

THE GOLDEN WHEAT.

HARVESTING IN FULL SWING
ALL OVER THE NORTHWEST.

Reports Unanimous that the Quality and Net Results will Surpass Even Last Year.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—The weather throughout the Northwest continues all that anyone could desire for harvesting, and the indications are the most favorable. Crop and weather reports were received this morning for the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m., from all points on the line of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba-railway. Following is a brief summary:

Emerson—Weather clear; no wind; no rain; crop good.

Lettellier—Fair weather; no rain; excellent crop; harvesting well under way.

Morris—Weather fine; crop good; farmers busy cutting.

Portage la Prairie—Fine weather; crop excellent.

Roland—Fair weather; cutting in full progress.

Miami—Good crop; harvesting general.

Somers—Favorable weather, good crop.

Baldur—Weather fair; good crop; cutting general.

Belmont—Fine weather; harvesting general.

Wawanesa—Weather fine; crop good; harvesting general; upwards of fifty per cent cut.

Rounthwaite—Weather fine; good crop.

Bladen—Clear; fine crop; cutting general.

Stony Mountain, Aug. 23.—Harvesting is in full blast throughout this district and farmers are feeling elated over the yield. There has been no frost and weather has been exceedingly favorable to date.

Bredenburg, Assa., Aug. 18.—The crops are doing well. Cutting will commence next week and harvest will be general in ten days.

Methven, Aug. 19.—A few of the farmers have commenced wheat cutting. Harvesting will be in full blast around here next week and all report first class crops.

Fertile Rothwell.

Rothwell, Aug. 13.—Rothwell is situated on the Glenboro branch of the C. P. R., 70 miles west of Winnipeg and located in what has the appearance of a pretty extensive valley, being bounded on the south, about two miles distant, by the Tiger hills, or a continuation of the Pembina Mountains, while to the west, about four miles distant, begins the ascent of what are termed the Sand Hills, or what might be more properly termed undulating land of a sandy nature, showing at present excellent fields of grain almost ready for the binder; and about eight miles to the north is the Assiniboine River, and to the east the bluff forests of the Boyne swamp.

This so called valley possesses a soil that may be equalled in the province, but not surpassed. Though very slightly undulating, there is a very small percentage of what is called hay land around Winnipeg, nine-tenths resembling the ridge lands of the Red River Valley; and, except in dropping seasons, such as the two latter, the farmers get most of their hay from the Boyne swamp, still in the hands of the government. And though designated some years ago by a "sand hill" farmer as "the bog," a name it still retains, still a record kept by a thrasher, who threshed for two months in the bog in the fall of 1887, averaged 42 bushels per acre, and in one instance 60 bushels. And to all appearances, as we write, the indications are judging by the golden hued fields that will be all alive by the 18th with the hum of the reaper, a repetition of 1887 is threatened again.

The British Wheat Crop.

Advices dated London, Aug. 19, are as follows:

There has been an improvement in the wheat crop of 17 in England, a figure which also represents the advance generally in Great Britain. Scotland has gone up as much as 40 but she has only an area of 2 per cent. of British wheat, so her increase does not mean so much as the lower one in England. Wales, with a wheat area of 3 per cent., went back 14. During the early part of July wheat was improving very rapidly, but its condition became less favourable with the appearance and development of rust, which prevails somewhat extensively. Mildew also is frequently reported. In no crop will there be such disparity of yield as in this, for there are both good and very thin crops, whilst some of the latter bear splendid ears and indicate a plump and full kernel. The straw is short and firm, of unusual quality, and the plant stands up well, there being scarcely any complaints of lodged corn in either wheat, barley, or oats. Compared with last year wheat has in Great Britain a decrease in average condition of 63, the figure now being 913, whilst in 1891 it was 976.

30 to 40 bushels an acre

Deloraine, Aug. 22.—Crops in this district are the best average appearance in the province. Mr. Fisher, manager of the Paterson implement branch of the Massey-Harris company, said to me this morning: "I have travelled the province this year, and I have not seen as good crops anywhere as on this mountain side; they will yield 30 to 40 bushels per acre." The inspector for the London Loan & Agency Co., is here, and says the crops here are the best he has seen in the province. Travellers, and even farmers from other districts, say the crops in Deloraine district are the best seen this year. But a few days late, compared with last year the wheat is not so thick on the ground nor so long in the straw, but it has larger heads better filled, and a bigger berry and promises to yield a better sample. Our average last year was about 35 bushels to the acre, and this year will be about 30 bushels of wheat to the acre, or down to 25. With regard to rainfall, we have had too much rain, keeping grain growing instead of ripening, and all crops are really good and will in all probability yield a better return for the labor expended than our enormous crops of last year did.

We are jealous of our district's reputation for wheat growing, both in quality and quantity. In 1891 the chief prize for wheat at the provincial was won by Deloraine wheat; in 1892, all the first prizes for red Fyfe came here, and we expect a good share of these same prizes in 1893.

Wheat harvesting is now going on, although it will be a day or two before every one is into it, and we have every reason to expect a really magnificent crop of extra No. 1 hard in the Deloraine district.

Winnipeg Doings.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—The work at the coal fields is progressing. Mr. Calder, who has just returned states that there are twenty miners engaged working in three drifts. More drifts are being made, and twenty more miners will be working in a short time. There are 14 miles of dump made and a large amount of coal is being taken out. The machinery has been placed and is working satisfactorily.

A gentleman just returned from the south-western part of the province states that all the barley has been cut between Napinka and Deloraine, and at the present time the farmers are cutting wheat as far east as Morden, but between the latter point and Winnipeg it was a little green at the time (Aug. 22.) Last year the Northwest Assembly changed the close season for ducks, etc., from Sept. 1 to Aug. 15. It is believed by many in the northwest that Aug. 15 is too early and simply opens the way for indiscriminate slaughter, hence an effort will be made to have the date changed back to the 1st.

The C. P. R. car shops department has repaired a large number of cars of late. The Kensington has just been placed on the road, as well as several first and second class coaches and a number of baggage and express cars. The Marlborough diner has just been put in for renovation, also a number of other cars.

Mr. Reed, city editor of one of the leading dailies in Vermont, is registered at the Leland. He accompanied the Vermonters on their tour in the west, and expresses delight with the Prince Albert country and other sections of country visited in this province. The balance of the delegates returned to the city.

\$40 a Month for Farm Hands.

Carberry, Aug. 22.—Every farmer on the plains is cutting as fast as he can. Probably as much as 10,000 acres per day will be cut from now till all is gathered in. Most of the farmers are at it with two binders and some with three and four.

Farm hands are scarce; as high as \$40 per month and board is offered. The early wheat in most cases is a light crop, but the heads are so well filled that threshing returns will very likely overlap cutting estimates. Twenty to 25 bushels average is now talked off as being about right. So far little or no smut is reported. Pickling with bluestone has done good work and has almost obliterated that curse.

Three quarters of the east, known as the Dempsey and Melbourne districts, are in stock. About one-half of the Pleasant Point and Arizona districts are in stock. The Petrel and Montrose districts are now fairly started and by Saturday night next (27th) most of the Big plain should be in stock. The wheat is ripe, straw is standing up well, and the sample is excellent. I send you a few heads from some of the earlier districts.

We have received a pamphlet describing the claims of Algoma as a field especially for British immigration and capital. In our next issue we propose to refer to the matter at greater length.

LATEST FROM THE PRAIRIES.

REPORTS BROUGHT DOWN TO
AUGUST 27.

Earlier News More Than Confirmed—The Finest Crop of No. 1. Hard Ever Harvested Now Being Rapidly Gathered in.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—The Tribune contains the following crop summary up to date:—

By Saturday of next week, favorable weather in the meantime, the finest crop of No. 1 hard wheat ever grown in Manitoba will, excepting at a few points, be safely harvested. The crop is not so heavy as last year's, but it is the unanimous opinion of those in a position to judge that in quality it is incomparably superior.

Regarding the percentage now harvested there is a variance of opinion. Beyond a certain point it is a matter largely of guesswork, but scarcely anyone places the minimum lower than 60 per cent., and the most sanguine figure that 75 per cent. of the wheat is already down. Mr. F. W. Thompson, of the Ogilvie Milling Company has just returned from a 900 mile drive through the grain country of the west. Over the province, outside of the Deloraine and Portage districts, he is satisfied that the greatest percentage of the crop is in stock. And what is good news, too, is the fact that Mr. Thompson says there is scarcely any doubt but at the present time Manitoba has more wheat of No. 1 and 2 hard grades than the past three crops combined.

Telegraphic reports from N. P. R. and C. P. R. points are to the effect that the weather is clear to all points and the farmers are busy. The prospect is most cheering; it was never better in the history of wheat-raising in Manitoba.

AUSTIN.

Austin, Aug. 26.—The weather here has been excellent for the past three weeks, and harvesting is now in full swing. The bulk of the crop will be in stock at the end of this week. There has been no damage by storm, drought or frost, and the outlook for a good return never was better. Crops will average about 20 bushels per acre.

EMERSON.

Emerson, Aug. 25.—The crops, it is generally conceded, in this locality will be an average one.

FINISHED CUTTING.

Rathwell, Aug. 26.—A number of our farmers have finished cutting their wheat. The sample is good, and the yield promises to be satisfactory.

Threshing will begin at Mr. Thomas Olliver's farm next week. Mr. Krian Scammell is also waiting for a thresher to start at his farm.

BELMONT.

Belmont, Aug. 26.—The crop is being cut in fine shape. Another week will see all safe. Though not heavy it will be an average yield and of fine quality.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Portage la Prairie, Aug. 24.—Harvesting has fairly commenced, and the weather is such as to make the prospects brighter than the most sanguine expectations. The difficulty anticipated in the shortage of binder twine has been overcome in the large consignments received at this point this week.

KILLARNEY.

Killarney, Aug. 24.—The wheat harvest is now in full operation, and on the whole there is a better crop than last year. Experts say the sample is far ahead of last season. Mr. Garbutt, of Bellfield, cut some Ladoga wheat at least ten days before any other was ready in the district.

CARBERRY.

Carberry, Aug. 16.—It is hard to realize that one is living in Manitoba. California won't be in it with us if this kind of weather continues. It is wonderful in spite of all the bad, green, smutty, frozen seed, much of it not fit for hog feed, the sowing on the stubble without either plowing or harrowing, the rushed, bad farming generally pursued, the late spring—plenty of snow lying in drifts around Carberry on May 10—the spring frosts on May 10—the spring frosts on May 19 and also on June 30, and yet in spite of all these drawbacks to see the wonderful yield, the fine sample and the early crop. It makes one think everything is possible in this Manitoba of ours.

VIRIDEN.

Viriden, Aug. 12.—Harvesting is general here, wheat having been cut on Monday last, and next week will see very few harvesters not in use. There has been no frost and the wheat will all class high in grade. A few farmers are cutting oats.

Leaving Wisconsin, U.S., for Prince Albert.

Prince Albert, Aug. 9.—Lewis and Oh-schauer, delegates from South Dakota, and Mr. Omerink, from Stephen's Point, Wisconsin, have just returned here, after thoroughly inspecting the Prince Albert district. The members of the party were so well pleased with the prospects that they went immediately to the land office and entered for several homesteads and preemptions, and will return to them this fall. Mr. Omerink represents a large number of farmers in Wisconsin, who he says he will have no difficulty in persuading to settle in Prince Albert.

The Unsettled Lands of Quebec.

Monsieur Lafleche, one of the Roman Catholic priests recently returned to Montreal from the Northwest, said: The bishops could not urge the French Canadians to leave the province of Quebec as they had a fine heritage here, left them by their forefathers. Their first duty was to colonize the unsettled portions of their own country. Some wish to emigrate and these, if possible, should be settled in the Northwest in preference to the States. A few succeed in the States. They will meet with more fraternal and religious advantages in the Northwest. From a religious point of view they will have the help of the church and in each important group they will find at least one chapel. The first that went to Manitoba was a party of 44. The progress made since is wonderful.

WHAT ALBERTA IS LIKE.

A JOURNEY IN THE UNSETTLED
COUNTRY.

What Newcomers from Uncle Jonathan's Domain Write—They will Leave the States for the British Northwest.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—The following letter has been sent us for publication in the ANGLO-SAXON. It was written by Mr. Dugal McKinnon, of Glasston, N. D.

Having left home on the 1st of March, and having travelled over South Dakota, North Dakota and the province of Manitoba in search of a place to locate, and not having seen anything to suit me, on the 29th of July I started from Winnipeg for the

EDMONTON DISTRICT.

that country about which so much has been said through the press lately; but, dear reader, the half has never been told. Our party consisted of three Dakotas and the Dominion immigration agent for North Dakota, S. Minaker, of Bathgate, who is a gentleman in every sense of the word, and who is untiring in his zeal for the promotion of immigration from Dakota to the Northwest and who is meeting with unqualified success. We also feel grateful for the kind attention which we received from the Dominion government and C. P. R. officials, who, in every respect, are an obliging lot of gentlemen.

The trip from Calgary to Edmonton, the terminus of the Calgary and Edmonton railway, is a most delightful one. On leaving Calgary we had a good view of

THE MAJESTIC ROCKIES

in the distance. All along the route are many beautiful lakes and streams of good water and innumerable herds of cattle, horses and sheep, which go to show that the country is well adapted for stock-raising purposes. And although this line of railway has only been in operation since spring, we passed many thriving villages along the route.

We arrived in Edmonton on the evening of August 1st, and the next morning we hid ourselves away to view the country, taking an easterly direction towards

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

twenty miles distant. As far east as the fort the land has already been bought and homesteaded, so we concluded to push on further East, and we were repaid for our trouble. On setting about 25 miles east of the fort we reached and viewed a land unequalled on this continent for agricultural and ranching purposes. Here there is an abundant supply of wood for building purposes and for fuel, any amount of hay and prairie land, wild fruits of all kinds and lots of grain.

In the vicinity of Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan, where the land is cultivated, we saw the best wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and vegetables of all kinds of which it has been our privilege to see this year. Having lived in Ontario for some time, the banner province of the Dominion for agricultural purposes, I can assure you when the day comes that

THE ALBERTA DISTRICT

is as thickly settled as Ontario, and if

the crops we have seen in the district is a sample of what she can produce year after year, Ontario will not be in it. There is no country to-day on the continent which offers such inducements to settle as the Northwest and especially the Alberta district.

We were so favorably impressed with what we had seen and our faith in the future prosperity of Alberta so strong that between the three of us we invested in three sections of land, the best mortal eye ever saw, and in consequence next spring will see an addition to the population of the district of about thirty individuals.

Young man if you want to make unto yourself a home this is the country for you. Poor man, if you want a home go to Alberta. Business man or farmer, embarrassed by debt, emigrate to this fair country and you will never regret it.

THE
SONS OF ENGLAND

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Assessment System.

The Beneficiary Board is now prepared to receive applications for increased beneficiaries. The Beneficiary is now composed of two classes, viz.: A and B.

Class A includes the present \$500 and \$1,000 Certificates.

Class B represents the increased \$1,000 Certificates.

All Beneficiary members at present in good standing will be eligible to join Class B (providing they pass a satisfactory medical examination), on payment of \$2.00, \$1.00 of which is to be paid the Local Examiner, and the other sent to the Beneficiary Board, less the Lodge Secretary's fee of 25c.

Class B contains no Total and Permanent Disability clause.

The rates of assessment in Class B is the same as in Class A, and until such time as an assessment realizes \$1,000, the heirs or legatees of a deceased member shall be entitled to receive only such an amount as shall be realized by an assessment made upon all members in good standing in Class B at the time of his death.

All old members of the Beneficiary over 50 years of age, desiring to join Class B, may do so until six months from the date of this circular, that is, November 2nd, 1892, after which time no such application can be entertained.

Members joining both Classes at the same time will pay an entrance fee of \$5.00; \$1.00 to go to the Medical Examiner, and the balance to be sent to the Beneficiary Board, less the Lodge Secretary's fee of 50c—25c for each certificate.

The Beneficiary Board meets on the First Wednesday of each month. The age of an applicant is made up to the day the application reaches the Supreme Grand Secretary's office; for example, if the applicant is examined by the Lodge Surgeon, say on the 10th of the month, and he would be fifty on the 22nd of the month, and it doesn't reach the Supreme Grand Secretary's office until after the 22nd, it bars him from being admitted.

The Entrance Fees must in all cases be forwarded with the application.

JOHN W. CARTER,

S. G. Secretary.

Toronto, May 4th, 1892.

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