

WHEAT SITUATION IN CANADIAN WEST

CONDITION OF THE CROP HAS IMPROVED

Winnipeg, May 28.—The situation in wheat is relatively much stronger than it was last week, though the actual advances in prices are less than have been expected from the extensive activity and wide range of fluctuations. So far as Canadian wheat is concerned, the condition of the growing crop has improved materially in the past ten days, although a very wide stretch of country was visited by from 8 to 10 degrees of frost on Sunday night. The probabilities for a good average crop are excellent at the present time, but warm rains are needed, for there is no time to lose on this crop. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the growers of Canadian wheat have reason to be glad that they still have wheat to sell. There must be over 10,000,000 bushels in the farmers' hands and much of the 14,000,000 bushels in interior elevators is owned by farmers. The outlook for a profitable crop for the Canadian West is good, provided we get good weather. Other seasons it has been possible to look with composure on a week or even ten days of unfavorable weather, but this year there is no time to spare. In the meantime the wheat market continues a dangerous thing for inexperienced persons to meddle with, and there are likely to be both sharp breaks and rapid advances before the market settles down to higher levels.

Took Carbolic Acid. Winnipeg, May 28.—A young married woman, Mrs. Henry Wilderhold, 27 Berry avenue, Norwood, drank carbolic acid this afternoon with fatal results.

Commission at Work. Lethbridge, May 28.—The commission appointed by the government to investigate the conditions in the coal mines, and the coal shortage of last winter, held its final session here yesterday. Chief Justice Sifton, and Messrs. Stockett and Hyson were present. Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, was also on hand and clearly explained the purpose of the commission. It was decided to summon names from each mine, as well as Lethbridge, Coleman, Banff, to-day Frank was added to the list. The first evidence will be taken to-morrow. It is likely the commission will be occupied here until the end of next week.

New Factory. Fort William, May 28.—English financial papers of late date report that the J. J. Case Mfg. Co. of Racine, Wis., has issued bonds for \$5,000,000 to build factories in Fort William, Ont., and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Has Confessed. Killarney, May 28.—Lawrence Gowland, the man who murdered Miss Georgina Brown near Killarney last week, and then attempted to take his own life by cutting his throat with a knife, broke down this morning and confessed that he had committed the deed. A strict watch has been kept upon the prisoner since he was found, and his condition has been carefully looked after. He has gained sufficient strength now to undergo the preliminary hearing. As soon as he had confessed, word was sent to the attorney-general's department of the course he had pursued, but no particulars accompanied the message. It has been decided to hold the preliminary hearing to-morrow afternoon at 4.30 instead of on Friday afternoon.

Liberal Nominated. Tilsonburg, May 28.—Every part of the riding of South Oxford was well represented at the convention held in the opera house this evening to nominate candidates in the Liberal interest for the House of Commons and the provincial legislature. For the House of Commons Mr. Scott, M. P., was the only one nominated.

Returns to South. Ottawa, May 28.—The thermometer registered half a degree above freezing this morning. It was the coldest 28th of May in a quarter of a century. Snow furries fell during the day. Vegetation is backward, and some of the migratory birds have gone south again.

Delayed by Ice. Montreal, May 28.—Coal shipments from the collieries of Cape Breton to

Montreal this season are already 100,000 tons short of what they were this time last year, on account of the ice blockade on the Nova Scotia coast, which prevents steamers getting away from the coal pier with their cargoes. The coal companies cannot catch up on the seasons work, which means a delay of shipments, which will have to come off contracts pro rata before the opening of navigation.

APRON SOCIAL

Enjoyable Evening Spent at First Presbyterian Church. Monday night in the schoolroom of the First Presbyterian church, an apron social was given by the ladies of the Young People's Societies of Willing Workers. The social was a success from every standpoint and reflected the greatest credit on those responsible for the arrangements. The musical part of the programme was especially good. Miss Stevens opened the programme with a pianoforte solo, after which songs were rendered by Miss Ziegler, Miss Johnson and Mr. Foster. Recitations were given during the course of the evening by Miss Ziegler, Miss Johnson and Mr. Foster. The various numbers were received with the greatest enthusiasm, and in each case drew a large audience. The pastor and Dr. Reid each contributed to the programme with short and witty remarks which were very suitable to the occasion.

CORONER'S INQUEST HELD THIS MORNING

Jury Reaching Conclusion That Gilbert Mann's Death Was Due to Natural Causes.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

City Coroner Hart this morning held an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Gilbert Mann, who died last Saturday in his residence on Florence road. The deceased and his wife, as has already been stated in the Times, were believers in the Christian Science creed and did not call a doctor during Mr. Mann's illness. From the evidence given by Dr. A. E. McMicking, it appears that death was due to an aneurism of the aorta, which was beyond the aid of medical practice.

Dr. McMicking said that the body was that of a man about fifty years of age, that death was due to an aneurism, and that there were no marks of violence or evidences of poison about it.

William Richmond, a neighbor of the deceased, said that the latter and his wife were "faith-healers" and both were opposed to having a doctor. He was called to the bedside of the deceased on Saturday morning last by Mrs. Mann and found that the man was suffering greatly. He insisted that Mrs. Mann allow him to call a doctor and immediately telephoned to the city for a physician. When the doctor arrived death had taken place.

Another neighbor, Walter Mason, said that he had also pressed Mrs. Mann to get a doctor on several occasions. The deceased, however, forbade her to do so. He, witness, was asked by Mrs. Mann on Saturday last, to report on the state of the man. He arrived just in time to see him die.

The jury after less than a minute returned a verdict of "death from natural causes." The names of the jurors: Foreman, Berriman, F. Turner, P. G. Feeney, G. F. Sims, H. Curtis and B. Goodman.

BANK DEPOSITS.

Report Shows Increase of Over One Hundred Millions in Year.

The bank statement for April reflects the remarkable progress which the Dominion is making. It also shows that the banks are shortening their credit and curtailing credit upon speculative investments.

The deposits in circulation in April, 1907, were \$72,842,209, against \$76,246,013 in March and \$68,580,877 in April, 1906.

The deposits payable on demand increased by over one hundred millions in the year, the figures being: April, 1907, \$167,217,947; March, 1907, \$168,887,868; April, 1906, \$137,147,012.

The deposits payable after notice also show a substantial increase. In April, 1907, they totalled \$273,376,049; in March, 1907, \$404,229,184 and in April, 1907, \$407,370,493.

Dominion note circulation increased by nearly \$3,000,000 in the month and by nearly \$9,000,000 in the year, the figures being: April, 1907, \$43,831,694; April, 1907, \$45,407,377.

Call loans on stocks in Canada are \$25,000,000 in April, 1907, against \$25,000,000 in March, 1907, they amounted to \$50,337,266, against \$52,676,592 in March.

Call loans elsewhere also show a decline. In April, 1907, they were \$51,742,814; in March, 1907, \$51,840,792; but in April, 1907, had been reduced to \$48,450,477.

Current loans in Canada have increased by nearly one hundred million in the year. In April last they totalled \$58,148,788 against \$79,067,554 in March and \$48,882,224 in April, 1906.

Current loans elsewhere, on the other hand, show a decline from \$35,578,158 in April, 1906, to \$33,306,188 in March, 1907, and \$33,932,174 in April, 1907.

The total assets of the Canadian banks in April were valued at \$661,062,557, against liabilities of \$772,904,327. The comparative figures are: March, 1907, assets, \$643,695,386; liabilities, \$755,721,523; April, 1906, assets \$684,699,887; liabilities, \$823,700,156.

WERE INTOXICATED.

Two Men Attempted to Enter General Kuraki's Private Car. Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 27.—Two men attempted to force their way into the private car of General Kuraki just before he left for Buffalo last night. The porter heard them at the door and opened it partly, when the men asked for something to drink. The porter attempted to close the door, but one of the men placed his foot against it and called his companion to come on. The porter grappled with this intruder and finally ejected him. As the man was thrown out he turned and pushed the glass in the door, which this morning that the authorities know the parties, and their arrest is expected. It is believed the men were intoxicated.

THE COLD WAVE EAST OF ROCKIES

HEAVY FROSTS IN THE LAKE REGIONS

Weather Bureau Officials Say There is No Immediate Prospect of Summer Weather.

Washington, D. C., May 29.—Remarkably unseasonable weather, with a cold wave extending through the region east of the Rockies, and the thermometer in some stations registering the lowest temperature of this season in many years, is reported by the weather bureau.

Weather bureau officials say that there is no immediate prospect of any summer weather anywhere. The present cold wave, they said, has prevailed throughout the present month. Heavy frosts are reported to the weather bureau from Michigan and other states of the lake region. The cold wave, particularly severe in the southwest and is due, according to weather experts, to the heavy rains in that part of the country.

No Explanation to Offer. (Special to the Times). Ottawa, May 29.—Dr. Klots, of the Geological survey, when asked to-day what reasons he could give for the weather, replied that he gave it up. There was a shower of snow this morning. The late season, he said, might be due to the sun's physical condition.

BODY FOUND IN RIVER.

New York, May 28.—The body of Frank A. Sperry, well known in Brooklyn political circles, was found in the East river today. He was a lawyer by profession. Until Saturday last Sperry was deputy corporation tax commissioner. Since leaving his place by reason of changes in the state tax department he had not been engaged in any business, although his name was on the list of members of the assembly from the city of Brooklyn. When he was an assistant corporation counsel under Mayor Schieren. He had a place in the treasury department in Washington under Secretaries Folger and Gresham. He was a member of the King's County Republican executive committee.

MODERN MEXICO IS INVING TRADE

The Rich Country of the South Which is Now Brought into Direct Communication With British Columbia.

(Special Correspondence of the Times). Mexico City, May 18.—Mexico, the land of beauty, of contrast, or romance and legend; a country of colors, of music, snow-capped mountains, tropical valleys and soft winds. Old Mexico, old when our northern nations were yet in swaddling clothes, land of the Toltec and the Aztec, old when the City of Mexico was Tenochtitlan, and Chapultepec was Montezuma's palace. There were cities in Mexico before the European who discovered the country was born—six or seven hundred thousands of them, a thousand years before the city was built that boasts of the discoverer's birth, and towns were there on the plains and on the lake shores, and on a hundred hills looking down into valleys where villages nestled in the shadows. These have passed away, and only the ruined temples here and there have left their pillars and wonderfully carved and sculptured walls to tell us of a splendid, pre-historic civilization. Even the cities of to-day were old when the Mayflower landed her cargo on Plymouth Rock. The quaint old city of Acambaro, for example, because it was founded by four hundred years ago, and to-day, as you step in the plaza for a cup of water, it pleases you to remember that the water brought to you from the hills flowed through the same magnificent aqueduct that has carried it for over four centuries.

This is the secret of Mexico's never-falling interest—this wonderful mingling of the 20th and the 16th centuries, this wealth of mystery, legend and the medieval.

Modern Mexico, now one of the great powers of the earth. The land of good government, is wisely administered by one of the great men of all time, Porfirio Diaz. There was a time when Diaz was the government of Mexico, a time when he stood alone in the marvellous work of bringing the country out of the chaos of revolution, French usurpation, and national insolvency, and winning for it the world's respect.

To-day, the young Mexico, with its content with his the government deems it wise to foster music, art and letters by sending abroad each year certain of its most promising sons and daughters to study in the great schools of Europe. Modern Mexico stands for one of the best of people in the world, for a banking system as solid as the government itself, for telegraph lines and railways, telephone and other public utilities both modern and efficient. Modern Mexico stands for progress, development, enlightened civilization and above all, for a kindly, courteous, gentlemanly people, men of the hardy north, land may be said many lessons in hospitality, courtesy and good government.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

Salt Spring will figure prominently in the field sport this summer. Last Tuesday night a meeting was held in the Mahon Memorial hall at Ganges, for the purpose of organizing T. Mansell, Jr., was nominated chairman, while C. S. Dood was elected secretary pro tem. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Speed, of Ganges Harbor; vice-president, W. Mount; secretary-treasurer, T. Mansell, Jr. A resolution was passed instructing the secretary to communicate with the secretary of the Amateur Fishing Association, requesting the use of the show grounds and hall. A committee was then appointed, consisting of the three officers and Messrs. Mount and C. S. Wood, to draft a constitution and by-laws, and report at the next meeting.

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It was just before 10 o'clock ere the fog reached its greatest density that the steamer Athenian pulled out from William Head on her way to the outer wharf. Scarcely had she got under way all the surroundings were wrapped in a mist. Proceeding very slowly she endeavored to locate the wharf, at intervals whistling to intimate to those on shore her whereabouts. From the edge of the new dock such was the density of the atmosphere that nothing could be discerned at a distance of twenty yards. Lothrop's patent fog alarm was brought to the edge of the wharf and continually sounded to tell the Athenian where the dock lay. As she drew closer the C. P. R. vessel answered the signal, but apparently making straight for the wharf, when about three hundred yards away she dropped her anchor and failed to proceed.

A row boat then put out from the wharf with the object of guiding her to port. A supply of newspapers were taken on board. These were torn up and scattered in a trail along the water from the edge of the wharf to where the vessel lay. It was some time before she could be located by the wharf, she was fog rising slightly at that time, she was able under the directions of the boat to pull into the wharf.

Some idea of the low lying density of the fog may be gathered from the fact that from a slight elevation on shore the tapering masts of the Athenian could be seen rising above the atmospheric pall as she lay at anchor close to the shore. Throughout the morning the fog alarms at Brodie's Ledge and Trial Island gave out at regular intervals their mournful warnings. For several hours it was impossible to see what was in progress along the waterfront.

PROPOSED DRASTIC MEASURES.

Malds of Clark, South Dakota, Would Tax or Chloroform Bachelors.

Clark, S. D., May 28.—Despairing in their efforts to attract the unmarried men of Clark, bachelors of Clark have petitioned the city council to put a tax on all single men below the age of forty and to administer chloroform to all above that age. It consists as presented to Mayor William McGann are as follows: The city council of said city for an ordinance demanding of all unmarried men a tax to be graduated as follows: From twenty to twenty-five years, \$5; from twenty-five to thirty-five years, \$10; from thirty-five to forty years, \$20; over forty years use chloroform in large doses. Since leaving his place by reason of changes in the state tax department he had not been engaged in any business, although his name was on the list of members of the assembly from the city of Brooklyn. When he was an assistant corporation counsel under Mayor Schieren. He had a place in the treasury department in Washington under Secretaries Folger and Gresham. He was a member of the King's County Republican executive committee.

DEMENTED WOMAN'S CRIME.

Shot Her Mother and Then Committed Suicide by Setting Fire to Her Clothing.

Chicago, May 28.—Miss Philander B. Swinnan, believed to be demented, shot her mother, attempted to kill her father, and then set fire to her garments and was burned to death early to-day.

The woman was released from the Dunning Asylum a year ago. Her father, Joseph Swinnan, a laborer, escaped by running out of the door.

A love affair is said to have been responsible for the young woman's aberration. Her mother and father were asleep when the girl arose and found her father's revolver. She fired two shots at her mother, both of which took effect, and instantly killed her.

Swinnan jumped from his bed the girl fired two shots at him. He was afraid to near her and ran from the house to summon assistance.

When he returned with a policeman they found the young woman lying on the floor, her clothing ablaze. Most of the clothing had been burned off. They put out the fire and summoned a physician.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.

A sad drowning accident occurred at Steveston on Saturday afternoon, when a three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Yonno, fell into the water while playing and was drowned.

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Mr. Plummerfelt stated that with industrial peace assured in the coalfields the International is preparing for still further expansion and will be in a position to largely increase its output before very long.

Mr. Warren, in company with superintendent Washington, made an inspection of the Kettle Valley lines as far as Lynch creek, near which point the grade has been completed.

W. P. Tierney is now completing the 20th mile of the grade and the work of revising the survey between that point and Franklin camp is being proceeded with. This will probably take six weeks and grading will not be proceeded with until the revision has been completed. The plans for the new depot on Third street, Grand Forks, are in Mr. Warren's hands and the contract for construction will be let immediately. Ballasting is going on extensively and this week the Kettle Valley Lines' train will run from the right into Grand Forks over the new bridge on Third street.

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