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But what must not be lost sight of in considering these big tallies is that they are records of a day or two during the shearing only, and are the work of most exceptional men.

In the Federal Arbitration Court, July, 1907, the Australian Workers' Union, which includes the shearers, sought to have definite and increased rates fixed for shearing throughout Australia, and in support of its case the union took into court the tally sheets from 638 sheds, representing 9,326 shearers, and the shearing of nearly 15,000,000 sheep, and it was shown that the average gross weekly earnings of the men was \$13.67, in machine shearing sheds, and \$13.76 in hand-shearing sheds, or an average daily tally (5 1/2 days per week) of about 52 sheep. Out of that money earned at shearing has to come the amount of the tucker bill (estimated at \$3.60), and sundry expenses, such as shears or combs and cutters, oil, etc. (estimated at 50 cents), and travelling expenses. To show that these figures did not err on the side favorable to the shearer, the returns put in by the employers, representing for the years 1904, 1905 and 1906, the work of 7,119 shearers, at 481 sheds, and the shearing of nearly 11,500,000 sheep, the average gross earnings of the machine shearers were shown to be \$12.92 per week, or an average daily tally of about 48 sheep. Exceptionally good shearers, when in good form, might make up to \$40 to \$50 per week on occasion, however.

Fast shearing is not a matter of handling the shears, but of handling the sheep, and the man who learns to make the longest "blows" without lifting the shears is the man who will make the biggest tallies. That is a matter which each man must learn from experience—and his penmate. A man may learn one stroke in a day from another shearer (who may or may not be a ringer) which will add ten sheep a day to his tally. It's all in the knack of getting round the corners, and if you become a shearer you will suddenly find to your astonishment that a sheep is all corners.

WEED INSPECTORS

Details have been arranged for a municipal weed convention and short-course at Manitoba Agricultural College for June 14 to 17, the first lecture to be given at 9 o'clock on the forenoon of the 14th. Lectures and demonstrations will be made as practical as possible, and every precaution is being taken to make the course well worth attending. All matters pertaining to weed and weed seeds, identification, dissemination and control are being taken up by the college authorities. This work is in charge of Professors Lee and Bedford, of the college. In addition E. M. Wood, deputy municipal commissioner, will discuss the interpretation of the noxious weeds act from a legal standpoint.

All weed inspectors should attend. Special rates are available on the railways.

LIGHTNING AND ITS WORK

Paper prepared by M. Townsley, of Minneapolis, for last winter's convention at Manitoba Agricultural College.

If the phenomenon of lightning were better understood perhaps the enormous toll it exacts in life and property would be less. Carefully compiled statistics show that in the United States between 700 and 800 persons are killed annually and twice that number injured by lightning. This great loss of life falls largely upon the people who live away from the great centers of population. So, too, the greater part of the annual loss of property is chargeable to farm buildings and their contents and live stock in the field. Light and power electrical transmission lines also suffer from the vagaries of lightning, but the great multiplication of these lines in recent times has stimulated the development of means of protection, so that at present the electric power plants and lines are better protected from lightning than are farm buildings.

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