

HALF OF WHEAT CROP THRESHED

NEARLY SIX MILLION BUSHEL MARKETED

In Some Districts Fall Plowing Has Started—Settlers Reach Manitoba From Ontario.

Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—The weekly crop bulletin is issued to-day by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company covering all their lines in the western wheat belt. The various points differ as to the amount of threshing already done, but the average is about 50 per cent, which is grading exceedingly well. Wheat is yielding from 20 to 40 bushels to the acre, and at very few points is the yield lower than expected. Threshing operations were somewhat barred by weather last week, but are again in full swing in some districts fall ploughing has started. Wheat shipments on the C. P. R. lines are still increasing, and for yesterday's reports show 5,780,000 bushels marketed, compared with 2,885,000 bushels for the corresponding day of last year. The total shipments since the 1st of September are now 5,780,000 bushels, compared with 2,021,000 for the corresponding period last year.

More Settlers.

Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—Nine hundred home seekers, mainly from Ontario, arrived to-day. The majority have secured land previous to coming, and will undertake banking ones.

Bank Clearings.

Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—The bank clearings for the week ending to-day were \$7,486,204; in the same week last year \$4,984,303, and in 1905, \$4,450,316.

Conservative Candidate.

Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—Rev. Leonard Gaetz, a well-known Methodist minister, was nominated to-day by the Conservatives in convention at Red Deer, Alberta.

Stringing New Wire.

Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—The Canadian Pacific's new copper wire between Winnipeg and the coast will be completed in six weeks. The delay was caused by the necessity of stringing an iron wire between the city and Regina, which was ordered from Germany, but which was damaged by salt water and had to be re-ordered. The company are now engaged in protecting its interests by laying a cable between the city and Port William at points where the wires might be injured by blasting operations in connection with the double track work. Many miles of cable will be laid and miles of wires and poles taken down. James King, manager of the C. P. R. telegraph, was in the city last week, and accompanied by B. S. Jenkins, general superintendent of western lines, will proceed to Banfield to inspect the cable station.

Entertained at Banquet.

Edmonton, Sept. 28.—Sir Frederick Borden was banqueted by the board of trade here to-night.

Serious Fire.

Treherne, Sept. 28.—A bad fire occurred around a threshing outfit near here. A team of horses was burned. The fire was caused by a spark lodging in a load of sheaves.

Boy's Fatal Fall.

Fort William, Sept. 28.—The 4-year-old son of Mr. McEwen at Murrilo was killed by falling off a wagon and striking on a stone.

Gravenhurst Fire Losses.

Gravenhurst, Ont., Sept. 28.—The Rathbon Company will lose half a million dollars by a fire which destroyed 6,000,000 feet of lumber on Tuesday night. D. Boyd & Co. were also losers to the extent of \$200,000. The Rathbon Company had small insurance.

Wedding at Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—The marriage of Miss Mary Aloisia Thompson, eldest daughter of Lady Thompson, to Mr. Edmund Wragge, barrister of Nelson, B. C., took place this afternoon in the presence of a large number of guests. The bride was dressed in white satin trimmed with rose point lace and wore a turban and pearl necklace, the gift of Lord and Lady Aberdeen. The bride and groom leave this evening for eastern ports. They return to Toronto about October 15th, after which they will visit Montreal and Ottawa before taking up their residence in Nelson.

Result of Drunken Row.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—The coroner's jury has brought in a verdict to the effect that Adam MacLure came to his death at Mimico through a knife wound inflicted by a man named Dominique, and that a man named Bruno was accessory to the killing. The murder was the result of a drunken row. Both Dominique and Bruno are under arrest.

Health Inspector's Report.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—Dr. Bell, inspector of the provincial board of health, has returned from Faraday township, Hastings county, where he investigated an epidemic that had puzzled the local authorities. He found it to be a mild type of smallpox.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, After Trip to WILL VISIT JAPAN.

Fusan, Will Go to Yokohama.

Seoul, Sept. 27.—Miss Alice Roosevelt and party left Seoul to-day by special train for Fusan. Owing to the damage done by the recent rains the trip to Fusan will take two days. The party will stop to-night at the Presbyterian mission at Tal Ku, and to-morrow will reach Fusan, whence they will go to Shinmori and Yokohama.

The visit to Japan will be entirely private. Miss Roosevelt will decline any public recognition of her visit. The Emperor of Korea yesterday received Miss Roosevelt in farewell audience and presented her with his photograph, to which he had affixed his autograph. The Koreans made every effort to make Miss Roosevelt's ten days' visit pleasant.

MADE FULL CONFESSION

Man Who Obtained Securities by Means of Forged Cheques is in Custody.

New York, Oct. 2.—The Herald this morning says: "Locked up in police headquarters, with his full confession in the possession of Capt. John McCauley, is the young man who by means of a forged cheque last Wednesday obtained from the National City bank securities valued at \$350,000. He was arrested at 11 o'clock yesterday morning just as he stepped from his home, and was on his way to church. Capt. McCauley last night had in his possession more than one-half of the stolen securities. The remainder have been located, and will be in his hands this morning. In order that the full ends of justice may not be defeated and because of the fact that the father and mother of the young man have not been informed of his crime or of his arrest, his name at the request of the authorities is withheld."

The young man who got \$360,000 worth of securities from the National City bank by a forged cheque was said at police headquarters to-day to be Henry Ambrose, also called "Henry Leonard." He lived a 835 West 136th street in this city. The police said he had confessed the fraud. Ambrose was employed as a messenger by Hall & Stieglitz, brokers of 30 Broad street.

GOVERNMENT AND WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

MARCONI SYSTEM MAY BE ESTABLISHED ON COAST

The Experiment of Oyster Planting in British Columbia Waters Proves a Success.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—Hon. R. Prefontaine is conferring with the Marconi people for establishing the Marconi system on the Pacific Coast the same as is now done on the Atlantic Coast.

Proves a Success.

The minister of marine and fisheries has received a report stating that the experiment of oyster planting in British Columbia waters has proved a success. The oysters were sent from the maritime provinces last May to British Columbia. This is the first time the experiment has been a success.

Anxious to Locate Pole.

Capt. Bernier wants to take the Arctic round by Cape Horn and the Pacific Coast by the Panama route. He is anxious to locate the pole.

The King's Birthday.

A proclamation says salutes will be fired from the military stations on the King's birthday, November 9th, but the celebration will be May 24.

Ice Breaking.

An expert of London, England, is on his way here to confer with the department of marine regarding the building of an ice breaker to maintain continuous communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland.

Will Be Prosecuted.

The fruit department has ordered the presentation of two Nova Scotia fruit growers for violation of the Fruit Marks' act for grading number 2 apples as number 1.

Extradition Case.

The warrant for the extradition of Garner and Green was signed by the Minister of Justice on Saturday and was forwarded to the Lieut.-Governor, who has the administration of justice in Quebec. The justice department has no responsibility in the matter.

Will Banquet Minister.

Hon. R. Prefontaine will be banqueted by the Liberals of Richelieu at Sorel on October 10th. He leaves for England on October 20th.

Construction Company.

The Canada Gazette has a notice of the incorporation of a construction company by Montreal and Quebec parties, who have Americans associated with them with a proposed capital of \$1,000,000. It is said they are after contracts on the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Duty on Sugar.

The merchants of Jamaica have decided to send a delegate to appear before the tariff commission in regard to the duty on sugar. The island is not getting any advantage from Canadian preference. The Canadian manufacturers get it all.

Supreme Court Vacancy.

It is pretty well understood that Mr. Justice McLennan will be promoted from the Ontario High Court to the Supreme Court in place of Mr. Justice Nesbitt, who has resigned and has handed in his judgments to the chief justice.

Canada and Australia.

The Dominion government is now in communication with the Australian government seeing if the Canadian preference can be extended to Australia, and if not some special arrangements can be made between both countries.

BOY MISSING.

New York, Sept. 28.—Antonio Maraneasa, the 6-year-old son of Frank Maraneasa, a Brooklyn contractor, has been missing since last Sunday, and his father believes he has been kidnapped to secure a ransom by the "black hand" method.

Two weeks ago the father began to receive letters demanding \$500 on pain of detection of a member of his family. Since the boy has disappeared he has received four others offering to return the boy if \$500 is paid. In one letter a threat is made to "return the boy in a box" if the money is not paid.

An odd coincidence which the police give some attention to was the fact that the Maraneasa boy is a cousin of Tony Marano, of Brooklyn, who was kidnapped several months ago, and that Salvatore Marano, the uncle of Tony, who returned him to his parents, cannot be found by the police.

THE UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES

FORMED AT CONVENTION AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Constitution Adopted and Officers Elected—Mayor Barnard of Victoria is Vice President.

New Westminster, Sept. 30.—The union of British Columbia municipalities has been accomplished. Delegates from all parts of the province met here Friday and decided. Mayor Stevens of Kamloops, who took the initiative some months ago and who has been indefatigable ever since, presided, and there were present besides: Mayor Buscombe, Vancouver; Mayor Keary, New Westminster; Mayor A. E. Planta, Nanaimo; Mayor H. G. Munro, Port Moody; W. R. Baymer, Kelowna; Mayor Geo. Bell, Enderby; Mayor Coburne, Ladysmith; Mayor Willard, Cumberland; Mayor H. C. Mulholland, Delta; W. F. Sprout, Burnaby; Reeve W. Towlan, Matsqui; Reeve H. Bose, Surrey; Reeve W. H. Ladner, Delta; Reeve Booth, Coquitlam; Ald. W. R. Cameron, New Westminster; Ald. A. Bethune, Vancouver; Ald. R. B. Bradley, Enderby; Councillor J. A. Johnston, Salmon Arm; Councillor J. H. Ashwell, Chilliwack; Councilor D. D. Burnett, Surrey.

A motion making Mayor Keary temporary chairman was carried unanimously, and J. G. Munro, president of the convention of the reeves' convention of New Westminster district was made secretary pro tem.

Mr. Buscombe then rose and moved "that the delegates now present do form a union of British Columbia municipalities." He thought the union would result in great benefit to the municipalities, enabling them to discuss matters of vital interest and watch all legislation. Reeve W. H. Ladner seconded the motion and favored a subsequent affiliation with the union of Canadian municipalities. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

H. Bragg, who was present from Montreal, reported on the proceedings of the Canadian Union, the official organ of the Canadian Union, addressed the meeting briefly and conveyed the greetings of the Canadian municipalities.

Mayor Buscombe, Stevens and Willard were named a credential committee to report at the afternoon session, and Reeves Ladner and Sprout, Mayor Stevens and Ald. Bethune were named the programme committee, and the meeting adjourned till 2 p. m.

Upon reassembling Mayor Keary reported on the proceedings of the convention, and Mayor Keary reported on the proceedings of the convention, and Mayor Keary reported on the proceedings of the convention.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Premier McBain were introduced, and each gave short addresses, and they were followed by John Oliver, M. P., and J. B. Kennedy, M. P., who wished the union to be successful.

Mayors Barnard, Victoria, and Planta, Nanaimo, and Reeve Ladner, were appointed a committee to draft a constitution.

Recess of five minutes was taken, and the committee on constitution reported that it would recommend that the constitution of the Manitoba union be adopted, changing only the name.

It was finally resolved to allow each municipality to send as many delegates as there were members of its council board, or special act. He favored allowing to vote by proxy for those absent. The constitution was adopted without further change.

Mayor Stevens was unanimously elected president of the Union of Municipalities of British Columbia. Mayor Barnard, of Victoria, was elected vice president. Mayor Keary, of New Westminster, was elected secretary and treasurer. The following executive council was elected: Reeve Ladner, Ladner; Reeve Sprout, Burnaby; Reeve Paisley, Chilliwack; Mayor Bell, Enderby.

This completed the election of officers, and Mayor Barnard, of Victoria, read a paper on municipal incorporation under the Special Act. He favored having all municipalities placed under a general act with broad liberty of self-government.

Mayor Planta explained Mayor Barnard's paper, and moved that the convention recommend that all municipalities be placed under a general act.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Bell, and upon a vote of 20 to 1 he was shown that he also thought that the government should be requested to consolidate the municipal statutes.

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REVELATIONS AT INSURANCE INQUIRY

POOL FORMED TO LOOK AFTER LEGISLATION

Associate Auditor of Equitable Life Gives Evidence—New York Banker Before Committee.

New York, Sept. 29.—Jacob H. Schiff, head of the banking firm of Kuhn Loeb & Co., testified to-day before the life insurance investigating committee that the minutes of a meeting of the finance committee of the Equitable Life Assurance Company in February, 1903, were false in recording the purchase of \$500,000 of Union Pacific preferred stock for holding account. Mr. Schiff said he was present at that meeting, and no such transaction was made.

Asked if apart from what he heard at that meeting he desired to be understood that the Equitable records were false, Mr. Schiff said if such a transaction was made he did not hear it. He would like to take counsel before he made a direct answer.

Mr. Schiff expressed the opinion that it was wrong for Jas. H. Hyde to participate personally in syndicate transactions. He did not know, he said, that Mr. Hyde had done so until the disclosures. The Equitable, he said, was at the mercy of one man, either Alexander or Hyde. It seemed to him it was a disgrace. Everything was done in the name of the Equitable, and the Equitable was a mere puppet.

At the close of the direct testimony, Mr. Schiff asked if he was granted permission to make a statement. He defended himself from various attacks, which he said had been made against him by the state superintendent of insurance and others. He became very animated, and his remarks were accompanied with dramatic and emphatic gestures. He declared that it was untrue, as charged by the state superintendent, that the Equitable Life Assurance Society bought Japanese bonds from Kuhn Loeb & Co. at a loss to the society of 2½ per cent. He said there was no such loss, and that the superintendent of insurance has fallen into error in computing the rate of sterling exchange, which fixed the value of the bonds. The bonds were sterling bonds issued at the rate of 488 per hundred sterling. He said further that it was not true as stated that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. had monopolized the best financial business of the Equitable. In the last five years the Equitable had bought \$197,000,000 of securities, and of this \$88,000,000, or about one-sixth, were purchased, except as in hereinafter provided, from Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Furthermore, he said, that the present value of securities sold by his firm for the Equitable was \$1,000,000 more than the price paid for them.

Mr. Schiff then said: "I have never asked a favor of the Equitable. I have not asked any favors as a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. I have granted many favors. I have not done as a director of the Equitable, a wrong of commission. My conscience troubles me from any course of wrong. I have been as good a director as I knew how, and I did my duty."

Mr. Schiff was asked if he had heard of any money being placed in the hands of any persons for use in connection with legislation. He said he had not.

In answer to another question he said such a thing might have been done without his knowledge.

Alfred Maine, an associate auditor of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, testified to-day before the committee that the Equitable Life Assurance Society had formed a pool to look after legislation between the various state legislatures. Alexander Hamilton, to whom President McCauley had been paid several cheques for the purpose of which the chief counsel for the committee, Mr. Hughes, has not yet brought to light, was one of the chief members of the legal staff for these companies, and was employed and received money for services from the Equitable.

Mr. Maine told of the division of the country to be looked after by Mr. Hamilton in conjunction with E. L. Short and W. P. Thummel. Witness presented vouchers for money paid by his company to Mr. Hamilton, and these showed that in eight years, from 1903 to 1909, the sum of \$64,596 was paid to Mr. Hamilton for legal services.

Mr. Maine could not give any details of the duties performed by Mr. Hamilton nor of the committees he appeared before, beyond the fact that Mr. Hamilton looked after legislative matters for all three companies in the states where he held office.

He told of an agreement whereby special counsel was employed by his company in its territory and the expense was shared by all. He never heard of money being paid to influence legislators.

Edward I. Devlin, the real estate manager of the New York Life for the United States and Canada, was called to testify to the cost of the building owned by the society in Paris. It was brought out that the Paris building was carried on the books of the company at a valuation of \$1,102,904, whereas with the original cost and improvements \$2,533,104 actually was paid, over one million being charged off the valuation on the books of the company.

Mr. Devlin said the net income of the building to the New York Life was one and one-half per cent of the actual amount invested, or between 3 and 4 per cent, on the amount on which it was carried on the books.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

Phoenix, B. C., Sept. 30.—This week the Granby smelter treated more than 20,000 tons of ore, the highest amount ever treated in its history. The first group, formed of popular elements, will be directed by James and will exclusively occupied with the social and political progress of the province.

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