

FARMS IN THE UNITED STATES.

INVESTIGATIONS INTO VALUES BY CANADIAN FARMERS.

They Find that Prices on the Canadian Side and the Conditions of Farming Are Superior to Those on the American Side.

Andrew Gray, farmer, and warden of the united counties of Leeds and Grenville; John A. Webster, farmer, reeve of the front of Leeds and Lansdowne; John Connor, farmer and cheese manufacturer; Alexander Atcheson, farmer, president of the South Leeds Agricultural association; John Roddick, miller and farmer, ex-reeve of rear of Yonge and Escotte; John Franklin, farmer, and president of the Farmers' Institute for Brockville riding; E. G. Adams, farmer and implement dealer, ex-reeve of North Crosby; John R. Dargavel, general merchant and township clerk for South Crosby, at the request of George Taylor, M.P., made in a letter to his constituents, have visited the United States with a view of reporting upon the general condition of the farmers there as compared with the Canadian agriculturist.

HEAVILY MORTGAGED.

These delegates met Mr. Taylor at Ogdensburg on July 12th, and spent three days there driving through the best parts of the state of New York. On this point the report says: "We found that they are not any more prosperous, but from all we could gather are more heavily mortgaged than farmers in the county of Leeds, Ontario. We also found that well improved farms of the very best soil, free from broken lands, and lying within from 2 to 12 miles of the city of Ogdensburg, as well as in other localities where we made enquiries, can be purchased much cheaper than lands of the same quality with same improvements, similarly situated in the county of Leeds; that lands have depreciated in value more in the last 10 years in St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties than similarly situated lands in the county of Leeds. In regard to prices we found cotton goods of all kinds will average about the same in the United States as in Canada; woollen goods of all kinds and clothing are very much higher in the States than in Canada; sugar and teas are higher in the States than in Canada; provisions about the same; agricultural machinery and binder twine are higher in the States than in Canada; waggon and buggies, considering quality, the Canadian goods are as cheap if not cheaper than the American; cheese furnishings are higher in the States than in Canada, while cheese is not so high; taxes, irrespective of school and poll taxes, are higher in the States than in Canada; western corn is very little, if any, used by the farmers for feeding purposes in the section of country visited by us, farmers using chiefly their own coarse grains."

The report then gives quotations of the prices of certain articles used on the farm in the United States as compared with Canada, showing that on the whole the advantage was largely in favor of the latter. Wollen dress goods of every description was 50 per cent higher than in Canada.

DEPRECIATE VALUES.

Among those whom the delegates interviewed were the following: George A. Mulhinch lives within 2 1/2 miles of Ogdensburg, owns as choice a farm as can be found anywhere, containing 95 acres, with first-class buildings; purchased it in 1879 at \$60 per acre without any buildings. Would be glad to sell it now at \$55 per acre after expending \$1,500 or 2,000 on improvements. Paid \$39 taxes last year besides his school tax, and 10 days' statute labor. Paid \$47 for mowing machine now using. Sold his No. 1 hay this spring at \$12 per ton in Ogdensburg.

FIFTY PER CENT. LOST IN TEN YEARS.

Mr. Samuel McLennan lives three miles south of Hewvelton, on a good well-improved farm with good buildings—160 acres of land, assessed for \$3,200; taxes last year \$30, exclusive of school, statute labor and poll taxes. Says price of land in his section has depreciated about 50 per cent in last 10 years. A first-class farm with all modern improvements can be bought at \$40 per acre. Wages to good farm hands during haying and harvesting \$1.75 to \$2 per day.

THE CANADIAN MARKET THE BEST.

Frank Gallagher, of Hammond, a cattle and sheep dealer and general speculator, says a good fancy horse, with plenty of style and speed, will command a good price, while good farm horses, young and sound, can be

bought for from \$75 to \$85; plugs, \$25, \$30 to \$40.

A No. 1 new milch cow, with calf at her side, worth \$35, average \$30; hogs that will weigh 175 to 200 lbs are \$5.50 per 100 lbs., live weight, while heavy hogs are worth less. Sheep and lambs, no price fixed, but will be considerably less than last year; expect they will not bring over 4 1/2 cents per lb. live weight, for lambs that will weigh 70 to 80 lbs. Hay is worth \$8, \$10 and \$12, according to quality. A 1 clear timothy is \$12, when delivered at the station, the seller to furnish the help to press and the wood to bind it and draw to station. Oats, 35c.; wool, 22c.—bought 3,000 lbs. last week at 22c. per lb.; butter, 16 to 18c.; eggs, 13c. on Ogdensburg market.

"For the last ten years, to his certain knowledge, hogs and cattle have been worth more money in Canada than in the States; the Montreal market was considerably higher for both hogs and cattle than either New York, Boston or any of the American markets. Said he purchased 300 calves from Mr. S. Ransom of Delta, in the county of Leeds, four or five years ago, and that with this exception, being a very dry year, the Canadian markets were the best.

SENDS HIS CHEESE TO CANADA.

Mr. S. Robertson, farmer, North Hammond post office, owns a good farm of 100 acres, well improved, worth \$4,000. Says average price for good, well-improved farms with good buildings in his vicinity would run from \$35 to \$50 per acre; that land has depreciated very much in the last five or six years; a great many of the farms are mortgaged fully 25 per cent. Cows can be bought at from \$25 to \$30, good milch cows. Pays \$1.10 per 100 lbs. to manufacture his milk into cheese. Buyers are offering from \$2.50 to \$3 for lambs, and as yet no market established. Hay from \$8 to \$12 per ton. Butter 18 to 20c per lb. His cheese sold last week to D. Derbyshire, Brockville, Ont., at 88c., delivered at Oak Point.

ABOUT MORTGAGES.

Mr. Watson, conveyancer, and magistrate of Redwood, with whom the delegates also conversed, stated that land in that section, with all modern improvements, could be bought from \$30 to \$50 per acre, and to his certain knowledge over 30 per cent. of the farms in that locality were mortgaged, and that chattel mortgages are in excess of this. He also stated that to his knowledge farming implements were cheaper in Canada than in the States and also other articles such as sewing machines, etc., and accounted for this that combination kept the prices up for the home market, and sold them for less to go out of the country. Also that he bought coal in Brockville, and after paying freight, had it cheaper than he could buy it at home.

IMMENSE YIELD.

FARMERS AROUND OTTAWA HAVING MORE HAY THAN THEY CAN HARVEST.

Never within the recollection of old farmers in the county of Ottawa have the crops been so full as this year. The hay harvest is not yet taken in, the full yield being very large. In many cases two men are required to follow the mower. Help is very scarce in some sections, while in others it is all that could be desired. In two days of last week Mr. Harry Moore, of the Aylmer road, placed in his barns no less than fifty-one large loads of hay. This is considered phenomenal and many of the barns throughout the neighborhood of Hull and Aylmer are found entirely inadequate to the amount of hay requiring to be placed in them.

The root crop is by no means behind on account of the abnormal hay harvest. It is many years since potatoes and turnips have done so well and farmers are really surprised at the magnificent potato crop. Oats and wheat are not behind the rest, but are fully up to the average.



MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on

Friday, 18th August, 1893,

for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for three years three times per week each way, between JOCKVALE AND OTTAWA, via the Post Office at City View and Merivale and six times between OTTAWA AND RICHMOND, via the Post Office at Hintonburg, Skedd's Mills, Mosgrove, Bells Corners, Fallowfield and Twin Elm, and six times between SOUTH MARCH AND SPRITTSVILLE, RYBTON via the Post Office Carp, Marchurst, Huntley and Sprittsville, from the 1st October next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Ottawa, Jockvale, City View, Merivale, Hintonburg, Skedd's Mills, Mosgrove, Bells Corners, Fallowfield, Twin Elm, Richmond, South March, Marchurst, Huntley and Sprittsville, and at this office.

F. HAWKIN, Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office, Ottawa, 22nd May, 1893.

A GRAND CROP.

GLORIOUS PROSPECTS FOR A MAGNIFICENT CROP THIS SEASON.

The Wheat is Nearly all Headed Out—Plenty of Rain.—Farmers' Hearts are Glad—Some Estimates are Given.

(Winnipeg Tribune, July 20.)

Manitoba will doubtless reap the greatest crop this season that it has enjoyed for many years if the present prospects are anything like borne out. Knowing the deep interest that is taken in the matter, and how earnestly the public are watching the crops, *The Tribune* set the C. P. R. wires in motion Saturday, with the result that a complete telegraphic report from the leading points in Manitoba and the Territories is furnished herewith. The report cannot fail to bring gladness to the hearts of Manitobans and joy to all who are watching the harvest of 1893. Following are the reports:

Stonewall.

Stonewall, July 14.—The crops and weather are good. The crop compares favorably with previous years. Wheat in head. Unanimous opinion that prospects are good for an abundant harvest.

Brandon.

Brandon, July 15.—The crops around Brandon are in excellent appearance. Wheat is heading out and it is expected will average twenty-five bushels to the acre. Rain has been fully in time.

Portage la Prairie.

Portage la Prairie, July 15.—The crops in this district are in splendid condition. A large percentage of the wheat is headed. There has been ample rain; no more is needed. The farmers are hopeful of a general good yield.

Morden.

Morden, July 15.—Crops in this district are in splendid condition and wheat is all headed out. Rain is not required for the next two weeks.

Shoal Lake.

Shoal Lake, July 15.—The season so far has been without a single drawback to the growth of everything planted. Wheat is in head; have had abundance of rain; farmers are thoroughly satisfied with the outlook.

Napinka.

Napinka, July 15.—Wheat is nearly all out in head; have had plenty of rain the past ten days. The crop is as good as last year, or better. Prospects good for twenty or more bushels to the acre.

Russell.

Russell, July 15.—The crops are in excellent condition; wheat heading out. The heavy rains of this week are both timely and sufficient. Farmers are well satisfied.

Minnedosa.

Minnedosa, July 15.—The crops are all looking very well. In most places the wheat is commencing to head out. Have had several nice showers of rain the last few days, but more is needed. Farmers are hopeful, and say that with the continued fine warm growing weather of the past few weeks good crops will be assured.

Dominion City.

Dominion City, July 15.—Wheat and oats are above the average this year. The heading of the wheat is general. A little rain is desirable. Prospects are very favorable. Average yield of wheat is estimated at 20 bushels per acre.

Carberry.

Carberry, July 15.—Grain of all kinds is looking first class; fully ten days ahead of last year. Have had all the rain required, and there is every indication now of a heavy harvest.

Manitou.

Manitou, July 15.—All the crops are in splendid condition. The wheat is nearly all headed out. We have had plenty of rain all summer. Farmers say the prospect was never better.

Griswold.

Griswold, July 15.—The crops are looking well in this district. Wheat is heading out fast, and there has been plenty of rain. The farmers think the crops fully up to the average.

Killarney.

Killarney, July 15.—The crops in this vicinity are looking excellent; those sown on new ground are extra good. Wheat just commencing to head out. Rain not needed. Farmers jubilant.

Boissevain.

Boissevain, July 15.—The crops are looking fine. Wheat headed out. Plenty of rain. Farmers say the crops never looked better. There is a grand outlook.

Morris.

Morris, July 15.—The condition of the crops is good. Wheat is heading

out. No rain is needed. Farmers think the prospects are first-class.

Holland.

Holland, July 15.—The crops in this section are all looking first-class. Wheat is heading out. No rain is needed at present. Farmers consider the prospects for a large yield excellent.

Deloraine.

Deloraine, July 15.—Wheat nearly all in head. Good yield. All grain now assured. More rain would be beneficial, the crops are not suffering. The farmers are well pleased with the prospects.

Viriden.

Viriden, July 15.—The crops in this district are much improved by the recent rains and farmers speak hopefully of the prospects. A large percentage of wheat is in head. Rain is needed in this district, but no crops are suffering as yet.

Indian Head.

Indian Head, July 15.—The prospects for a heavy crop in this district are excellent. Wheat is heading out nicely. Several farmers are complaining of rather too much rain. Weather to-day cloudy and cool, with indications of rain.

Pilot Mound.

Pilot Mound, July 15.—Crops in this vicinity are well advanced. The greater part of the wheat is headed out. The weather is all that could be desired and the prospects are grand.

Moosomin.

Moosomin, July 15.—Crops in this locality are looking excellent. Wheat is in head. No rain is needed. Farmers are more than pleased with the present prospects.

Glenboro.

Glenboro, July 15.—The crops are looking well. Most of the wheat is headed out. Farmers expect to have an excellent crop this season.

Melita.

Melita, July 15.—The grain in this district is about all headed out. We have had plenty of rain so far with good prospects of more. Farmers are very hopeful of a good crop.

Edmonton, N. W. T.

Edmonton, July 15.—Crops looking splendid. Wheat all in head and good. Prospects of an abundant crop. More warm weather and less rain is wished for by farmers.

Calgary, N. W. T.

Calgary, July 15.—Crops throughout the Calgary district are looking fine; a considerable quantity of wheat is headed out. There has been an abundant rain during the past fortnight.

Regina, N. W. T.

Regina, July 15.—Wheat is in head in many places. We have had abundance of rain. Farmers predict a greater yield than in 1891, the bonanza crop year.

Poor Crop in Old England.

London, July 12.—The heat is affecting the markets as well as the crops, and business is reduced as much as the hay, which is barely more than an average crop.

Strength for the Adult Lodge.

Woodstock, Ont., July 25.—Lodge Bedford, No. 26, at its last regular meeting there was four propositions of candidates for membership. We have not initiated any candidates this quarter yet, but expect to, as there are eight propositions in now. We started our juveniles one year ago last May. At our next meeting one of our juveniles will be transferred into the adult lodge. I am satisfied that every lodge should have a juvenile lodge, and in the course of time will be of great strength to the adult lodge and the Order.—W. E. B.

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HAMILTON TO HAVE A CALA DAY

A GRAND DEMONSTRATION ON AUGUST 14TH.

The Sons of England of the City of Hamilton and surrounding district intend holding a Grand Demonstration on Aug. 14th, 1893, in Dundurn Park, Hamilton, it being the Civic Holiday.

In the grounds will be found everything desirable in the way of shades, the grounds being plentifully supplied with shady nooks, dells, etc., where they can enjoy themselves to their heart's content. The park is easily reached by electric railway, so that visitors coming to this city can without having any distance to walk be placed in the grounds. The committee are of the opinion there should be a grand-gala-day every year held by the S. O. E. in different places each year, and that the brethren in the surrounding country should endeavour to run excursions to the place holding the demonstration and by that means bringing our noble association and its objects more prominently before the people.

It is expected visiting brethren will come from Brantford, London, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Galt, Aylmer, Toronto and other places. Supreme Grand President Bro. Thos. Elliott, and S. P. G. P. Bro. John W. Carter, and other prominent members of the Order will be present.

The committee has arranged for the carrying out of all manner of games, including a cricket match Brantford vs. Hamilton, for a handsome silver cup.

Perfect arrangements have been made for two concerts in the afternoon and evening. The naval Brigade Band will be in attendance under the leadership of Bro. Wm. Peel.

R. HANNAFORD, Chairman of Committee.

JOHN TULK, Secretary of Committee, 14 Augusta street, Hamilton, who will willingly supply any information required. Admission to the grounds, Adults, 25c.; Children, 15c.

AIMS, OBJECTS AND BENEFITS OF THE SONS OF ENGLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Organized in Toronto, December 12th, 18

To Englishmen and Sons of Englishmen.

The mission of this Society is to bring into organized union all true and worthy English men; to maintain their national institutions and liberties and the integrity of the British Empire; to foster and keep alive the loving memory of Old England, our native and Motherland; to elevate the lives of its members in the practice of mutual aid and true charity—caring for each other in sickness and adversity and following a deceased brother with fraternal care and sympathies, when death comes, to earth's resting place.

Great Financial Benefits, viz.: Sick pay! Doctor's attendance and medicine and Funeral Allowance are accorded. Healthy men between the ages of 18 and 60 years are received into membership. Honorary members are also admitted. Roman Catholic Englishmen are not eligible.

Reverence for and adhesion to the teachings of the Holy Bible is insisted on.

Party politics are not allowed to be discussed in the lodge room.

The Society is secret in its proceedings to enable members to protect each other and prevent imposition—for which purpose an initiation Ritual is provided, imposing obligations of fidelity to the principles of the Society on all who join it.

The Society is making rapid growth and has lodges extending over Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores, having a membership upwards of 12,000 at present, the ratio of increase being for greater as the Society's influence and usefulness is better known. Lodges have been started in South Africa and will soon probably be started in England, etc.

The Beneficiary (Insurance) Department is providing insurance to the members for \$1,000 or \$2,000 as desired, at the minimum cost, unexpired by any other fraternal Society in Canada, and is conducted on the assessment system. The assessments are graded. A total disability allowance is also covered by the certificates in class "A." There are no disability claims in class "B." No Englishmen need join other organizations when the inducements of this Department are considered.

Englishmen forming and composing new lodges derive exceptional advantages in the initiation fees, and 12 good men can start a lodge.

The Society is governed by a Grand Lodge with subordinate lodges—the officers of which are elected annually.

In our lodge rooms social distinctions are laid aside and we meet on the common level of national brotherhood, in patriotic association for united counsel and effort in maintaining the great principles of our beloved Society. As such we can appeal to the sympathetic support of all true Englishmen—asking them to cast in their lot with us, thereby swelling the grand roll of those bound together in fraternal sympathies and in devotion to England and the grand cause of British freedom.

Any further information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary's Office, Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, April 1st, 1892.