NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

KEEPHILLS.

Bulletin News Service.

G. P. Porter, who recently filed on N.E. 19-51-3 west 5th, has returned from his visit to Edmonton, bringing his brother Bert, who is also seeking a homestead in this district.

G. Schmidt and family have returned from their trip to Edmonton.

H. G. Hearn has returned from his business visit to Edmonton.

W. Ruff, of this district is in an Edmonton hospital recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

ENTWISTLE.

Bulletin News Service.

Our town has the appearance of "a deserted village" at present, on account of the majority of the inhabitants leaving for the gold fields west of here. All hope the results will be in keeping with the expectations.

A number of prominent G.T.P officials, including Messrs. Kelliher Schreiber and Mann and Dr. Murphy, passed through town this morning on their way to Edmonton from a tour of inspection west as far as White Creek.

F. L. Elsie and J. Floen have left for the scene of the gold strike.

A. C. Nren, F. Knapp, W. Marshall, F. Hood and C. J. MacPhee spent Sunday at Seba.

W. S. Hefferman arrived in town this morning on his way to the gold strike.

W. Martin has returned from a trip to Edmonton.

Work has commenced on the new road from Seba to this point. This road will be a boom to the settlers as the old road was in miserable shape.

A number of citizens intend spending a few days camping at Lake Wabamun.

What was without doubt the most enjoyable event of the season was held on Friday evening, when upwards of twenty-five couples gathered in the spacious dining room of the new hotel to participate in the hop given by the young men of the town. The floor was in perfect shape and with the splendid music furnished by Messrs. Crawford and Shinners, the dance was enjoyed by all. Supper was served in the commodious office adjoining the dining room, where the tables were decorated with an abundance of beautiful flowers, all home grown, and laden with all the delicacies of the season to which ample justice was done. The party broke up at 4 a.m. The thanks of the crowd are tendered to Mr. Wren, the genial manager of the Pembina Hotel, for his kindness in placing at their disposal such ideal quarters, and also to the ladies, who so ably assisted in making the event such a decided success.

The bridge gang is expected here this week to make preparations for the construction of camps.

Entwistle, August 23rd.

WABAMUN.

Bulletin News Service.

The Rexboro Fair Association will hold their first annual fair at White Wood Lake on Tuesday, September 1st. The association officers are putting forth every possible effort to make the fair a success, and have arranged a good list of prizes to be competed for. A general basket picnic will be held and a pleasant day's outing is sure to be had by all who attend. It is the intention to make this a permanent institution and next year a two or three days' fair will be held.

Mrs. Huddlestron held an auction sale of farm effects on Tuesday, August 23, at which time all of the property left by her deceased husband was sold. Mrs. Huddlestrom intends returning to England shortly.

Miss Boswell is out from Edmonton, the guest of relatives here.

Mr. S. W. Eakins has decided that the west is too good to leave after all and has given up his position in Toronto and will remain in this part of the country.

Miss Mieleack has returned from her trip to Yellowstone Park and will resume her duties as teacher in Sylvan school next week.

Haying is practically finished and harvesting has commenced. The grain is showing good heads, although the straw is somewhat short. The grain gives promise of a larger than average yield. Root crops of all kinds are greatly in need of rain.

A number of city people are availing themselves of the pleasures of our beautiful lake by camping on its shores. It is to be hoped that another season will see numerous cottages on the shores of the lake for rent to people who wish to put in a week or two or even the week end at this pleasure resort.

The track-laying machine of the G.T.P. has been quite an attraction for our people the last week. To those who have waited several years for the coming of the rails, the old familiar toot of the whistle and clanging of the bell, brought a certain sense of satisfaction and elation which can only be realized by those who have done time ahead of the Pullman and experienced the certain privations and inconveniences consequent upon being away from railway communication. The rails are now nearing the west end of the lake, and it is reported that the grade is completed as far as the Pembina river, so that point ought to be reached in two weeks.

Foley, Welsh & Stewart are now sending all their freight to Wabamun via the G.T.P. It is then taken by boat to Seba by Jaucosky Brothers, and from there by team to Lobstick. Lieut. Hurst has just sent two teams on this haul.

The G.T.P. moved camp up to the Wabamun siding on Saturday, and by that evening had laid two miles of track west of the townsite.

On Monday, S. W. Eakins left with Mr. Orr for the Athabasca river. Mr. Orr, who has spent the spring and summer at the McLeod, paid a visit to Edmonton and is returning west.

All the crops are looking good. There has been no frost. Cutting is under way.

Roy Hopkins, who has been visiting here with his relatives of that name since June, went to Edmonton last week to meet his wife from Kilmount, Ontario.

On August 25th the people of the Methodist Church, Pine Ridge, held their annual picnic at the picnic grounds. Games and races were held in the afternoon and in the evening a concert was given in the church. Talent from various points were present and a very enjoyable time was expected.

The first fair of this community will be held on September 1st at White Wood Lakes. Prizes are offered covering a very wide range and the best in the community can produce will be shown.

Alex. McChorister left on the 23rd with a pack train for the pass.

The harness and shoe makers are doing a big business these days and filling a much needed place.

White Whale Lake, August 24th.

BEAVER HILLS.

Bulletin News Service.

Tuesday, the 17th of August, a pretty wedding took place at the Methodist Church of Beaver Hills. Robert Wider, Jr., was married to Zella E. Perry, from Innisfree, Rev. A Webster performed the ceremony. After the marriage the new couple and the guests took supper at the home of the bride, where they enjoyed themselves till late in the evening.

Last week the wife of Karl Hesing gave birth to a baby boy. The child received at the christening the name of Daniel. Godfather and Godmother were Mr. and Mrs. Burger.

Last Sunday afternoon Miss Hedwig Gunther was married to Frank Baker. The marriage took place at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by R. Schlof of the Lutherian church.

Mrs. Adolf Schultz is very ill owing to the bite of a poisonious insect.

A. Doze from Clover Bar was here last Saturday visiting his brother.

Beaver Hills, Aug. 24th.

RYLEY.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. Killian living four miles northeast, cut the first grain of the season here. It was barley and the cutting was on August 12th.

B. Bindiksen and Chas. Asp made a business trip to Camrose last week.

Mrs. T. Umphreys was visiting her husband last week, returned to Carstairs Friday.

Mr. F. Burgar, of Ontario, was visiting with his brother Hugh Burgar, last week.

S. J. Huiness with his family late of Montana, has bought property in town and is looking for a business opening.

Cyrus Young, of Bathgate, was in town Saturday. Crops, he says, are excellent and will be harvesting in ten days.

Jas. Johnson's team arrived Saturday and a dray line will be put on in a few days for all kinds of work.

Anderson Bros. are moving their barn and placing it on a stone foundation. They will build a substantial addition as office and buggy storage.

Rev. B. S. Long preached in Tofield Sunday last, exchanging pulpits with Rev. Mr. Gold who held services at Ryley and Haldin.

The Ryley Publishing Company will begin building operations today. They will erect a substantial frame building beside the harness shop. The first issue of the "Ryley News" will be published in their own plant and good patronage is promised.

The Canadian Northern Railway arrived in Ryley with steel Saturday last. Ryley now a junction point, means cheaper freight, better service. Tapped by two of the Transcontinental railways, its advantages cannot be over estimated. The writer witnessed the steel laying into Ryley Saturday a.m. A large number of men were used instead of the immense track laying machine as used by the G.T.P. Two miles a day was the speed attained.

Ryley, August 24th.

PICTURESQUE SPRUCE GROVE.

A tourist from the city on the Civic Holiday sends the following paragraphs on his observations in this neighborhood.

The crops are looking splendid and give promise of unusual abundance. Another week of sunshine and warmth will put all crops past danger from frost.

Frank Smith has in a fine crop of fancy oats, of the variety known to fame as "Garton's Abundance." These oats are looking very fit and ready to cut.

Dan Brox has started his big new elevator, and a new dwelling house as well. These operations afford him a considerable pastime and will adorne old Spruce Gorve corners in splendid style.

Chas. Ries has just completed a mammoth new barn of which he is justly proud. It is a structure known as the Ontario type, and seems to be the only one of its kind around, and one can see many good barns as he passes along.

Geo. Bevington is another of the well-to-dos along the route who is building unto himself a new house. It will be a comfortable and commodious dwelling when finished, and will give a fine outlook upon a thriving and well-handled farm.

E. Pinchbeck, who has rented the farm of F. Metcalf this year is another prosperous tiller of the soil who has in course of construction a new dwelling, and outbuildings as well. These are going up on Mr. Pinchbeck's own farm on the South side of the base line, adjoining the McLellan boys' quarter section. The Pinchbeck crops are all looking well and when the new buildings are ready the family will be possessed of a fine property and all his friends hope a prosperous future.

Speaking of the McLellans, it is five years past since the elder brother came up from old Ontario, and after putting in a summer with Mr. Welbourne, decided to take up land in this district. The younger brother came up some time afterwards, and for awhile they "batched." Two summers ago their mother paid them a visit, with the result that she came up this spring with her last and youngest son to keep house for her boys. Finally, Mr. McLellan sold out all his property in Ontario and having severed his business connections in Dundas, is expected to join his family here next month. No one will deny that the McLellan farm is one of the very best south of the base line and its crops promise to be immense. Cutting will begin about the middle of this week.

The commendable enterprise of erecting a grain elevator by the farmers of this district, spoken of some time ago in the press, seems to have made little progress yet. It may come to maturity later on.

Miss McBain, former school mistress in Spruce Grove, is the guest of Mrs. Metcalf.

Although the opening day of the duck shooting season, and in the metropolis a public holiday, in Spruce Grove the store doors were all wide open—and it was "bargain day" within. On the one hand, the impartial favors of His Majesty's mails were being served at the post office store, while across the way it was "a box of No. 8 shells for tiel or No. 2 for mallards. Sounds of distant shots resounded on every side, and reports of varying success were numerous. Westward from the big swamp towards Stony Plain the country lies in panoramic beauty the entire way, the soil though not of the heavy class, is most productive and should pay its tillers in days to come even a hundred fold.

NEW LONG DISTANCE AEROPLANE RECORD

French Aviator Stayed in the Air Nearly Three Hours and Flew One Hundred Miles.

Rheims, France, Aug. 25.—Daring young Louis Paulham, holder of the worlds high flight aeroplane record, who made his first flight less than two months ago established today in calm wind and rain a new duration or distance record for aeroplanes by flying over the great aviation track on Bethany plain in two hours, 43 minutes and 24 seconds.

The official estimate of the distance is a fraction over 81 miles, while it is calculated that the aviator actually flew over 100 miles.

Roger Sommer made the best previous record on August 7 by flying two hours in 27 minutes and 15 seconds at Mourmelon. While this record was not official it was conceded to have beaten Wilbur Wright's record of 2 hours, 20 minutes and 37 seconds, which he made on the last day of last year.

With the speed record to Bleriot's credit, and the height and duration and distance records in Paulham's possession, the Wrights have been stripped of every aeroplane record and the French machines have wrested from America the supremacy which for two years was its pride.

Glenn H. Curtis the American aviator who lowered the record on Monday with a speedy flight, today made a plucky endeavor to win his championship back from Bleriot but failed to equal his rival's time by 7 1-5 seconds. He is very hopeful, however, of making a much better showing and says the struggle between himself and his competitor has simply resolved itself to be a question of motor efficiency and propeller power.

The first accident during the meet occurred today when just before dark a Voisin biplane capsized in the air and was wrecked. The driver was only slightly injured.

There are conflicting reports, due perhaps to the twilight, as to who the lucky aviator was, some say it was Rougier, others say it was Fournier. Owing to the celerity with which the wreck was cleared and the lateness of the hour, the identity of the operator could not be learned, but whoever it was he was not much hurt.

Paulham's flight is considered remarkable for many reasons. Not only did he continue to fly until there was not another drop of gasoline in his tank, but he held to his course through a comparative calm which changed into a high wind blowing almost twenty miles an hour and usually developed into a downpour of rain, ending with a beautiful rainbow as the rain cleared away.

Frenchmen are inclined to believe that this flight demonstrates the superiority of the Voisin aeroplane over the type made famous by the Wrights. They point out that in spite of the rocking and swaying motion induced by the uncertain air currents. The craft was able to keep a safe balance without the warping tips or movable planes on which the American aeroprane builders lay such stress.

They ascribe the wonderful success of the flight to the fact that the Voisin machines are built with boxed tails, or rear rudders and that this particular machine is equipped with a rotary motor, the only engine of this type that has held any practical test. Rotary motion of the cylinders is said to produce a gyroscopic action which in conjunction with the boxed tail, gives a balance to all intents and purposes automatic.

It is said that he will undoubtedly be assurred the legion of honor and may receive other decorations. In view of the fact that Paulham was an obscure mechanician on one of the French dirigible balloons only a few months ago and before that a still obscurer tight rope walker, working with small shows in the rural districts of France, the sentimental side of the situation tickles the romantic bone of the Frenchmen immensely.

Rescued in Nick of Time.

Toronto, Ontario, August 23.—An explosion of gasoline on a launch a mile out in the lake tonight placed four lives in imminent peril. James Phelan, owner, with his sisters, Anna and May, his aunt, Miss Baker, and a young lady, Margaret Devine, were aboard. A leaky tank caused the explosion. The launch burned rapidly. Another launch came to the rescue in the nick of time. Phelan

SCIENTISTS GETS DOWN TO WORK

Sections of British Association Open Sessions. Discuss Questions of Interest to Canada

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—The British scientists inaugurated their gathering here with a mass meeting in Walkers theatre, whose 2,200 seats were crammed. The feature was inaugurate address of President Sir John Thomson. He referred to the association as rather imperial than British, as holding their meetings in different parts of the Empire they were doing much to draw the units of the Empire together. Paying a compliment to the Canadian students who came within his ken at Cambridge. Sir John warmly advocated the interchange of students by different universities. He referred to the importance of the original research as a means of education. Last evening the delegates left in a number of special cars to visit Dominion Park as the guests of the company.

Strathcona Attends Session.

This morning the whole twelve sections of the British association opened their sessions this morning, the presidents of each delivering their addresses. That which attracted most attention was delivered by Sir William White, president of the engineering section. It was attended by Lord Strathcona, who followed the speaker with keen interest. Sir William dealt with the important influence engineering has had upon the foundation and development of the colonies and dominions beyond the seas, with particular reference to Canada. He discussed at some length questions of economy in the cost of overseas transportation and of the increase in the speed and dimensions of ships. He also illustrated the intimate connection between a powerful fleet and the development of mercantile shipping and commerce.

Objects to Advertising.

Somewhat of a sensation was created in the chemical section when the president, Prof. Armstrong, in his address, attacked the methods of advertising used by some scientists.

"I thought," he said in conclusion, "the reputation of scientists was liable to be besmirched by the way they were seeking notoriety. I know that a few who have labored steadfastly and seriously in the old fashioned, exact and painstaking way have been deeply hurt by the manner in which their efforts have failed to meet with discussed. In the educational section thrown caution to the winds have been favored."

Tyrrell Gives Address.

In the geological section several interesting papers were read. J. B. Tyrrell, the Canadian explorer, gave a paper on "The Extent of the Ice Sheets of the Great Plains." In the geographical section, also, there were a number of papers of peculiar interest to Canada, and particularly the west. A. O. Wheeler read a paper on "Some characteristics of the Canadian Rockies," and James White gave an address on "Nomenclature of the Islands of Arctic Canada."

In the agricultural section also, subjects of interest to Canada were encouragement while those who have Dr. Gray, head of the Bradfield college, in his presidential address, pointed out the ignorance of many of his countrymen, even the best educated, in regard to Canada, and advocated the teaching of more geography in the English schools and subjects bearing on the history, economics, etc., of the empire.

Imperial Bureau of Ethnology.

In the anthropological section Prof. John L. Myres, in his presidential address advocated establishment of an imperial bureau of ethnology to study the races of the empire. It was a dream he hoped would soon be fulfilled. What was more practical and a nearer conception was a Canadian bureau, and he hinted that during the convention plans would be laid for founding one. He took up the question of the best kind of immigrants needed in the west.

"What kind of men," he asked "do best in Canada; what kind of men is Canada making out of the raw material which Europe is feeding into God's mills on this side?"

This was a question they should study. They studied grains, cattle, land, etc., but not men.

SPANISH TROOPS BEGIN THE ADVANCE

Occupied Advanced Position Without Opposition and General Forward Movement Expected.

Madrid, Aug. 25—It is officially announced that General Aguiliera, with 1,800 men, has occupied El Arbo without opposition. This place is four and a half miles distant from Restinga, from which place a portion of General Marina's force was recently reported to have advanced against the Riffs. The position is an excellent one and there is an abundant supply of water. This is uderstood to be the real preliminary to a general advance. Other movements are already in progress. It is stated that the Spaniards have abandoned dredging the channel to Marchica as they have discovered that it would take four months to finish the work. The army will accordingly operate independently of the anticipated naval help from Marachica.

To Attend Forestry Convention.

Amherst, N.S., August 26.—Attorney-General W. T. Pipes left last night for Regina, where he will attend the meeting of the Dominion Forestry Association, of which he is a vice-president.

SPANIARDS ARE TORTURED

Moors Mete Out Awful Death to Their Prisoners.

Libson, Aug. 26.—Special dispatches received here from Melilla, Morrocco, say:

That fighting is general on the Morocean coast. The new Spanish artillery has wrought terrible ravoc among the Moors who have lost 4,000 men in the last three days. The Spanish casualties amount to 350. A Spanish column has destroyed three villages near Restinga. A Moorish deserter, who has come into the Spanish lines, declares that the Spanish prisoners after being horribly tortured and mutilated, are decapitated and their dead bodies flung into a hole on Mount Geruga. This hole is a mass of decomposing corpses. Estimates place the number of Spanish prisoners at 1,000.

The water being doled out to the Spanish troops is insufficient, and the men are dying like flies.

The officers buy mineral water, but this the men cannot afford to do, and driven by their overwhelming thirst they have drunk from stagnant pools. Many cases of poisoning have resulted. Already fifty-three men have died from this cause and 170 have been sent to hospitals.

Spanish Troops Advancing.

Gibraltar, Aug. 26.—A portion of the Spanish army at Melilla began advancing yesterday morning along the seashore under the protection of the forts. General Arizon, military governnor of Melilla, has transferred his headquarters to La Restinga, where, it is believed, the army of operations will concentrate.

The Spaniards placed a mine at a spot where they had pretended to leave some ammunition. When the Moors came to seize it the min exploded, causing many casualties. The firing on the Riffian huts and encampment on Gurgua mountain by the Schneider batteries continues with telling effect.

FIELDS ARE WHITE BUT HARVESTERS ARE FEW

Manitoba Sheaves Lie in Fields While Threshers Stand Idle For Lack of Men—Eight Thousand Men is the Immediate Requirement—Not Enough Coming In.

Winnipeg, August 25.—"Manitoba will soon be in desperate straits unless sufficient help be immediately secured to garner her big crop," was the statement made by Premier Roblin tonight. The Premier said the crop was not only ripe, but is nearly all cut. The serious problem is how it is to be cared for until placed in the elevators. The supply of laborers is totally inadequate, eight thousand being wanted tonight in the province and there are not more than five hundred in sight. The grain is largely lying as it fell from the binder, and the threshing machines are idle. Rain at this stage would do millions of dollars damage to the unsaved crop. Excursions so far are not so large as expected and it is to be hoped the others will be more largely patronized, as besides the eight thousand needed in the province, they probably need as many more to the west. Wages, the Premier thought were reasonably good, ranging from two to three dollars per day, according to the class of men. The Premier concluded that as the east is largely interested in the prosperity of the west, "We appeal to them to assist us as much as possible by sending all the young men they can spare to save one of the best crops the West was ever blest with."

MONTREAL STEAMER BURNED

The Spare R. & O. Boat Prescott Destroyed at Her Pier.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—The Richelen & Ontario Navigation Company's steamer Prescott was so badly damaged by fire tonight while moored alongside her dock as to be practically a total loss. How the fire started is unknown. It suddenly was seen to be making headway through the frame work of the old boat which had been used as a spare lately and by the time the fire brigade arrived the flames were in control of all the upper structure.

It took half an hour's hard work before the fire was under control. It spread to a small wooden shed adjoining and destroyed it. One or two hand- were aboard the Prescott at the time but were unable to say how the fire had got started.

The Prescott is insured and the R. & O. estimate the loss at $40,000. The last time the Prescott was used was on Thursday when 250 members of the League of American Municipalities went down the Lachine Rapids in her and made an inspection of the river front.

Bettering Accommodations.

Saskatoon, August 26.—Accommodations at the C.N.R. freight sheds are being increased by the building of an unloading platform along the track to the north end of the freight sheds. A C.N.R. construction train and gang went out southwest this morning to increase the force at work on the Goose Lake line.

Public Official Missing With $800.

Rama, Sask., Aug. 26—J. B. Russell, J.P., and secretary-treasurer of the school district, has been missing some little time, and an investigation of his accounts show a shortage of eight hundred dollars, while he is said to be owing other moneys in the neighborhood. He came, it is said, from Winnipeg about a year ago and inaugurated himself into the confidence of the public.

LITTLE HEADWAY AT INVESTIGATION

Troops at McKees Rocks Armed With Deadly Riot Guns—Debs Addresses Strikers.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 25—The Austro-Hungarian consul at Washington will tomorrow receive another formal complaint from Pittsburg charging peonage at the plant of the Pressed Steel company here. The complaint has been mailed by Z. Bartus, clerk in the office of the vice-consul of the Austro-Hungarian government at Pittsburg, who while the governmental investigation of alleged peonage was on at the McKees Rocks stockade here this afternoon, was an eye-witness to the mistreatment of a workman, which mistreatment almost stopped the investigation.

Bartus, as an expert in the Hungarian tongue, was taken as one of the interpreters by Special Agent Harry H. Hoagland, of the department of justice, who has charge of the investigation. While the witnesses were being examined a deputy sheriff was observed on the lawn outside the office, kicking and beating a strike-breaker, who was afterwards found to be a Hungarian. Bartus jumped from his chair, and rushing to the window shouted at the deputy to let the man alone.

"Is that the way you treat your men?" he shouted appealingly to those of the company who were in the room. "I will have this investigated."

"You will attend to your own business," roared Attorney Dodds, of the Pressed Steel company, who then protested to Agent Hoagland against further interpretation by Bartus, who, he claimed, was evidently biased.

The investigation, as far as it has proceeded, shows but little grounds for the charges of peonage which have been made against President Frank Hoffstot of the Pressed Steel Car company, and against his employment of Agent Samuel Cohn.

However, it was admitted by those in charge of the company's plant today that a large number of men had been paid off and allowed to leave the mill this morning. The complaints of the men examined was principally in effect that they had been mistreated while coming to the train from either New York, Chicago or Philadelphia and that their food had been bad since coming into the stockade.

There was some excitement today when the strikers were compelled to move their headquarters out of Schoenville, entirely because the troopers will not permit President Wise, of the executive committee of the strikers to come into the strike zone at all. Wise today protested and threatened to have the troopers arrested, whereupon they chased him out of town, riding behind him on a slow lope.

Eugene V. Debs made good his threat to speak before the strikers on the Indian Mound today. He went to the mound in an automobile and talked about 20 miutes to a crowd of 2,000 people, while troopers hovered around the outside.

Mr. Debs, in his address, urged the men to refrain from violence, saying the eyes of the world were upon them.

Late today the mounted state troopers were armed with short riot guns, supposed to be most deadly in a fight with a crowd.

Capt. Marsh had a conference with all the troops in the stockade before thus arming them and it is understood each trooper was instructed to take no chances with another mob, but to begin shooting and keep shooting at the first signs of rioting.

Today the strikers received a severe blow when Judge Jas. R. MacFarlane, of the federal courts handed down a decision refusing them the right to arbitrate their differences with the company, as they had claimed under a law passed by the state legislature in 1893 and which provides for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes after a certain time. The court holds that the law in question is wholly unconstitutional and goes into details showing why it is so.

Arranging For New Dry Dock.

Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 26.—J. C. Wallace, Cleveland, president of the American Shipbuilding Company; A. L. Brown, chairman of the Board of Directors and A. B. Wolvin, Duluth, director and A. P. Bowman, and C. M. Bowman, of Southampton, Ont., directors of the Western Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, are here today, making arrangements for the commencement of work on the mammoth new plant to be built at Bare Point.

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NEW YORK LOSING ITS EXPORT GRAIN TRADE

Grain Commission of New York Produce Exchange will appeal to Interstate Commerce Commission for Reduced Railay Rates to Compete With Lake Navigation.

New York, Aug. 28.—As a last resource the members of the grain committee of the New York Produce Exchange intend to appeal to the interstate commerce commission on the grounds of water competition in their fight with the railroads to get a reduced rate east of Buffalo, so this port may again obtain its share of the export grain trade. At present, right in the middle of the open season, when grain should be moving outward heavily, laden steamships are going with grain from Montreal while those from New York are said to be practically empty.

Canadian ship brokers are obtaining six cents a bushel freight to United Kingdom ports, while shippers here cannot obtain cargoes of grain at 3 cents a bushel. Members admit the railroads are willing to give them a preferential rate east of Buffalo to compete with through rates on Canadian lines, but they are afraid of the central and western traffic associations diverting other freights from them in retaliation.

The loss of the grain trade from this port has been severely felt along the river front, where at least fifteen big grain elevators are declared to be standing idle.

With the exception of the business done by the Atlantic transport line, the export cattle trade practically has disappeared from New York and the cessation of the grain trade in addition will result in big cargo steamships seeking business at other ports.

THE MANITOBA TELEPHONES

Government Reorganizes System of Management of Lines.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 25.—A complete change in the method of management of the Manitoba Government telephones has been decided on, and will go into effect September 1, when functional organization will be adopted. The arrangement is similar to that by which the railway companies, as well as the Bell and other telephone companies are governed, the business being divided into several independent departments. The province will be divided into districts, and the management will be under three heads, commercial agents, superintendent of plant, and superintendent of service. One important new post will be created, that of general superintendent of plant for the province.

PUBLISHER ARRESTED

Owner of Moncton Free Speech Charged With Criminal Libel.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 25.—Bruce McDougall, publisher of the paper called Free Speech, in Moncton, was arrested there yesterday on a charge of criminal libel laid by Patrolman Lumas, of the St. John police force, and brought to this city.

Free Speech has been publishing matter about ladies of high repute, prominent citizens, aldermen and members of the Government, and the Attorney-General's Department decided something must be done. The action of today comes in consequence.

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