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IT IS HARVEST TIME.

Now the fields in Manitoba are a glorious sight. For three weeks up to the time of writing the most brilliant summer weather has prevailed, and the grain fields have ripened apace. Manitoba at present looks like one vast wheatfield. There is the promise of a most beautiful harvest, and by the end of August much of the wheat will be in the stook. We earnestly pray that good weather may be sent us in order that the crops may be safely gathered in. Last year we had an enormous yield but much was lost by the wet weather of the autumn, and early winter. As we see in our Lord's teaching it is an easy transition from the natural the spiritual harvest. The spiritual fields are white to the harvest. Manitoba has had the seed sown as few new countries have had it. The sowing has been liberal. Not too liberal. Our communities are moral. The late Temperance Plebiscite by which the province has declared by a majority of about 15,000 in favor of the total prohibition of alcoholic liquor as a beverage speaks well for the province. It is largely the result we believe of the faithful preaching of the Gospel. The field lies open to us. Let us thrust in the sickle and reap. May this season witness a gathering in of souls. May no untoward influences interrupt the workers. May the Lord of the Harvest smile upon our work!

SMALL-POX SCARE.

Commerce brings its dangers with it. The C. P. R. steamer from China and Japan brought over the small-pox to Victoria. Vancouver, and the American cities of the Pacific Slope. First on this side of the Rockies the infection appeared among the Chinamen of Calgary. The only locality affected in Manitoba was the Gretna district. We regret to say that our Missionary J. L. Small, a student of Manitoba College, as well as a Christian young lady, who were conducting a Chinese school in Gretna took the disease. Mr. Small has nearly recovered, and we are glad to say that quarantine regulations will soon be unnecessary. We congratulate our Government authorities on their firm measures by which this scourge has been checked. Manitobans have been generally vaccinated, and there is no alarm.