

has won distinct success. Among the most notable experiments conducted by him have been his investigations into the milling qualities of wheat. No more important work than this has been conducted at the College in recent years and the bulletins issued by Professor Harcourt on the subject have been comprehensive and practical. Prof. Harcourt has done considerable work in solving some of the prob-

lems confronting the dairyman. In this he has been associated with Prof. Dean and Prof. Harrison, bacteriologist, and has rendered valuable assistance to the industry. In every way Prof. Harcourt is well qualified for the work, having had charge of the department during Prof. Shuttleworth's absence in Europe a couple of years ago. We wish him every success.

Manitoba. But we don't intend to cast any blame on the honorable members of the Ontario Government. Whether the contractors promised more than they could reasonably expect to perform or not, they certainly have every interest in the completion of the road and can be depended upon to spare no effort to that end. Still the farmers feel disappointed over that loss of two cents a hundred.

John McMillan, Ex.-M.P.

Born, 1824. Died, October 31st, 1901

Another stalwart Canadian agriculturist has gone to his long home. Mr. John McMillan, Ex-M. P. for South Huron, died at his residence in the township of Hullett on Thursday morning last. He had been ailing for a few days, but few outside of his immediate family circle supposed his case was so serious. He was 77 years of age.

Mr. McMillan came to Canada from Scotland in 1843, settling on a farm in the same township in which he has since resided. He settled in the bush and did his full share toward converting the site of the dense forests into fertile farms. For a number of years he has been one of the most extensive farmers and stock raisers in Western Ontario and was a recognized authority on advanced agriculture, and more particularly that part of it relating to the breeding, feeding and raising of cattle for export. Some years ago he gave a course of lectures on live stock to the students of the Ontario Agricultural College. He was a prominent Farmers' Institute worker and his services were in demand at Institute and other meetings of farmers. He took a particular delight in imparting his knowledge to others and because of his thorough and

practical acquaintance with his own occupation, was able to make his addresses of great value to farmers. Though he had few educational advantages in his youth he became in its truest sense a very well educated man. Because of his natural ability and industrious habits he not only accumulated a competency, but stored his mind with much useful general knowledge.

Early in life he took a keen interest in public affairs and filled many positions of trust municipally and otherwise in his own district. For fifteen years he was reeve of Hullett township and resigned that position to become a member of the House of Commons. He first represented Centre Huron, and after the reconstruction of the constituencies he sat for South Huron from 1887 until the general election of 1900. After the election of 1896 he became chairman of the Committee of Agriculture and Colonization, a position which he filled with marked ability.

The announcement of his death will come as a surprise to his friends all over the province. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss.

The anthrax scare in the range country is completely over, says Dr. Duncan McEachran, chief Government veterinarian. About 2,500 sheep out of a flock of 16,000 belonging to the Canadian Land and Ranch Co. at Swift Current were lost. The balance have been vaccinated with the Pasteur anthrax vaccine. The prairie on which they were feeding has been burned over and all other measures taken to prevent a repetition of the outbreak.

The cattle and sheep ranchers have been quarreling over the division of the public domain between their divergent interests. Cattle can not pasture where sheep have grazed and this is the root of the difficulty. There is enough land for everybody, but naturally, some is better than others, and both parties want the best. In fact both parties charge each other with wanting everything. Probably neither really wants more than its own but there seems to be some difficulty in deciding what's whose. A letter recently received from a cattle rancher accuses his sheep-growing neighbor of breaking agreements by trespassing on land left for winter range. The matter has been submitted to the Department of the Interior, the court of final appeal in land matters. It is expected that the country will be blocked off in such a manner that there will be no temptation for copying Montana methods, which are too well known to need description.

There have been numerous rumors this week about exportation of hay and oats to South Africa from Alberta, and it was stated that the Government intends assisting the enterprise. Export of hay from this western territory seems somewhat improbable; if the Government intends making further shipments these will probably be secured in the Eastern Provinces, where hay is an ordinary export commodity. Alberta needs her own hay for home consumption and any small surplus finds ready market in British Columbia. As to oats, however, there is every likelihood that the west will have several millions for export if we get them threshed.

The Winnipeg linseed oil mill has commenced operations for the season. The seed is being marketed very slowly at present, but with a continuation of fine weather will quickly ensure a full supply. The crop is somewhat uncertain this year and no safe estimate of the yield can be made.

Our Western Letter

Fine Weather Continues: Ranch Conditions: Exportation of Oats.

Manitoba has now passed a second week of fine, dry, warm weather, and the markets reflect the weather in the increased receipts of wheat and other grains, and in the resulting activity in all other branches of trade. Farmers are bending every energy to the completion of fall work during the present spell of fine weather. Threshing is progressing favorably and the grain is grading as high as can be expected, considering the weather to which it has been exposed. Prices are eminently satisfactory, from 50 to 60 cents according to grade and freight rates. Threshing will not be completed before snow falls, perhaps not before Christmas. There will consequently be a great deal of wheat stored in elevators this winter unless the

all-rail freight rates come down a notch.

Some of the provincial political press are making considerable capital over the failure of the company to complete the Rainy River Railway to Port Arthur this fall. The line was promised for the 1st of October and in that case would have secured a large share of this year's wheat. The farmer was to have benefitted to the extent of a two cent reduction in the freight rate to Port Arthur, and of course is out that much on his crop. But to blame the Government for this is the height of absurdity. Scarcity of labor and bad weather hit the contractor as hard as they hit the farmer. Moreover the incomplete section is in Ontario, not in