# DISTRICT NEWS

## WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. Robert Gibbs returned on Wednesday evening to her home here, after a pleasant holiday spent at Victoria and Vancouver. Her mother returned with her as far as Calgary and then went south from there.

James Ellis was in Lacombe on Monday.

On Monday Mrs. Killpatrick, of Bawlf, with her two children, visited friends here, en route to Barrie, Ontario.

On Sunday R. H. Dobson, of Strathcona, was here.

Miss Georgina Hendrickson, who succeeded in getting her standard VII. examination this summer, is now attending the new Normal School in Calgary.

Miss Irene Keene, who has been teaching near Bear's Lake, has entered as one of the teachers in training at Calgary.

On Tuesday Dr. Robinson made a business trip to Calgary.

Mr. Riley, one of Calgary's prominent lawyers, was here this week.

Mrs. C. E. Compton, who has been spending the holidays in Prince Edward Island, will return in a few days.

Freddy, the young son of Charles Rubbra, is recovering from his illness.

Mrs. S. P. Campbell expects to arrive at her home in Vegreville from Anaka, Nebraska, on September 5th. Her many friends here will regret to learn of her sister's death. It may be possible that the bereaved husband and two children will spend the winter in Vegreville.

Miss McKenzie, of Toronto, has arrived and has taken charge of the millinery department in Compton & Montgomery's.

Miss Burns, who left on Monday morning to commence duties in the Calgary Normal School, found on her arrival there that the building was not yet completed sufficiently to guarantee opening the classes and so returned here on Wednesday evening.

Harry McCloud, of Vancouver, uncle of Mrs. L. R. Rix, arrived on Tuesday for a week's visit. He will then go to Edmonton and then to Stoney Plain, with the idea of taking up land and locating permanently in this part of Alberta.

Mrs. Edwards, of Lorne street, who has been visiting Mrs. James Horner for the last week, left on Wednesday for a month's visit at Winnipeg.

Mrs. J. H. D. Benson and her sister, Mrs. George B. Henwood, left last Thursday for Toronto. Mrs. Benson is expecting to return in a month and Mrs. Henwood not until November.

Miss Christie spent the week-end at Innisfail with her mother and sister.

Ed. Bailey left on Tuesday for Cookshire, Quebec, where he will join his wife.

Dr. Mary Magill held a sale of household effects on Wednesday.

Great plans are being made for the union Sunday school picnic, to be held at Red Deer on Labor Day. According to present indications, there will be a record crowd, because parents of all denominations are interested in the success of the project.

George McManus spent the week-end with his parents in Edmonton. His father returned with him for a short visit.

Superintendent Niblock, of the C.P.R., Calgary, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Wood, of Illinois, was in the city this week, looking over the country.

Mrs. H. I. Miller returned on Wednesday evening to her home here, after a holiday of a number of weeks in Manitoba.

Wetaskiwin, September 3.

## VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. Harkness, who has been visiting her sons, A. A. and E. E. Harkness, left this morning for Los Angeles to visit two sons living there. She will take boat from Vancouver to San Francisco.

There is to be a party given in honor of Mrs. McFarlane at her son's place, D. McFarlane, Warwick, prior to her departure for North Dakota.

The town council has decided to brick veneer the town hall. A. E. Jennings has the contract and his men will get to work right away.

R. Long, inspector for the Commercial Union Fire Insurance Company, was in town today in connection with his company, a guest at the Alberta Hotel.

The Olga Verne White Company produced "Faust" in McIntyre Hall last night to a fairly-sized audience. The stage was too small to do justice to the scenery.

Labor Day is to be observed in Vegreville by a baseball double-header. Edmonton and Strathcona are getting a combination of players from the Twin Cities that will make Vegreville go some. The first game is in the morning and the second at 3.30 p.m. The games ought to prove interesting, as the Twin Cities should be able to get a team together that would be in the same class as Vegreville.

Mrs. T. Tate has gone to Winnipeg to take in the millinery opening there.

Mrs. W. Woods, Warwick, is in town visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. McIntyre.

Some great yarns come in about great crop yields. Some have to go on their neighbor's place to find room for the stooks and the threshing machines are placed on the road allowances for want of room to do the threshing.

Vegreville, September 2.

## FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

On Monday evening last a large number of friends met at the home of E. Wilmeroth to extend good wishes to Peter Gordon, who left the Fort on Tuesday to reside for a time at Vegreville. During the four years Mr. Gordon has been here he has won the respect of all associated with him and this opportunity was taken to present him with a handsome scarf pin as a mark of appreciation. Mr. Gordon was taken entirely by surprise, but replied briefly in a word of thanks. A very pleasant evening was spent with the usual parlor games and music. After a dainty luncheon had been served the party broke up.

On Monday evening, just as Rev. D. P. McQuarrie was about to board the train a large number of the church people met on the platform and in a few well chosen words R. E. Staples presented Mr. McQuarrie with a purse containing a sum of money as a small remembrance and mark of appreciation from the young men of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McQuarrie briefly thanked the friends assembled for their general kindness to him during the past two months. On the other hand the people of the Presbyterian church feel grateful that they have had the pleasure of having Mr. McQuarrie with them this summer, and their good wishes go with him to his own home and church in Pittsburg.

On Sunday, Sept. 13th, it is expected that Rev. W. G. Fortune, field secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform league, will be in Fort Saskatchewan and will preach in the Presbyterian church in the morning and in the Methodist church in the evening. Rev. W. J. Howard, B.A., B.D., will take charge of the evening service in the Presbyterian church on that date.

Mrs. George Watt and son, of Norwood, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Paul.

Miss Peters, who has been visiting Mrs. T. J. Carscadden for several weeks, returned on Monday to her home in Toronto. Miss Carscadden accompanied her to the capital.

The executive committee of the Liberal association will meet in W. A. D. Lee's office on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst.

The Conservative party held a meeting in their rooms on Government street on Tuesday evening.

Messrs. A. M. Carscadden and E. Graham went up to the capital on Monday's local.

Mrs. J. Irwin, of Calgary, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Walton, for the past two weeks, left this morning for her home.

The Forbes auxiliary of the Women's Home Mission society met in the church on Wednesday afternoon and made arrangements to have a New England dinner served to the public on the evening of Thursday, the 17th inst. The building on Dennis avenue, recently vacated by Geo. Kimball, will be used for the purpose.

Mrs. Rathbun, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Walton, for the past two months, left this morning for her home in Penticton, B.C.

Fort Saskatchewan, Sept. 2.

## RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. W. P. Hellwell is home from the coast.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Friday next at the home of Mrs. George Bell.

Alexander McDonald, who has acted as foreman of the Red Deer Laundry for the past year, has left for Seattle, where he intends taking a university course to fit himself as a civil engineer.

School opened last week with an attendence of 297 pupils, 51 of whom being in the high school department.

A Rebecca Lodge is being organized in connection with the local I. O. O. F. lodge.

W. Hadley, who has conducted a green grocery business here for the past few months, has disposed of same to Mr. W. Huskins, who will take charge at once.

Negotiations are under way for a football game here on Labor Day between the local team and Edmonton for the provincial championship and the possession of the gold medals donated by the Alberta Football Association.

R. Grigg, Trade Commissioner to Canada from the British Board of Trade, was the guest of Mayor Gaetz for a day last week.

Miss Jordan, of Barnstaple, Eng., was quietly married last week by Rev. B. Goodfield to Mr. James Halsey, of Leslieville. After the ceremony the happy couple were the guests of Mr. Harold J. Snell, an old friend of the groom prior to coming to Canada.

A mass meeting of the men is being called for Sundty afternoon next at four o'clock to organize for the coming fall and winter meetings. All men are invited to attend and assist.

James Bower, one of the provincial pork commissioners, left last week with the rest of the commission for Ontario and the Eastern States, where they will investigate the pork packing industry.

Owing to the small quantity of available land, there was not very much of a rush here yesterday morning when the odd numbered sections were thrown open to homesteaders. There were thirty entries all told that day, thirteen of whom slept in front of the Land Office, in order to be first on the scene in the morning.

Miss Sharkey, of Moose Jaw, is relieving Miss Stewart, stenographer at the Dominion Lands Office here, while she is on her holidays.

Red Deer, September 2.

## FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. J. R. Adshead intends to open a new station, in connection with the Baptist church, at Riverside on Sunday, 13th inst., which will be the seventh station opened in this district.

Dr. Buchanan, of Calgary, president of the Methodist conference and superintendent of Methodist home missions, preached in the Methodist church here on Sunday evening last. Dr. Buchanan, accompanied by Rev. W. J. Howard, left on Monday for Lamont to attend the district finance meeting of this circuit.

Twenty four homesteads were filed last Tuesday at the local land office, it being the date upon which the new regulations regarding homesteading on odd sections came into force.

S. J. Bentley, one of the most extensive farmers of the Coronation district, has purchased a 20-horse-power gasoline engine and threshing outfit from James Graham. The outfit was delivered from Edmonton last week.

J. R. Campbell, of Toronto, brother of the postmaster here, is spending a few weeks in the Fort.

Dr. Lawford, Methodist missionary at Pakan, visited the Fort this week and addressed an Epworth League meeting in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. H. Staples, accompanied by Misses May and Annie McConaghy, went to the capital on Thursday afternoon's local. Mrs. Staples will spend a week in Edmonton.

## FINLAY GOLD FIELDS.

### Two Prospectors Return to Prince Rupert Say Ground Will Pay.

Prince Rupert, B.C., Aug. 31.—Robert Robinson and George B. McMillan arrived in Prince Rupert last week coming direct from the Ingineca placer diggings. They went in last spring, starting from Nelson, where they have their homes, and going by way of Ashcroft, Quesnelle, and the all-water route to Fort Grahame on Finlay river, thence to the mouth of the Ingineca and up that stream to McConnell creek. They would not go in that way again, and they would not advise any person to go that way. Mr. McMillan was in the Yukon in the early days, and he says going to the Ingineca via Ashcroft and the all-water route is like going to the Yukon via the Edmonton route.

When half way between Fort Graham and the mouth of the McConnell creek, owing to the difficulties encountered they had to cache part of their supplies, and they reached the new diggings with about one hundred pounds apiece. They got in in time to get claims 3 and 4 on McConnell creek about the mouth; but not having supplies, and no way to get them in, they concluded to do no work until next spring. And many more have done likewise.

There are several other parties getting ready to work on the Ingenica below the mouth of McConnell creek. Both Mr. Robinson and Mr. McMillan are of one opinion, and that is that the ground will pay and that a mistake was made in laying the district over for a year. Had the lay-over been for two months, every person entitled to protection would have been protected, and hundreds of claims would now be working which are idle.

Supplies are scarce, as pack trains only bring in 200 pounds to the animal, and there is no store in the district. The Hudson's Bay company have a good store at Fort Grahame, but for more than half the distance supplies can only be packed in on men's backs, which is both expensive and slow. The ground will not be proved before winter ,and those who have supplies or who can get them will work all winter.

## RICH STRIKE IN NELSON.

### Richest Discovery in Years is Made in Kootenay District.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 30.—After twenty years of work in the Kootenay country, the biggest strike that ever has been made, as far as values are concerned, was made yesterday upon the Granite Poorman group, five miles west of Nelson, under lease from the Duncan Mines Limited an English company, to T. Gough and J. P. Swedberg. The ore is freemilling gold quartz, mellow at that, and its value can not be expressed in hundreds, but must be stated in thousands of dollars. The Poorman Granite group has the best locations in the vicinity. For the most part they are freemilling gold quartz ore. The veins, running from two to five feet in width and average in value from $7 to as at this last strike, $10,000 to the ton. This is not a strike on a prospect, but is a strike upon a mine which has been developed for the last twenty years and at such goes far to show the fortunes which can yet be made in the Kootenay country.

There is a general revival in the mining industry all through the Kootenay and all through the season miners and prospectors have been busy at work.

Among the strikes of the season may be reckoned those of the Sheep Creek district, south of Nelson, where ore, free-milling gold quartz, has been run across in values varying from $20 to $500. Taking a jump northwards in the dry ore belt of the Slocan, native silver has been discovered upon the Hewitt and the Vancouver, quite recently in the Valhalla mountains to the west of Slocan, on the Millie Mack has been found rich galena ore in the quartz. Everywhere prospectors and others, under the interest induced by the recent revival of confidence in the future of the country have come to hand. From almost every point records of good ore discovered in districts which are hundreds of miles apart.

## A FATAL CLOUDBURST.

### Twenty-three Persons Known to Be Dead and Scores Missing.

Trinidad, Col., Aug. 30.—Twenty-three persons are known to be dead and score are missing as the result of a cloudburst which sent a raging wall of water eight feet deep over Folsom, New Mexico, a mining camp of 3,500 people situated at the foot of Mount Caputin, forty miles south of the Colorado-New Mexico line. The dead identified are: Daniel B. Wenger, proprietor of the Wenger Mercantile Co., his wife and daughter, Daisy. Lucy Craighten, a young lady living with Wengers; T. W. Wheeler, a mine operator, wife and two babies and a sister in law, and a baby living with Wheeler; Della Docke, telephone operator, washed away while at her post of duty; Edward Wright, president of the Trinidad National Bank, who was visiting the Wengers, is missing, and thought to be lost. It is impossible to estimate the total loss of life, which will probably reach thirty-five or forty.

### Aged Man Takes Own Life.

Picton, Aug. 28.—The lifeless body of Edward Smith, blacksmith, of Chisholm, was found this morning hanging to the limb of a maple tree outside of his home. An examination was made of the remains, and from the condition of the body it is believed the man left his home about 1 o'clock this morning and went out and hanged himself. Deceased was in town yesterday and was apparently in good health and spirits. No reason can be assigned for his taking his life. Deceased was in his sixtieth year, and is survived by his widow and three children. An inquest is deemed unnecessary.

### Pettipiece a Candidate.

Lethbridge, Aug. 30—At a meeting of the Socialist party in Lethbridge, held on Sunday to consider the advisability of running a candidate on the straight Socialist platform in this riding in the forthcoming elections, the name of R. P. Pettipiece as a prospective candidate was mentioned.

### Wreck on C.N.R. Near Dauphin.

Dauphin, Man., August 30.—C.N.R. engine and five cars were derailed at Birch Hills, north of here, on Saturday afternoon, blocking the Prince Albert express. No one was injured.

## THE UTILIZATION OF COAL SCREENINGS

### Board of Trade Secures Valuable Information From Germany Showing How Coal Screenings, Which Are at Present Wasted at Mines Here, May Be Manufactured Into a Marketable Product.

That the fine coal screenings now going to waste at the various mines in this city and district may be utilized for fuel is the latest demonstration made by the Edmonton Board of Trade, and if the idea is followed up it will mean cheaper fuel and should yield a handsome profit to the person putting the idea in practice in this country.

Some time ago, H. Gruner, a German musician, who lived in Edmonton for some time, drew the attention of A. G. Harrison, secretary of the Board of Trade, to the fact that in Germany the fine coal going to waste here is compressed into the form of bricks and used as fuel. He made a successful demonstration of the way it was used. Mr. Harrison was much impressed with the idea, and about six months ago, after Herr Gruner had returned to Germany, he shipped a barrel of local coal screenings to him, with the request that he have it made into the form in which it could be used as fuel. Today Mr. Harrison received a small box of brickets, that is small bricks of coal, made from the fine coal sent Mr. Gruner.

These brickets are made by grinding up the coal very fine, mixing it with pitch or tar, and subjecting it to pressure. Bricks of any size may be made which will burn slowly. They give out a considerable amount of heat and will keep fire for a long time. The coal bricks, or brickets, are hard enough to be loaded on cars for shipment. The samples now on exhibition at the Board of Trade offices were produced by hydraulic pressure, which exerts pressure on one side only. The outside becomes cool before the pressure begins to act, and thus the outside of these samples is rather loose and may be scraped off easily. If pressed in the regular way, however, this loss may be avoided.

One of the most attractive features of this idea, besides utilizing the fine coal now going to waste, is that these coal bricks will not slack. They may be shipped at any season of the year and stored for almost any length of time, and they will not slack, as does much of the coal mined in this district. The fact that they are able to withstand the weather, are in a serviceable form, have good heating powers and utilize the coal now going to waste should make the manufacture of coal bricks in the Edmonton district an important enterprise.

These coal bricks are manufactured extensively in Germany, where, proving very satisfactory, the product is finding ready sale. Those sent to the Board of Trade offices were made in Zeitz, Germany, by the Zeitzer Manufacturing Company. Mr. Harrison purposes making a practical test of the combustible powers of these coal brickets in order to ascertain as nearly as possible the quantity of heat given out.

## LABOR TO BE INDEPENDENT.

### President Gompers Makes Important Political Declaration.

Washington, Aug. 29—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, had a conference today with a number of labor leaders, who are to participate in the political campaign as speakers. Today's issue of the Federationist, the official organ of the organization, contains expressions of opinions on the political situation, pledging loyalty to the Federation's attitude by John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, and who still is second vice-president of the Federation; Vice-Presidents James Duncan and Daniel J. Keefe, of the Federation, and a number of national officers of various labor organizations throughout the country. In an official statement, President Gompers said that since October 2,000,000 of wealth producers had been thrown upon the streets in idleness.

"There will not, and there must not be created in the United States," he added, "a permanent army of unemployed workers."

Mr. Gompers referred to the decision of the supreme court interpreting the Herman Anti-Trust Law to apply to the voluntary assertion of wage earners and he said the toilers must sare no effort to secure remedial legislation for the restoration of their rights so seriously jeopardized by this decision. In the statement Mr. Gompers said the American workers were, not playing politics, that neither he dor the executive council approached the political parties as republicans or democrats, and added: "Neither individually nor collectively are they annexed to any political party, nor is the labor movement annexed. The men and the movement propose to be as independent after this coming election as they are today, or have been. Pull together and the future is ours."

## QUEEN MAY TAKE CHILDREN.

### Rule in Spain Threatened to Mar Visit of Royalty to England.

Madrid, Spain, Aug. 31—Queen Victoria may after all realize her idea of taking her two children to nEgland with her. Some months ago Queen Victoria was contemplating a summer trip to the Isle of Wight to pass some weeks there with the Princess Henry of Battenburg. She was greatly distressed because she could travel with only one of her children since the Spanish protocole requires that the heir to the throne should remain in the country while the parents travel abroad. This rule somewhat disconcerted the Queen who expressed a preference for travelling without her children rather than with only one of them. It now appears that the difficulty may be solved if King Alfonso will remain in Spain during the Queen's absence. Thus Queen Victoria could take both her children with her for the presence of the King of Spain will meet the requirements of the protocole.

## SOLDIERS PURSUE BANDITS.

### Troops Peeping Around Rocky Retreats While Highwayman Busy.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 30—The lone bandit who held up sixteen stage coaches in Yellowstone yesterday robbing 125 persons of $10,000, held up another stage today between Cody and Meetseetse, getting $1,500. Ten people were on the stage, and from the description they furnished the officials, they say the same man committed the robbery, and have redoubled their efforts to catch him.

The bandit was pursued by cavalry all night, but being mounted on a fleet horse, with superior knowledge of the country, enable him to elude his pursuers. Today ,while the soldiers were peeking around his rocky retreats, the bandit was many miles away robbing another coach. Four women were on the coach. One fainted from fright. She was not molested. The other three were compelled to give up all their valuables. The passengers were lined up in a row. One of the men was forced to do the collecting. Then all were forced back into the stage, the robber firing two shots. He made them drive away at full speed. No resistance was made.

## ROMANCE ENDS IN COURT.

### Celebratel Soul Mating Affair Before Bar of Justice.

New York, August 30.—The most celebrated soul-mating romance of modern times—that of Ferdinand Pinney Earle, artist, and Julia Kuttner, settlement worker, fell clumsily into the sordid and ordinary police court class today, when Earle was arrested on the charge of beating his "affinity," the present Mrs. Earle, was lodged in Goshen jail. Earle, with tears streaming from his eyes, pleaded guilty in the court to the charge brought against him, but offered no word of explanation or justification for his treatment of his wife. The affinity refused even to make an effort to obtain bail, and Earle went to jail to await the action of the grand jury, which meets in October.

The charge of assault was made by Mrs. Inez Barry, aunt of Mrs. Julia Kuttner Earle, it being alleged that on August 16, twelve days after a baby was born, Earle choked and beat his affinity. It is asserted that Mrs. Earle said she would never return to the house of her husband.

## ROBBERS WRECK BANK AND SECURE $12,000

### Provincial Bank at St. Eustache, Quebec, Is Broken Into By Five Masked and Armed Robbers, Who Hold Off Villagers at Point of Gun While Safe is Blown Up.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 31.—Five desperadoes broke into and robbed the Provincial Bank of St. Eustache, about two o'clock on Thursday morning, getting clear away with twelve thousand dollars in bank bills. So far no definite trace of the robbers have been discovered, and though they have been traced as far as St. Rose, it is thought they were heading for Montreal, with the intention of getting across the boundary as soon as possible. The men were apparently experts at the bank cracking profession. They broke into the premises which are in the largest building in that village, the post office, and other offices being in the same block, shortly before two o'clock.

The noise they made awoke the postmaster and others in the building, but when they came near they found that three men with a couple of revolvers apiece were standing outside, while the other two were inside blowing the safe open. The citizens did not care to get too close to the guns, and did not interfere with the operations of the quintette. In a few minutes the men inside had drilled a hole in the door of the safe, poured in a charge of nitro-glycerine, ignited a fuse and then came outside to await the explosion. So confident were they that they did not take any precaution to muffle the sound. When the charge exploded, it not only wrecked the safe, but broke a number of windows in the building. The two then returned to the bank and broke open the drawers, the explosion having torn the safe door completely off. In the vault were $12,000 in bills and a large quantity of cheques and other negotiable papers. The robbers did not touch the paper but took all the bills, even leaving the silver money in the safe as too heavy to be handled with comfort.

### Headed For Montreal.

Having secured the money, they started off in the direction of the C. P. R. track, apparently in the direction of Montreal. Some of the citizens tried to follow, but were warned by the robbers to keep back or they would shoot, and they did not need a second warning. The night was unusually dark and all the robbers were masked, so that no description of them could be secured. Immediately after the robbers had escaped, word of the affair was telephoned to Montreal, and a number of city and provincial detectives left for St. Eustache, while later on several Thiel detectives also went out in an automobile. Word was telephoned into the city this evening that the men had been traced as far as Ste. Rose and the detectives of the city are on the watch for any suspicious characters. Manager Bienvenue of the Banque Provinciale states that

## MUCH ACTIVITY IN FERNIE.

### Contract for Trading Co.'s New Building Let to Winnipeg Firm.

Fernie, Aug. 29—John Dunlop, who held the position of government immigration officer between Macleod and the internaitonal boundary line for the past two year, has been transferred to the American side. Mr. Dunlop will now have charge of the territory between Kingsgate and Spokane.

The contract for the Crow's Nest Tradin gCo.'s new building has been let to a Winnipeg contractor and work will be rushed forward till its completion. They expect to occupy it about December. When completed ,it will be one of the finest in the west.

The weather for the past two days has been decidedly cooler. A large amount of rain has fallen and the weather continues cloudy.

## PREMIER RUTHERFORD RETURNS FROM SOUTH

### In a Fortnight's Drive Across Country He Saw Finest Wheatfields He Ever Saw in His Life—Notes the Marvellous Expansion of Two Years.

Premier Rutherford has returned to the city after a fortnight's tour of the south country. Whilst there he spent most of the time driving out through the country to see for himself the wonderful expansion in farming operations which the south country has witnessed during the past two years when the premier was last there.

"The finest wheatfields I ever saw in my life I have seen on this trip," said the premier today to a Bulletin representative. "One can hardly exaggerate their excellence. When driving across the country from Cardston east to Tabor our road was lined with these splendid wheatfields. It was a marvellous sight when we remembered that a decade ago men said that district was only good for grazing purposes. The harvest was pretty well through. At Lethbridge it was probably most advanced. I saw several threshing outfits at work there in the fields. They use big steam threshers there mostly. The grain as it was threshed was being stored in bins on the field preparatory to marketing it.

"It is a remarkable fact that there is now four times the area of land under cultivation that there was two years ago. Although I saw some splendid fields of oats I believe that on the whole the oats is not equal to what I saw between Calgary and Edmonton.

### Interest in Schools.

"One feature of the south country which pleased me greatly and is quite as important as the wheat fields in my opinion is their very keen interest in educational matters. The schools are increasng rapidly in numbers, and the boards are careful to secure the best teachers available. Lethbridge has now under construction a school-building which will be when complete one of the finest in the province. It is a notable fact too that Cardston will send 8 pupils to the Normal school at Calgary this term.

"The damages done by the floods this spring are being repaired in a workmanlike manner. Some of the approaches to bridges and even some small bridges were washed away in the floods. But the repairs are being pushed ahead rapidly. The public works department is doing very excellent work there indeed."

The premier has returned looking very well though somewhat fatigued after his fortnight's outing, during which time he drove so much across country.

## ACCOMMODATION LIMITED.

### Greater New York Has Many Who Are Down in Life.

New York, August 30.—Driven from the city parks and streets by the storm, two hundred homeless men and women last night sought shelter at the city morgue at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street. During the height of the storm such numbers applied for shelter that every bed in the municipal lodging-house was occupie l long before the usual hour, and hundreds were turned away. The situation eventually became so grave that the officials opened the morgue to the homeless and began to give out tickets to all who desired them. Some, when they learned that they would be obliged to sleep in the same building with the dead, turned back into the night and the storm, but others were not so superstitious and went in and slept soundly. At six o'clock this morning the homeless were again turned into the streets by official order and the morgue was once more reserved for the dead.

## RELICS WILL NOT SUFFER.

### British Engineers Accused of Vandalism in Creating Egyptian Reservoirs.

Rome, Aug. 31—A vehement attack against alleged vandalism of British engineers who have planned large reservoirs in Upper Egypt have appeared in the Corriere Della Sera at Milan. These enthusiastic lovers of ancient art went so far as to compare the wonderful achievements of civil engineering in the valley of the Nile with the ruthless act of blowing up the whole site of the recussitated Pompeii by means of large quantities of dynamite. It is satisfactory, however, that so great an authority as Professor Schweinfurth has at once opposed these baseless attacks bya lucid exposition of the real state of things. He has made clear that the venerable relics of antiquity will not be lost to the world of culture even after the completion of the water blocks now contemplated.

### For Nanton Fair Grounds.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 4.—The Minister of the Interior has recommended a grant of land to the Nanton, Alberta, Agricultural society for a park and recreation purposes.


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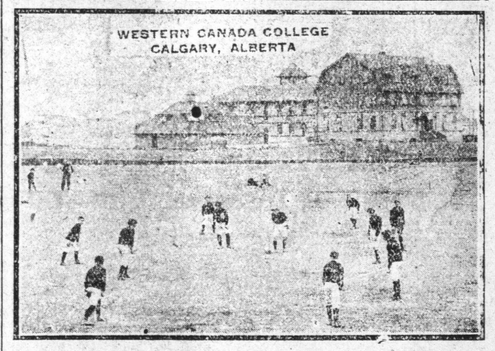


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