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THE FARMERS' MARKETS

The local markets have bowed to the inevitable during the past week. With country roads in bad shape after the recent rains and seeding operations still occupying the attention of the farmers, there has been very little country produce on the Edmonton market. The result is that all quotations are firmer than a week ago and some are approaching the record mark for the year. The conservation with which the farmers are treating the market at the present time is, however, not entirely due to the necessity of the seeding season. It is well known that the lateness of the spring has been the cause of a depletion of farm produce and this stringency can not be easily relieved until the new crop can be secured.

Particularly is this true of hay and potatoes. Such enormous quantities of hay have been marketed during the winter months that farmers in the near vicinity of Edmonton have no more to offer and in some cases have to purchase hay themselves for their horses and cattle. Hay during the past week has been very scarce, as farmers living out twenty and twenty-five miles have not ventured to do any hauling on account of the condition of the roads. The record prices which are ruling for hay now do not seem to have any effect in relieving the situation. Good timothy hay is selling at \$24 per ton; native hay at \$20 to \$22 per ton, and slough hay at \$18 to \$20 per ton.

Hay has been steadily increasing in price for two weeks or so. There is evidently very little in the country and the scarcity will extend until the new crop comes in. General indications are that there will be a shortage of hay this year. Locally there has been more timothy sown than on any previous time.

For several weeks the potato market has been kept going by large shipments from outside points all over the province. The local supply has been greatly affected by the fact that many farmers have had their potatoes killed by frost in the pits and cellars. Local dealers are now paying \$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for country potatoes, and retail prices in the city run as high as \$1.25 per bushel. New potatoes from British Columbia will be on the market within a few weeks of the year's earliest before the native potato crop will be harvested.

Another very favorable market this week is hog. The market has been steadily rising, until now quotations are current at 7 cents per pound of carcass. This is a rise of one cent during the week and represents the highest price which hogs have reached this year. For the month of May 17th from Toronto says that for the first time in many years, live hogs are quoted at \$8 per cwt. of carcass. In the corresponding week of the year 1907 the price was \$5.10 per cwt.; in 1906, \$6.85; in 1905, \$7.40; in 1904, \$7.17; in 1903, \$6.25. At average local point in Ontario hogs are quoted at from \$7.25 to \$7.50 per cwt.

The great shortage of cattle in the United Kingdom is once more keenly felt and is reviving the old cry of the British consumer against the embargo which prevents foreign cattle from being kept alive in the old country. The result is a very good demand for exporters and large

shipments are being made from the province every week. Dealers look for a continued firm market for export cattle. The current quotations for sheep and lambs do not seem to have any effect in increasing the offerings. The sheep market is practically nil, but farmers cannot fail to see the possibilities that the market presents for a good revenue from the sheep house.

The local grain market is very strong in accord with the grain situation all over the continent. Practically no wheat is being offered at present, so prices are merely nominal. Oats are strong at from 45 to 50 cents per bushel. Barley is quoted at 50 cents per bushel and feed wheat at 70 cents. There is a strong demand for barley for seed and some difficulty is experienced in getting the desired quantity.

The markets at the present time, as far as the country is concerned, are outweighed in importance with the prospect for a good year. Everywhere is heard the report of a late spring and a more or less felt on that score. The crop correspondent to the Bulletin, who has just returned from a tour of the southern portion of the province, found that the fall wheat crop is not up to expectation. Probably fifty per cent of the acreage sown last fall will not be harvested. Spring wheat and oats have been sown, and by this time all the seeding is done. There has been no cultivated land left unproductive as an adjustment of the crops has been generally effected to suit the conditions of the season.

Locally, the situation is that the main grain crop was well in the ground before the wet weather of last week. The usual amount of wheat was not sown this spring, but the decrease will be made up in oats, of which great quantities have been seeded. Most of the barley is still to be seeded, but farmers do not worry about barley, as long as it finds the seed bed before the second week in June. With the main crop in the ground the wet weather has been just what the crops needed and with the subsequent warm sunny weather the growth will be rapid.

Winnipeg trade reports say: General business here moves along satisfactorily. The demand for seasonable lines at wholesale has improved during the week and the outlook for fall trade is brighter. The increase in the general employment of labor is noted in all parts of the city. Hay and timothy crops will yield hay, \$20 to \$22; slough hay, \$18 to \$20. Grain—Oats, 45c; barley, 50c; feed wheat, 70c. Butter and Eggs—Market for butter stronger at 22c per lb. Eggs, 20c per dozen with very few offers. Potatoes—Per bushel, \$1 to \$1.10. Live Stock Quotations. Choice steers, 1200 lbs, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c; cows, 3 to 4c; heifers, 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c; calves, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c; choice hogs, 7c; rough hogs, 5c to 6 1/2c; good sheep, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c; lambs, 5 1/2c to 6c.

Night Riders in Kentucky. Claysville, Ky., May 28.—Tobacco growers from different parts of Harrison county brought reports today of depredations wrought by night riders. Damage was done to the growing beds of young plants. Denny Washburn, who was taken out by a night rider mob and beaten during the transplanting season last year, was visited again last night. The marauders contented themselves with destroying his bed and leaving a note ordering him not to set out any tobacco this year.

Party Walked Out. Berlin, May 28.—Liberals and Radicals, as well as Socialists, have refused to participate in the discussions of the new taxation by the finance committee of the reichstag, and today they all walked out of the committee rooms, where the Conservatives joined the centre party to pass an increase in the indirect taxation of tea and coffee. The breach between the parties hitherto forming the majority in the reichstag has been widened.

LIBERALS ELECT YEAR'S OFFICERS

Rooms of the Young Liberal Club Were Crowded to the Doors Last Night.

Never has a more enthusiastic nor more largely attended annual meeting of the Liberal Association of Edmonton been held than took place last night in the rooms of the Young Liberal Club. Despite the downpour of rain the club rooms were packed to the doors before the meeting was called to order at eight o'clock and later many were unable to gain admittance, owing to the crush.



GEORGE H. McLEOD, Newly Elected President of the Edmonton Liberal Association.

The interest shown in the cause of Liberalism bespoke its popularity in the city and evidenced the fact that it is not alone in the heat of campaign that the members of the party affirm an interest in the political affairs of the country. Practically the only business of the evening was the election of officers, but this was attended with considerable interest owing to the votes that were taken in choosing several of the officers and the members of the executive. The meeting was called to order by the retiring president, E. E. Lessard.

The following were the officers chosen for the coming year: President, George H. McLeod; 1st vice-president, Charles May; 2nd vice-president, S. W. Candy; 3rd vice-president, J. D. Studholme; 4th



C. ROSS PALMER, Chosen 1st Night as Secretary of the Edmonton Liberal Association.

vice-president, Dr. J. G. Sionne; secretary, C. Ross Palmer. Executive (in alphabetical order)—Jos. Adair, A. B. Campbell, J. C. Dowsett, Wilfrid Gariepy, T. M. Grindley, W. T. Henry, Robert Mays, James McGeorge, S. H. Smith, Howard Stutchburn, Major Thibodeau and E. Whiteshaw. To these will be added six members chosen by the Young Liberal Club at a later meeting.

While the ballots were being counted, brief speeches were given by Jos. Adair, Jos. Adair, Wilfrid Gariepy, James Henderson and others.

TOOL OF A GANG. Revolutionary Party Believed to Have Inspired Attack.

Pekin, May 29.—The identity of the assailants of the Grand Councilor Chang Chi Tung baffles the police. The men were apparently only a disappointed office seeker or crank holding Councilor Chang responsible for his failure to obtain a government position. But the authorities suspect he was a tool of a band of revolutionists, thirty-four of whose members were beheaded three years ago under Chang's order, when he was Viceroy of Hunan and Hupoh. The affair has caused little stir outside of official circles.

Want Lower Fees. New Westminster, B.C., May 28.—The grand jury today suggested to the C.P.R. that it should be in a state of collapse if some kind of legislation whereby the baristers would be prevented from charging excessive fees to clients.

THE CROPS

Winnipeg, May 28.—Timely showers and warm weather is the summary of the weather conditions throughout the past week: the Canadian Prairie West. In other words, the conditions have been ideal and everywhere the spring wheat is getting a brave showing above the ground. Farmers have been busy getting in coarse grains and roots and such progress has been made in this respect during the past few days that the situation is more forward than in any average year. This is not to say that spring wheat has gotten in as early as last year, for it was quite ten days later, but conditions since have been so favorable that farmers have already caught up all the way and many of them have already set to work on summer fallow for lack of something more insistent to do. So far everything has been favorable to the spring crop of this country. While what has been earlier it has never been under more favorable conditions, and provided that the decent weather continues through the winter season there is no reason at the present time to expect anything less than a bumper crop. Reports of fall wheat in Southern Alberta are so far all to the good, though the acreage is comparatively small.

Rains General. Winnipeg, May 29.—Rain is falling over all the Canadian prairie today, but this was attended with more to the country is to be moderate. Never has the crop gotten in under better conditions and unless there is an early frost check by frost, which is always possible, spring wheat in a couple of weeks will be further ahead than the average year. It is a sample of far higher percentage for this season.

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Atlanta, Ga., May 28.—With a negro fireman striking, the first of the daily mail trains that are to be run over the Georgia Railroad, until the strike of the firemen ends, left Atlanta at 1:30 this morning for Augusta. It carried 6,000 pounds of mail, which is three times the weight of the usual mail routes via the Georgia Railroad. When the train pulled out, white firemen of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers were at the depot, ready to go out, but their services were not called upon. The crew consisted of engineer and conductor and a white fireman, a negro fireman, Post Office Inspector Banerman and four railway mail clerks, three of whom are negroes. No passengers nor even newspaper men were allowed on the train and no express was carried. Another train similarly equipped was started from Augusta at about the same time. Dispatches show that the mail train with negro firemen were not molested, although they were met by great crowds at the various stations. When no violence was offered the negroes, much indignation was expressed by the people at the action of the negro fireman, who had refused to discuss his charges in detail.

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Baby's Body Found. Winnipeg, May 26.—The inhabitants of Beaudette, on the Canadian Northern, are very much excited over the grotesque discovery Saturday. Mr. Hanson went to the village well, when the pall dropped in. He went down into the well and discovered a new born baby floating at the top. The coroner was notified and the infant was found to have been dead not exceeding two days.

DISQUIETING NEWS FROM THE PORTE

People Think They Are Getting Too Much Government and Another Outbreak is Possible.

London, May 29.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Constantinople says that disquieting news from Adana has been received. There are also rumors of a reactionary movement among the troops. It is not improbable that fresh massacres will occur. The people of Constantinople are daily growing more discontented. The Greeks are bitter against the government. The Turks are also discontented and say the government has done nothing except curtail the salaries of officials and this often unwisely and unjustly, an opinion in which many Young Turks concur. Most people think it is improbable that many months will pass without a crisis worse than the last one. The situation is fundamentally unstable. This despatch bears out the pessimistic tenor of several recent despatches. It is declared that the Turkish populace is shocked and are indignant at the public hangings of a large number of their coreligionists, including many of high rank. The bid seems only to be held down by martial law.

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MUNICIPAL CONVENTIONS

Will Be Held at Medicine Hat, With One Day at Calgary.

Toronto, Ont., May 28.—The ninth annual convention of the union of Canada municipalities will be held on July 26 and 27 at Medicine Hat. A final meeting will be held next day, July 29th, at Calgary. Visits will be made to Port Arthur, Port William, Winnipeg and Regina. Among the subjects proposed are: First—Uniform municipal accounting. Second—Provincial municipal boards, including public utility commissions. Third—Western municipal development. Fourth—Telephone systems. Fifth—Method of street widening and exploration. Sixth—Improvement plans in advance of growth.

Sent Up For Trial. Saskatoon, Sask., May 28.—J. J. McCormack, who shot with intent to kill Deputy Sheriff Calder yesterday, was given a preliminary hearing today. No witnesses were called for his defense. He was committed for trial at the fall session and was taken to Prince Albert to await the hearing.

CALGARY HAS NEW GRAIN EXCHANGE

Company of Southern Gentlemen Will Be Organized to Carry on Business Along the Railway Lines.

Ottawa, Ont., May 28.—A corporation has been organized in Calgary with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, divided into one thousand shares. The provision directors are Louis P. Strong, A. B. Campbell, P. J. Bergeron and Robert T. D. Henderson, of Winnipeg. The company has been given all the powers usually granted to a grain exchange.

JURY DISAGREE. But Defense Objects to Jurors Being Discharged.

Chicago, May 28.—Up to 2 o'clock this morning the jury in the Martin ("Skinner") Madden case is deadlocked. Friends of Madden's attorney at an early hour this morning advised the majority of the jurors were voting to convict the labor "boss."

Information received by the defendants was that the vote stood 9 to 3 in favor of conviction. There was then the belief that an argument was impossible, and that the jury would be discharged today by Judge McSurely. Several times yesterday the jurors sent word to Judge Madden that they were unable to reach an agreement. A remarkable development of the day was the discovery that the defense offered strenuous opposition to the discharge of the jury. It was claimed by Attorneys Brady and Jennings, counsel for the defendants, that the discharge of the jury would be to the disadvantage of the defendants. They asserted that one juror, whose name they professed to know, but refused to divulge, was standing obdurately against acquittal. This man, Brady asserted, was an agent of the Employers' association, an organization which the defense has maintained is "backing" the prosecution of Madden and his co-defendants. On the other hand a high official of the state's attorney's office declared in unequivocal terms that the Madden people had succeeded in "fixing" the jury, and that it was hopeless to expect a conviction this time. This official would give no further information and absolutely refused to discuss his charges in detail.

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ROUNDING UP THE CATTLE RUSTLERS

Another of the Cattle Thieves Convicted at Red Deer—One Yet to Be Tried.

Red Deer, May 28.—The special session of the supreme court now being held here was occupied all day yesterday in hearing the charge of cattle stealing preferred against Jack Dubois, a wealthy rancher of this district. Dubois was finally convicted under sec. 392A of the criminal code for fraudulently taking up cattle without the consent of the owner. The maximum penalty for this charge is three years, but sentence was postponed until the trial of the trial of James Hall, which will take place today on a charge of cattle stealing. Hall is the fifth and last man of a gang of cattle rustlers rounded up by the Mounted Police. Dubois is the alleged head of the gang and is said to have superintended all operations. Exasperated at the boldness with which the gang had carried on their depredations, the Western Stock Cattle Association sent a special request to the department of the Attorney General, asking that Mr. P. J. Nolan, the eminent criminal lawyer of Calgary, be retained for the prosecution. This request was granted and Mr. Nolan has secured convictions against the members of the gang who have been tried to date. Hall is the last member to be tried, and the case should be concluded today. Mr. Tweedie of Calgary is acting for the defense.

WILL NOT CHANGE RITUAL. Dr. Sproule and Other Grand Officers Are Re-elected.

Peterborough, May 28.—The Grand Orange Lodge of British America today rejected a proposal to abolish much of their secret work, such as passes and signs. A committee had been appointed to consider the revision of this department of the work, and favored the abolition of it. A report was adopted protesting against any interference with the coronation oath and petitions to be presented to the Imperial parliament to be circulated.

Dr. Sproule, Grand Master, was re-elected, as were all the other Grand officers.

Rain Brings a Truce. Vancouver, B.C., May 28.—The city this afternoon took possession of Deadman's Island despite the protests of the Sudgeate's who intend building a big amusement park there. McSurely, who accompanied the city workmen to the island. The workmen had been busy but a short time when the Ludgate men ordered them off, it started to rain just then and both sides declared a truce. Open hostilities may be resumed tomorrow.

Drowned in Cobalt. Hailybury, Ont., May 28.—Hubert Sager, son of the managing director of the Last Chance mine, of Cobalt, was drowned at the first rapids in the Montreal river about half a mile below Lateford. In company with a companion he was paddling to Lateford and was pulling up the rapids when the canoe upset.

Needs a Guardian. Los Angeles, Cal., May 28.—Mrs. A. B. Bran, a wealthy widow, has petitioned the superior court to appoint a guardian for her son, Henry Sheer, 35 years old. She alleges that he is incompetent and testimony supporting this allegation declares that Sheer made love to the wash-woman, cook and heated diamonds and money on other domestic and casual women acquaintances.

To Commemorate the Fight. Hamilton, Ont., May 28.—Countess Grey visited Stoney Creek and turned the first sod for the monument that will be erected to mark the spot where the battle of Stoney Creek took place. She was accompanied by Lady Sybil Grey. They were the guests of Senator Gibson.

Beating the Customs. New York, May 28.—A handsome French steamer trunk, brought into port by a wealthy Boston woman, has revealed to the customs men not only \$3,000 worth of smuggled goods concealed under a false bottom, but also the fact that such trunks are being regularly manufactured by a firm in Paris "especially for the American trade." In other words "smuggling trunks" are a staple commodity of the French capital. The smuggled goods were regarded as a haul for the keen eye inspectors, but the discovery of a red leather label on the trunk reading "Aux Etats Unis" (For the United States) really meant much more. The customs representatives on the other side of the water have already begun looking for the manufacturer of the false bottomed trunks.