

WINTRY SPRING HIT CROPS HARD

Unfavorable Reports From
All Sections of Ontario.

WHEAT AND CLOVER SUFFER

Live Stock Come Through Winter on the
Lean Side—Frost Injures
Fruit.

Toronto, May 22.—The following information regarding agricultural conditions in the Province about the middle of May has been issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture:

Fall Wheat.—While a few correspondents report good stands of fall wheat, the bulk of the returns are more or less unfavorable. The crop looked promising in the late fall, and came through the winter in good condition, but the weather was especially early and cold, and the trying weather of April, with alternate freezing and thawing, resulted in the killing out of a considerable portion of the crop. The wheat is much heavier than last year, and the yield from the best stands is estimated at 15 bushels per acre. The backward state of the crop is due to the fact that the wheat is not yet in the grain, and the conditions above described are more or less general in every district where fall wheat is grown.

Winter Rye.—This crop came through the winter better than either fall wheat or clover, and is regarded as being in fair condition. Most of the rye grown in Ontario is used for feeding or for turning under.

Clover.—Like fall wheat, clover suffered greatly from the trying weather of April, many fields being badly beaten by frost, or injured by ice forming. On warm, sandy soils, and on well-drained clay, some excellent fields are reported, but on the whole the crop came through the winter and spring in poorer condition than for years, and the Province has been exempt. The backward spring has made it hard for correspondents to estimate the extent of the loss, some holding that a large portion would be plowed up, while others state that a timely and vigorous use of the land roller would restore fields to a promising condition when growth got well started. The vegetation is generally more or less returned on May 15, and at that time vegetation was nearly two weeks behind its usual record. Only the earliest trees had started to leaf, and grass had not yet grown to the point where there was a rather close bite for live stock on pastures.

Live Stock.—When live stock went into winter quarters, it was felt that more than ordinary care would have to be exercised in their feeding and handling, as hay was not so plentiful as usual, and millfeed was high in price. The early part of the winter was favorable, and the weather was not so severe as in previous years. The March snowed an early season upon the grass; but the keen, raw weather of April, and the backward growth of the first half of May, upset all calculations, and when correspondents wrote, today, supplies were short with many, and in some cases live stock had to be turned out on pastures that were hardly forward enough to sustain them. Fattening was not so good as in previous years, being on the lean side as a rule, although, with the exception of some losses from scouring, and a few local cases of abortion in dairy cows, there was no serious loss of live stock in good shape about the summer he at all unfavorable.

Farm Supplies.—Hay is scarce and dear in most quarters, as a large quantity was pressed and shipped early in the winter, and a good deal had to be fed to live stock during the late spring. Oats also had to be fed in greater quantity than usual, and the supplies on hand are comparatively small. Wheat has been largely disposed of, and taken all together, fodder supplies have been more closely drawn upon than formerly. There are, however, some individual farmers who have a good supply of some or all of these commodities on hand. Fat cattle have been pretty well cleared off, exports having gone on regularly during the season. Store cattle are plentiful, but are in good shape on the grass. This, with the comparative scarcity of feed, is making the handling of beef cattle a more interesting problem than ever this year.

Fruit.—The very backward state of the weather has prevented correspondents from reporting fully and accurately regarding the condition of orchards, as the state of growth is nearly two weeks later than usual, and in most parts of the Province fruit trees had not yet got into leaf or bloom when reports were sent in. Several correspondents speak of plum trees dying, but some attribute this to the severe winter of 1904-5 having told on the vitality of the trees. Other fruit trees have come through in good shape, and give fair promise of fruiting about spring frost has escaped. Complaints are made of injury from the San Jose scale and the oyster shell bark louse, but more spraying than ever is being resorted to in order to overcome these and other orchard pests. Several correspondents report injury to small fruits by the winter.

Spring Seeding.—Except on low land, or very stiff clay, there was an excellent seed bed for spring grain; many reports say "never better." The cold weather, however, made growth so slow that it has been difficult to estimate the extent of the catch, but the general opinion is favorable. A large number of the returns reported seeding as being practically completed, while others stated that there was yet much to do. Owing to the comparatively poor outlook for fall wheat and clover, more oats and barley have been sown, and a greater acreage of corn will likely be planted. The poorest reports regarding spring seeding came from some of the Lake counties, where wet land was delaying work.

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GAY FRANK BY BURGLAR

Parades the Family Through the House in Their Nightrobes.

Clearfield, Pa., May 24.—Samuel Wallwork, a mine superintendent at Britton, was compelled to get out of bed at 3 o'clock this morning and accompany a burglar to the library where the family was lined up to watch him open the safe for the purpose of handing its contents over to the robber.

The burglar, who was a negro with his face covered with a mask, played a lone hand, but pretended all the time he had a number of accomplices on the outside. He first ransacked the entire first floor. Not finding any money, he proceeded to Mr. Wallwork's sleeping apartment and, shaking him roughly, ordered him to get up in a hurry and go downstairs and open the safe.

With an ugly-looking revolver covering him, the superintendent immediately obeyed. The family of six was then paraded out in their night gowns and the procession stately moved downstairs to the library, where, with the family as spectators, and the armed burglar as master of the situation, Mr. Wallwork proceeded to work the combination and open the safe.

There was only \$150 in the cash box, which amount was spared by the robber. After a thorough search of the house had been made for money the accommodating robber explained that he was not a jewelry thief and that he would not molest any of the valuables of the house.

Finding no money he compelled the family to retire to the upper floor and Mr. Wallwork to accompany him out into the yard. Here he told the superintendent to go backward to the house without raising any alarm, saying that disobedience would result in instant death. The burglar then made his escape.

During the time that he was ransacking the house he frequently went to the door, ostensibly for the purpose of communicating with his comrades, whom he claimed were on the outside. This, it was learned, was simply a bluff.

FIGHTING FOR A FOOTING

Duchess of Marlborough Has Royalty
With Her Against Churchills.

London, May 24.—Profound interest is being taken here in the bold campaign of the Duchess of Marlborough to recover her position in society, independently of her husband, and in spite of her formal separation from him.

The duchess appeared last Sunday in the church parade in Hyde Park. Some of the guests of her former set were apparently so surprised to see her there they entirely forgot how to bow to her. Violet Vivian, one of Queen Alexandra's maids of honor, greeted the American duchess with marked cordiality, and stopped to talk to her. The Queen had inquired about her in a recent letter from the continent.

Queen Alexandra's friendship is a large and valuable weapon in the fight for social prestige upon which the duchess has entered. The influence of the Churchill family, of which the Duke of Marlborough is head, is widespread in English society, and the influence is powerful and active. Nevertheless, even the Churchills are devoted to their allegiance to the crown. Lady Ridley, a first cousin of the Duke of Marlborough, is one of the most ardent friends and champions of the duchess.

The people in general are most amused by one public phase of this controversy. Every time the Duchess of Marlborough is mentioned in the newspaper the next day's issues chronicle the fact that the duke has come to London from Blenheim, or has left here for Blenheim. It appears from this fact that he is determined not to be left "out of the limelight."

The fact that the duchess has control of the children is important to her, especially as many persons persist in saying that the duke surrendered this control in consideration of an extra \$10,000 a year allowed by the duchess's father, William K. Vanderbilt, of New York. The duke has paid two visits to Sunderland house, his wife's residence, within the past week, and he is said to be growing more restive than ever over what he considers to be his false position.

The duchess gave a dinner party, followed by the opera, the other night. Among the guests were Mrs. Peter Martin, Mrs. William T. Martin, John Jacob Astor, Prince Lynar, Prince Paul Demidoff and the Countess of Crews. As Mrs. Astor, exquisitely gowned, waited in the vestibule of the Ritz Hotel for her carriage on the night of this function she met the Duke of Marlborough. "Mrs. Astor," said he, "dining here?"

"No," she replied, "I'm going to one of your wife's delightful parties," and swept past, leaving his grace somewhat chilled.

The dinner was served in the beautiful dining-room of Sunderland House. The table was gorgeous with some old pieces of gold plate, which the duchess recently brought over from Paris, where she got them at a private sale. Three of the golden goblets were filled with de France roses, and the center pyramid of peaches and purple grapes was piled upon a magnificent gold epergne.

ASSAULTED NON-STRIKERS

Rand Miners Tear Down Barricades and Start General Riot.

Johannesburg, May 24.—The strike situation reached a critical stage yesterday, and the men have been isolated. The white workers in 45 mines went out on Wednesday, because of the demand made by the proprietors that they work three shifts a day instead of two, and the men from the mines in the east and central Rand are joining the movement.

When the strikers left the Ferreira Deep mine last night, they marched to the Robinson Deep, tore down the barricades and assaulted the men who had not gone out on strike. A general riot ensued.

About 1,000 imperial troops have arrived here, and will be sent out along the reef. The strikers do not appear to know that a Government commission is even now conducting an inquiry into the question of underground workers generally.

MINERS' LIVES USED

END OF ROMANCE OF MILLIONAIRE

Wealthy Montrealer Who Married
Young Nurse Dies in
California.

Montreal, May 24.—George B. Burland, one of the leading citizens of Montreal, and for many years prominent in its business life, died Wednesday at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Burland, who was in his 78th year, was born in Ireland in 1829, and came to Canada in 1840. For some time he was employed on the Hamilton Gazette, which was owned by an uncle, but later he came to Montreal, and taking up the note engraving business, he eventually established the British American Bank Note Company, of which he became president.

Mr. Burland was connected with many public institutions. He was head of the Canada Engraving and Lithographing Company, and was on the board of the most interesting romances of his life, which ended down by a severe illness at Los Angeles.

Wife Was a Nurse. Although four score years of age, Mr. Burland last fall took unto himself his third wife, a young and pretty trained nurse not yet 30, who had trained him through a severe illness and eventually brought him back to good health. It was generally stated at the time that old Mr. Burland, who was many times a millionaire, was very fond of his youthful wife, and dealt very generously with her when he married her.

As soon as the marriage ceremony was over old Mr. Burland took his wife with him and started for California, where they spent the winter season away from the severe Canadian climate. About a month ago there were reports from Los Angeles that Mr. Burland was far from well, but shortly after there were reports that he had arrived home and was quite strong again. Many believed the latter reports until it became known that he was seriously ill at Los Angeles, and that his Montreal physician, Dr. McPhail, had been summoned to his bedside.

A Great Money-Maker. Old Mr. Burland was a great money-maker. He was almost the first man to recover from the panic of 1893, and he was one of the first to get on his feet after the crash of 1907. He was a man of great energy and initiative, and he was one of the first to make dollar bills of all denominations and lithographic work of all kinds, laid the foundation of the fortune that is now reckoned in the millions.

He was a noted character about the streets of Montreal. For years past he had traveled out in the same old-fashioned rig, behind a horse which never did better than a slow trot. Mr. Burland was first married in 1857 to Clarissa, daughter of the late George Cochrane, of Quebec, by whom he had one son and three daughters. She died in 1890, and in 1894 he married Amelia Elizabeth, widow of the late E. H. Cowper Cox, of Ottawa. The latter died some years ago. His third wife was Miss Hilda Beard, of Montreal.

STEAMSHIP A GOLDEN PRISON

Mabelle Gillman-Corey's Com-
ment on Trip Across
Atlantic.

Paris, May 24.—"We have been in Paris a whole week," declared Mrs. Mabelle Gillman-Corey today.

"The steamer was a golden prison, but still a prison. We did not go outside our suite on account of the funny curiosity of everybody about it. Some even tried to force their way in to see us—why, I cannot imagine."

Dressed in an old rose muslin empire gown, Mrs. Corey was peering in front of the old chateau her husband has secured near Versailles. It is one of the handsomest properties within 50 miles of Paris. The steel magnate and his wife wear the most appropriate homecoming air. Mr. Corey says he feels like a boy.

"Here, at least," he declared, "we shall not be persecuted by the newspapers as if we were curiosities. We can run into Paris in our automobile any time the fancy takes us. It seems like an American town now. Everybody in New York and Chicago who has an automobile has brought it to Paris to try it on decent roads."

"Our plans! I have bought the yacht Pantoset, which ought to be sailing toward France at this moment. When it comes we are going to cruise around. It don't know where we shall go, but it will be where it is cool—some place unsupplied with newspapers. What do you think of this place?" he asked suddenly, gestulating toward the wide meadows dotted here and there by cool, dark poplar groves, or fishing lakes bordered by smooth stone-rimmed roads.

"No," he resumed, "I don't want to talk business. I don't know when I am going home. I have the right to be left alone a little and propose to be very much so."

The couple came from Cherbourg straight to their chateau Villages by automobile.

THE CZAR'S THANKS.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—Emperor Nicholas, in reply to the message of the Council of the Empire, expressing its congratulations on his escape from death, as the result of a recent Terrorist plot, has telegraphed to that body as follows: "I heartily thank the Council of the Empire for the expression of its sentiments. I am convinced that the council will be of real assistance to me in all its work. As for my life, it is not precious to me, provided Russia lives in glory, peace and prosperity."

SAID MRS. GOULD WAS WEDDED TWICE

Mr. Gould's Counsel Explains
How He Came to Use
the Detectives.

New York, May 24.—Do Lancy Nicoll, counsel for Howard Gould, whose wife, formerly Miss Katherine Clemmons, has taken legal steps for a separation, alleging that her husband has made improper use of the police to obtain evidence against her, today made the following statement:

"I have not hitherto made any statement in reference to the Gould case in which I am counsel, but in view of the widespread misrepresentation concerning the matter, I have this to say:

A story, persisted in for many years, was in circulation to the effect that Mrs. Gould had a husband living when she married Mr. Gould. If this were so, a crime had been committed. Inspector McLaughlin was not invited to it from other sources, I deemed it my duty to ask him to investigate it fully. It has always been and always will be the duty of the police force, especially of the chief of detectives, not only to investigate any crime, but to see that it is properly investigated. Ever since I have been familiar with affairs in this city it has been the practice of lawyers to invoke the aid of the district attorney's office or the police department on behalf of their clients in any case where there is any ground whatever to believe that a crime may have been committed, or may be attempted; and while in the Gould case I suspected that the charge was probably unfounded, considering that it proceeded from the main, but not altogether from an ex-convict, it seemed to me that it was desirable to get at the bottom of it once for all."

"It was only the right of the chief inspector to investigate the matter, but it was his duty to do so, and he was privileged to pursue all lawful methods of investigation until he established either its truth or falsity. As soon as Inspector McLaughlin was convinced that there was no real foundation for the charge made by Hawley, that he was trying to impose on him and Mr. Gould, the whole matter was dropped and the connection of the inspector and the detective bureau with it ended there. I also was ever done for Mr. Gould in the trouble between himself and wife by anybody in the police department was absolutely false."

"There was nothing done in behalf of Mr. Gould which was unusual, irregular, or extraordinary, or other than any other citizen has a right to have done for him."

"I have made a statement of the matter to Commissioners Bingham and Hanson, and they are entirely at liberty to make it public as it was dictated to a stenographer in Commissioner Hanson's office."

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CHINESE FAMINE BROKEN AT LAST

Red Cross Formerly Announces
No More Contributions Will
Be Received.

Washington, May 24.—The Red Cross has formally announced that it will no longer receive contributions of money or provisions for the relief of the Chinese sufferers, the famine having been broken by the ripening of the new crops. The official notice is as follows:

"The American National Red Cross has received in money contributions for the Chinese famine relief since the work was begun on December 24 last, \$229,000, and has received besides a large quantity of seed wheat and flour."

"Of the money thus contributed the Christian Herald, of New York, collected \$250,000. All of these contributions except a small balance have been forwarded to China where the relief has been applied principally through the Shanghai central relief committee, composed of foreign consuls, prominent merchants and Chinese gentry, and the missionary relief committee of Chinkiang."

"The transport of relief which was tendered to the Red Cross, with a cargo of supplies valued at over \$100,000 provided by the Christian Herald, is due to arrive at Chinkiang, China, in the latter part of this month. The season is near at hand when the new crops will be available for food."

"The reports indicate that these measures of relief provided by America and forwarded through the Red Cross have proved of vast benefit and have doubtless prevented thousands of deaths and untold suffering. The emergency seems to have passed, and notice is hereby given by the Red Cross that further contributions are not required."

LIFE FOR EYTINGE

Fought Guilty of Killing Friend in an Arizona Desert.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 24.—Louis V. Eyttinge, an alleged nephew of the famous actress, Rose Eyttinge, was today found guilty of the murder in the first degree of John Leitch, of Sheboygan, Wis., and will be sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury was out all night and returned a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Eyttinge received the verdict unmoved and smiled as the foreman read the finding of the jury. Sentence will be formally passed upon the prisoner on June 4.

Eyttinge and Leitch came to Phoenix together after becoming acquainted en route from the east. On March 17 they are said to have ridden into the desert together. Leitch never returned. His body was found in an unfrequented spot, and at the inquest it developed that he had been poisoned. All of his money and valuables had disappeared.

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