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GREAT CROP PROSPECTS.

With the beginning of harvest only a few weeks off, the prospects for an abundant yield throughout Canada, particularly in the three western provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, are of the brightest. The traffic manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, Mr. George H. Shaw, recently went through the producing area of the provinces named, and estimates that there are 6,000,000 acres under crop. Present indications promise a yield of 120,000,000 bushels of wheat, of which all except what is needed for seed and milling purposes—probably 15,000,000 bushels—will be available for export. This estimate is based on the supposition that the yield will not be more than 20 bushels to the acre, which is below the Manitoba average for some years past.

This means much for the country. At an average price of 60 cents per bushel 120,000,000 bushels will bring \$72,000,000 in cash into the Dominion, to be spent, to a large extent, in liquidating past expenses. Part of it, of course, will go to the railways for hauling the grain to the seaboard, while country merchants will get a goodly share in payment of old accounts. Western merchants are said to have found it necessary, owing to the stringency of money, to let their stocks run pretty low, but with the influx of cash, which the coming crop will bring, a substantial revival of business activity may be looked for in the fall. Men who have been in the West this summer declare they never saw the business outlook so good.

The older provinces will, of course, reap considerable benefit from a bumper western crop. The manufacturer and wholesale merchant of Ontario will be called on to supply many of the farmers' needs, and added impulse will be given the big trade revival which all agree is surely coming.

WILFUL MISREPRESENTATION.

One of the latest of the Opposition attacks during the session now nearing its close was that of Mr. Borden on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. In making it the Opposition leader took an unfair advantage of the Minister of Railways, for it was at the Opposition's request that Hon. Mr. Graham deferred a statement which he had proposed to make on the subject. This enabled Mr. Borden to spring his alleged sensation, and his newspaper organs to spread it broadcast.

The substance of Mr. Borden's charge was that the road was to cost \$250,000,000. He declared that the cost of the portion from Moncton to Winnipeg, with interest, would be \$24,403,219, but he omitted to state that after seven years the Grand Trunk Pacific would pay the interest, and, therefore, it could not become a public debt. He added the cost of the Quebec bridge, \$14,422,238, well knowing that the bridge is not and never was part of the Transcontinental scheme. Then the Opposition leader's estimate of the cost of terminals was ridiculous; besides, he could not but have known that that, too, is a G. T. P. liability. So, too, the interest on the mountain section and on the Government guarantee. By means of such misrepresentations Mr. Borden added to the cost of the road at least \$100,000,000.

In replying to the Opposition leader, Hon. Mr. Graham pointed out a few facts which should not be lost sight of, namely, that the country will own the line it builds, 1,800 miles; that it can be sold at any time for what it cost; that the only burden on the Government is the interest on the Moncton-Winnipeg branch during the first seven years, \$26,124,676, and that with a surplus like that of last year it can be wiped out in a year and a half.

Mr. Graham is convinced that the country will never be called upon to pay one cent because of having guaranteed the bonds of the mountain section of the G. T. P. The road will make money and the company will make the interest on the bonds the Government has guaranteed to the extent of \$58,000,000. Adding \$11,304,309 as interest without recourse on the mountain section to the \$26,853,676 interest on the eastern section and terminals, gives a grand total of

\$38,163,976 as interest chargeable to the country for the line from Moncton to the Pacific. Were the country to borrow that amount at 3 per cent, it would cost for the great benefits to be received in transportation the sum of \$1,144,919 per year for seven years and no more.

The increase in the cost over the original estimate, when it was sanctioned by Parliament, has been due, first, to the increase in the cost of raw material and labor, and, secondly, to the improvement of the standard of the road over that contemplated in the original estimates. This is supported by letters from the engineers.

Mr. Borden subsequently admitted that he was out in some of his statements, but his misrepresentations go on record just the same. This is not the first time Conservative hostility to this great national undertaking has been manifested. They have condemned it as an engineering impossibility and described it as an election kite; but, in spite of all prophecies of failure, construction of the National Transcontinental Railway has made wonderful progress. The whole of the eastern section, which the Opposition have declared would never be built, is under way; construction work is progressing satisfactorily east and west; the rails have already been laid into the city of Moncton, and it is confidently expected that within a few weeks a considerable portion of the western section will be in operation and employed in carrying out the wheat crop.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

That Great Britain has by the policy she has pursued in South Africa since the close of the war strengthened her position in the world as a civilizing power cannot for a moment be doubted. As a result of that policy, the Transvaal has for over a year enjoyed responsible government under a ministry presided over by the man who, six years ago, was commander-in-chief of the Boer forces. The wily Gen. De Wet is a member of the Orange River cabinet, while for the first time in its history Cape Colony is ruled by the Bond, backed by a large majority in the Legislature. All this under the one flag.

At times since these sister colonies were granted self-government there has been danger of a railway and customs war, and it has been only by compromise and the exercise of the greatest self-restraint on all sides that it has been possible to avoid such conflicts. Of late, however, a strong movement has sprung up in the colonies in favor of confederation, and a convention of delegates from each of the colonies named, together with Natal, will discuss the project.

According to the Johannesburg correspondent of the London Times, the conditions in South Africa point to a union much closer than that of the Australian colonies, or even that of the Canadian Dominion. Many advocate a complete unification, making South Africa a unitary state, with a single parliament, merely sub-divided into local government areas, while others favor the retention of the existing colonial divisions in a modified way, apart altogether from the question of local sentiment.

The question which it is thought will prove most difficult of settlement in negotiations for union is that of the franchise, and it is likely to remain so until there is universal admission of the principle of equal voting power and automatic distribution, on which, alone a new country like British South Africa can build a satisfactory political system.

Nevertheless the Times correspondent is convinced that today union is not merely a question of practical politics, but the question which is bound to dominate all others till its solution has been attained. The prevailing commercial depression is thought to have something to do with the growth of the confederation movement, many believing that the removal of arbitrary political lines will aid the development and economic stability of the various colonies.

THE DEAD HAND IN LITERATURE.

[Rudyard Kipling, at the Royal Literary Fund Dinner.]
If you go no farther than the Book of Job—laughter—you will find that letters, like the art of printing, were born perfect. (Hear, hear.) Some professions, law and medicine, for example, are still in a state of evolution, inasmuch as no expert in them seems to be quite sure that he can win a case or cure a cold. (Laughter.) On the other hand, the calling of letters carries with it the disabilities from which these professions are free. When an eminent lawyer or physician escapes your attention that a writer often does not begin to live till he has been dead for some time. In certain notorious cases the longer he has been dead the more alive he is, and the more acute is his competition against the living. (Laughter.) I do not ask you to imagine the feelings of a barrister exposed to the competition of all the dead lord chancellors that have ever sat on the woolsack, each delivering judgments on any conceivable case at sixpence per judgment, paper bound. (Laughter.) I only ask you to allow that what lawyers call "the dead hand"—in this case with a pen in its—her heavy on the calling of letters. (Laughter and hear, hear.)

MEAT VS. MATRIMONY.

[Philadelphia Record.]
There is a symbiotic relation between the matrimonial market and the meat market. When meat is cheap marriages increase; when beef goes up the bonds of

matrimony are at a discount. The reason is obvious. But the closeness of the relations between meat quotations and the number of marriages has not been noticed. Last year in June there were 1,336 marriage licenses issued in this city; in the corresponding month this year the number was 1,036. A year ago steaks cost 25 cents a pound; last month it reached 29 cents. Beef prices rose 16 per cent; weddings diminished 16 per cent.

THE ROSS RIFLE.
[Hamilton Times.]
"Ross Rifle Shoots Well—Men Using It Get Second Place at Bisley." These, astonishing to say, are headlines in the Toronto Mail and Empire, and the matter following tells that another man using the Ross rifle for the first time scored 94 out of a possible 100. The Ross rifle is its own defense against the Opposition slanders.

A CORRECTION.
[Madison County Times.]
The article in week before last's issue stating that Mr. and Mrs. Dooley were presented with a solid silver butter knife should have read a solid silver butter knife.

WORTH THE FARE.

[Harper's Weekly.]
It was during a very tedious ride on a western railway, and the passengers, tired, dirty and thirsty, all berated the company with the exception of one single man. His fellow passengers commented on this, and asked him why he did not denounce the company, too. "It would be hardly fair," he replied, "as I am travelling on a free pass; but, if they don't do better pretty soon, blame me if I don't go out and buy a ticket and join you."

WHAT'S THE USE?
[Philadelphia Record.]
Tommy—Pop, a rooster doesn't have hair, does he?
Tommy's Pop—No, my son.
Tommy—Then what good does it do him to have a comb?

WITH THE EYE OF FAITH.

[Exchange.]
It was dark as pitch, and a heavy rain was falling.
"Letitia!"
"Yes, mamma."
"Where are you?"
"Out here on the front porch."
"What for?"
"Mr. Lovell is here, mamma."
"But why stay out there? It's cold and damp."
"Oh, no, mamma, not at all. It's delightful. We're—we're looking at the stars!"

THE MASTER BUILDER.

[Susie M. Best in St. Louis Times-Democrat.]
What are your pyramids, Egypt? Jerusalem, what are your mosques? And rearing your Parthenon, Athens, was only the lightest of tasks. Oh, London, your bridges and towers, your palaces and your docks, are matters of palatial moment. The baby is building with blocks!
Oh, China, your wall is a fragment! Oh, India, shame on your Taj! Oh, Tibet, your vast plateau—Is only a fleeting mirage! Columbia, all your skyscrapers, your subways, an architect mocks: For here, on the floor of the playroom, The baby is building with blocks.
Oh, Solomon, wisest of sages, Who cares for that temple of yours? Oh, Ephesus, great was Diana, But what of her glory endures? Oh, Babylon, gone are your gardens, Oh, Druids, your dolmens and rocks Arouse in us only derision—The baby is building with blocks.

Hill St. Methodists Picnic at Port Memorial Church Also Holds Outing

Sunday School Scholars and Others Enjoy Day at the Lakeside.

The members of the Hill Street Methodist Church Sunday school held their annual outing to Port Stanley yesterday, the affair proving to be one of the biggest in the history of the school.

About 250 members attended, they being accompanied by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. G. Harris. They were preceded by a small advance guard which got things in readiness for the main body of picknickers at 9:45 a.m.

There was but one accident and it was not very serious. While climbing the hill, little Sammie Nichols cut his bare foot on a piece of broken bottle. He was carried to the office of Dr. Mothersill, where the injury was dressed.

A picked baseball team of the Hill Street Church walloped a team from the Memorial picknickers, the score being 11 to 7. The Hill Streeters claim that they could have trimmed them far worse had it not been for the umpire.

The sports committee which prepared such an excellent programme, was composed of the following: Mrs. H. Winnett, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Parker.

The prizewinners of the sports were:
Girls' race, 10 years and under—1, Flossie McLean; 2, Ella Swalley; 3, May Joliffe.
Boys' race, 10 years and under—1, Harold McKeogh; 2, Alfred Penmore.

Girls, 14 years and under—1, Nellie Powe; 2, Verna Collins; 3, B. Billings.
Boys, 14 years and under—1, Geo. Sweeney; 2, Hadley Murray; 3, Fred Norton.

Girls, 16 years and under—1, Cora Correy; 2, Rossie Bull; 3, H. Hulbert.
Girls, 18 years and under—1, Elsie Shea; 2, H. Hulbert; 3, M. McPadden.

Boys, 18 years and under—1, L. Chalot; 2, C. Reid; 3, R. Joliffe.
Ladies' 18 years and over—1, C. Correy; 2, K. Hodson; 3, M. Correy.

Boys, 18 years and over—1, Joliffe; 2, Bisset; 3, Lane.
Married ladies' race—1, Mrs. Powe; 2, Mrs. Ingram; 3, Mrs. Progers.

Ball-throwing contest—1, Mrs. Winnett; 2, Miss Pearcey; 3, Mrs. Collins.
Frog race—1, Geo. Sweeney; 2, M. Keogh; 3, Hadley Murray.
Chum race—1, Cora Correy and M. Powe; 2, Verna Collins and Ella Sweeney.

Consolation race, under 18 years—1, W. Lancy.
Married men—1, F. Ingram; 2, F. Moulby; 3, Bert Joliffe.
Fat man's race—T. Ingram.

BOVRIL

"Bouillion" and "Sandwiches" are easily made. Both are nutritious and enjoyable. Good to know when on a motoring tour.



ALL "OVER."
[Bohemian.]
Marie is in the mountains, The precious little dove, And she is (so June writes me) Over her head in love.

And Daisy's at the seashore, She's getting awful tanned, Upon the beach she's lounging Over her limbs in sand.

And Myrtle's on the prairies (A tall, romantic lass), Out doors she's idly rambling Over her knees in grass.

And father's in the city, He's hustling hard, you bet, Poor man! they say that he is Over his ears in debt.

NO PARAGON.
[Puck.]
Farmer Honk (musingly)—They say Mr. Klutchpenny's wife was a paragon before he married her, and—

Mrs. Honk (drily)—Nothing of the kind. She was a Smith! I knew the whole family.

HIS PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION.

[Ireland Plaindealer.]
The art photographer had visited the farm. "I want to make an exhaustive study of this particular bit of landscape," he said, "and would like to have your permission to retain his present position on the fence there. Can he sit still?"
"For days at a time," replied the farmer.

AN EASY PROBLEM.

[Hamilton Herald.]
Sir Richard Cartwright puts the case bluntly, but with much force, when he says that if Germany wants improved trade relations with Canada, all that Germany has to do is to stop penalizing Canada because Canada gave a trade preference to Britain.

GOT WHAT THEY WANTED.

[Atlanta Constitution.]
A good old Georgia brother, who had decided to leave an unremunerative charge, finding it impossible to collect his salary, said in his farewell sermon: "I have little more to add, dear brethren, save this: You were all in favor of free salvation and the manner in which you have treated me proves that you have got it!"

CHAPMAN'S JULY SALE

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HEARST AGAINST LABOR

Refuses Gompers' Request to Indorse the Injunction Platform.

New York, July 16.—A cablegram has been received from W. R. Hearst in reply to a message transmitted to Mr. Hearst from Samuel Gompers, stating that in view of the Democrats' stand for labor, it would be an "act of greatest patriotism for the Independence party to indorse the Democratic platform," and urging him not to run a third ticket, as it would elect Mr. Taft. Mr. Hearst's cablegram follows:

Paris, July 13.—"Tell Mr. Gompers that I am not authorized to speak for the membership of the Independence League, but according to my personal standards, a purer patriotism consists in laboring to establish a new party, which will be consistently devoted to the interests of the citizenship and particularly to the advantage and advancement of the producing classes. I do not think the past of patriotism lies in supporting a discredited and decadent old party, which has neither conscientious convictions nor honest intentions, or indorsing chameleon candidates who change the color of their political opinions with every varying hue of opportunity."

"I do not think the best benefit of laboring men lies in supporting that old party because of a soap of false promise, when the performance of that party while in power did more to injure labor than all the injunctions ever issued before or since. I have lost faith in the empty professions of an unregenerate democracy. I have lost confidence in the ability, in the sincerity, and even in the integrity of its leaders. I do not consider it patriotism to pretend to support that which, as a citizen, I distrust and detest, and I earnestly hope the Independence party will give us an opportunity to vote for candidates that are both able and honest, and for a declaration of principles that is sound and sincere."

(Signed) WM. RANDOLPH HEARST.

HEROIC MEASURES

Sailor Rescues Intoxicated Woman by Smashing Her Face.

Montreal, July 16.—A sailor by the name of James McMananey on board the S.S. Niagara, of the Elder-Dempster Line, saved the life of a woman yesterday morning, who had fallen off the wharf. She was walking along and fell into an intoxicated condition and fell into the river. McMananey jumped in after her and brought her to the edge. As soon as she was safe the woman started to scream and call for help, saying that her rescuer was trying to murder her. Then she grasped the sailor's hair and commenced to pull it out in handfuls.

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This caused McMananey to release his hold on the woman, and she fell back into the water again, pulling her rescuer with her by the hair. Then started a battle under the water, for when the woman came up a few seconds afterwards it was seen that her nose was bleeding badly. By this time a boat had been sent out from the shore and the parties rescued.

When McMananey was seen afterwards he was suffering from a sore head where the woman had pulled at his hair. When asked if he had struck the woman he replied that he had, as this was the only way in which he could save her. She had a death grip on him.

Vermont gets the credit of having the granite state, but Pennsylvania leads in the production of stone, with nearly 14 per cent of the total to her credit.

The Swiss Government has received a petition with nearly 70,000 names, protesting against the building of a railway up the Matterhorn.

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