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## LOOK AT THESE FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY

- Plain esol, summer silks, all colors; regular 35c a yard. **Saturday and Monday, 25c a yard**
- Fancy Jap summer silk, all colors; regular 60c a yard. **Saturday and Monday, 40c a yard**
- 54 inch, all wool-fancy light tweed suitings; regular \$1.25. **Saturday and Monday, 85c a yard**
- White muslin blouses; regular 75c each. **Saturday and Monday, 50c each**
- Boys' Oxford shirts, all sizes; regular 75c each. **Saturday and Monday, 60c each**
- Boys' knickers, guaranteed to wear; regular \$1.00. **Saturday and Monday, 75c a pair**
- Men's stiff hats, regular up to \$2.50 each; a few left. **Saturday and Monday, 75c each**
- A few broken lines in ladies' Oxford shoes, in vict and patent leather; regular \$2.50 to \$3.50; to clear at... **\$2.00**
- 15 pairs men's patent colt Blucher shoes; new last; regular \$5.50. **Saturday and Monday \$3.75**
- 15 pairs men's genuine kangaroo Blucher shoes; leather lined; regular \$5.25. **Saturday and Monday, \$3.75**

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# Oil and Coal Lands

We have purchased from the Western Canadian Land Co., Ltd., several thousand acres north of Morinville, in the famous Elk Park Valley.

Several coal mines are located in and adjoining our lands, and the Canadian Northern Railroad runs through the center of our block.

The The American Canadian Oil Company have their oil-boring machinery on the ground and it will be in operation in a short time.

They have already found tar-sand and gas and are certain of striking oil in large quantities.

The soil is the richest on earth, level to gentle rolling, and adjoining lands are thickly settled with prosperous farmers. Drop in and see samples of coal and tar-sand.

# Geo. T. Brogg, AGENT, ELK PARK LAND CO. C.P.R. BUILDING.

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Real Estate and Insurance Agent. Loans issued on first mortgage. Farm lands and town lots receive our special attention.

Your Patronage Solicited. Note.—It will pay you to write for information to me.

OMER GOVIN  
Morinville, Alta.

## TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Strayed from the premises of W. J. Davidson, Ings, April 21st, one four-year-old roan mare, one yearling roan mare, one two-year-old buckskin horse colt, one yearling chestnut colt with white face, and one yearling bay horse colt. Any one giving information which will lead to the recovery of these colts will receive above reward.

W. J. DAVIDSON,  
Ings, Alta.

## TENDERS WANTED.

POPLAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 185. For stable, 32 feet long and 16 feet wide. Plans and specifications to be seen at the residence of John Menelly, Jun., Poplar Lake. Building to be finished by August 31st.

Tenders to be lodged with the undersigned on or before May 18th. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. G. SPALDING,  
Secy.-Treas.  
Edmonton P. O.

## \$10 REWARD.

Lost—A white pony, branded 5 on nigh hip, brown saddle mark on back. Last seen on Fort Saskatchewan trail. Any person delivering same to Rolfe & Kenwood, Jasper Avenue, will receive above reward.

H. A. MacKIE,  
Solicitor for Dominion Fire Insurance Company.

Money to Loan. Office—McLeod Block, 135 Jasper Ave. East, (Over Perkins' Store). Telephone 120.

# THE EAST HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE WEST

Byron E. Walker, who was in Edmonton last September, Predicts a Money Stringency However.

What concerns Western Canada directly concerns the east, a fact which is yearly being impressed more fully upon eastern business men. As a result the Toronto Globe in a recent issue devotes much space to a consideration of western conditions and their probable effects upon the older provinces in the east. It says: "The abnormal conditions that have prevailed in the west, the tie-up of transportation resulting in an ineffectual check to business in the winter and early spring, have focused the interest of the public on the affairs of that portion of the Dominion more sharply than usual."

**Feeling of Uneasiness.** "It is not going too far to say there has been a feeling of uneasiness in business circles. As the weeks have gone by without sign of any relaxation in the severity of the weather, resulting in the delay of the planting season, there has been a nervous anxiety as to the future. On the other hand, it is well known to all that the credit system exists in the business of the west. With the purpose of endeavoring to business, a trade conditions and prospects, a number of representatives of Toronto firms having business in the west that country have been interviewed by the Globe, and the results of those conversations are given below."

**Western Optimism.** "The first point that is really noticeable is the great optimism of the westerner, which amounts to a simple faith that his country can rise superior to all difficulties. The west has no fear of hard times. Such a thing as a crop failure is not considered possible, and expenditure goes on lavishly. It is not that business men in the east are anticipating any failure in the crop of 1907. On the contrary, they are rather expecting a good return, but they would seem to be looking somewhat askance at the western condition. All over the world there is passing a wave of prosperity, and following upon that there is an immense demand for money to carry out all kinds of improvements, both on the part of private persons and public bodies. Possibly in this respect western Canada is leading the van, and difficulties there may arise from the fact that there has been spent a far greater amount of money than returns from the products of the country are likely to bring in."

**Business Men's Views.** "With one exception, and that a notable one, however the firms interviewed reported that western business, though delayed over an increase over last year, but it must be admitted that through nearly all there was a note of warning, and an increase over speculation. Most strongly was this brought out by both Senator Melvin Jones and Byron E. Walker. The president of the Massey-Harris company plainly indicated that he anticipated an unusual shortage of money in the west this year, while Mr. Walker supplied the reasons."

**People Spending Too Much.** "Speaking of financial conditions in the west, Byron E. Walker, president of the Bank of Commerce, said: 'Of course no one can tell until the money results have been got out, and to what extent it will get them out of debt. It is perfectly clear in any event—and it did not need this degree to tell us—the west is spending all the time a great deal more than the people are receiving from their grain and cattle.'"

**Be Forewarned.** "If there is not at least a marginal contraction in the scope of improvement of a kind which we carry out to railway building, we cannot expect but that next fall we shall have a recurrence of the money tightness of this winter, and it will be as the trouble this winter was caused by the tie-up of the grain. If we are not satisfied that it will be, we shall inevitably have tight money again."

**Over to the Mississippi.** "Southward then to the Red River the young men will take their course, mounting that river to its source. Within a few miles of this point a stiff portage will have to be made across to the Mississippi."

**Out to the Gulf.** "Then down this historic river, the rowboat and its occupants will proceed in direct route, until some fine day six months' hence the two will look out, like twentieth century Pizarros, upon the magnificent body of water which they aim to reach."

**Object of Voyages.** "The object of this Viking-like trip of young Hoerschgen and his southern companion is to obtain a thorough knowledge of the great waterways of the North American continent—of the settlements, and resources along these rivers."

**Two Men Will Leave Edmonton on This Trip.** "By rowboat from Edmonton to the Gulf of Mexico—through the magnificent chain of Canadian waterways down through the Missouri, a distance of 3,500 miles—is the adventurous and interesting trip about to be undertaken by the two young men now in Edmonton."

**Byron E. Walker Will Go.** "Robert Hoerschgen, one of the venturesome duo, has been in Edmonton four months, and in the States two and a half years, coming previously from Germany. His companion, G. W. Sparks, came to Edmonton a month ago, and together they have planned this interesting trip."

**Down the Great Waterways.** "They propose to leave Edmonton early in June, following the Saskatchewan down its many windings and past its rapids until eventually their

But those people who have not been able to dispose of last year's crop must have got long credit from somewhere."

**Considerable Land Speculation.** "Of course, the credit in the west is considerably longer than it is in Ontario, but the difference this year compared with last is only the difference in the time in which the crop has come out."

**How do you find money—tight?** "So far as our collections are concerned they are right up. There is a good deal of land speculation proceeding on the credit system, but as regards Winnipeg, for instance, I do not think that the land values are too high, except in some of the outlying districts. In the warehouse district values will vary from \$300 to \$800 a foot, and in the retail district about \$2,000 a foot and probably higher."

**Asked as to what were considered the crop prospects for the west for the present year, Mr. Gurney said that westerners were looking forward confidently to a successful season. A late spring, he said, is usually followed by a pretty late fall, and there should be a record crop because of the heavy snow they have had on the ground all winter.**

**Presuming, however, that there should be a failure this year, what do you consider would be the effect?** "No sane man would consider that. There is no more reason to anticipate a failure this year than last, if in any year there is a terrifically bad weather in the last half of May it is going to be a serious thing."

**But supposing we were to get a crop failure and such bad weather?** "I think it would force some of the little fellows who have been speculating in land on long margins, but I think the country would recover from the heavy snow they have had in succession. I may say as regards business that our firm is anticipating a big increase in the west, and I am sure that there are plenty of openings there for good men, accountants and salesmen."

**Our business is a very good one for feeling the pulse of the west.** This was a remark of Mr. Julien Sale of the late firm of Sale, Gurney & Co., in commenting on western business conditions, and the statement was followed by the further information that more orders from the west were being received—or rather had been received, the spring shipping season was not yet closed.

**Mr. Sale thought that much had been done in the giving of publicity to the west, and he disabused the public mind of many erroneous ideas as to conditions in the west. Speaking as to what he considered the volume of business, he said that the wholesale business was good, not only in the west, but in the east, and he gave an definite information as to the condition of retail business. Presumably, however, the retailers of the west were able to handle the traffic he considered that business should be good in the west, while the east he considered to be on too substantial a basis for trade there to be affected by the small number of people who were leaving eastern Canada for the west.**

**Western Market Abandoned.** "Mr. Wm. Logan, manager of Davidson, Hay & Co., limited, informed The Globe that with the growth of Winnipeg as a distributing centre his firm had dropped the west, and was likely to be. The transportation problem he considered to be the most serious one, so serious that many of their customers had been making enquiries of the possibility of sending goods by express. If, however, the railway companies were able to handle the traffic he considered that business should be good in the west, while the east he considered to be on too substantial a basis for trade there to be affected by the small number of people who were leaving eastern Canada for the west."

**Practical Evidence.** "Mr. J. Woods, general manager of the Holbert Lumber Co., limited, was almost enthusiastic in his replies to the usual form of question put to him in regard to this matter. He said that the small order business of the firm was progressing in a manner both satisfactory and gratifying. "Do you find money tight, Mr. Woods?"

**Not so far as we can judge from our returns.** "In reply to the interviewer Senator Melvin Jones, president of the Massey-Harris Co., limited, said: "So far as our business is concerned our trade up to this time is not so good as it was last year, and we do not think that it will be. The reason for that is that the winter has been, as everyone knows, of most extraordinary severity, and the railways have been quite incapable of taking care of the business situation. Many farmers are unable to get their crops of last year, and the spring is the latest in the history of our business, with one exception. The results of trade in the northwest has also in the first place, great difficulty in getting goods to the various points of distribution. We have never experienced anything like the difficulties we have had this year in that regard, and we have still a number of cars filled with spring goods for farmers that have not yet reached their destination. Many cars we have not heard of for two or three months; but some of these are now arriving, because nature is lessening the trouble of the railways."

**Farmers have found it extremely difficult to get out this winter because of the depth of snow, and consequently the usual purchases of implements have not been made. The spring is so late that the people who live some distance from the towns and villages where they have to go for goods have not had time to make their purchases.**

**Not that. Money to Buy.** "Again, many, owing to their inability to sell last year's crop, have not the money or the additional credit necessary for the buying of new machinery. We anticipate therefore a smaller amount of business this year than last. The conditions which have prevailed will have the result of materially lessening the acreage sown, and what is sown will not be as well planted, and the soil will not be as well tilled because the winter has brought about the tie-up of the railways. They are getting over their troubles now, however, and a considerable quantity of grain is coming out. At a guess I should say that a few weeks ago not 40 per cent. of the grain in the west is coming out, but to all intents and purposes the crop is only from thirty to sixty days later in coming out than it was last year."

## Satisfactory Class of Settlers.

Senator Jones' statement with regard to the position of the northwest is of particular value in view of the large portion of the Massey-Harris Co.'s, Canadian business that is carried on west of the great lakes. With regard to the immigration question he stated that the class of people who were going to the northwest was very satisfactory, and the purchases which they would make would to a small extent offset the loss of business in the older settled districts."

**Asked as to his opinion of the result of a crop failure, the senator said it would be a very serious matter indeed. More serious than at any time in the history of the country, especially as it would follow a severe winter season which has proved so expensive, coupled with the fact that so many people had been unable to market their crop and have no large credits.**

## The Financial Outlook.

"Lack of facilities for transportation formed the main complaint of Mr. Charles Adams of Adams Bros., whose business as harnessmakers brings them closely in touch with the west, where Mr. Adams has resided for a number of years. Again and again the firm has received complaints from its agents with regard to the non-delivery of goods. As Mr. Adams said, orders came in all right, but it has been impossible to get the goods out to the purchaser. The financial prospect is considered to be not without anxiety. With an almost abnormally late spring and the possibility of early frosts, consideration of a possible crop failure cannot be avoided. Let the crop fall, and then the heavy snow they have had on the ground all winter."

**Money Was Tight.** "There is a stringency of money throughout the country," was the reply of Mr. Henry Mason of the Mason & Bloch Piano company, limited. "The volume of business shows a satisfactory increase, but money is tight all over," he added.

**Railway Congestion the Trouble.** "Mr. Douglas Ely, manager of Ely, Blain company, limited, by whom a large wholesale grocery business is carried on with the northwest, said the season was only just starting, and it was therefore hardly possible to say what the volume of business was likely to be. The transportation problem he considered to be the most serious one, so serious that many of their customers had been making enquiries of the possibility of sending goods by express. If, however, the railway companies were able to handle the traffic he considered that business should be good in the west, while the east he considered to be on too substantial a basis for trade there to be affected by the small number of people who were leaving eastern Canada for the west."

**West Needs More Economy.** "Many of the older settlers, instead of being content with the large and safe holdings they have, keep on extending to the west more and more home life, and the keeping back of others whom they might assist with a greater burden on the east and eastern capital. The lavishness of the west is a remarkable feature. There is no attempt to take care of the implements in which the greater part of the farmer's capital is sunk, or to provide for the winter cattle during the stormy period that is a source of great loss in the west. For sixteen years I have travelled that country and seen the same men burning the humus out of the soil, and then having to plow a little deeper next year. They are not saving, they are to put something back if they are to raise No. 1 hard. As to the future of the west, I must have wheat, and they can raise wheat. What they need in the west, however, are the economical habits of the east. There is no need to ask how the property of the west is reacting on the east. The shortage of cars for the conveyance of goods west tells its own tale of what the west is doing for the east."

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There is, however, probably a deeper explanation beneath the question and that is the too lax enforcement of the bylaw prohibiting horses being allowed to stand on the streets in unsecured harness. Many of the recent runaways are attributed to this cause and as a result the police are taking more drastic steps to prosecute all who carelessly leave their horses unattended on public thoroughfares.

acquainted with the peculiar conditions with which the soil had to be cultivated, were emigrating to the west," he said, "the country is now filling up in exactly the same way that the western states of the Union filled up twenty-five years ago. Unfortunately at the present time no capital is coming into the country from England, except comparatively small amounts brought by immigrants. The stoppage of the flow of capital to this country is due to the policy in Ontario at least, of attacking the west with regard to its own knowledge, English shareholders in Ontario enterprises are anxiously inquiring with regard to their investments." In conclusion Mr. Brock said: "It makes me wish for the days of the old Ross government."

## Business Men Should Not Speculate.

"Mr. John Macdonald of John Macdonald & Co. was busily engaged in stocktaking when interviewed with regard to trade developments. He also agreed that trade with the west, in spite of the difficulties previously mentioned, showed signs of considerable advancement. Mr. Macdonald, however, struck a decided note of warning when he said that much depended upon the crop of this year. "We stayed with the west in '82, but we do not care to take the same experience again. Let people in business attend to business and keep clear of speculation, whether in lands in the west or mining stocks. Men in the west seem ready to borrow all the money they will lend them, but when their paper becomes due they want to renew their paper rather than pay."

## The Rich and Lavish West.

"Speaking of the trade in the west Mr. J. F. Wildman, manager of the Office Specialty company, who has been visiting the west for the last eighteen years, said: "I am not satisfied, for the man that is satisfied for the man that is satisfied has a very low ideal but I am not complaining. The immigration that is going to the west is naturally assisting in the development of the country, and consequently trade is increasing, and I believe that we are getting a fair share of it. I admire the optimism of the west. It will become anyone in the east to criticize the conditions of the west, because it has expanded so rapidly that the easterners have not been able to properly take care of the trade they have had, and while it is true that people seeking trade in the west have to wait a certain time for returns, if they carry on their business on safe lines the chances are, providing that crops are good, that their percentage of collections in the west will be as good as anywhere else. There are exploiters, of course, who, while we must admire their optimism, go beyond safe limits, and who ought to be carefully checked by firms giving them credit. I do not think, however, that there is a larger proportion of that class to be found in what I may term the centre west than any other part of the Dominion. I feel that the lure of the west has appealed to a great many younger men so strongly that they have sacrificed their opportunities in the east to go west. That fact has caused many to try and analyze the reason. It seems to me that the explanation is to be found in the unrestricted freedom of the western atmosphere. That is what fascinates the younger men, and of course, the rancher is being crowded by the farmer in Alberta. A sad feature in the west, to a thoughtful man, is the lack of interest which the older settlers have in the making of the home more congenial and attractive."

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## TAX RATE WILL NOT BE INCREASED

Neither will it be Red Year. 1906 Rate 10-1-2 Mills

It is not probable that there will be any reduction in the rate for the year 1907. The rate was 10-1-2 mills.

This forenoon The Bulletin was the city commission.

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