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The Crops in Manitoba.

GOVERNMENT CROP BULLETIN—VERY FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM ALL SECTIONS.

A Government crop bulletin was issued by the Manitoba Immigration Department regarding wheat. The report says:

It is safe to say from reports to hand that prospects for a large crop of wheat were never better in the history of the Province. The reports almost without exception speak in the same strain regarding the outlook. The immense quantity of rain that has fallen has caused some fields to be pretty badly drowned out, but these cases are comparatively few and principally in the eastern districts. A large amount of rain, too, has caused an unusual growth in straw, and there is danger of much of the grain lodging. While the crop generally is reported good, that on fallow and new land is particularly spoken of, and some very large yields are looked for. The cool, backward weather of the greater part of July will make the harvest late, as the prospects are that little if any of the crop will be cut much before the middle of the month. The estimated yield of wheat is 27.1 bushels per acre, against 24.6 last year. The estimated yield of oats is 44.5 per acre and of barley 35.8. In several places very large yields are looked for and the expectation of some enthusiastic correspondents may cause the average over the Province to be beyond what will be realized when crops are harvested. While the average yield in wheat over the Province is not likely to reach that of 1887, there are many correspondents who report prospects as equal to and in some cases exceeding those of that year. The quantities of land broken for the first time are largely in advance of that of last season, there being a difference of 558 acres. The season has been a very favorable one for carrying on the work, as the land was kept sufficiently moist by the very frequent rains of June and July. The area shown to be broken is 178,330 acres.

An important call to an Editor.

The duties of the country editor are not always confined to the printing office and its numerous calls for his attention. He is generally regarded as a compendium of general information, and is often called upon to give legal advice, to settle domestic misunderstandings, to interpret the meaning of the statutes, to give every man who wants a situation a character and a recommendation, to be clerk of a municipal council or secretary of a school board, or chairman of a board of health, or director of a horse race, or president of a baseball club, to run a prayer meeting, or an agricultural society, or a Sunday school, a brass band, or an excursion. He is sometimes even called upon to bury the dead, but only once in a life time is he entrusted with the great and important duty of performing a marriage ceremony. Last week the editor of the Free Press had his first and only opportunity in this regard. A blushing swan and a buxom lass from Erin township came to town to have the matrimonial knot tied. They went to the parsonage on Bower Avenue, the pastor was away performing a similar ceremony for another happy couple. They then wended their way to the manse on Willow street, the pastor was away for his summer vacation. St. Alban's parsonage was next visited, but again the fates are against them—the incumbent was in Guelph assisting at the laying of the corner stone of a new church. Then it came the Free Press man's turn. The anxious bridegroom pleaded the importance of the matter, the disappointment is the nuptial bonds were not cemented and the absence of the several pastors. We took in the situation, saw the dilemma of the expectant pair, reflected upon the scarcity of subscription renewals, and thought of the Georgia editor, who held a magistratal commission and was surprised by a couple who were anxious to be made one, while in the middle of a heavy editorial on the tariff, and who performed the ceremony in the following summary fashion:—"Time is money" said he, without looking up from his work. "Do you want her?" The man said yes. "Do you want him?" The girl stammered an affirmative. "Man and wife" cried the editor. "One dollar." "Bring me a load of wood for it—one-third pine, balance oak." But the stricter laws of this northern country deterred us from following the example of our southern brother, and we were on the point of sending the pair away in great anguish when we remembered that a superannuated minister resided in another part of the town. Thither they were sent and in a few minutes the important words were spoken, the minister received \$1.25 for his fee, and Erin added another to its many happy families.—Acton Free Press.

Donegal

The July cheese of the Donegal factory was sold the other day to Cook at 9 1/4c. There were 460 boxes.
Miss Williams, of several years experience in evangelistic work, is announced to assist in revival services in the Methodist church, beginning next Sabbath. Services at 2:30 and 7 o'clock p. m.

Huron County Notes.

Clinton's rate of taxation will be only 18 1/2 mills.
Cameron Bros., Cranbrook, have 40 men and boys pulling flax.
There will be a large acreage of fall wheat sown this year in Morris.
Postmaster Spence and J. Hemsworth of Ethel, went west on a trip last Tuesday.
Saturday, Aug. 8, A. G. Easom, of Morris, pulled a stalk of oats that measured 5 ft. 10 in.
Thos. Adams, of Seaforth, has a geranium plant on one stalk of which are three different kinds of bloom.
The revival spirit has been at work in the Methodist church in Ethel, and some good times have been enjoyed.
The excursion from Palmerston to Goderich, via Clinton, on Tuesday Aug. 11, was patronized by nearly 1,800 people.
The probabilities are says the Lucknow Sentinel, that there will be no Caledonian games held here this summer.
Destroy those caterpillar nests that are to be seen in webs on the shade and fruit trees, or they will be stripped of their leaves.
Thos. Holmes, Holmesville, was putting up a fence on Monday morning, Aug. 10, he was kicked by a colt, which resulted in death Tuesday morning.
The other day while threshing wheat, S. Phipps, Goderich township, ran through 51 sheaves of oats, and got over 9 bushels of oats therefrom; proportionately, this is a very large yield.
W. H. Whitley, band master of Bell's factory band, Wingham, received last week several pieces of choice music of his own composing, which he has had printed in Elkhart, Indiana.
Conductor Snider is taking his holidays. We notice that he has been lecturing in Exeter and Galt, during the past week or so, and the newspapers in those places speak highly of him as a lecturer.
W. J. Patterson, B. A., of Caledonia High School, has been appointed by the Clinton Collegiate Institute Board to fill the position of Mathematical Master rendered vacant by the removal of Mr. Burgess.
A fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, did considerable damage at Exeter early Sunday morning. Lut's drug store, Holland's tin shop and W. E. Couchenour's drug store with contents were destroyed.
Jackson's town agency ticketed the following persons from Clinton to different parts of the Northwest on Tuesday, Aug. 11:—Mrs. McLeod, Clinton; Rev. J. Walker and Miss Gibson, Varna; two daughters of John McCartney, Goderich township.
Peter Deans, auctioneer, sold by auction the Wingham roller skating rink, to Alex. Orr, of the Park Hotel, on Aug. 11, for \$600 cash. He also sold at the same time, a brick residence on Josephine street, to Mr. Wilson, of Wroxeter, for \$620 cash.
The largest sturgeon which the oldest fishermen of Grand Bend have seen was caught on the shores of Lake Huron, a short time ago, taking two men to haul him out of the net into the boat. It weighed over 200 pounds, and measured over 8 feet long.
Five excellent likenesses of Canadian newspaper men appeared in the Globe Saturday, Aug. 8, with a short description of the papers they are connected with. All the engravings were thoroughly life-like. Messrs. McLean and McGillivuddy were the Huron editors shown.
Gilbert Mair did a big day's work at the farm of James Reynolds, Hullett, on Thursday, Aug. 13, threshing 1,000 bushels of wheat and 260 of barley besides moving the machine. The thrasher used was the famous Monarch, manufactured by Messrs. Farran, Macpherson & Hovey, Clinton.
In the voters' list for the township of Tuckersmith for the present year we find that there are 608 persons eligible to vote at both municipal elections to the Legislative Assembly. 121 entitled to vote at municipal election only, and 104 at elections to the Legislative only, making a total number of voters on the list of 831. The total numbers of persons eligible jurors 331.
One of those very pleasant events which always create a flutter, particularly in feminine circles, occurred at the residence of John Brown, Willow Grove Farm, con. 12, Hullett, on Aug. 5, when Henry W. Kelly, one of our popular bachelors, led to the hymenal altar one of Hullett's fairest daughters, Miss Aggie Brown. The ceremony was performed at 1:30 p. m., by Rev. D. M. Ramsay.
Wm. Shoebottom, of Ailsa Craig, was in Lucknow, Aug. 11, consulting the Reeve and other business men of the place, regarding the location of a flax mill in Lucknow. Mr. Shoebottom is the representative of a strong firm of capitalists who are already operating flax mills in three or four townships in Western Ontario, and they think that Lucknow, surrounded as it is by a fine agricultural country, would make a good location for a mill. If our village would offer them sufficient inducements to locate here they would put up a plant of building and machinery to the extent of \$5,000, and would pay out in wages between \$5,000 and \$6,000 per year.

Anecdotes of Sir John A. Macdonald.

"The Government are merely trustees for the people."
"I am satisfied that the best civilizers are missionaries."
"Parliament is a grand inquest which has the right to inquire into anything and everything."
Mr. Mackenzie (commenting on a clause in a new bill)—"If that is considered an improvement, it is certainly one of a Tory character." Sir John—"A satisfactor-Tory character."
At a political meeting once at Dundurn Castle, Hamilton, a man in the crowd had his coat set on fire by a fire-cracker, on seeing which John A. called out "Another man gone to blaze."
"So long as the country is well governed and enjoys all the benefits it should enjoy, you can smoke your pipe in peace at home, in happy indifference as to whether Reformers or Conservatives are at the helm of state."
Mr. McLennan, a member of the Opposition, said he would take the liberty to say to his friends on the Treasury benches that they might as an experiment try the good effect of saving a little money. "Yes," agreed Sir John, "just for the novelty of the thing."
To the political reader the most pathetic thing connected with Sir John's death was the absence of the chief-tain's familiar features from the pages of Grip. The sudden pictorial void was more eloquent of the sadness of the separation in death than if the pages had been filled with funeral emblems and tributes.
"I am as strong a party man as my hon. friend (Mr. Mackenzie), and will go as far for party as he. And parties can fight and have their struggles, triumphs and defeats so long as the country is not made the victim. But I say that that party is unworthy to retain the confidence of the people who, in their desire for victory, forget the country."
At one time complaints were pretty numerous among prominent Conservative members of the drinking habits of Thomas D'Arcy McGee. A member came to John A. and said, "You must speak to him. This sort of thing is a disgrace." After putting them off for some time, John A. went to McGee and said, "Look here, McGee, this Government can't afford two drunkards, and you've got to stop."
Speaking of Sir John's nose, a member of Parliament told this story: "The last time I happened to be in the bar shop of the Parliament buildings, Sir John was in the chair. The artist was shaving his upper lip as I entered, and had hold of the Premier's nose. I said: 'I suppose, Sir John, that he is the only man in Canada who can take you by the nose with impunity?' The barber was disturbed by the smile of the statesman, as he replied: 'Yes, and he has his hands full.'"
Many years ago at Kingston an entertainment to celebrate a political victory was given on the private grounds of the late Mr. Morton, the brewer. John A. was attended there by Mr. Maclach (an Irish Roman Catholic, who, however, had done much towards putting him in Parliament), and his daughter. It will be remembered that John A. was then an Orangeman. Felicitations were passing on the victory, when John A., throwing his arms around Miss Maclach and kissing her, said, "Nothing can stand against us when we blend the orange and green."
Referring to the visit of the delegates to England on Confederation he said:—"From the moment we presented ourselves with the credentials of the people of Canada we saw a great change. We were treated not as a mere delegation from a small dependency, but as if we were an embassy from some great nation; and we the four ministers from a single colony, were met day by day, and for weeks and weeks, by the chief heads of the Government of England. We were told that in case it were necessary, the whole power of the mighty empire with which we were connected would be exercised in our defence, and that by land and sea, with soldier and sailor, by salt water and by fresh, on the ocean and on the lakes, England would, if necessary, expend the whole of her mighty resources in the defence of Canada."

Once he went to speak against a Reform candidate in a North Ontario constituency. When he mounted the platform, after having taken too much strong drink and being shaken over a rough track on the train, he became sick and vomited on the platform while his opponent was speaking. Such a sight before a large audience disgusted even many of his friends, and the prospect for the Conservative cause that day was not bright. The opposing candidate, whom we will call Jones, ceased speaking, and John A. rose to reply. What could he say, or how could he act to redeem himself and gain respect or attention? "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen," he began, "I don't know how it is, but every time I hear Mr. Jones speak it turns my stomach." The conception was so grotesque and so unexpected, that the audience went off in fits of laughter, and disgust was instantly turned into general good humor and sympathy.

Poole.

The rural schools opened on Monday.
A. Large and his son Melyville are holidaying at Kincardine.
Miss Jane Shearer, of Bright, who has been spending some days here, went to Hamburg to resume her school duties.

An open meeting under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society, of Milverton, will be held in the Methodist church, of that village, on the evening of Monday, 24th inst. A varied and choice program will be supplied. There will be no admission fee, but a silver collection will be taken up. As this is the first meeting of the kind in connection with the society a full house is hoped for.

Perth County Notes.

The St. Marys new town hall will cost \$14,600.
Rev. John Mills, of Mitchell, has gone to Grimsby for a three weeks' holiday.
The yield of fall wheat in Downie so far will run from 25 to 40 bushels per acre.
The north end of Monkton will soon be all brick. So much to the credit of the northeners.
A Wellesley farmer brought new wheat to the Milverton mills which weighed 64 lbs. to the bushel.
Honus Mohr, the well-known hotel-keeper of Gadshill, is confined in the gaol, having gone out of his mind.
A runaway occurred on the farm of Chas. Baird, Fullarton, recently, which resulted in the loss of a valuable horse.
J. C. Wilson, manager of the Ontario house, Monkton, has returned after spending some days in Hamilton and other places.
John Busch, of Sebringville, has sold his two-legged colt to a company in Stratford for \$250. It pays to raise equine cripples.
The prize list for the South Perth agricultural society's exhibition, to be held in St. Marys on Sept. 29th and 30th, has been published.
The proprietor of the West Lorne Herald, Mr. Colwell, late of Mitchell, offers to take "any farm produce in exchange" for subscriptions.
On Wednesday evening, Aug. 5th, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, second daughter of A. Monteith, ex-M. P., passed quietly away at her father's residence, Downie.
On Saturday, Aug. 8th, Thos. Jones shipped from Mitchell 80 head of fine fat cattle. The average weight was 1,321 lbs., and they were bound for the English market.
A number of young men wanted to complete No. 5 company, 28th Batt. volunteers. Apply to H. B. Morphy, Captain, Listowel. Annual camp at St. Thomas, Sept. 2nd.
A tornado passed through Fullarton, Aug. 9th. The air was full of dust, straw and limbs of trees; bundles of peas were blown away, and fences were levelled. In some cases barns and houses were removed and stacks blown over.
Robt. Thistle, jr., of Downie, delivered the first wheat of 1891 crop at Stratford, it stood the list at 64 lbs. per bus. The varieties of fall wheat giving best returns are Velvet Chaff, Manchester, Democrat and Seneca, in order as named.
A number of cattle belonging to W. Falls, of Wallace, were poisoned by drinking Paris green and water. It had been left in the field with the intention of putting it on after dinner, but in the meantime the cattle broke into the field and drank it.
It was decided at a meeting held in St. James Church Rectory, St. Marys, last week, that instead of holding a garden party or harvest festival in the Rectory grounds, the congregation be invited to give directly the amount which would probably be raised.
S. F. Robins has again been engaged as singing and musical instructor to the Mitchell Model class during the coming term. The Recorder thinks "it is about time the Educational Department was dispensing with the clause of the act requiring this instruction."
A. Nairn has purchased from T. Greenwood the west half of lot 12, con. 8, Fullarton, for the sum of \$3,000. Mr. Nairn intends to remain on the home-farm, con. 18, and will rent his new farm together with the 50 acres adjoining which he bought some time ago.

Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, President of the Western Dairymen's Association, received a report from J. E. Hopkins, one of the four inspectors. He reports the conviction of five patrons of a factory near Simcoe, who have tampered with the milk sent in. They were all fined \$10 and costs.
Mitchell Advocate:—"Our 'town fathers' will soon have to do something to wards consolidating the town debt. Thirty thousand dollars of debentures will shortly fall due, another \$5,000 is being paid off annually, and with a bank debt of \$12,000, and a new bridge to build, things are beginning to look serious."
Two lots of cattle were shipped from Stratford on Saturday, Aug. 8. The first lot numbered 19 fine animals and were purchased from Walter Murray, of Avouton, by Mr. McNicholl, of Platts-ville, Oxford county. They averaged about \$62 per head. The Coghlin Co., of Stratford, shipped 56 stockers destined for Dundee, Scotland. They averaged in weight 950 pounds, the price paid being 8c. per lb.

The Honored Dead.

SERVICES IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN MEMORY OF THE LATE JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

Canon Farrar has announced that services in memory of the late James Russell Lowell would be held in Westminster Abbey, Aug. 16, but the plan was abruptly changed and the services were held Saturday. Many Americans who were desirous of attending the services had no knowledge of the changed arrangements and consequently they were not present. The ceremony was very impressive. After the reading of Cor. xv., a hymn was sung. Canon Farrar then delivered the oration. He said:—"It is only fitting that we should gather to pay a tribute of respect and gratitude to the great and famous poet who has been called to his rest. Mr. Lowell was one of the greatest of American poets of the generation. But he was more than a poet. He had many claims on the memory of Americans and Englishmen. He was a scholar and a student of the first rank. He was also a critic, but his satire was akin to charity. Though his shafts struck home they were never poisoned. He was a finished orator. He was rich in eloquence—was unsurpassed in either country. He had made his second home in England where he, as well as in America, was truly loved. He was one of the sacred unions that bound England to America more closely. The same blood ran in each of our veins, both spoke the tongue of Shakespeare and both held faith in the morals of Milton. Mr. Lowell was one of those true Americans to whom the slaves owed their freedom and 20,000,000 of his fellow citizens their awakened consciences. English universities bestowed upon him their proudest honors. He has now passed away loved and revered by the two mightiest nations of the world." The services closed with the singing of the anthem, "Blessed are the dead who with lives speaking."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

It is thought that the European sugar beet crop will be short.
The funeral of the late Jas. Russell Lowell took place Aug. 14.
Bogus United States silver dollars are in circulation at Winnipeg.
Edward Duff, principal of the Baptist College, Winnipeg, is dead.
Natural gas was struck in Dunville Saturday night last at a depth of 630 feet.
Cardinal Manning has condemned lotteries in connection with church work.
Hamilton's saengerfest opened Tuesday evening of this week with a reception concert.
Rev. Mr. Spurgeon's friends hope that he will yet recover sufficiently to resume active work.
The Ottawa Journal publishes a rumor that Sir Hector Langevin will go to Europe for a few years.
To meet the normal demand of France it will be necessary to import \$2,500,000 bushels of wheat.
The evidence in the Langevin-McGreavy investigation before the Tarte Committee closed Aug. 14.
At the World's Convention of the Y. M. C. A. in Amsterdam, twenty American states and two Canadian provinces are represented.
The new United States law against Chinese immigration practically excludes all Chinese except those connected with the diplomatic corps.
There was a good deal of disorder in Queen's Park Monday over the attempts of the police to enforce the by-law prohibiting preaching and discussion there.
Hamian and O'Connor beat Gaudaur and McKay in the double skull race for the championship of the world at Hamilton, Saturday, Aug. 8th. "Anlan's 'ed'."
President Van Horne has arrived at Montreal from Europe and denies that there is any foundation for the rumors that the C. P. R. and G. T. R. will unite.
The true source of the Mississippi River is reported to be in a great reservoir nine miles above Lake Itaska, making the total length of the river 2,355 miles.
H. S. Holt, railway contractor, now in Montreal, estimates that the surplus wheat crop for sale in the Northwest this year will, on a basis of 75c. per bushel, bring \$15,000,000 into the country.
This is an extract from a speech delivered by Premier Abbott in the Senate:—"I would ask the honorable gentlemen opposite to join with us in trying to find out what the facts are about this alleged race. We ask them to give us the benefit of their experience in this enquiry, to assist us in ascertaining the facts and placing them before the public, in order that they may be dealt with properly, and if found guilty that summary vengeance may be exercised upon those found guilty of appropriating public money—stealing—be they high or low. That is the determination of this government and this side of the House, and I appeal to my hon. friends opposite to assist us in an enquiry of a precisely similar kind to that which is proceeding in another place on a subject which is legitimately before us, and help us to probe that enquiry to the bottom and then join us in punishing the guilty afterwards."