

times favorable the farmers expect a good yield. Some of the crops have been slightly damaged by frost, but not very severely; the growth is about the same as at this time last year.

Shoal Lake—Since last report we have had several heavy rains, which were badly needed, and the growth of all crops has advanced considerably, although the nights have been cool, with slight frosts. Very little damage, however, has been done, potatoes in some places being slightly touched. Growth is about a week in advance of last year. Warmer weather would make a vast difference now.

Birtle—Recent heavy rains have greatly advanced the wheat crop and prospects are now fairly good for an average yield. The ground is well soaked and warm weather would cause a rapid growth of all kinds of grain and vegetables. Wheat is about a week behind last year; frost has retarded the growth of oats a little, but they are now coming on in good shape.

Bluenorth—Crops in this district are coming on fast and look fine after the recent rains of the past week. A good yield is now looked for. No report of any damage by frost. Grain is fully one week in advance of same time last year.

Russell—The crops are not looking as well to-day as might be expected for this season of the year. The frost of last week cut the grain down considerably, especially the oats; wheat has not suffered quite so much, but has been put back and its growth retarded. The probabilities are that the oat crop will be light, although with warm weather and a continuation of the splendid rains which we have had lately, there ought to be a good average crop all round. The growth is a few days behind this date last year.

Langenburg—Crops in this district are looking and doing as well as can be expected after the frost of two weeks ago. They have made great advancement lately, owing to the grand showers and fine growing weather we have had. The crops are about two weeks later now than at this time last year.

Saltonstons—Crops in this vicinity are advancing nicely, considering the cold weather. The recent rains have helped them wonderfully and prospects at present are good for a fair crop of all grains. No damage to speak of has yet been done by frost. Advancement is about the same as at this time last year.

Yorkton—Growing crops are looking splendid. The recent warm showers have brought them along rapidly and they are now as well advanced as at this time last year, with every promise of a good yield. No damage by frost.

Dairy Trade Items.

The creamery at Foxwarren, Man., which has been carried on by the farmers' association, has been purchased by Albert Laycock.

The Montreal Gazette of June 14, says: Cheese did not show much animation. Prices at the wharf were on a fractionally lower basis than prevailed this day week. If a buyer had to fill an order he would certainly have to pay 71-1c to 73-8c for western makes, but if it was a case of a sale it would be different, for 7c to 71-1c is what buyers are bidding. In eastern makes the 3,500 to 4,000 offered at the wharf sold at 61-2 to 65-8c. Butter rules quiet and values steady at 161-4 to 161-2c. It is understood that local jobbers have been gathering in June creamery at different points in the country and paying full prices therefor.

In the senate at Washington on June 14 a house joint resolution appropriating \$474,151 to pay the Behring Sea award was adopted.

The price of beer will be advanced \$2 per barrel by United States brewers as soon as the war tax measure becomes law.

Manitoba

Dr. Macklin, druggist, Roland, is reported to be selling out.

A commodious immigration hall has been erected at Dauphin.

A. Bird, of Manitoba, has opened a butcher shop at La Riviere.

The new postoffice building at Portage la Prairie has been completed.

The Bellevue hotel, McDermot street east, Winnipeg, will be taken by J. Murphy.

Mrs. White, of the Langham hotel, Brandon, is selling out. R. H. Shore, of Manitou, will take the house.

The book accounts of the estate of A. G. Hamble, butcher, Winnipeg, will be sold by auction on June 20.

A. Laughlin, general storekeeper, Cartwright, has disposed of his business to James Struthers, of Manitou.

The students of the Winnipeg Business college will hold their annual picnic at Elm park on Friday afternoon, June 17.

The Brandon Machine Works Co., Ltd., is applying for a charter of incorporation. The capital stock is stated to be \$10,000.

Zink Bros., Brandon, have purchased a large quantity of boots and shoes, held by Tees & Persse, on account of the Cloutier estate, Winnipeg.

Auctioneers' licenses in Winnipeg have been fixed by recent civic by-laws at \$50, and auctioneers must keep a register of transactions.

Winnipeg journeymen carpenters and joiners held a meeting the other evening. It was decided to make a demand for 30 cents per hour, after July 1 next.

The business of Ritz & Widmeyer, bankers, insurance, etc., Greta, will be continued by Henry Ritz, in the name of Ritz & Widmeyer as heretofore.

S. K. Colquhoun, general merchant, Hartney, has bought the general store business of Montgomery & Colquhoun, Deloraine, and will close business at the former place.

The boot and shoe stock of Thos. H. Fahey, Winnipeg, amounting to \$12,450, book debts, \$850, and shop fixtures, \$500, will be sold by auction on June 20.

Publication of the Hustler, at Hamiota, Man., has been resumed. The plant of the paper, destroyed by fire two months ago, has been replaced with a new outfit.

Walker & Templeton, hardware merchants, at 237 Portage avenue, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will hereafter be carried on under the name of W. A. Templeton.

Mr. McWilliams has disposed of his general store and fruit and confectionery business, at Crystal City, to R. Parker, of Manitou, who will sell his Manitou property, and move to Crystal City.

Stuart & Harper, machinery brokers and dealers, Winnipeg, have been awarded the contract for supplying and installing a 150 light electric lighting plant in the packing house of J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg.

A new weekly newspaper, the Crystal City Courier, published by R. H. Spaxling, formerly editor of the Manitou Mercury, has made its appearance. The first number presents a neat appearance and is quite newswy.

One of the attractions at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition next month will be four head of real live buffalo,

the remnant of Lord Strathcona's herd, which has been raised at Silver Heights, near Winnipeg. The balance of the herd was shipped last week to the Canadian National Park in the Rocky Mountains.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has contracted to carry 8,000 barrels of salt from Port Arthur to West Selkirk. This salt will be used in the Lake Winnipeg fisheries. The quantity of salt now consumed in the country should be great enough to make it profitable to operate some of our native salt deposits.

The license commissioners for district No. 2 have refused the applications of J. A. Waite, Ochre River, John Seaford, Winnipegosis, and W. J. Stevenson, Dauphin, for hotel licenses. They have also refused to grant a wholesale liquor license to F. W. Wahn, of Dauphin. The license of the Grand View hotel, Dauphin, held by Thos. McLean has been transferred to Stewart J. Shiel. The commissioners for district No. 1 have granted a license to Mrs. Sarah White, for the Langham hotel, Brandon.

Alberta.

Tom Doid, of Calgary, will open a harness shop at Innisfail.

J. H. O'Neil has opened a grocery store and restaurant at South Edmonton.

Ralph Hulbert, J. H. McNulty and George Thompson have formed partnership in the livery and feed stable business at South Edmonton.

The by-law to grant a bonus of \$25,000 to the Canadian Pacific Railway company to establish repair shops at Calgary was carried.

The Territorial government have an engineer and a good gang of men opening up a wagon road from Edmonton to the north end of Lesser Slave Lake, and it will be completed about June 20th. This will make connection with an old wagon road from the lake to Dunvegan, a distance from Edmonton of about 450 miles. There is a pack trail from Dunvegan to St. John's and on to the Finlay, Omineca and Cassiar districts. Secy. Tins, of the Edmonton board of trade says: One railroad to the Klondike east of the Rockies, would benefit the trade of the Dominion more than five built from different points on the Pacific coast, as the easier the connection is made from the coast, so much the better for the coast farmer and manufacturer of the United States.

Northwest Ontario.

The Foley mine has been closed down pending the transfer to new proprietors.

The machine shop of Burley & Galighan, Rat Portage, was burned on June 14. Insured for \$6,000. Loss considerably greater.

There is every appearance that the output of gold, nickel, copper, iron ore and pig iron in the province of Ontario will be from two to three times as great as that of 1897.

The McDougall block, Fort William, was burned on June 15. It was occupied by Mrs. Spooner as a men's furnishing store, and Lyons & Co., fruiterers, and the second story as dwellings and a lodge room. None of the contents were saved. Some of the occupants were injured.