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**NO FINER HARVEST WEATHER.**  
Wheat Cutting Becomes General To-Day in Manitoba.

**GRAIN OF EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY.**  
The Yield Expected to Exceed the Government Estimate.

**HOW THE HARVEST IS PROGRESSING**  
Supply of Binders Not Equal to Demand.

**The Wheat Fields of the Prairie Province**  
A Magnificent Sight—A Single Drawdown from West to East Harvesting of the Phenomenal Crop—North-West Territories in Line With a Big Yield, and All Reports from the Districts Favorable—Saturday Will See the Bulk of the Crop Cut.

**Portage la Prairie, Man., Aug. 13.**  
The wheat harvest on Portage Plains is one week behind last year and it is the same elsewhere in the province, except north Regina, where 90 per cent is already cut. Only about 70 per cent of the wheat is cut here now, but by Saturday night, the 24th, over 90 per cent will be cut if the present fine weather continues. The weather is very favorable for ripening, no strong or hot winds. The proportion of grain lodged is very small and all can be cut with care.

**MANITOBA'S FLAX CROP.**  
Deputy Minister Lewis Estimates It at a Million and a Quarter Bushels.

**Prospects Were Never Finer**  
Never were there finer prospects for a big crop on Portage Plains and in the province than this year. There is not a single drawback of any kind. The grain fields are a magnificent sight, the great height of straw, evenness of the grain, rank and closeness are phenomenal. Quality of the grain, which is improved by the straw ripening from the ground upward, shows more even, yellowish green than usual. High patches in the fields are dead ripe.

**The Big Rush Begins To-Day**  
Farmers have cut preliminary swaths around the fields and Monday morning will see the tremendous start cutting everywhere over the province. The big rush will last fully 10 days. Many farmers find themselves compelled to try new self-binders, and the old ones will not handle the rank straw properly. Implement dealers here have sold out completely in the last few days and more machinery is wanted.

**THOUSANDS OF LABORERS HAVE ARRIVED**  
and are scattered over the province, but in some districts no preparation was made to place them, therefore they were not picked up as quickly as they would have been if notice had been given in advance.

**Mr. Brathwaite, Grand President of the Patrons, thinks the Government estimate of the wheat crop of the province is a shade too high. He believes 35 bushels per acre will cover the wheat average, 40 for barley, 50 for oats. He says the average is pulled down by the yield in the district west of Brandon, also in the district west of the Assiniboine River Valley; these localities did not get early rains.**

**Private and public reports indicate considerable smut in wheat in several localities and more so in oats, but the province generally is free from smut in wheat. Bluestocking, which has been generally adopted, has all-round complete relief. More attention was paid to noxious weeds this year, by far, because of the threatened invasion of French weed and Russian thistle from Dakota. The latter has not got a foothold in the province yet, yet the vigilance in weed inspection this season is of the highest.**

**The Dairy Industry.**  
Dairy, creamery and cheese interests in the north-west portion, have nearly doubled this season, and the general quality has also been raised. Butter was a drug for a time but the market is now better. The number of creameries is 19, with a total daily output of \$300,000; 46 cheese factories have a daily output of 20,000 pounds. The average rainfall during June was three and a half inches; in July there was three-quarters over the whole province.

**Government Estimate Confirmed.**  
Wheat men, bank managers, and others driving through the province, confirm the estimate generally, but some, especially the bank managers, claim a shade high. Canadian Bankers' Association reports place the Government estimate at 45.3; acreage 432,658; estimated total 21,887,416.

**Barley, per acre, 35.8; total 5,997,310 bushels. Oats, per acre, 44.8; total 1,140,276 bushels. The Government estimate of oats is 45.3; acreage 432,658; estimated total 21,887,416.**

**Returns from the whole province on Sunday night show that very little, if any, cutting of grain has been done along the Northwestern Railway, except at Neepawa, where nearly all the barley is cut. The north central districts reports the cut of barley at half, oats 20 per cent, wheat 7 per cent; 90 per cent of barley is cut in several places. In the southern districts 75 per cent of barley and the same of oats, with 50 per cent of wheat is already cut. The eastern district reports about 20 per cent of wheat and 50 per cent of barley now cut. In the western section 15 per cent of wheat, 50 per cent of oats and 80 per cent of barley is cut. In the more southern parts of the district the cut runs still higher. Reports show that many farmers are leaving their oats and barley standing until after wheat harvest. Reports also show the estimate of the Government to be a safe one.**

**Lumsden, alone, reports 500 acres hauled out.**  
**From the Northwest Territories**  
Calgary reports 10 days to harvest. Regina says just commencing, while Prince Albert has not begun. All the reports are favorable.

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**CANADIAN COPYRIGHT ACT**  
THE TIMES ADVISES MR. CHAMBERLAIN TO REJECT IT.

**"It Seems Hardly Worth While to Bring**  
the Bill of the International Copyright Act to the Ground to Repeal Canadian Law," says The Thunderer—Comment of Correspondent and Publisher.

**New York, Aug. 17.**—Isaac N. Ford claims the Tribune: The death of Aaron Tauchnitz, who dealt justly and generously with English authors, and won the friendship of Thackeray, Dickens and Disraeli, enables the London Times to approach by easy stages, in a long article, the subject of the Canadian copyright act. It refers to the energy of the combination of American authors and publishers in securing the passage of the International Copyright Act, and to the Toronto circulars, offering to send across the border cheap reprints of books by American authors; and virtually advises Mr. Chamberlain to reject the Canadian act. It remarks that it seems hardly worth while to bring to the ground the laboriously concocted Canadian act, which is a mere honesty for the sake of putting money into the pockets of seven or eight Canadian firms.

**From a Rebuttal to "Aurora."**  
A point which neither The Times nor the English authors seem to consider is the fact that the Canadian Colonial office putting a veto upon the Canadian raiding operations against the American copyright law, has accepted the Berne convention without committing Canada to the copyright principle. Canada adopted the Berne proposals with the explicit understanding that it could withdraw after giving a year's notice. If Mr. Chamberlain throws out the Canadian act the Dominion may serve notice of its withdrawal from the Berne convention, and the contracts of English authors with American publishers. It is a very awkward business to manage, as Mr. Roosevelt's lawyer has pointed out. The Dominion Government to send out a special agent to the Berne convention, Mr. Chamberlain is known to be studying the controversy in detail, but is not likely to act precipitately.

**Mr. Marston, of a well-known publishing firm, writes to The Times to-day, in the hope that the news of Mr. Chamberlain's death will reach relatives or friends in the Queen's City. In the meantime the body has been removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held early to-morrow. Only a few dollars were found on the person of the deceased, and Mr. Chamberlain is reported to have been very poor.**

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