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Estimate Of Crops

Official Bulletin For the Territories Of the Wheat and Oats Yield.

Australia Will Take Large Quanties of Grain From the Dominion.

Steamer Lake Erie Lands More Canadian Troops From South Africa.

Winnipeg, Sept. 13.—(Special)—The Territorial crop bulletin issued today place the wheat yield at 14,000,000 bushels, and oats about 11,000,000 bushels.

Secretary C. N. Bell, of the Board of Trade, has received a letter from Mr. Larke, Canadian agent in Australia, saying crops there have failed and they want Manitoba No. 1 hard in large quantities.

The Order of St. Benedict of Minnesota have purchased 100,000 acres of land on Regina & Long Lake road, and will send in 500 German Catholic families as settlers.

At the Methodist conference today the question of a uniform church service was discussed, many suggestions as to the order of service being given. No decision was reached. A report favoring a four-year term instead of eight for the general superintendent was also before the conference, and resulted in no decision after three hours' debate. A telegram was received from T. P. Neelands, mayor of Vancouver, inviting the general conference to hold its next quadrennial session in that city.

In the order of service debate in the Methodist convention, Rev. Dr. Griffiths urged that there be one way in all the churches. In visiting many churches he found such differences that he felt he no longer knew how to conduct a service in a Methodist church. Mr. Chas. Birks pleaded for a simpler order of service. He wished an opening hymn to be substituted for the invocation.

One of the memorials, forwarded by the London conference without endorsation, proposed the authorization for optional use of the Gloria in Excelsis, the Apostles' Creed, the Prayer of Confession and the General Thanksgiving, from the Church of England prayer book.

Rev. Dr. Reyner proposed a suitable form of service be adopted for guidance, but that a considerable amount of elasticity be allowed. He held that it was impossible to have an order of service that would be suitable to all occasions, from a camp meeting to a solemn High Church church of the Metropolitan.

Rev. Dr. Rickman found the existing provisions sufficient, excepting that there is a law of uniformity in the usage of choirs of the playing of the tune immediately after the announcement of the number of the hymn, or after its reading by the minister. He favored opening the service with the singing of "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Dr. Allison adhered strongly to the custom of repeating the Lord's Prayer at the close of the first prayer by the minister.

The general superintendent thought that the first voice heard in the service should be that of the minister, saying "Let us worship God," and the singing of any selection by the choir of the committee on Itinerancy.

Frank Robertson, well connected in Toronto, was sent up for trial today, charged with robbing a farmer at the City hotel during the night.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick arrived this morning on a visit to Western penitentiaries.

Molsons bank have bought the Bird block, corner of Bannatyne and Main streets, for $90,000.

Solomon, the Galician wife-murderer, has been transferred from Stoney Mountain to Kingston penitentiary.

Toronto, Sept. 13.—Coal dealers here have advanced the price of coal, $1 per ton, making the price to consumers $8 per ton for nut, stove and egg size.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 13.—W. G. Gattenuch, clerk in the Halifax branch of the Bank of B. N. A., was arrested yesterday afternoon as he was boarding the steamer, on a charge of embezzlement.

Quebec, Sept. 13.—The Elder Dempster liner Lake Erie arrived at midnight last night and landed eight officers and 220 troopers, returning home from South Africa. The Western men were sent forward by a special train.

Quebec, Sept. 13.—(Special)—La Semaine Religieuse announces officially that Rev. Father Alexis, vice-provincial of the Capuchins, has been appointed by Archbishop Begin to be spiritual director of all trades unions, especially of three fraternities of boot and shoe workers in the city of Quebec.

Thorndale, Ont., Sept. 13.—(Special)—Fenton Fitzgerald, a farmer of London township, was instantly killed at his home yesterday by falling off a milk stand and breaking his neck.

Aylmer, Ont., Sept. 13.—(Special)—George Wilson, who lives about a mile from town, while helping to thresh on a neighbor's farm yesterday, was pitching to the table from above, when in some way he slipped and fell into the cylinder. He was so terribly injured that he died in about ten minutes after being taken out. He leaves a wife and one child.

Montreal, Sept. 13.—(Special)—Arthur Brunet, a relative of Ald. Brunet, M. P. for St. James, Montreal, who was found guilty at the June term of the Court of King's Bench of fraud in connection with the last St. James election, has been released.

Stratford, Ont., Sept. 13.—(Special)—The 8-year-old son of John Fitter Topping was bitten by a snake while playing in a field where his father was hauling oats, and died in great agony. No antidote had any effect.

KING AT BALMORAL.

His Majesty Enjoying Deer Stalking in Highlands.

London, Sept. 13.—With the arrival of King Edward and Queen Alexandra at Balmoral, His Majesty's convalescence is officially declared to be complete. The fact that the King has already indulged in deer stalking and is now busy with horse driving, coupled with the departure of the Queen for Copenhagen next week, indicates that his health is fully restored. Indeed, the King is enjoying better health than for years. The yachting tour of Their Majesties around the English and Scotch coasts was a lazy, drifting cruise, stopping at many spots hitherto unvisited by them. Their reception everywhere demonstrated the personal popularity of Their Majesties.

STEAM ENGINEERS.

International Meeting to Be Held at Wheeling Next Year.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 13.—After electing officers today the International Union of Steam Engineers adjourned to meet in Wheeling, W. Va., next year. The officers chosen are: President, George V. Lighthall, of Chicago; secretary and treasurer, R. H. McKee, of Peoria, Ills.

ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTS.

Serious Outbreak in Poland and Several Persons Killed.

Vienna, Sept. 13.—A serious anti-Semitic outbreak has occurred at Czenstochowa, a pilgrim resort in Poland on the Russian Galician frontier. A mob stormed the Jewish shops and wrecked the bread shops and according to the Slowo Polski, fourteen Jews and one gendarme were killed and numbers were injured. The military were summoned to restore order.

INCREASE IN CRIME.

Report of Commissioner of Prisons for United Kingdom.

London, Sept. 13.—The report of the commissioner of prisons published today shows an unprecedented increase in crime in the United Kingdom. There were 17,163 more persons sentenced to imprisonment during the year ending March 31, 1901, than in the previous year. The commissioners find it impossible to assign a specific cause for the increase.

British Team Win The Prize

Riflemen From Old Country Victors in Contest For Palma Trophy.

United States Second But Canadians Fall a Long Way Behind.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—After one of the most exciting rifle match contests ever held in Canada, the British team, captained by Major Hon. T. F. Freemantle, won the Palma trophy by the narrow margin of 12 points. The total score of the British team was 1,459, the United States team being second, with a total of 1,447, and the Canadians third, with 1,373 points.

Though the desire of the hundreds present to see the Canadians retain the trophy was not fulfilled, the greatest enthusiasm was exhibited over the victory of their brethern from across the Atlantic.

The early morning was promising for a fine day, a strong puffy wind was blowing from the southwest, while at intervals showers of rain passed over the field. Fortunately, however, these ceased before firing actually commenced. All morning while the first stage was being fired, there was a dull, leaden sky overhead, but this was not unfavorable from a marksman's standpoint, as it brought out the targets in bold relief.

At the first stage, 800 yards, the United States team led by 22 points, and seemed sure of victory. At the second stage, the British team beat them by 34 points, and at the third stage, 1,000 yards, the British and United States tied. Following are the scores:

	800 yds.	900 yds.	1,000 yds.	Total.
British	528	483	448	1,459
United States	550	449	448	1,447
Canada	508	440	425	1,373

THE SITUATION IN COLOMBIA

Herrara's Forces Not on Railway But Waiting For Ammunition.

Colon, Colombia, Sept. 13.—The situation here is unchanged. The government is adopting stringent measures against the Liberals. The United States cruiser Cincinnati is expected here tomorrow from Cape Haytien.

Panama, Colombia, Sept. 13.—For the last three days it has been reported here that General Herraras, of the revolutionary army was on the Isthmus railroad line. A correspondent of the Associated Press went along the road yesterday and found the report to be untrue. It is believed the revolutionists are between Chorrera and Chame waiting for the war munitions which the Revolutionary gunboat Padilla must have brought to Chorrera yesterday. It is understood that Herrara lacks artillery ammunition.

A government decree published yesterday prohibits Liberals from appearing on the streets. Infractors of the decree will be imprisoned. General Salazar, the Governor of Panama, says: "I have been compelled to take such severe measures for very strong reasons, among which are a desire to prevent Herrara from receiving information from his spies, as I am expecting an attack momentarily. I do not want the incident of the 24th of July, 1900, to be repeated. On that occasion the Liberals shot our soldiers here from the windows of their houses. I must also prevent the Liberals' continued plotting against the government."

AMERICA CUP.

Next Races May Be in August.

Glasgow, Sept. 13.—Sir Thomas Lipton has yielded to strong representations regarding the advisability of earlier races for the America cup than usual, and has decided, after consultation with William Fife, the designer of Shamrock III., to name August, expressing a preference for the end of that month, when he hopes for steadier winds and less chance of fiascos.

CLOSED AGAIN.

Sisters Have to Be Expelled a Second Time.

Brest, France, Sept. 13.—The subprefect of Finistere, accompanied by a strong force of gendarmes and military, unexpectedly arrived at Lenderneau, 12 miles from Brest, this morning, and again expelled the sisters, who were turned out in August last, but who returned later. The sub-prefect re-closed the school amidst the protests of the inhabitants.

Bush Fires Play Havoc

Town of Alberni Threatened By the Flames—School Dismissed.

Report That Three Residences in West Sooke Have Been Burned.

Great Damage Reported on United States Side Loss of Life Feared.

From every point in the Northwest with which there is telephonic or telegraphic connection, came reports last night of fierce forest fires. The mountains across the Straits and those of Vancouver Island, are veritable furnaces, fires burning in every direction. From these came the heavy pall of smoke which hid the heavens yesterday and made night out of day. Some idea of the magnitude of the fires can be obtained when it is stated that ashes fell around the outer wharf and at Oak Bay. Much earlier than usual it was found necessary to turn on the lights in houses and stores, the smoke being thicker than it has been seen here for years. The same report came from the cities of the Sound, Mainland and Island.

The fires extend right across the Island, Alberni having been threatened for two days. Yesterday it was found necessary to dismiss the school children, the fire having reached within a short distance of the school house. A wire received from there last night said there was a moderate breeze blowing, but that there was no immediate danger. The whole community has been organized into a fire-fighting brigade.

Coming south, another dangerous fire was burning on both sides of the railway track near Stratton's Crossing, and the aerial tramway and ore bins of the Tyee Mining Company were threatened.

For days there has been a big fire burning at the head of Koksilah river, across Shawnigan lake, and along the Saanich arm, and in Highland district the whole country is on fire, immense clouds of smoke arising. It was said that the residences of Messrs. Pike and Dickson, in Highland district, were in danger. The homes in this part of the country are set in clearings, so that they might possibly be saved. There is little water, however, with which to fight fire. A fire was still burning near Colwood, and there was a rumor yesterday that three houses at West Sooke had been destroyed, but this could not be confirmed, there being no communication, except by the stage, and the stage due yesterday has not yet arrived, being probably delayed by fire. At the Summit, on the line of the E. & N. railway, some three thousand cords of wood belonging to Mr. Deverne, of this city, is burning.

Coming nearer home, there was a big fire burning all day yesterday on Admirals road, in the vicinity of the Naval hospital. It at first threatened a row of cottages on the road, after having burned in behind them, and then jumping the road, threatened the hospital. Chief Watson, of the city Fire Department, went out with the chemical engine from Victoria West, and succeeded in saving the cottages. When the fire crossed the road, Chief Watson sent to the naval yard for assistance, and an engine and company of bluejackets were sent over. They had the fire well under control when the chief left last evening.

Smaller fires are burning in all the surrounding districts, and on the islands of the Gulf. The smoke was so thick that there was no telling from which direction most of it was coming, but each point contributed its share. A good shower of rain is now sadly needed, for until it comes there can be no relief.

ACROSS THE SOUND.

Seattle, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Seattle, Tacoma and Portland have been in darkness all day. A dense cloud of smoke overhangs the entire western slope of Washington and Oregon. Forest fires are burning fiercely in the mountains and foothills and in some cases villages and towns are threatened. The situation is very serious, and it is feared that some lives may have been sacrificed. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost already, and immense tracts of fine timber are being destroyed with no immediate relief in sight.

SHAMROCK III.

She Will Be Sailed by Son of Designer Fife.

Vancouver, Sept. 12.—(Special)—W. G. Jamieson, a friend and sailing companion of Sir Thomas Lipton, is here, and says that he believes Shamrock III. is now being built, and that the son of the designer, Mr. Fife, will sail the yacht next year in place of Capt. Seymour.

The police have identified Alex. Caldwell, found dead in bed at the Klondike hotel, this morning, as the man they had been looking for, charged with passing a forged check. Caldwell had been drinking heavily, and was found dead by the maid who visited his room in her morning round.

Latest style in Pear. Fedoras; were $2.50, now $1.25. B. Williams & Co.*

AGREED TO PAY.

Clause in Petition Asking For Re-Submission of Sewerage By-law.

For the benefit of those who have received notice to pay the cost of re-submitting the Sewerage Loan By-law of last year, the petition asking that the by-law be re-submitted is here published. The last clause shows that each person signing the petition agreeing jointly and severally to pay the cost. As over 300 persons signed, and the costs were a little over $300, about $1 each would settle the matter. Here is the last clause in the petition: "That the said by-law be again submitted to the ratepayers, and your petitioners hereby jointly and severally bind themselves to defray the cost of placing the said by-law again before the electors in the event of it not receiving the necessary assent to become law."

Dear me!" cried the summer hotel guest, as he looked at his bill, "you're charging twice what you did last summer." "Of course," replied the proprietor, calmly. "We didn't expect to do it at the beginning of the season, but we had such a rainy July that there was nothing doing, and so these August prices are necessary." "But I wasn't to blame for the rain," protested the guest. "Neither was I," replied the landlord in a tone that seemed to indicate that this settled the matter. And it did.—Chicago Post.

MEAT PACKING COMBINE.

To Go Into Effect in United States This Month.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The Record-Herald says today:

"The long-expected merger of the great meat packing interests of the United States will go into effect on Saturday, September 27. Unless there should be an entirely unlooked-for change in the plans agreed upon by all those concerned in the deal at a meeting held here today, an industrial combination second only to the steel trust in point of magnitude and importance is, therefore, practically an accomplished fact.

"On the basis of capitalization, Armour & Co., whose last year's profits are supposed to have been about $8,000,000, will receive $200,000,000 in the new securities in exchange for their business. Swift & Co. will receive $50,000,000, their net earnings for the past year probably not amounting to more than $2,000,000, by reason of the fact that this concern does not own its subsidiary companies, such as car lines and selling agencies. Carrying out this method to the end, the Scharschild & Sulzburger Company would receive $26,000,000. It is said it is the undoubted determination of the consolidated meat interest to control the packing house and stockyards of the company and save every possible dollar in the cost of manufacturing and distribution. In addition to this all by-products will be absolutely controlled and efforts made to buy industries that are closely allied to the meat business."

Hayes Mine Difficulty

Report That the Nahmint Mining Company Will Resume Work.

Marvelously Rich Free Milling Gold Quartz From Queen Charlotte.

It is reported, on good authority, that the difficulties which have surrounded the Nahmint Mining company for some time past are on the eve of being settled and that the work of development will be resumed shortly on this valuable property.

The Hayes mine, as it is popularly called, is, according to all accounts of those who profess to know its capabilities, one of the most promising properties on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and the resumption of operations would encourage and stimulate the mining industry in the Alberni district. The shutting down of the mine and subsequent litigation gave Alberni a "black eye," but with the mine again working interest in the district would be renewed and work on several other properties would be started.

The announcement of the probable early resumption of work on the Hayes mine will be welcome news to the many Victorians who have interests on the West Coast.

A gentleman who has just returned from the Queen Charlotte Islands showed the Colonist some samples of ore which would delight the heart of a miner. One was a piece of copper ore so heavily charged with mineral that no one could be mistaken as to its value.

Another was a piece of green colored quartz, about the size of a hen's egg, thickly impregnated with free gold, the cleavages clearly showing where the metal had been broken off when the quartz was separated. Almost one-third of the piece was pure gold, and the rock had all the appearance of free milling material.

The lucky possessor of these rich samples declined to give any definite information as to the location of his bonanza, until such time as he shall have duly recorded his claims.

PREMIER OF AUSTRALIA

Sir Edmund Barton Speaks of Friendship of Canada and Antipodes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Sir Edmund Barton replying to an address of the Board of Trade today said he was sure that between Canada and Australia added years would bring added friendship and closer relations of every kind. Canada would have much to send to Australia and Australia would have much to send to Canada. He did not care which got the better of the deal, so long as both made a little out of it. (Cheers and laughter.) Canada and Australia were parts of the same empire, animated he hoped with a desire to preserve its power and prestige, not for the sake of what the ill-blooded call "Toadyism" but for what the clean-blooded call "patriotism." (Loud cheers) During their all too brief stay in Canada, he and his friends had a slight opportunity of seeing something of our territory and people. They had been impressed with the splendour of the one and the kind heartedness of the other. The Australian party left for the Coast this afternoon.

BRIDGE WORKERS.

Strike in Large Company Is Settled.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 12.—The strike of structural iron workers employed by the American Bridge company in this and other cities, was declared off today, and the interrupted work on buildings will be resumed tomorrow. The demand of the men for a nine hour day and a wage scale of 40 cents an hour has been granted.

Boys' School Suits, sizes 22 to 30, half price for cash. B. Williams & Co.*

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET.

United States Autumn Athletic Sports Today.

New York, Sept. 12.—Athletic champions from Canada and the Eastern, Western and Southern States, will meet in competition tomorrow at Traverse island, the country home of the New York Athletic Club, in the games open to all registered athletes for the highest honors in the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. The list includes the greatest number of out-of-town entries in the history of the union, and the majority are men who hold or have held records at their favorite games. In the field events, Flanagan, Dewitt, Sheldon, Gray, Mitchell, Sheridan and Olds are entered and the weight contest probably will be extra keen.

Revelstoke Convention

Liberal Conservative Delegates Gather and Hold Their Opening Session.

General Impression That Resolution For Party Lines Will Be Carried.

Mr. R. L. Borden Present and Also Addresses Public Meeting.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Revelstoke, Sept. 12.—One hundred delegates to the Liberal-Conservative convention in addition to Mr. R. L. Borden's party made Revelstoke look animated this morning and during the afternoon more arrived from the lower Kootenay, Nelson, Rossland and Grand Forks.

The convention opened in Selkirk Hall, Richard McBride, M. P. P. in the chair, and after the appointment of the committee on credentials the meeting adjourned till the afternoon.

On resuming the convention was visited by Mr. R. L. Borden and other Conservative members, now in the province, who addressed the meeting. All the speakers referred to the favorable prospects in Eastern Canada, and urged upon provincial Conservatives the necessity for unity, which they were certain would result in the return of a solid phalanx from British Columbia at the next election for the Commons.

The visiting members and delegates were then photographed outside the hall, after which a reception was held in the Opera House by Mr. Borden and other members of his party.

On reassembling Mr. Charles Wilson addressed the convention, his speech being received with hearty applause.

The secretary's report having been adopted, the convention adjourned till tomorrow morning.

This evening the convention is not sitting. Mr. Borden addressed a mass-meeting in the opera house, and was very well received by the large audience.

A resolution in favor of party lines at the next general election is likely to be passed if the general opinion among the delegates prevails. A strong opinion seems to be in existence that the chairman of the executive should be leader for campaigning purposes, and the parliamentary leader should be selected by the members elected to the next Parliament.

TO SHOOT FOR PALMA TROPHY

Canadian Team That Will Defend Prize Wrested From United States.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—Tomorrow will be the greatest day in the history of rifle shooting in Canada. The best available men of Canada, Great Britain, and the United States are to compete for the Palma trophy on the Rockliffe ranges. The Canadian team was chosen today. Three British Columbians have been practising, but their shooting has not been up to the average for the last day or two, hence only Ontario and Quebec men are on the team. The personnel is:

Capt. R. J. Davidson, 8th R. R., Quebec; Capt. T. Mitchell, Toronto; Lieut. Gilchrist, First B. F. A., Guelph; Staff-Sergt. McIlltie, 48th Highlanders; Staff-Sergt. Simpson and Pte. Armstrong, 10th Royal Grenadiers; Staff-Sergt. Skedden, 13th Hamilton, and Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd Ottawa.

A generous hearted Canadian in the person of T. C. Whitney, president of the St. Anthony Lumber company, feels such keen interest in the contest that today he authorized Mayor Cook to announce that in the event of the Canadians retaining the trophy he will mark the event by presenting the men of the Canadian team with a suitable souvenir valued at $25 each.

HARVEST WEATHER.

Manitoba and Territories Still Having Favorable Temperature.

Winnipeg, Sept. 12.—Warm weather blessed the harvesters and the tail end of the harvesting today and predictions are for continued bright weather during the remainder of the month. Reports come of large quantities of binder twine being used up owing to the heavy growth. Yields of 30 and 35 bushels are frequently reported. The scarcity of help for the threshers is heard throughout the length and breadth of the land. Some 108,000 bushels of wheat were marketed on Thursday, 10,500 being from Deloraine. There is marked improvement in the method of handling cars this year, and it looks as if the companies have a good grasp of the situation.

Col. Davidson, Duluth, whose company has 200,000 acres of land in Saskatchewan, believes the end of the season will see 35,000 new settlers in Western Canada.

Nine varieties of Manitoba apples from North Morden are on exhibition at the immigration hall here; 15,000 trees of hardy variety are set out. The apples will be sent to the United States and London agencies.

A PLEASURE TRIP.

Methodist Delegates Pass Day in Enjoyment.

Winnipeg, Sept. 12.—The Methodist conference delegates, some 400 in number, were the guests of Mr. J. T. Gordon on a trip to Brandon and through the Southern Manitoba grain fields today. Luncheon was served in the Methodist church by the ladies, and a speech of welcome made by Mayor Fraser.

GONE TO PANAMA.

U. S. Despatches a Warship From Puget Sound.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The battleship Wisconsin left Puget Sound navy yard today for Panama, where she will protect the interests of the United States. Trouble is hourly expected, and the government is afraid the Ranger is not capable of handling the situation without assistance.

TO RETIRE.

Star Lacrosse Man Plays Last Game Today.

Montreal, Sept. 12.—Percy Quinn, the Shamrock lacrosse star goal-keeper, who saved the club from defeat on many occasions in connection with the Minto cup matches, has decided to quit handling after tomorrow's game with the Capitals at Ottawa.

POISONED.

Cotton Pickers Killed By Paris Green in the Fields.

Paris, Tex., Sept. 12.—Seven persons are reported dead in the Klamtia, Indian Territory, from inhaling paris green, which had been applied to cotton plants. Owing to the dry weather it is supposed the poison in the form of dust was absorbed by the victims. Four men and three women who were at work in the field are dead.

CANADIANS INVITED.

Detroiters Want Regiment to March in Their Procession.

Detroit, Sept. 12.—A regiment of Canadian militia, the 21st Essex Fusiliers, have been invited by the local arrangement committee to march in the parade of Spanish war veterans here on September 22, which will be reviewed by President Roosevelt. Col. Gaillliott is anxious to accept the invitation and has forwarded it to the the Militia Department at Ottawa.

Anglican Synod Has Concluded

Archbishop Bond's Pastoral Deprecates Growing Laxity in Sabbath Observance.

Lord Dundonald Will Visit the West Next Month—Agricultural School.

Montreal, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Anglican Synod has closed. The pastoral letter of Archbishop Bond expressed joy that the church in Canada was really one. He emphasized the claims of the missionary society on the laity, and thanked God for the services of Rev. L. N. Tucker, who will organize the society. He deprecated very strongly the growing laxity in the observance of the Sabbath, and called upon parents to use every influence to counteract this tendency, and urged them to support Sabbath school work, and the observance of religious exercises in their homes.

The British headmasters have left for England. They are greatly pleased with the Canadian West, and will establish a agricultural training school at Red Deer, Alberta, under the supervision of B. H. Fry of Birkhamstead school.

Winnipeg, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Lord Dundonald will visit the West in the beginning of October.

Burglars forced an entrance into the Hanbury Lumber company's office, dynamited a small safe and secured $100. The big safe resisted all their attempts.

Ralph Smith, M. P., was in the city last night on his way to the Berlin Trades Conference.

Frosts visited several points in the province last night, damaging garden stuff, but grain is in the stook and safe.

Leamington, Ont., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Henry Weide and wife have mysteriously disappeared and fears of foul play are entertained.

Welland, Ont., Sept. 12.—Hog cholera has broken out in Willoughby. Mr. H. H. Beam, of Black Creek, lost two animals by disease, and the rest of the drove, 25 in number, have been slaughtered by order of the inspector. There are symptoms of disease among other droves in the neighborhood.

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 12.—Councillor Angus Cameron of Sydney city, was killed by a train last night while walking across the track.

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT.

Telegraph Line Between the Two Places Nearly Completed.

Alberni, Sept. 11.—(Special)—The Alberni-Clayoquot telegraph line is almost completed with the exception of the section from Granite Creek to Alberni, where Mr. Daly, the contractor, is working a force of men, and expects to finish in two weeks. The men who are stringing the line from Bamfield Creek to Alberni are camping at Coleman Creek, on the Alberni canal, and will be here in about four weeks. Another party is constructing the Nanaimo-Alberni part of the line, and is at present at Cameron lake.

Steamer Willapa arrived here today with the engineers of the Pacific Cable Company, and returned to Bamfield Creek this afternoon, where they will await the arrival of the cable ship Colonia. The steamer Willie will give the Alberni people a chance to inspect the Colonia, and Capt. Huff is arranging for an excursion from Alberni to Bamfield Creek, the Pacific terminal of the cable.

Mr. Leonard Frank, accompanied by Messrs. S. McKenzie and Wm. Thompson, made a trip to the highest point on the Beaufort range, a climb of about 5,000 feet. The party is very enthusiastic about the wonderful scenery. Mr. Frank took some very pretty photographs, including the Gulf of Georgia, the snowcland mountains of the centre of the Island, Central lake and the Alberni valley. One of the most beautiful sights was the sunrise, which they observed, and the rays which struck Mount Baker first. Many deer were seen while coming down the mountain.

The grouse are very plentiful this year, and many sportsmen who tried their luck came back loaded with game.

Dr. Campbell and Mr. Thornton Fell, from Victoria, arrived by last night's stage and are guests of Rev. E. G. Taylor.

FALLEN FROM GRACE.

Detroit Church and Society Leader Arrested on Serious Charges.

Detroit, Sept. 12.—A Journal special from Muskegon says: "Luther W. Shear, the district agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, a prominent churchman and society leader, who disappeared on June 11, leaving behind him alleged forgeries and debts to the extent of $50,000, quietly walked into the presence of Sheriff Pyne this morning and gave himself up.

"I came by myself to save you the $250 reward," he remarked. "I am tired of wandering about the land, a fugitive from justice."

The most of his time was spent in New York City. Shear was arraigned before Judge Sullivan in the police court. He waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court in the sum of $1,000. The jail is being besieged with victims of his alleged forgeries.

The Fires Still Rage

Four Houses on the Otter Point Road Have Been Destroyed.

From Many Points Comes Word of Destruction and Blazing Timber.

Serious Damage Accompanied With Loss of Life on United States Side.

The heavy dews of the last few nights do not seem to have had much effect on the forest fires which are devastating the forests of Vancouver Island and in Washington and Oregon. The fires are still burning on the Island, and will continue to do so until there has been a heavy fall of rain.

The greatest damage has been done on the Otter Point road, about four miles from the West Sooke road. Here the houses of Messrs. McGregor, Burgess, Emmerson and Williams have been destroyed and three culverts and two small bridges have been burned out. The first house to go was that of Mr. McGregor, which was burned with all its contents. The house was a comparatively new one. The fire then crossed the road and burned down the log house of Mr. Burgess, and going westward destroyed the log houses of Messrs. Williams and Emmerson, together with the barns and contents. In each case most of the furnishings of the houses were burned, the settlers having no time to get them out.

For three days the settlers in West Sooke have been fighting a fire which threatened the residence of Mr. Muir, a very large house, but yesterday it was reported to be out of danger, although a change in the direction of the wind would make it dangerous again. All the contents of the house and barns have been moved on to the wharf, where they are safe.

Mr. Clark, the Otter Point stage driver, reached the city yesterday morning on horse back. He says the whole country from Sooke to the Jordan river is on fire, a very big fire raging along the Sooke river. It was reported in the city yesterday that the Sooke river bridge had been burned, but this is denied by Mr. Clark, who says the fire is nowhere near the bridge.

Along the line of the E. & N. railway the fires at Stratton's Crossing have been fought away from the ore bins and aerial tramway. The fire at Mount Sicker, particulars of which are given in another column, was not caused by bush fires.

Officers of the steamer Majestic, which arrived from the Sound last evening say the smoke was very thick in the Straits, but not as bad as in the Sound. At Seattle and Port Townsend day had been turned into night. Oregon and Washington are still suffering as will be seen from the appended special from the Colonist correspondent at Seattle:

Forty miles out at sea smoke from the Washington and Oregon forest fires hangs in a dense wall over the water. Navigation is impeded, but so far no loss of life on the water has been reported. With the exception of a few localities the fires are burning today even more fiercely than yesterday, and the worst of it is, that there is no signs of rain for at least 24 hours. Bridges along the Great Northern have suffered to such an extent that the overland trains could not move today.

The forest around Lake Cushman, in the Olympics has dommenced to blaze, and roads leading to the lake are impassable. One hunting party is in the mountains, and there is anxiety for their safety.

While Western Washington is suffering terrible losses, Oregon is suffering still greater. Despatches from Portland say: "At noon today R. G. Kramp, a timber cruiser, who is well acquainted with every foot of the forests south of the Columbia river, came into town from his camp, six miles southwest of the mouth of Willamette. He said the virgin forests covering thousands and thousands of acres, were doomed to destruction, and that the loggers, cruisers, proprietors, Indians, and hermits who inhabit the wilderness have little chance to escape."

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

It Affects Power of Chicago Board of Trade Directors.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Decision rendered by Judge Chytraus, in the July oats corner injunctions today, if sustained by the higher tribunals, put an end to all corners in commodities on the Chicago Board of Trade, and also strikes at very life of the institution as now organized. The directors' powers will be so curtailed that they cannot longer adjudicate upon property rights of members of the association. The judge goes even further, and says that under the charter of the Board of Trade there is no provision for succession of membership. The court said in his ruling that as far as the merits of the case were concerned, it did not matter whether there was a corner or not, for it was taken for granted that an honest price was intended. This part of the matter can be decided at a further hearing which will be had. The decision makes the injunction in force until this hearing on facts is had. The gist of the decision is that a special committee, which according to the Board rules, should be appointed by the President to adjudicate such differences, has no authority to act in matters where property rights are involved. The rights of the directors of the Board to preserve the integrity of its rules, so far as disciplining members is concerned, by fine, suspension, or expulsion, is upheld by the court, as their proper rights, but he rules against the question "Against the will of the complainants, the power of disposal over that money which in a sense has been placed in trust or escrew, exists in a select committee of three disinterested persons, members of the association to be appointed by the president, whether the money can be appropriated by such a committee to the contracting defendants."

SIR ROBERT BOND.

Has a Talk But No Promise of Treaty.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Sir Robert Bond, the Newfoundland premier, has had his talk with Mr. Adee, the acting secretary of state, according to appointment, and, as was expected, without tangible results. The subject of reciprocity, so far as the fisheries are concerned, was touched upon, but nothing was done towards the opening of negotiations.