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Conditions in Manitoba Is
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Will Average Very Low

DROUGHT DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE

Situation Somewhat Better in
Saskatchewan—Provincial
Governments' Returns Are
Awaited With Interest

WINNIPEG, July 9.—Partly owing to the furious warring of the vicinal election campaign and partly because there is so little to report, the local press has little to say regarding the condition of the crop in this province. At the grain exchange, however, the bulls have it all their own way.

"The Manitoba crop will not average this bushels," said one big operator this afternoon. "The condition of the spring wheat is nearer than the lowest in years, and every 24 hours of the rain is making it worse."

On light lands there will not be much of a crop to harvest. Some heavy lands which have succeeded in rotting what little moisture there has been are showing better. But on the grain is maturing so rapidly that an average yield of 10 bushels per acre is getting anxious about winter feed.

For milk and milk the open prairie in yellow and shriveled, and the crop is dried up. The problem of watering land is already serious in many districts.

Heavy rains right away and cooler weather would no doubt save the situation to a certain extent, but Manitoba is going to have the worst average crop of any recent year.

Conditions are generally better in Saskatchewan, though the southeast of that province has suffered severely. Southern Alberta appears to have been damaged by drought quite as badly as this province, but further north conditions are better.

Official returns by the provincial government are about due and will show a good deal of light on the situation.

REGINA, July 9.—Crop conditions in Saskatchewan have changed from a week ago and any change in the direction of improvement following the local showers in many of the northern districts where rain was greatly needed.

In Regina district the wheat now shows the growth of from 22 to 28 heads and in many places is already heading out. Prospects are generally for an early harvest with a fair yield. The same may be said for the greater portion of the southern part of the province, south of Qu'Appelle valley west of Moose Jaw.

Reports from the western part of the province are that the general impression is that the crop is better than the more newly opened up districts. In the north conditions are uneven, depending largely upon the farming methods followed. The small rainfall will not prevent the harvesting of fair crop if conditions continue favorable from now on.

Crops on the C. N. R. Prince Albert north of Qu'Appelle are entirely below the average. So far as any prediction can be made the crop of the province as a whole this year will be below last year's total despite the big increase of acreage.

Redwood Forest Threatened.
VISALIA, Cal., July 8.—Fire threatens the largest grove of big redwood trees in the world, fifty miles east of here, soldiers, forest rangers and

Killed on Wedding's Eve
GENEVA, July 8.—A pathetic Alpine tragedy has happened on the Jallouvre mountain, 7,000 feet high, which is situated near here in Savoy. Emile Husar, a young Pole residing in Geneva, and a good climber, promised his fiancée that this should be his last climb, as his marriage was arranged for the morrow. His fiancée objected to his climbing, but Husar was enthusiastic, and attempted to climb the sheer unknown peak of Jallouvre. He fell 500 feet, and was killed.

Q'NAGO, July 8.—With the mercury but two degrees lower than yesterday, which, with its registration of 89 degrees, was the highest in the history of the local weather bureau, Chicago today recorded another heat victim, bringing the total deaths since the present torrid summer began to 26. The official thermometer of the government observatory building today registered 92 degrees. The heat in the streets was just as stifling as yesterday. Scores of pedestrians were reported from all parts of the city.

ESCAPES FROM PENITENTIARY

Prisoner Makes Successful
Break for Liberty While at
Work in Potato Field—Has
Not Yet Been Found

SECOND CONVICT CAUGHT BY GUARD

Incident Follows Shortly After
Visit Paid to Penitentiary by
Solicitor General—Men Had
Short Terms

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 7.—Two penitentiary prisoners, Nos. 23 and 183, while working in a gang of four in a potato field, under guard of a warden, made their escape about 9 o'clock this morning. The guard gave chase and captured one of the men, but the other is still at large.

Every guard that could be spared from the penitentiary was put on the trail of the convict, and every avenue of escape for many miles around has been closed. The warden believes that No. 23, the man still free, will be captured before tomorrow night.

The prisoners were engaged in hoeing potatoes when the escape occurred. All were good conductors.

Suddenly two began to run in opposite directions. The guard fired on them, but they continued running. Smith followed No. 183, overtook him after a short chase and brought him back without resistance.

Both men were sent down from Vancouver about a year ago for three years for robbery. The man still at large is five feet six inches in height, weighs 147 pounds, is of fair complexion, with brown hair and blue eyes, age 32. He has a scar on the right side of his chin and a tattoo on the top of his head.

He is somewhat undersized, and was man of exemplary conduct in the penitentiary.

The penitentiary was visited yesterday by Solicitor General Jacques Bureau, and a conviction that this is the second occasion when a usual occurrence has marked a visit by a member of the Solicitor General's department.

Just what will be the nature of the change in the attitude of the city council with respect to the liquor license fees will be decided to-night, when once again the amendment to the revenue bylaw providing for an increase will be reconsidered. At last Monday night's meeting the decision was to increase the fee to \$250 per year, with no more explanation.

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