies ranged from 10 per cent to 55 per cent below normal.

Provincial Government

Russian Victories Continuing



TELLS STORY OF ALLIED BOMBING ON NAZI RAIL JUNCTION — The devastation in a large railway junction somewhere in Italy, illustrates the accuracy of Allied bombing. The town is now in Allied hands.

Russia Wants Italian Gov't To Be Ousted

MOSCOW, March 30 (CP)—A front page editorial in the government newspaper Izvestia explained that an exchange of envoys with the Badoglio regime of Italy did not mean full recognition of his government and in effect called on Britain and the United States for a change of government in Italy.

Czernowitz and Kolomea Are Latest Conquests By Reds In Sweeping March

LONDON, March 30 (CP)—Evacuation of Czernowitz, capital of the Rumanian province of Bucovina and described as the gateway to the Balkans, was announced today by the Germans who admitted that German troops had "disengaged" themselves also from the lower Bug River in the Ukraine on the eastern approaches to Odessa.

WAR IN ITALY—

NAZIS ARE REPULSED

Two Attacks on Anzio Beachhead—Rome, Turin and Bolzano Areas Bombed.

NAPLES, March 30 (CP)—The Fifth Army repelled two small enemy attacks on the Anzio beachhead yesterday while Allied planes ranged over Italy, hitting targets in Rome, Turin and Bolzano areas and bombing Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, across the Adriatic.

An airdrome north of Rome was hit and twenty-two enemy planes were destroyed during the day's operations against an Allied loss of eleven.

KEEP UP BOMBING—

TARGETS IN WEST EUROPE

Royal Canadian Air Force Planes Took Leading Part in Attack Yesterday.

LONDON, March 30 (CP)—Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force bombers smashed at railway targets at Vaires east of Paris last night while other British planes raided Lyon in southern France and mosquitoes bombed Kiel and other objectives in Western Germany.

One Canadian bomber was lost from the force which raided Vaires of which more than half were Canadian aircraft.

The German radio system left the air this morning, this being the usual sign that Allied bombers were over the Reich.

Inspector Of Steamships

The promotion of T. M. Stephen of Vancouver, to the post of Senior Steamship Inspector under the Department of Transport has been announced. Mr. Stephen's appointment took place last week, and is effective of February 24.

BEAVER CLUB—

HOME FOR CANADIANS

Thousands of Fighting Men Overseas Revel in Surroundings at Big London Centre.

By MARGARET ECKER
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON, March 30 (CP)—The big, tough Canadian soldier who may have given his mother a good many headaches and heartaches in his time, does a lot of thinking about that same patient little woman when he is over here thousands of miles away from home. The Beaver Club in London, just off Piccadilly, can prove that.

Last year before Mother's Day, Canadian servicemen sent more than \$11,000 worth of cables home, and that's a lot of love and good wishes at reduced cable rates. This Christmas they spent more than \$13,000 for cables home, most of them addressed to mothers.

There's probably something about the Beaver Club that gets men thinking about home. The lounges are big and friendly and the men usually meet someone from their own home town. In the reading room there are newspapers from more than 80 Canadian towns and cities, and no one who hasn't been overseas can know what a hometown paper means.

The other day when the club celebrated the fourth anniversary...

Red Cross Donations

Previously acknowledged	\$18,953.85
Miss G. M. Bedford, Port Simpson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clay, Port Simpson	5.00
Miss Currie, Port Simpson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. C. Deane, Port Simpson	5.00
Miss M. V. Deeprose, Port Simpson	5.00
Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Fiddes, Port Simpson	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Flewin, Port Simpson	5.00
Miss B. French, Pt. Simpson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Scott, Port Simpson	5.00
Miss M. Scott, Port Simpson	5.00
Mrs. C. B. Flewin, Port Simpson	10.00
Mrs. V. H. Deane, Port Simpson	5.00
Port Simpson total	87.50
Massett total	161.00
Mrs. J. R. Murray, Massett	5.00
Dr. Cecil Dunn, Massett	5.00
Mrs. M. L. Dunn, Massett	5.00
Mrs. Frost, Massett	5.00
H. Strang, Massett	5.00
E. Peristrom, Massett	5.00
Mrs. A. Dunn, Massett	10.00
Mrs. E. M. Evans, Massett	5.00
W. Currie, Massett	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Robertson, Massett	10.00
J. R. Morgan, Ltd. Huxley	200.18
Island Camp employees	884.00
R.C.A.F. Team No. 37	69.80
Dodge Cove total	69.80
Hokon Lund	5.00
Ed. Wahl	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Benson	5.00
Torkil Torkilson	5.00
Total	\$20,356.03

WINSTER HEAD

Flon From Commander Allan Cup to Arthur.

WINSTER, March 30 (CP)—The Flon from Commander Allan Cup to Arthur.

400 Passengers on Vessel Are Feared

MINHUI, March 29 (CP)—A ship named Minhui sank in the Gulf of Tonkin because of a leak and overloading.

Housing Council

Reports Presented at Meeting Held Two Days Ago.

Committee reports were presented at a meeting of the Wartime Housing Council which held a few days ago.

Books

Distribution of Tuesday's

Waitress Dance Was Successful

Featuring modern and old time music, the annual dance of the Waitresses' Union, held in the I.O.E. Hall on Tuesday night was a highly successful function.

Yank Bombers Ranging Near And Far Now

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CHURCHILL'S CHALLENGE

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PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

STOCKHOLM—Peace negotiations between Finland and Russia are reported to have been resumed. J. K. Paasaviki is reported to be in Moscow.

DANGER OF ATTACK

SAN FRANCISCO—There is still a real possibility of enemy attack on this coast, it is admitted here.

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The Prime Minister had demanded that the House rescind an amendment to the Education bill to equalize salaries of men and women teachers and also pass the vote of confidence.

A political observer said today there might be a general election in September or October.

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Japanese Reversed By Allies

Heavy Casualties Inflicted on Enemy With Stopping Drive Toward Imphal.

NEW DELHI, March 30 (CP)

The Allies have driven the Japanese from another vantage point on the Oidim Road along which the enemy had been moving north toward the Indian communications centre and Allied base of Imphal.

HOSPITAL TENT HIT

NAPLES, March 30.—German planes dropped fire bombs on an American hospital tent on the Anzio beachhead yesterday, killing eight men and wounding 72 others.

REACHES MATURITY

From its establishment in August 1941, the Canadian Women's Army Corps had reached a total of 10,200 by December, 1943.

IDENTIFIES ELECTRON

The electron, smallest unit of matter, first was identified in 1874 by an Irishman, C. J. Stoney.



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