CONDITION OF THE CROPS

Ontario's Fall Wheat the Lowest Yield in Years.

Spring Wheat Promises Well and Potatoes Plentiful.

Michigan's Wheat Prospects Very Gloomy—25 Bushels to the Acre in Manitoba.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Following is a summary of the condition of the crops of Ontario, compiled from reports sent in to the Ontario Bureau of Industries by correspondents, under date of August 1:

Fall wheat came through the winter in poor condition, much of it having been killed owing to lack of shelter and the formation of ice, and a considerable acreage was plowed up. Yield a small one—the lowest for a number of years, even in the same localities, and sometimes in the same fields.

The spring wheat crop, taken altogether, may be considered a good one; likely to go above the average, and the quality of the grains is satisfactory.

Barley has been a highly successful crop in the main, and has been secured in excellent condition in the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario counties, while harvesting is progressing favorably in other sections.

The report of grains in other places are rather backward in many parts, but the reports are, as a rule, highly satisfactory. The crop bids fair to be a large one, with fine straw and plump grain in these neighborhoods where the drought has not interfered with its growth. A considerable percentage of the rye crop was winter-killed, but the remained has thriven and yielded well.

Reports as to the condition of the pea crop are somewhat variable, but as far as can be judged by present indications there will be an average yield.

The area devoted to beans has considerably diminished, owing to low prices. Appearances point to a liberal yield, but the drought is an unfavorable condition, and, if continued, the result may be poor.

Hay and clover will be below the average, owing to the heavy frosts of last winter, which in the absence of snow killed a great deal of the clover in every part of the province.

The cold and wet weather prevailing at the time corn should have been planted delayed that work considerably, and the consequence is that the crop is hardly as far advanced as usual. The crop, however, is likely to turn out to be a fair one, should the lateness of the season not bring it into frosty weather.

There promises to be a good yield of potatoes, though in many quarters rain is badly needed, and in consequence of long-continued drought, early potatoes have been somewhat small in size. Reports as to the present appearance of late potatoes are generally favorable.

Root crops, especially in the eastern and northern parts of the province, suffered from too much moisture at seeding time, which caused some loss. At a later period the want of rain was severely felt in many localities, which, if continued, may result in light crops.

Correspondents in Essex and Kent, where tobacco-raising has been chiefly tried in this province, report that the area in leaf is very much smaller this year than in the previous season, owing to the poor market. The plant is regarded as being a little late this year, but with the exception of the reports of injury from cut-worms and grasshoppers, it is generally regarded as being in good condition.

There is likely to be a scarcity of fruit this season, owing to various causes. The severe winter destroyed a large proportion of the fruit trees in some sections, and appeared to have injured many which survived. Heavy rains during the blossoming season greatly interfered with fertilization, as did frost in some neighborhoods. The tent caterpillar, curculio, codlin moth and other injurious insects have also made great havoc among the orchards. The apple crop is very light, but as a rule the quality is good, and the fruit fairly free from scab. The winter varieties promise better than the earlier kinds. Plums have done rather better than apples, though greatly subject to attacks of the curculio. The peach crop is practically a failure, owing to the general destruction of the trees, which suffered more severely from the winter than did the other varieties. Pear trees have not been so prolific as usual, and the supply will be light.

Reports concerning the vineyards are highly encouraging, the vines being healthy and well laden, promising an abundant supply of grapes.

Premier Greenway believes that the Manitoba wheat crop this year will average 25 bushels per acre.

IN MICHIGAN.

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 11.—The Michigan crop report for August takes a gloomy view of the wheat outlook for the state, and declares it will prove the worst in years. The estimated average yield per acre is 8 bushels. A large percentage of the total acreage was plowed up in the spring, and later many fields were cut for hay. The total acreage last spring was 1,900,000 acres. With a state average of 8 bushels per acre, this would indicate a crop of 15,000,000 bushels. When other factors are taken into consideration, however, a crop of only 13,000,000 bushels is indicated.

As compared with that of average years the condition of corn for the entire state is 91. Conditions have been favorable for oats, and a good crop has been harvested. The estimated average yield per acre is 35 bushels. The condition of potatoes is 91 per cent. Present indications point to a large crop of beans.

The apple crop has materially decreased during the past month. The varieties that promise best are Baldwin, Northern Spy, Greening, Pen Davis, Russett, Wagner, Wealthy and Canada Red.

Very few counties in Michigan will produce any peaches this year. In favored localities there will only be a partial crop.

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PETERING OUT

The Mexican Indian War Described as a Mere Raid.

City of Mexico, Aug. 10.—The Eighth Battalion of Infantry has left here for Zonora, to join the troops engaged in the Yaqui campaign. There is no apprehension felt here of the revolt spreading to the Indians outside the campaign lines, and, in fact, the whole affair has reduced itself to a mere raid by the Yaquis, who are armed with Remington repeating rifles. There are probably not over 200 Indians in the revolt, and the campaign against them will be sharply pushed. The main body of the Yaquis appear contented. There is some misapprehension against the Americans engaged in ranching near the zone of the uprising that they may be massacred. The troops will be used to protect them.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—A special from the City of Mexico says: The state troops have had another encounter with the Yaquis at Nomado, defeating them with a loss of several killed. The troops did not lose a man, but Lieut. Francisco Calles died from sunstroke during a forced march to overtake the Indians.

Further details have been received on the attack on the sloops of Alondra and Luisa near Medano, when young Aurallo Paredes was killed. The Indians captured the wife of the captain of the Alondra and two boys and took them off with them. At their first camp they tied up and flogged the woman to try and get information of the forces and number of the men at Medano, and then turned all loose in the bush. The woman says the insurgents have infantry and cavalry, but she did not say what their number was.

The Indians have retired from Bacum, and are supposed to be in force near Vicam. The death of Juan Maldonado or Tetabiate has been confirmed. The Indians will be shortly attacked near Vicam.

VILLE MARIE BANK.

Quebec, Aug. 11.—The directors of the Ville Marie Bank have decided to go into liquidation, and Messrs. Garrard and Kent have been named provisional liquidators until permanent ones have been appointed.

MOLSONS BANK ROBBERY.

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—Referring to the arrest in connection with the Molsons Bank robbery, General Manager Thomas says: "Advices state that $60,000 of the $62,000 has been recovered, and that an arrest has been made. The reward has been paid. It was $10,000 for the recovery of the money and arrest of the culprit, and was paid less the percentage on the $2,000 not recovered.

CATARACT POWER COMPANY.

Hamilton, Aug. 11.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Cataract Power Company, with Hon. J. M. Gibson in the chair, the action of the directors in purchasing a controlling interest in the stock of the Hamilton street railway, the radial electric railway, and the Hamilton and Dundas railway, was ratified. All financial arrangements for carrying out the big deal have been completed. These roads will be operated by power from Decew's Falls. It was decided to increase the capital stock of the company from $250,000 to $4,000,000. The other companies will be merged into the Cataract Company, and the question of building a line to Galt and Guelph will be considered.

Canadian Streams.

(Charles G. D. Roberts.)

O rivers rolling to the sea
From lands that bear the maple tree,
How swell your voices with the strain
Of loyalty and liberty!

O holy music, heard in vain
By coward heart and sordid brain,
To whom this strenuous being seems
Naught but a greedy race for gain.

O unsung streams—not splendid themes
Ye lack to fire your patriot dreams!
Annals of glory gild your waves,
Hope freights your tides, Canadian streams!

St. Lawrence, whose wide water laves
The shores that ne'er have nourished slaves!
Swift Richelieu of lilied fame!
Niagara of glorious graves.

Thy rapids, Ottawa proclaim
Where Daulac and his heroes came!
Thy tides, St. John, declare La Tour,
And, later, many a loyal name!

Thou inland stream, whose vales, secure
From storm, Tecumseh's death made poor!
And thou, small water, red with war,
'Twixt Beaubassin and Beausejour!

Dread Saguenay, where eagles soar,
What voice shall from the bastioned shore
The tale of Roberval reveal
Or his mysterious fate deplore?

Annapolis, do thy floods yet feel
Faint memories of Champlain's keel,
Thy pulses yet the deeds repeat,
Of Poutrincourt and d'Iberville?

And thou, far tide, whose plains now beat
With march of myriad westering feet,
Saskatchewan, whose virgin sod
So late Canadian blood made sweet!

Your bulwark hills, your valleys broad,
Streams where de Salaberry trod,
Where Wolfe achieved, where Brock was slain—
Their voices are the voice of God!

O sacred waters, not in vain,
Across Canadian height and plain,
The summons of your high refrain.
Ye sound us in triumphant tone

THE FAMILY WIPED OUT

Death of Another Victim of the St. Polycarpe Accident.

Two of the Injured Have Little Chance to Recover—Other Casualties.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—Miss Annie Ripley, employed at the Sun Manufacturing Company, St. Henri, Que., was run over by a Grand Trunk freight train at St. Henri Wednesday night and killed.

FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 11.—Contranche Rochellau, the child who was injured in the Canada Atlantic wreck at St. Polycarpe, died yesterday in the Water street hospital. His father, mother and sister were killed, thus wiping out the whole family. They belonged to Montreal. This makes eight victims of the wreck. The two patients at the Water street hospital are Miss McDougall and Miss Ryan. They are still alive, but their recovery is said to be improbable.

HIT WITH A GUN.

Decatur, Mich., Aug. 11.—Lester Osborn and Andy Johnson quarreled over the location of a line fence. Osborn was armed with a spade, Johnson with a shotgun. Osborn was perhaps fatally wounded by being struck over the head with the butt of the gun, and Johnson is under arrest.

POLICEMAN SHOT.

Lethbridge, N. W. T., Aug. 11.—Wednesday night some persons en route to Cardston, found Constable Flower, of the Mounted Police, in a dying condition at the side of the trail, with two bullet wounds in his head. He died a few minutes after being found.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Cayuga, Ont., Aug. 11. — Russell Walters, the 14-year-old son of Wm. Walters, living about two miles from here, tried to light the kitchen fire with coal oil yesterday morning, when the oil can exploded, setting his clothing in a blaze. The boy was frightfully burned and died in the afternoon. He was alone in the house at the time.

BOTH JAWS BROKEN.

St. Marys, Aug. 11.—A serious accident occurred on Monday on the farm of John Uren, near St. Ives, about nine miles from this town. John Kennedy, his son-in-law, who lives with him, and works the farm, had been plowing in one of the fields, and undertook to remove a large stone. With the aid of skids and a team of horses they pulled the stone to the surface of the ground, when it suddenly rolled back, striking one of the skids, which struck Kennedy with full force in the face, breaking both jaws, the lower jaw with a double break. Dr. Brown, who is in attendance, cannot tell what the outcome will be, as Kennedy is in a very precarious condition, and will be disfigured for life, even if he should recover. At present liquid food is injected to keep up nourishment.

DEEP SEA MONSTERS

Terrible Battle Between a Gigantic Octopus and Sunfish.

[From the San Francisco Call.]

Never before has it fell to my lot to witness the terrible monster we encountered on the last passage from San Francisco toward Nanaimo in the bark Willscott of Honolulu, says Capt. Thomas Peabody, of the bark Willscott.

We knew that the octopus grew to an immense size, as Banks and Solander, who accompanied Captain Cook in his first voyage around the world, found the dead carcass of one floating on the water to the westward of Cape Horn. It was supposed to be twenty by thirty feet, the body only; the tentacles were hanging under water. It was surrounded by myriads of birds, which were feeding greedily on its remains.

Pliny also mentions a similar monster having eight arms thirty feet long and a corresponding girth; and many other writers, too numerous to mention, have certified to its actual existence.

But I did not believe that anything similar to the terrible "devil fish" described by Victor Hugo was really in existence until I had ocular demonstrations of the fact.

I will quote our log book in relation to the monster we saw: Saturday, May 18. latitude 39:30 north, longitude 136:40 west, Light breeze from north by east; dry, cloudy weather; smooth sea, except for the usual slight undulating swell from the northwest. Ship under all sail; braced sharp upon the starboard tack, going five knots per hour, but scarcely making a ripple on the water.

At 2:30 p.m. my attention was called by the quartermaster, Frank Eastast, of San Diego, Cal., to a terrible commotion in the water about three points forward of the lee beam. Our first thought was that it must be breakers in an uncharted reef, but while we were watching the breaking of the water ceased. Then we could distinctly see the outlines of two objects on the surface, one much larger than the other. We at once got our telescope to bear on them and discovered the smaller of the two was a very large sunfish, a curiously shaped fish—all head and no body—having no tail, but an upper and lower fin, with which it propels itself about in a very lazy fashion. It appeared to be fully twelve feet in diameter, and judging from smaller ones we have caught must have weighed 3,000 pounds. It appeared to be endeavoring to keep face on to its adversary, which turned out to be a huge octopus, the length of whose body was certainly forty feet and the breadth about twenty-five feet, with eight tentacles.

We at once ordered the quartermaster to keep the ship away four points so as to approach the objects more closely, and to our delight and surprise they remained stationary, regarding one another curiously for fully five minutes, by which time we had advanced sufficiently close to make an accurate examination.

Its eyes were large, of a greenish tint, and somewhat protruding; its mouth, however, was not so very large and it appeared to be shaped like a parrot's bill; its tentacles were tapering, and, like its body, of a grayish color, covered with spots. It appeared to possess the chameleon-like power of changing the color of these spots in a most extraordinary manner as fast as the eye could detect the changes, no doubt indicating the high state of excitement under which the creature was laboring at the time.

Suddenly the octopus discharged a huge jet of dark-colored fluid full in to the eyes of the sunfish, and then rushing forward with the rapidity of an arrow, it encircled its prey with the long tentacles, and in another moment the victor and vanquished had disappeared below the surface.

In a few moments more we had sailed right over the scene and found the water was colored almost black for a space of fully 200 feet in diameter, and we noticed an odor slightly resembling iodine rising from the water; our patent log line of snow white cotton, which was towing astern, was colored almost black, and it has not yet assumed its white freshness, although it has towed in the water fully 800 miles since the above episode.

About twenty minutes after we had passed over the spot we saw the huge creature again on the surface enjoying its meal in a very leisurely manner, rolling the body of the unfortunate sunfish over and over and biting off large mouthfuls with its cruel-looking beak.

I knew before that these huge octopods and their relatives, the decapods, were not altogether mythical, as they have at the United States National Museum in Washington a papier mache cast of one of the latter, which was found stranded on the north shore of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, on the 22nd day of September, 1877. The total length of this specimen, including tentacles, was only sixty feet, so it is quite safe to infer that it had not become of age when it was wrecked.

IRENE.

You have a lofty way, Irene,
Of looking down at me;
But still, despite your haughty mien,
I fancy I can see
Far, far away down in your eyes
The joyous heights of paradise,
With pleasant vales between.

Oh, you are fair and tall, Irene,
The world is at your feet,
And you are lovely and eighteen,
And life is fresh and sweet;
For you the chimes are ringing true,
The sky above is blue for you,
And all the fields are green.

Your mien was haughty still, Irene,
The day we said good-bye;
You smiled and tried to seem serene,
Nor knew I heard you sigh—
The joyous heights are dim no more,
Are nearer than they were before,
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