

# Canadian Provinces

## Saskatchewan

### LATEST CROP REPORTS SHOW ACUTE SHORTAGE OF THRESHING HELP.

Crop reports from a few provincial points sent into the department of agriculture show that threshing is well under way but that there is an acute shortage of labor. Mr. F. H. Auld, deputy minister of agriculture, commenting on the labor problem, estimates that more than 2,000 men are urgently required to start threshing operations satisfactorily. Appeals are being received from many districts and T. M. Molloy, head of the provincial labor bureau, who is now in Ottawa, has been asked to take the matter up with the federal authorities, while local labor committees are again urged to secure volunteer workers.

Following are the crop reports received by the department: **Montmartre.** Harvest completed today, threshing in parts past three days. Yield of wheat averages ten bushels, oats and barley damaged by late frost, yields will be much reduced. Labor supply inadequate. Several threshing outfits unable to start.

**Keeler.** The wheat that was blown and set back in the spring came on good but the rust and frost last Sunday night caught it. Threshing general, men scarce. Weather hot, believe wheat will all go standard grades. Some machines talking of not starting up, labor so scarce.

**Langenburg.** Cutting will be finished on September 28. A heavy frost on Sept. 9, 10 and 11. Late oats badly frozen. Threshing will commence September 16.

**Dubuc.** Cutting practically finished. Threshing just started but will not be general for ten days. Quite a little damage by frost but fair average crop at this point. Weather good.

**Melfort.** Grain all out and in stock. Some threshing has been done but it will not be general till the 27. Frost on night of the 8 damaged to some extent about 8 per cent of the crop.

**North Battleford.** Visited districts Lloydminster, Lashburn, Senlac, Scott, Wilkie and North Battleford, all crops good for threshing is out, threshing general. Yield very low generally, all late oats frozen.

### FROST DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE.

Reports received by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., covering crop conditions for the period ending Sept. 16, indicate that considerable damage has been done to late oats and other late grains by recent heavy frosts, which were pretty general in all parts of the province. Threshing is under way everywhere and will be general this week.

With threshing under way, reports of yields in various districts are coming in. Stalwart reports yields in that district averaging wheat 12 bushels to the acre, oats 50, barley 50 and flax 10. All crops are reported to be light and oats and late flax have been injured by late frosts.

Baymore reports wheat running 20 bushels to the acre and oats 50 bushels. Girvin reports wheat 15, oats 40, barley 30 and flax 5. Wheat is grading one, two and three.

Threshing will be general at Girvin the middle of the present week. Help is scarce and no great amount of new grain is being received at the elevators, the impression being that threshing will be done at the granaries in the fields. Fillmore reports threshing general this week.

### WILL PROBABLY LIPT EMBARGO ON SEED GRAIN.

The wheat embargo in Saskatchewan may be lifted by October 1. F. H. Auld, deputy minister of agriculture, is now in Winnipeg conferring with the Dominion board of grain supervisors on this question and also discussing the possibility of having the embargo area in the province reduced.

Storage charges in elevators throughout the area covered by the embargo are beginning to be a large question. Farmers contend that they should not be forced to

pay storage charges in other elevators which they are not willing to do because of the fact that they have no hold in the elevators because of the government's action. Although they realize that the government took this step to save some farmers the necessity of importing seed wheat next spring, yet there are many farmers within the prohibited areas who have sufficient wheat for seed and a good quantity to dispose of for the cause of the mill.

### GREEN RIVALRY IN BROADBENT

Keen rivalry is being shown between the sixty-six municipalities in the province which have entered stretches of road in the good road contest, promoted by the provincial department of highways, of which Hon. S. J. Letta is minister and H. Hietle inspector in charge of the contest.

Last year there were 44 roads entered as compared with 66 this year, showing that the provincial contest, there is wider interest being taken in the movement, the desire to share in the movement being stronger each year to improve the road system of Saskatchewan.

The movement is not confined to any particular part of the province. Almost all points of the compass are represented, as evidenced by the fact that Eastern, Shannavan, Hysas and Lashburn districts have all roads entered. The province is divided into six districts and five prizes are awarded in each. The winners in each district then are in competition for the grand prize for the best road in the province. The allowance is made for the nature of the ground and road-making conditions. Last year R. M. No. 27, north of Moose town, won the provincial championship and this municipality is again entered but under the rules of the contest is not allowed to compete with the road which won the prize last year.

### NEW BREWING HAS DECREASED.

Figures compiled by the statistics bureau of the provincial department of agriculture, issued by G. E. Oliver, show that the amount of summerfall and new breaking is slightly less this year than that cultivated in 1917, the figures for 1917 being: Summerfall, 2,768,941, and for new breaking, 431,698. Of this amount 92.1 per cent of summerfall has been completed and 98.8 per cent of new breaking. The figures for this year are, therefore, 2,447,337 acres of summerfall and 224,563 acres of new breaking. It is expected that the bureau will announce estimates of the amount of fall plowing later on in the season.

### PROVINCE SELLS TWO CARRIAGES TO SIBERIA.

A shipment of Saskatchewan butter is on its way to Siberia according to an announcement made in Regina yesterday. The consignment consists of 57,700 pounds or approximately 29 tons. Two cars were required to make the shipment, which is consigned to Siberia by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries, Limited, with headquarters in Regina. The order was received by the co-operative creameries from the Military Department of the Canadian government and the butter will be used by the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Siberia.

This is probably the first time in the history of Canada that a shipment of Canadian butter, let alone Saskatchewan butter, has found its way to Siberia, which has always been regarded as the exporter of butter and other dairy products.

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### DEPOSITS IN THIS PROVINCE

When it comes to passing an opinion on potash deposits, Dr. Charlton, provincial bacteriologist, is from Missouri, and has to be shown. At present he is very skeptical in regard to the value of the alleged potash deposits whose discovery has been announced at several places within the last few days.

Dr. Charlton says, in justification of his skepticism, that it is very uncommon to find potash in connection with alkali deposits in the west, and that in the course of hundreds of analyses of water, he has not found potash in commercial quantities.

He exhibited a sample of salt, which, he says, came from a deposit within a few miles of the alleged large potash deposit thirty miles north of Maple Creek, and from the same valley.

"This sample," he said, "is sodium sulphate, and has a very small value. There is a slight trace of potash, but so slight as to be of no commercial value."

Following close on the reported discovery at Maple Creek of valuable deposits of potash and salts, came a report from Hardy on the C.N.R. directly south of Regina and about twenty miles from the international border of another deposit of potash. Another discovery of potash was made near the Forbes depot.

### PLOWS CONFISCATED.

Moose, Sask. — Detective Sergeant, five of the provincial police detective division, and Constable MacCabe, Enfield detachment, made a haul of some proportions south of Moose when they landed at the homestead of Chris Anger, believed to be a German. Chris had 5,000 pounds of flour stored away safe, he thought, from prying eyes. For having the flour in his possession Chris paid just \$200 and the costs of the court, and his flour was confiscated. It will be sold and the monies obtained sent to the Canada food board at Ottawa.

### TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT MOOSE JAW.

Moose Jaw, Sask. — Five little children lie in a Moose Jaw morgue with their throats cut; their father and self-confessed murderer, William Bromley, is in a cell, and the mother is prostrate in the care of the police matron, while neighbors of what had been a happy family are hushed in awe at the most terrible tragedy in the history of their city.

### SHEDDING BRUTAL FATHER.

Temporary mental derangement in a sudden fit of rage at his eight-year-old son, Norman, is said to be the cause of Bromley's attack upon his only son. The man was reading while his children played, entranced by his wife to see them come to no harm, while she attended a picture show. The boy in his play upstairs cried and was bid to cease by his father, but the crying continued. In a passion the man rushed upstairs, seized his razor and cut the boy's throat. He threw him on the bed and looked upon what he had done. Seized with fear of the hangman's noose, the publicity, and the thought of what his wife would say, gripped him. Unnerved, disheartened, scarce knowing what he did, he resolved in his madness to exterminate his family, while at the back of his mind gathered thoughts of a wife left without a breadwinner while he paid the penalty of his crime against his son. Better far, he argued, to kill the other children.

### Kills Sleeping Babies.

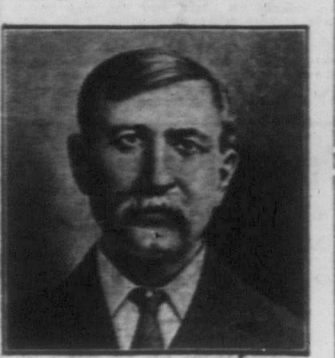
Doris and June, twins of fourteen months, slept in another room. He picked them from the bed where their mother had tucked them in an hour before, and, taking them as they slept, one by one to the room where their little brother lay, wailing in his gore, cut their throats and laid them beside his son. Doris and Ivy, aged seven and five years, also slept. Of the children but two now remained. He killed them, as he did the others, with a slash of a razor, which stretched them dead and bleeding at his feet.

### Intended Suicide.

To the police the man declared he intended to end his life when he had slaughtered his children, but the fearful spectacle his home presented when he had completed the terrible deed appalled him and his resolution weakened. Sick with

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### "FRUIT-A-TIVES" Conquered Dyspepsia and Restored His Health.



MR. ROBERT NEWTON.

Little Bras d'Or, C. B. "I was a terrible sufferer from Dyspepsia and Constipation for years. I had pain after eating, belching, gas, constant headaches, and did not sleep well at night. I lost so much weight—going from 185 pounds to 145 pounds—that I became alarmed and saw several doctors who, however, did me no good. Finally, a friend told me to try 'Fruit-a-tives'." In a week, there was improvement. The constipation was corrected; and soon I was free of pain, headaches and that miserable feeling that accompanies Dyspepsia. I continued to take this splendid fruit medicine and now I am well, strong and vigorous."

ROBERT NEWTON.  
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

fear and revolting from the work of his hands, he washed and changed his clothes and with his wife to face waited for the return of the bereaved mother.

Impatient, longing to leave the shambles he had created, he strode down the street. He told her he had killed two of their children and the woman, screaming loudly, sounded an alarm which brought the neighbors running to her side.

W. G. Stephens, of the Moose Jaw Bread company, came to the house. To him Bromley repeated his horrible story and cautioned him not to enter the house.

A crowd gathered, alarmed by the cries of the mother, and the horrifying report that the children had been done to death by their father spread through the assembly. Then the police came while Bromley with his wife were walking towards the cemetery.

For some blocks she walked, dazed with what had befallen, before she took thought of what should be done, while her husband by her side, fresh from the shambles of his own making, gripped in his coat pocket the razor whose strokes led the life blood out of five little ones.

He began to tell the story in its horrid details. The woman realizing at last that justice must be done, in panic pleaded with him to surrender to the police. This he did shortly after midnight.

And so the woman lives, for it is thought that Bromley intended to end her life too after he coaxed her away from the hushed neighbors who still, half incredulous, stood before their doors.

### DIED FOLLOWING KICK.

Mrs. Perdune, of Ceylon, Sask., aged 55 years, died last week, as a result of injuries received by being knocked down and trampled by a calf. The aged lady, after regaining consciousness, managed to crawl to the house where she lay until her son returned when she recounted what had happened, expiring shortly afterwards.

### LARGE YIELD OF WHEAT REPORTED FROM PENSE.

Pense, Sask.—Thirty-eight bushels to the acre is the yield reported by the machine which threshed a 40-acre field owned by McDermaid Rankin, who is farming southeast of Pense. The total yield of the field was over 1,500 bushels.

Mr. Givins covered yesterday a good stretch of country south and southwest of the city, visiting Rouleau, Drinkwater, Pense and other points. Mr. Givins said that everybody is now threshing and some good yields were reported by farmers en route. In the district visited the yields ran all the way from 21 bushels up to 38 per acre.

### HALF OF MAWER WAS DESTROYED.

Mawer, Sask.—More than half of the town of Mawer, Sask., was destroyed by fire when the entire west side of Main street and the residential section were wiped out. No estimate of the loss is available yet.

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## Eastern Provinces

### AVERAGE YIELD OF TWELVE AND HALF BUS. WHEAT ESTIMATED.

OTTAWA.—An average yield of 12 1/2 bushels per acre for spring wheat and 16 1/2 bushels for fall wheat for all Canada is given by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its preliminary estimate of average yield per acre of the principal grain crops of Canada during 1918. Last year fall wheat averaged 21 1/2 bushels per acre, while for the 10-year period from 1908-17, the average was 23 bushels. Spring wheat averaged 15 1/2 bushels last year and 19 bushels for the decennial period.

For other crops the respective averages are in bushels per acre: Oats, 33 as against 33 1/4 and 35 1/2; barley, 25 1/2 as against 25 and 27; flax, 5 1/4 as against 6 1/2 and 10 1/2.

### The Prairies

For the prairie provinces the estimated yields per acre are: Manitoba—Wheat, 17 bushels, oats, 38 3/4; barley, 29 1/4; rye, 18 1/4; flax, 11 3/4. Saskatchewan—Wheat 11 1/2; oats, 13 1/2; barley, 22 1/2; rye, 15; flax, 8 1/2. Alberta—Wheat, 10; oats, 23 1/2; barley, 16 3/4; rye, 15 3/4; flax, 5 1/4.

About 4,000,000 bushels of wheat, 1,453,500 bushels of barley and about 15,000,000 bushels of oats remained in stock in Canada at close of the crop year. A comparatively small portion of this grain is in the hands of farmers, the reports indicating an almost absolute clearance by farmers of their 1917 stock.

### MR. CARVELL IS MENTIONED IN ELECTION PLOT.

MONTREAL, Que.—Evidence indicating that Hon. Frank B. Carvell had tried to secure the votes of the soldiers of the Canadian Engineers' Training depot at St. Johns, Quebec, until he found that he was to be returned by acclamation, and that after that he had tried to have the vote turned over to Colonel McLeod in York county, New Brunswick, when he found that he would not need them himself, was introduced at the royal commission sitting to investigate the charges against officers and men of the Canadian Engineers' Training depot at St. Johns by Lieutenant E. T. Adney, in the course of the day's proceedings.

Lieut. Adney, who is a naturalized Canadian and prior to the war was an American, was the star witness of the afternoon, his replies often eliciting applause in court.

"Why did you vote for Mr. Rainville?" asked Mr. Geoffrion. "Because I believed him to be a loyal member of the Union government and a loyal citizen and I was sure his opponent, Mr. Archambault, was not. I voted as I thought my duty to my country lay, that is the reason why 17,000 other Canadian soldiers voted as they did."

"I might have voted in my own country of Carleton, N.B.," added Lieut. Adney. "but Hon. Mr. Carvell wrote and said that he would not need our votes as he expected to get an acclamation, so I was told to vote for the Union candidate, Col. MacLeod, in York, N.B., where the votes might be needed."

### CARVELL DENIES WRITING LETTER TO LIEUT. ADNEY.

OTTAWA.—Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, when shown the press despatch from St. Johns, Que., said that he was surprised at the evidence which Lieut. Adney is reported to have given before Mr. Justice McLennan in connection with the Chambly-Vercheres election enquiry. The minister said that he had never had any correspondence whatever with Mr. Adney or any other person regarding soldiers' votes at St. Johns, excepting a letter received by him from Col. Melville, dated Nov. 27, last, in which there were no improper references or suggestions made whatever, but simply a kind expression of interest in his own election and nothing that would even suggest any intention to violate the law or ask any man to vote in any constituency in which he had not a legal right to do so.

### LAURIE PARTY HAS NEW SCHEME OF ORGANIZATION.

OTTAWA.—A Liberal delegation, largely from Ontario, met in Ottawa on the invitation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and discussed with him ways and means of keeping in

close touch with political and other conditions of the country. As a result of the meeting a new method will be followed. Heretofore information of this character has been secured through a central committee at Ottawa, giving instructions to people in different parts of the country.

At the meeting, after considerable discussion, it was decided that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should write to a number of the leading men in each province requesting them to organize upon a plan and at a time satisfactory to themselves and advise him of the steps taken.

### CADET BURNED TO DEATH.

TORONTO.—When his machine caught fire while flying over 1,000 feet in the air near Leaside Camp tonight, Cadet Henry C. Saunders was burned to death. His home is in Erin, Ontario.

### TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT MONTREAL CLEARED UP.

MONTREAL.—The disastrous Grey Nunnery fire of February 14 last, in which 65 victims were burned to death, was purposely caused by a female orderly of the institution, Berthe Courtmanche, who is said to have periodical attacks of fire mania. The woman was still working at the institution at the time when she was arrested this afternoon.

After keeping her under observation at the Grey Nunnery for a week past Detective Proulx, of the provincial police department, accused the woman with the crime and extracted a full and signed confession from her. Her arrest followed and she was arraigned at the courthouse on a charge of arson.

### FOUR HALIFAX BUILDINGS BURNED.

HALIFAX.—Four buildings at the Halifax dry docks and shipyards were destroyed by fire Saturday night. They included the dock pumping house, the boiler house, air compressor structure and the old machine shop. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

## United States

### AMERICAN GUARDS RUSHED WISCONSIN FARM.

OWEN, Wis.—Three hundred home guardsmen, after an all night vigil, rushed the farm home of Mrs. Louise Krueger, near here, at dawn, but failed to find trace of Leslie, Louis and Ennes Krueger, three of Mrs. Krueger's four sons, who were believed to have figured in a sensational duel with the authorities yesterday.

Frank Krueger, a fourth young man, who was wounded, surrendered. He and his mother were taken to Eau Claire. Home guardsmen, reinforced by scores of citizens, are searching Clark county for the missing men. Citizens who participated in the fighting said they were confident that the four Krueger boys were on the premises at the time.

### One Killed; Five Wounded.

One man was killed and five wounded in the fight, which lasted several hours after the officers tried to apprehend Krueger. Harry Jenkins was shot dead, but it is believed all the wounded, with the exception of Emil Laino, will recover. Laino is in the hospital in a serious condition.

The Krueger brothers are wanted as alleged draft evaders. Frank and Ennes, it is alleged, failed to register, while Louis and Leslie, officers say, registered a year ago, but could not be found when looked for by the officers.

### 70 DEAD OF GRIPPE AND PNEUMONIA IN ONE DAY AT BOSTON.

BOSTON.—Influenza and pneumonia caused more than seventy deaths in New England within twenty-four hours. In Boston there were thirty-five deaths from influenza, including three naval men, and twenty-seven from pneumonia. In Brockton and nearby towns, where the shoe factories have been badly crippled by the spread of the disease, twelve deaths from influenza were reported. At the forts in Boston harbor, it was stated that all the hospital beds were occupied by influenza patients. At Camp Devens there are 3.50 cases, mainly among negro soldiers from the south.

### CALIFORNIA-BORN JAPS MAY ACQUIRE LAND TITLE.

REVERSBIE, Cal.—Japanese born in California may acquire and retain title to real estate, and no violation of the alien enemy law results, according to an opinion

handed down by Judge Craig, of the superior court here, in the case of the people of the state of California, viz., M. Harada. This was regarded as a test case.

### CALL STRIKE TO PROTEST JAILING I. W. W. LEADERS.

BUTTE, Mont.—Notwithstanding that a few more men are at work in the mines of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, the operators in Butte do not disguise the fact that the strike situation threatens to become serious. The metal mine workers will hold a referendum on the call for a strike issued by local I. W. W. as a protest against the imprisonment of Wm. Haywood and others, and the assumption is that the movement will be endorsed by that organization. No arrests were made so far and no serious trouble took place around the mines. Regular soldiers are patrolling some of the streets and are on guard at the mines.

### CARDINAL JOHN M. FARLEY, NEW YORK, SUCCUMBS.

MARBARONCK, N. Y.—Cardinal John M. Farley, archbishop of New York, died at his country home here. The aged prelate had been sinking rapidly since he suffered a relapse last Saturday, following partial recovery from an attack of pneumonia.

John Murphy Farley spent most of his life in New York city. He showed great executive ability. From a small pastorate 40 years ago the venerable clergyman rose to the highest ranks in American Catholicism.

"He was born at Newton Hamilton, county of Armagh, Ireland, April 20, 1842.

### TWELVE KNOWN DEAD IN TERRIFIC FACTORY BLAZE IN NEW YORK.

NEWARK, N. J.—All police reports and ambulances in the city were ordered out to a fire which broke out in the plant of the American Button company here. Police reports were that many girls were jumping from the windows of the factory.

Twelve persons are dead, according to the first police reports. The blaze is still raging and firemen and policemen are making rescues.

The dead are all girls, employees of the plant, ten of whom were trapped on the fourth floor of the mill, while two others, who jumped to the street, died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital.

### FAMOUS JOURNALIST OF NEW YORK MURDERS WIFE.

NEW YORK.—Charles E. Chapin, city editor of the New York Evening World, famous for his skill with which he directed his reporters in the solution of murder mysteries, in a police station told the story of how he killed his own wife. Chapin shot and killed her in their apartment in the Hotel Cumberland and surrendered himself to the police after failing to carry out plans to end his own life.

### UNITED STATES PLACES EMBARGO ON ALL LUMBER.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—An embargo against the shipment of virtually all kinds of lumber from any point in the United States or Canada, to any point east of the Mississippi river, and north of the Ohio river, excepting shipments for war purposes was announced at the St. Louis office of the railroad administration.

### ARMY OF 4,800,000 BY NEXT JULY AIM OF AMERICANS.

WASHINGTON.—An army of 4,800,000 by next July, after all deductions have been made for casualties and rejections, is what the enlarged American military program calls for, General March explained to the house appropriations committee, in discussing the new \$7,000,000,000 army estimates.

There are now about 3,200,000 men under arms, General March said, and the plan is to call 2,500,000 of the new draft registrants to the colors between now and July.

### REPORTED 25 SOLDIERS KILLED IN COLLISION.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Twenty-five soldiers are reported killed and some thirty others injured in a head-on collision between a troop train and a St. Louis and San Francisco freight train one mile east of Marshall, Mo.

It is reported by the authorities in Jutland that during the past few days the bodies of 130 German marines have been washed ashore on the western coast of Jutland.