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TREE PLANTERS IN CONVENTION

Citizens of Winnipeg and those in attendance at the Winnipeg Exhibition will have an opportunity on July 7, 8 and 9 of hearing addresses from some of the foremost exponents of tree culture and forestry in America at the convention of the Canadian Forestry Association, in the Industrial Bureau Hall.

It may be pointed out that the men who will address the convention are all intensely practical. They advocate forest conservation and forest development, not for some far fetched reason, but because it will be profitable to the people of Canada. While the full benefits of a proper method of protecting and utilizing our forests will not be felt for some years, yet many benefits will follow immediately upon their adoption. Two points should be noted; first, that it is proposed to maintain permanent forests only on lands unsuited to agriculture, and second, that such reserves, or national forests as they are better called, are not to be locked up and kept away from the people, but are to be made use of to the fullest extent while, at the same time, the future crop of trees is protected and promoted. Among those who will speak are George Bury, Vice-President of the C.P.R., V. C. Brown, of the Bank of Commerce, S. A. Bedford, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, R. H. Campbell, Dominion Director of Forestry, Norman Ross, Chief of the Tree Planting Division at Indian Head, and the chief foresters of Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and the State Forester of Minnesota. The convention opens on Monday evening, July 7, and both ladies and gentlemen are cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN ENGLAND

According to the report of the Federation of Co-operative Societies submitted to the congress held in Aberdeen at Whitsuntide, 1,520 co-operative societies existed at the end of the year 1912, of which number 1,512 societies reported a total membership of 2,876,892. The year's turnover amounted to over £122,000,000 and profit to over £13,000,000. The English Co-operative Wholesale Society, with its 1,162 branches, had a turnover of about £3,000,000, with a profit of £700,000. The Scotch Co-operative Society made a profit of £325,000 on a turnover of over £8,000,000. The Co-operative Productive Society and the Co-operative Wholesale Society produced goods to the value of over £13,000,000, while the goods produced by the Co-operative Provision Stores amounted to £8,250,000 in value. 760 Co-operative Societies have children's penny banks with a total balance in hand of £1,600,000.

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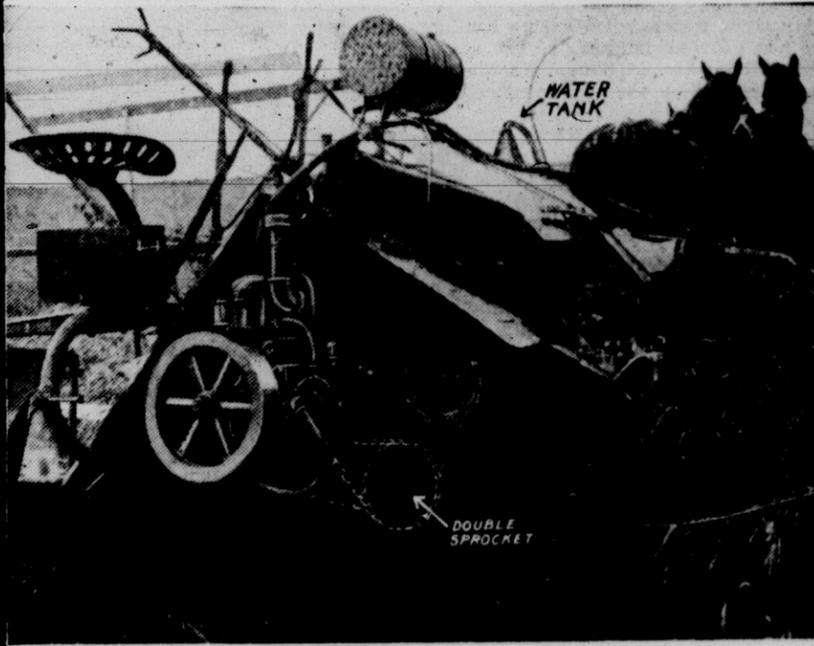
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SASKATCHEWAN CROPS

Special Correspondents of Government Report on Conditions

Regina, Sask., June 26. — Reports from thirty-six special crop correspondents of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture received today indicate that the crops during the past week have greatly improved under the influence of the welcome showers which have fallen throughout the province. During the past few days many fears have been expressed that the remarkable series of thunder storms, combined with cold nights and early mornings which have swept the province from one end to the other would have a bad effect on the crop.

Speaking generally, however, these fears have no foundation. While here and there crops have been badly struck, the prospects throughout Saskatchewan are of the best. The crops this year are not likely to be characterized by a rank growth of straw, owing to the dry, hot weather experienced in the early part of the month. Under favorable conditions wheat should be headed out generally by July 10th. The oat crop is looking well, although late and rather short in the straw.

In the district of Wilkie some of the summer-fallow wheat is 22 inches high and is in the shot blade. July 10 should see wheat headed out in this district. At Grenfell the correspondent reports that all the crops are thick and heavy, with wheat twelve inches high; oats, eight; barley, four. The Prince Albert district reports that the rains on Monday last put the crop in good condition, and that wheat will be headed out by the middle of July. In the Fort Qu'Appelle district 50 per cent. of the oat crop is good. Wheat should be headed out by July 8. Rain is not badly needed, says the government correspondent, but would do no great harm.

No Excessive Moisture

This last fact appears to be general throughout the country. No one point of the 36 reporting makes complaint of too much rain. At Battleford, for instance, they need rain badly, as the hot weather has kept the crops back quite a bit. Weyburn reports great damage from gophers; Rosthern reports that a plot of winter rye on the experimental farm headed out in three weeks; Estevan has a little crop washed out but are satisfied on the wheat. Up on the Bullock line there has been plenty of rain for the present. The weather was fairly dry from June 1 to June 20, but since then there has been plenty with beneficial results to the crop.

From all points comes the reassuring word that the crops are in the best of condition. Only one point that can be found has suffered from hail in the district of Chamberlain. A hail storm occurred Monday, reports of which have already been published. At this date, however, it is possible to estimate the damage to a certain extent, and it would seem, according to report, that the best part of the crop of the district has been ruined. With this one exception Saskatchewan's crop for 1913 has a brilliant outlook.

MELVILLE PLOWING MATCH

The second annual plowing match held by the Melville Agricultural Society was held at Melville on June 24. The following prizes were awarded: Sulky plow—G. Yackel, 1st prize. Gang plow—C. Auckland, 1st prize; G. Yackel, 2nd prize; D. Han, 3rd prize.

Walking plow—F. Hancock, 1st prize; J. Boyce, 2nd prize.

Thos. Doherty, of Balcarres, acted as judge to the satisfaction of all present.