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Brandon, Aug. 4. — The quarierly meeting of the Brandon board of trade was heid last night and owing to the inclemency of the weather but few members turned up. The state of the last quarterly meeting were read by Secretary Campbell and confirmed. Considerable discussion was entered into regarding the cussion was entered into regarding the C. P. R. west of Brandon. Messrs. Nation, Campbell, Hearn and Lindsay were appointed to interview Superintendent Brownlee to discuss the material trades of the control of the co

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the city cierk of Guelpo, Ont, containing information relative to the estabinterview of the control of the control of the control
this evoked valuable discussion, all the members agraeing that the establishment of such an institution of the control
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to meat the city council and the board of trade to see what steps could be
Letters were read from Hon. Sydney Fisher re the use of the experimental farm in connection with the agricultus of the control of trades of the control of trades of the Board of Trades of the Empire relative to transportation for delegates; reasons for not erecting an emigration building here. It was the opinion of the board of trades of the Empire relative to transportation for delegates; reasons for not erecting an emigration building here. It was the opinion of the board that the deputy minisposition of Brandon, it being a central point for emigrants and the secretary was instructed to point this out to Mr.

Mr. W. H. Shillinglaw was proposed.

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Mr. W. H. Shillinglaw was proposed and admitted to the membership of hoard

the board.

A resolution was introduced by Mr.
Wilmott and carried unanimously,
that the board of trade protest to the
city council and the school board
against their action of granting block
48 to the school board for a school site,
said site having been set apart for a

public park.

The meeting then adjourned.

PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS STATIS-TICS.

The annual report of the provincial department of education has just been called the containing the contain tabulated and statistical information to the growth of the educational interests of the province for more than twenty to grow the contain transfer of the province for more than twenty at the called 1952 there were skilled purple of school age in Manitoha. The growth of decades is indicated in the following the containing the contai

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The average attendance however, is far from satisfactory, but Hitle more than 50 per cent of the total being regularly at school. Of the MoSé pupils enrolled, the number in attendance last year. There are 1.850 certificated teachers in Mantiobat. As an indication of the convenience of the school of the school of the convenience of the school of the s ants, and #61,312 from municipal tax-the province there are 1,246 school dis-lets, and 1,127 school houses. The av-age teacher's salary in cities and was is \$50,28, and in rural schools £2.24. This is almost \$87 more than the years ago. The common school \$42.24. This is almost \$87 more t eight years ago. The common soft assets of the province amount to 556.043, and the liabilities to \$1.572.350

FINANCING THE CROP.

As harvest time is upon us, the Can adian banks once more face the crop moving problem and with the recen increase in the grain yield of the wes increase in the grain yield of the west this task has become a serious one. As the property of thereby imposed. They were hardly equal to the task. In view of the other demands made upon them from the stock market and the commercial community in the east they had not quite sufficient money—or, to be more accurate, not quite enough circulation —to go around. Truth to tell, they

had been running along for years without materially imcreasing their capital zation, and thereby their media of circulation. During these years the capital zation, and thereby their media of circulation. During these years the developed enormously and the banks had not kept pace with this movement, and the country, and the chief difficulty. They had increased enormously with the country, and the chief difficulty in the country, and the chief difficulty in the country, and the chief difficulty rency—i.e., of the mechanical facilities for handling their business. This lack of currency became especially apticated the country and the country world as is that of getting courtery world as is that of getting courtery world as is that of getting courtery world as is that of getting country world as is that

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As to the exact period when money for crop-noving is required, it may be said that in Ontario it begins early next mosth, while the demand from Manitoba and the west may be expected to set in between Sept. 15 and

next month, while the demand from Manitoba and the west tags' be expected. As to the extent of the crop-moving requirements, it may be pointed out of the control of the co

able charges for the accommodation granted.

Now, during the past year the banks have taken the buil by the horns and have taken the buil by the horns and have taken the buil by the horns and the horns the horns and the horns the horns the building the horns t

position to issue Just that much more currency.
Further figures may be taken from the government statements to show that the banks have in other respects for the position over last year.
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Formatanch at the end of June, 1902, to \$40,876,690 at the end of June, 1902, to \$40,876,690 at the end of June, 1903, to \$40,876,690 at the ket inquidation. 'Ail loans elsewhere tin the United States) have in the same lime been cut down from \$40, the same lime been cut down from \$40, the same lime been cut down from \$40, the same lime \$40, t

It will be recognized, therefore, that despite the reduction of the banks

commitments in certain directions, these institutions are not, if these fig-ures can be taken as meaning any-thing, in a much-better position as far as funds go, to meet the pending crop movement than they were a year far as funds go, to meet the pending crop movement than they were a year ago. But if the contention of some tion is one of currency purely, and not of money, and that they had suf-ficient money and only suffered from a shortage of currency at crop-moving because of the fact already noted that the banks' currency-issuing capacities have, since June, 1002, been increased have, since J

the banks' currency-issuing capacities have a considered, and the conditions of the west things are successful to the conditions in the West this year which make towards the lightening of the wheat crop in Manitoba and the Territories, according to the present outlook, may possibly be a little smaller than in 1802. Another is that the thing the condition of the that no great monetary stringency will occur this autumn. But the unexpected sometimes happens, and the domestic money situation wil, of course, be more or less affected by what occurs across the line.—Toronto

THE CROPS.

Douglas, Aug. 5.—Providence is blessing the farmers around Douglas with a magnificent crop; to all appearances as good if not superior to last season's yield. The rain of Tuesday and the farmers are feeling jubi'ant. From all appearances at present the wreat will average from 25 to 30 submass well, particularly bariety, which will be superior to last season's crop. Binders will be starting the last of time as well, particularly bariety, which will be general about the 25th. The grass-hoppers have nearly all disappeared faction of everybody, and everything is settling down to their former shape. Sintalitia, Assa. Aug. 6.—The harvest. While the average yield will hardly equal that of 1802, the I crossed acressed THE CROPS

all point to another bumper harvest. While the average yilet, will hardly equal that of 1902, the is creased acreage will bring the total amount fully as much. Bome the second weeks, will not go more than 10 or 12 bushels, but there are many that will go over 40. With favorable weather harvest will begin about 20th inst. The average expected is about 17 bushels, with no damage dis about 17 bushels, with no damage.

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Rosenfeld, Aug. 5.—Barley cutting commenced here on the 22nd of July and is now nearly completed, and is now nearly completed, and the second of the commenced south of here on Monday, Aug. 3. There was a heavy rain Tuesday metabolic properties of the complete of the commenced south of here on Monday, Aug. 3. There was a heavy rain Tuesday metabolic properties of the commenced south of th

inge. The sample is very sucrop is light.
Pipestone, Aug. 5.—The crops in this district are good in the valley, and on heavy clay land will probably average 15 to 25 bushels per acre. On light

sandy land wheat will go from 16 bushels per acre. Rust has 1 its appearance, but is not doing damage. The rust is on the lead it does not injure the wheat any heads are well filled. Harvest commence about the 10th. Oat commence about the 10th. Oats be a fair average crop and will from 20 to 35 bushels per acre. B is fairly good. Flax on well cultivand will be a commence to the commence of t

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held, which he thinks will run about
bushels to the acre. Wheat cuttle
throughout the district will be general
town on the fasts and the ridge. The
will go 30 bushels or more to the arm
and the total wheat crop for this set
tion of country will be a good average
Barley is nearly all cut.

The annual harvest excursions from Ontario to the west leave Toronto of August 17, 18 and 19.

A report from Skagway says to nother rich placer mining region seen found on Takeena river, which is miles from White Horse.

Country hides have dropped off other 4c at Chicago and are not an 8%c basis there. More hides being offered than tanners will t During the week ended July 25 tweer shipped from the port of M real 5.602 head of cattle, as ag 3,947 head the previous week. Tweer also shipped 3,302 head of sh

During the month of July the dian Pacific Rallway Lands denient sold 267,647.32 acres of land \$1.020,404.70. For the same n last year the sales were 155. acres, for \$562,876.50.

The Dominion Iron and Steel a Dominion Coal companies which he been working together under a lea arrangement have decided to pa company. The shareholders meet August 19 to ratify this decision August 19 to

There has been a very no falling off in the tourist traffic falling off in the tourist traffic as the Thousand Islands this season it is said, to the disastrous be which have characterized the spe-tive stock markets of the U States of late.

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At Montreal the hide market regular and prices for No. 1 beef vary from 8½ to 9c according individual views of buyers. Prev quotations for leading lines are: beef hides 8½ to 9c. No. 2, 7½ and No. 3, 8½ to 7c. Lambskin calfskins, 11c for No. 1 and 9c for

In the House of Commons, Ho-Fielding has introduced his reso dealing with the bounties on iro steel. He pointed out that the r-tions are in two parts, that whi-creases the bounty already give steel and pig iron, and that which a bounty where none, has hitherty steel and pig iron, and that which a bounty where none has hithertegiven on wher rods and structural. The bounties fixed in 1837 were ton on steel. \$3 on pig iron from imore. By subsequent legislation a scale was established, under whitbounty last year was 30 per ce what it was in 1857. On that according to the control of the control what it was in 1897. On that scale would have been 75 per cent, this y 55 per cent, next year and 35 per of the following year. The change 7 propessed is to defer the operation the sliding scale for one year, 8s the bounty will be 30 per cent 1 year, 75 per cent, next year, 55 per of the following year and 35 per cent 1906-07. The

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