

From Western Fields.

Estimates of the Crops—Grand Trunk Pacific Pushing through the Mountains—The Great Trek from the United States.

The annual estimates made by the Manitoba Free Press, of the crops of the western provinces have now been published. It is estimated that the wheat crop will amount to 178,650,000 bushels, these figures being based upon the reports of 24 special crop inspectors, who travelled a total distance of 6,564 miles through Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, cutting samples from more than 1,500 fields. The wheat crop mentioned comprises 54,400,000 bushels for Manitoba, 106,000,000 for Saskatchewan, and 18,000,000 for Alberta. Of the Alberta crop, 4,500,000 is winter wheat. The crop of oats is estimated to run 223,550,000 bushels for the three provinces, while the estimate of the barley crop is that it will be in the neighborhood of 33,300,000 and the flax, 720,000 bushels.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Advices received state that the end of the steel on the Grand Trunk Pacific has been pushed through to Fitzhugh in Jasper Park in the Rocky Mountains on the approach to the Yellowhead Pass. This is in the great new forest and game preserve set aside by the government a short time ago. It is said to be a record-breaking achievement in construction. Fitzhugh is 235 miles west of Edmonton.

THE GREAT TREK FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Interviewed at Vancouver, Mr. W. J. White, of the immigration service at Ottawa, stated that although the season is far advanced the great trek from the United States to Western Canada continues unabated. Settlers from the south are crossing the boundary line at the rate of 10,000 a month. It is a safe estimate in his opinion that the number of immigrants from the United States for the fiscal year ending next March will total between 125,000 and 130,000. Mr. White also considers that this influx will be largely exceeded, next year. Most of the American immigrants hail from the Dakotas, Minnesota and Iowa. A large contribution also comes from Oregon and Washington, which states are sending between 6,000 and 7,000 people this year. There is also a considerable influx from the Eastern States.

Following on the organization of the International Milling Company of Canada to take over the International Milling Company of Minnesota and the Canadian Cereal & Milling Company, arrangements have been made to have the fiscal years of the two companies close on the same date, so that the fiscal year of the Canadian Cereal Company will now close on August 31st instead of July 31st. The directors of Canadian Cereal have declared a dividend of 2 1-3 p.c., being at the rate of 7 p.c. on the preferred stock, for the four months ending August 31st, the same to be payable September 10th to shareholders of August 31st. Owing to the change in the fiscal year, the annual meeting of the Canadian Cereal Company will be held on the third Wednesday in October.

Insurance: Fire, Life and Miscellaneous.

It is announced at Philadelphia that Mr. Joan Ainsworth Kelly, of New York city, senior member of the underwriting firm of Kelly & Fuller, and Mr. Claude Norie-Miller, of Toronto, manager for Canada of the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada, have been appointed associate managers of the United States branch of the General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, of Perth, Scotland. The appointments cover all departments of the company's business in the United States. Lord Dunmore, chairman, and Mr. F. Norie-Miller, general manager of the General Accident, are most emphatic in the announcement at Philadelphia, that the business of the General Accident in all of its departments will be conducted in harmony with the excellent and well deserved reputation that the company has throughout the world for fair and honorable dealings.

It was also announced in Philadelphia on Tuesday that Mr. Charles H. Boyer, manager of the industrial department of the General Accident in the United States, and four of his subordinates, had been dismissed, in accordance with the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioners' Convention.

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A dirigible balloon to be used for advertising purposes was a fire risk lately offering in New York.

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The annual gathering of the Sun Life was held last week at Highland Inn, Algonquin Park, in north-western Ontario.

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" ——— is a native of Boston, where he was born May 22, 1965." Thus an esteemed contemporary regarding an insurance official. We presume this gentleman is 54 years young.

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The London Times records that on the premises of a firm of picture framemakers in southeast London, there have been twenty-five outbreaks of fire in eleven weeks. About time for an enquiry.

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The Security Life Insurance Company, of Montreal will apply at the next session of Parliament for increased powers and to do business under the name of La Sécurité du Canada Compagnie d'Assurance Sur la Vie.

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A paper published in the interests of Hartford Life policyholders and mailed to each of them is one of the projects being considered by the home office. The Equitable Life will soon begin the publication of a policyholders' magazine. It will be issued quarterly.

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The Kingston, Ont., district of the Prudential held a "Special Effort" week recently in honor of Mr. E. J. MacIver, manager of the Canadian division of the company. The production of new ordinary applications exceeded the record of the Peterborough staff by \$6,000.