# BUSINESS OUTLOOK VERY SATISFACTORY

**Conditions Throughout the West Are Encouraging—How a Big Crop Helps—Amount of Wheat Inspected Would Fill Two Trains Reaching From Toronto to Montreal.**

Winnipeg, May 11.—General business conditions throughout the prairie provinces have been very satisfactory for many months, and the reason therefor is to be found in the success of agriculture in 1909. The season was the most prosperous that the farmers had ever known, and an enormous amount was added to the aggregate wealth of the country. In the quantity and quality of the grain crops a joint standard was established which may not be surpassed in the present generation. The immense increases in acreage from year to year, due to the influx of settlers, will, it is true, bring about a total grain production which will make last year's figures look small by comparison. And it is possible that the husbandmen may again be able to raise cereals of a quality fully as good as those which are now being marketed. But there were three main features of the 1909 crop production. In addition to the enormous aggregate production and the excellent quality of the products, the high average yield in each case was worthy of note. The unusually high prices which prevailed in the grain markets of the world also helped to make the season conspicuous, but the advances in values were caused by conditions with which the western farmers had relatively little to do. The workers and the weather were responsible for the encouraging results in this part of the globe. These two factors are entitled to all praise. There is little likelihood that a huge total yield, a high standard of quality, a heavy production per acre, and high prices for the output will be again secured in one and the same season. It is possible, but it is not probable. The west, with all its optimism, has no reason to hope for a repetition of last year's benefits. The whole season stands in a class by itself for the seasons mentioned, and coming years will each do well if they approximate closely to that record.

**More Than 75,000 Cars of Wheat.**

Figures of the grain inspections for eight months are now available, and they are interesting enough to anyone who has watched the growth of the western agricultural industry. Wheat is easily the most important of the cereals, of course, and during the eight months 75,480 cars were examined by the government officials. This is an immense amount, but few people understand how great it really is. If these cars were made up into two trains of equal length they would cover the distance between Toronto and Montreal, which is 333 miles. And the grain in the cars which were not used for the purpose of the experiment would be sufficient to supply the City of Toronto with its daily bread for eight months. The wheat inspections represent a total of more than 80,000,000 bushels, or an average of 10,000,000 per month since the crop year began on September 1. For the same eight months in the preceding crop year the wheat total was 65,141 cars, so that the increase so far has been a little more than 10,000 cars.

**Improvement in Quality.**

The high average quality of the 1909 grain has been frequently mentioned in this correspondence, but it is perhaps permissible to refer to it again. The inspections of wheat for April are illuminating in this respect. In the 5,966 cars last month 5,577 were better than No. 4, which means that they were acceptable on contracts. This gives a percentage of 93.65, which may be considered remarkably high, especially when the lateness of the season is taken into account. Most of the farmers are supposed to sell their good wheat long before April comes around. They departed from that rule this year. They could afford to hold it, and they held it accordingly. In April last year the percentage of contract wheat was only 68.46. For the eight months of this season the percentage is 88.58, as compared with 70.44 for the same period in the preceding season. The figures are sufficient to tell the story of the difference. An average of nearly 90 per cent. in contract wheat in deliveries extending over two-thirds of the crop year furnishes ground for exultation. But the statistical proportions are not noticed generally, and there is no tendency to boast. The farmers hope that they may continue to secure yields of high-class grain, but they are not anxious to "beat the big drum" over what they have already obtained.

**Heavy Shipments of Coarse Grains.**

The coarse grains continue to make a good showing in the official figures, although they are still a long way behind King Wheat. In the eight months there were 13,216 cars of oats, as compared with 10,339 a year ago; 3,366 cars of barley, as compared with 2,740; and 3,336 cars of flax, as compared with 2,026. It will be seen that there were large increases in all grains. The grand totals are almost in the "staggering" class. The inspections of the four leading grains, wheat, oats, barley and flax, during the eight months amounted to 95,398 cars, containing approximately 113,944,600 bushels. For the same period a year ago they were 80,246 cars, containing approximately 95,692,800 bushels. There is a gain for the current season of over 15,000 cars. Of this increase more than two-thirds is in wheat.

**Very Encouraging Outlook.**

With so vast a quantity of grain moving out it is not at all remarkable that the country thrives. The number of people depending upon the revenues of agriculture increases rapidly each year, but the returns seem to increase in as great a ratio. Any industry can help to create prosperity by showing a respectable credit balance at the end of a given period, and farming has been able to display several balances of that nature within the past few years. If a community or a country produces much more than it consumes, and is able to market the surplus under advantageous conditions, it is a heavy gainer. It is comparatively easy to calculate the volume of production in the west for any season, but it would be a difficult task to compute the volume of distribution or consumption. In other words, it would be a serious business to determine the extent to which the people in the three prairie provinces were able to pay their obligations in a particular year. There are typical indications of prosperity, such as heavy railway traffic, a rush of immigrants, and great activity in construction work of all kinds. It is by means of these that the state of trade may be judged. In respect to all of them the situation is brighter now than at any other time in the history of the Dominion. Many people are now realizing for the first time that Canada is a big country. Some of those upon whom the truth is dawning are in the country today, and have been here for many years. Some others are coming in to find new homes here. They are alike in their convictions that this is a period of great development, and they are wondering why they did not learn that fact before.

**Fears of Dry Weather.**

It is too early to predict a continuance of the present prosperity, because in a territory which is practically dependent upon agriculture for its advancement the season of risks and dangers is only beginning. The outlook for the 1910 crops is fairly satisfactory, but there is some uneasiness on account of dry weather. Rains have been infrequent so far this year, and their benefits have been of short duration. The late snows were infinitely more useful, and it is a pity that the recent blizzard did not reach a wider range of territory. The damage from drouth is prospective rather than present, and the fears on that score are always aroused and expressed in advance. The amount of moisture in May will have an important bearing upon the situation. Every district is not in need of rain, but the light lands could stand a good deal of it. If the dryness should continue for another month some of the wheat will be in bad shape. June is the month when rains come in all their fullness, of course, and it is more than possible that the concern which is making itself felt in various districts will have been forgotten on Dominion Day.

# WHEAT ALONG C. N. R. IS GROWING VERY WELL

**The Canadian Northern Crop Report States That Conditions Are Quite Favorable But That Farmers in Some Districts are Looking Anxiously for Downpours of Rain.**

The weekly crop report of the Canadian Northern, received today, indicates that good progress is being made in sowing the coarse grains. All the wheat seeding is done, and much of it is showing above the ground. The dry weather has been favorable for sowing, but in many of the districts a rain would now be welcome. A number of the agents of the company report that the farmers are looking anxiously for a good downpour. The following reports indicate the conditions along the various lines of the company.

**Reports From Sections.**

Gladstone—Wheat up in some places two inches. Fifty per cent oats and barley sown. Ground in good condition, there being plenty of moisture.

Battleford—Wheat seeding completed. No oats sown yet. Rain needed. Weather dry and hot.

Makinak—Farmers have rushed seeding the past week. Weather very favorable. Wheat seeding completed and oat seeding commenced. Weather fine and prospects good.

Dauphin—Weather very favorable for seeding this week. Wheat all sown and 50 per cent oats and barley sown.

Humbolt—All seeding finished and 90 per cent. of grain up. Weather very favorable.

Wadena—Oat seeding being completed this week and wheat up about one inch. Weather very favorable.

Edmonton—Wheat all in. Weather fine but dry. Farmers waiting for rain before sowing oats.

Carman—Seeding completed. Wheat showing up well above the ground. Weather fine and warm.

Hartney—Wheat seeding completed. Crop in fairly good condition. Weather ideal.

Scarth—Wheat seeding completed. Twenty-five per cent of coarse grain sown. Weather fine and warm.

Brandon—Weather past week warm and favorable. Seeding practically all in.

Neepawa—Seeding all finished and wheat up in some places two inches. Land very dry for this time of the year. Other seeding progressing favorably.

Winnipegegosis—Wheat all seeded. Some oats and barley yet to be sown. Weather favorable for seeding."

## HEAD-ON COLLISION ON C.P.R.

**Two Freights Come Together Near Heron Bay—Three Men Injured.**

Fort William, May 11—Three men were slightly injured and three carloads of cattle killed and two cars of merchandise destroyed in a head-on collision on the C.P.R. last night, near Heron Bay, about 200 miles east of here. A westbound fright crashed into an east-bound stock train both going at full speed. Conductor Moore, Raymond Jones and Engineer Walsh are the injured ones.

Walsh and Moore were not seriously hurt. Jones had his arm broken, and was taken to Port Arthur and the bone set. The failure of the operator to deliver a message to the conductor of the east-bound is given as the reason for the collision. The operator had only been situated at Heron Bay a short time. No further particulars are obtainable here.

# FOREST FIRES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF U.S.

**Great Damage Done in the States Which Were Swept by Flamse Two Years Ago—Drought Has Dried Up Timber, Making it Ready Prey to Flames.**

St. Paul, Minn., May 12.—Owing to the unusual drought in Minnesota, the forests in the north and eastern parts of the state, in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan, have been burning for several days, and great damage has been done. So far, however, no fatalities have been reported. No rain has fallen in Minnesota this spring in any amount, and since the last snow storm, April 24 and 26, not enough moisture has fallen to thoroughly wet the ground. Ordinarily soaking rains prevail during April and May. Everything is dry as tinder, especially in the woods and fires started by settlers in clearing their lands and by sparks from locomotives spread rapidly into growing fires.

For the last two days a strong wind has been blowing over some of the northern counties and this helped the spread of the flames, blowing the smoke over a wide area. The air during last nibht in St. Paul was pungent with the odor of burning brush and grass.

**Line Around Fire.**

Reports received from Calumet, Michigan, state that the fires about Alliston, Painsdale, South Range and Baltic are less serious today. From Cass Lake the reports are more assuring today. After several hours' hard fighting by forest rangers and volunteers, a line has been established around the fire and the wind has abated. Indications today are that the fire there has been checked, unless the wind comes up to cause the fire to jump across the barrier. The damage done to seeding trees and homesteaders is said to be great, although no estimate is possible.

This same section of Minnesota was swept by fire two years ago. At that time Chisholm, a town of 2,500, was wiped out and the residents of Grand Marais were taken from the town in boats. The state militia was sent on the naval reserve vessel Gopher to assist the fire fighters for several days.

**Grand Marais Not In Danger.**

Duluth, Minn., May 12.—A wireless message from Grand Marais, Minn., says "Grand Marais is in no immediate danger from the flames, although nothing but a drenching rain will remove the menace entirely."

Monday and Tuesday the flames swept through the territory six miles west of here, destroying several large tracts of cut and standing timber and also wiped out several farmers' homes, barns and other belongings the families, in some cases, escaping death only after desperate backfiring.

# FINE NEW STEAMERS FOR CANADIAN ROUTE

**Allans Propose to Put New Ships on the Liverpool-Quebec Service—Will Cut Down Time of Passage.**

Montreal, May 13—It is anounced by the Allan line that they are inviting tenders in England for two new trans-Atlantic steamers which are to be for the Canadian route what the Mauretania and Lusitania are for the New York run. The two new boats are to be 700 feet long, with a capacity of 2,300 passengers, with a speed of from 21 to 22 knots per hour. At this speed they will cut off a full 24 hours from the run between Liverpool and Quebec, so that passengers from Liverpool will be able to reach Chicago within a week of sailing, the voyage occupying from five to five and a half days.

Tenders to this effect have been invited in England by Hugh A. Allan, chairman of the Allan line, and apart from the general workmanship, are left open to the contractors, with the sole proviso that the boats are to be as fine as British workmanship can make them.

It is expected that the new ships will only run from Liverpool to Quebec, as the Empresses now do, their size and draught precluding their making the voyage all the way to Montreal. The building of these boats depends in large measure upon the mail subsidies. If the government here meets the wishes of the Allans in this respect the boats will be built and it is expected that the contracts will be let ere long. The building of the ships will probably take about eighteen months, so that it will probably be two years before they are in commission.

**New Town Grows Fast.**

Carlstadt, May 11—The new town of Carlstadt is located on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, 145 miles east of Calgary and 37 miles from Medicine Hat. Up to about a year ago the place consisted of a siding and nothing else. It was then known as Langevin, but as there was another place on the C. P. R. of the same name it was changed to Carlstadt, in deference to the large number of Scandinavian settlers that were coming into the district. Like Brooks, Carlstadt may be considered as a 1910 town, as there was very little doing in the way of building a town up to this year. On Oct. 1, 1909, the town consisted of a small general store, hardware store and a lumber yard. At the present time there are about 30 places of business.

**$10,000 Fire in Sherbrooke.**

Sherbrooke, Que., May 11—The sash and door factory of T. V. Reed, North Hatley, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss exceeded $10,000. There was no insurance.

# SIR WILFRID WILL TAKE SHORT HOLIDAY

**Intercolonial Has Surplus of Half a Million—General French's Tour of Inspection.**

Ottawa, May 12—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Jacques Bureau, solicitor general, left this afternoon for Nicolet, Que., at 3.15, to attend the celebration of the jubilee of the superior of the college there and the consecration of the new Roman Catholic cathedral which replaces that destroyed by fire several years ago. The premier will return to Ottawa tomorrow night and will leave on Monday for Quebec by the Canadian Northern. He will devote a few days to business in Quebec and will then return to Ottawa for a series of cabinet councils prior to the separation of the ministers for the summer. Sir Wilfrid will take a brief holiday in June at his home in Arthabaskaville and will leave for his tour of the west early in July.

**Intercolonial Surplus.**

The final figures of the Intercolonial railway for the fiscal year ending March 31st, are being completed. It is stated at the department that the surplus of earnings over expenditure will be about $600,000.

**General French's Itinerary.**

Contrary to reports which have been given circulation in a section of the press, the visit of General Sir John French to Canada will not be delayed on account of the death of King Edward. General French will arrive in Canada on May 20, the date of the funeral of King Edward. He will spend some time in consultation with the authorities at Ottawa. Going east he will arrive at Halifax on June 7 and will spend a few days there and at St. John, which he will leave on June 15. After inspecting the troops at Montreal on June 14 he will proceed to Toronto, and inspect the forces of the Niagara peninsula during the next four days. He will visit Hamilton, Welland and Niagara Falls, and make his way to Petewawa on June 18. He will remain two days at Petewawa, where will take place the largest gathering of troops that has ever been collected there. He is due to carry out the inspection of troops at Calgary on June 24. He will arrive there the evening before and will leave on the 25th. He will carry out inspections at Laggan on the 25th, Banff 26th, Regina 28th, Sewell 30th and will return to Winnipeg on July 1. He will not visit the coast. Inspection of the troops at Winnipeg will take place on July 2nd. On his return trip he will again visit Petewawa camp, remaining there two days from July 4 to July 6. He will go from there direct to Montreal, where there will be another inspection. The eastern point of the tour will be Quebec, from which port he will sail for home about July 15th.

## TO CHANGE THE CLAUSE.

**Bitter Religious Dispute Waging in Old Land.**

London, May 13—While the body of the beloved King Edward the Peacemaker lies guarded by Grenadiers, in the throne room of Buckingham palace, the land he ruled for nine years is torn by one of the worst religious disputes since the days of the reformation.

The general debate over altering the coronation oath by striking out the words which Roman Catholics consider insulting, is growing more acrimonious, but sentiment favoring a change in the wording is increasing. It became known today that in all probability a special act altering the oath will be presented to parliament within a short time.

This is all the more likely because the King is known to wish closer relations between the Mother Country and Canada and little less than half of the Dominion's population is Catholic.

The new King is winning his way to the hearts of his subjects in a remarkable manner. His latest act to strike a responsive chord is the sending of an expression of sympathy to the little colliery town of Whitehaven where 133 men lie dead, entombed in a mine owned by Lord Lonsdale.

## BRUTAL MURDER BY BURGLARS

**Two Servants Slain in New York, One Being Aged Housekeeper.**

New York, May 12.—Evidently the victims of burglars, Charles W. Boman, a Hindoo butler, and Margaret Meshan, an aged housekeeper, were found murdered Monday night in the residence of Dr. Mott D. Cameron, at 131 West 122nd street.

The two had been killed some time between 2.30 and 5.35 o'clock yesterday afternoon, during the physician's absence. The butler, who was 25 years old, had been shot through the mouth. There was another wound on his forehead and one on the back of the neck. The last two were apparently inflicted by a jimmy. The old housekeeper had an ugly bullet wound in the back of her head, and also been beaten with some blunt instrument.

Examination of the physician's study in the rear of the third floor of the residence showed that the top drawer of a bureau had been jimmied open and $100 in bills, $100 in silver and several valuable gold stick pins taken. Nothing else in the house was touched. Dr. Cannon does not know how the burglars learned that he kept money in the bureau drawer.

**Three-Fourths by Britain.**

London, May 11—Commander Peary yesterday said the attainments of the pole was the climax of the finish of 400 years' history, three-fourths of which had been written by Great Britain. Toasting Scott, Peary said the Americans hope that he will find the South pole so that henceforward the world itself shall whirl between the ensigns of the same Anglo-Saxon race.

# PROGRESSIVES SPLIT WITH REPUBLICANS

**Dolliver and Cummings Accuse Aldrich of Being Associated With Mammoth Trust, And is Scheming To Rob the People—Taft Surrounded With Traitors.**

Des Moines, Iowa, May 12.— Ringing denunciations of the tariff bill and the men who passed it, characterized the speeches made last night by Senator Jonathan Dolliver and Albert Cummings, in opening the progressive campaign in Iowa. The Colliseum was crowded by 10,000 progressives.

The meting followed district conferences throughout the day, which steps were taken to reconstruct the Cummings' organization, and to organize the state by counties and precints. Even President Taft did not escape accusations of the senators. Senator Aldrich was named as the leader of corporate greed and avarice.

Senator Dolliver referred to the president as the "titular leader of the Republican party," which meant, he said, "a man surrounded by people who know exactly what they want."

Both senators declared that if the Republican party continued the policy advocated by the "reactionary" leaders, it would spell ruin to the party. Among these leaders Senator Aldrich was frequently mentioned as the "man allied with the Guggenheims and the Ryans and Paul Morton in a mammoth trust, incorporated as a rubber company, which is allowed by the articles of incorporation to participate in any kind of business, anywhere on the face of the earth, and which is one of the holding companies of the Guggenheim syndicate for the control of the wealth of Alaska."

"These are the men who are responsible for the tariff bill during the extraordinary session," declared Senator Dolliver. The bill is only a scheme to rob the people and to increase the holdings of such gigantic syndicates as I have mentioned.

"I am not here to criticize the president or to say unkind words of him, but I count it no reflection on him to state that I find it sometimes necessary to disagree with him and those surrounding him. Men have crowded to the front in his administration who have not had the welfare of the party or the country at heart."

# POLITICAL TANGLE IS MORE INVOLVED

**British Politicians Hoping for a Truce Which Would Postpone Another Election Turmoil.**

London, May 11—The Daily News pays a tribute to Ambassador Bryce's work at Washington, where he is "appreciated as no other ambassador has had, has a weight which must be attached to Canadian sentiment in the determination of problems wherein Canada is intimately involved."

Premier Asquith's announcement that the Commons will meet on June 6, gives the minister a badly needed extension of holidays and accords with the general desire that the constitutional controversies should not be resumed during the earlier days of national mourning. The premier's outline of the business to be taken up, namely, the civil list, some unnamed bills, including possibly a bill dealing with the coronation oath, means a further pause with the budget of 1910-11 now due.

Of course whether it will be introduced with the Lords' veto still undealt with, is a question which is perplexing politicians here. Still with several weeks' truce it is hoped something may happen to prevent further dislocation of business by an election. The Unionist press offers loyalty Unionist votes for the time if necessary to overcome the fiercer spirits of the coalition party—but whether this accommodation would extend to a budget is doubted. The Chronicle today points out that the government was elected to deal promptly and decisively with the veto question and concludes firmly, "Will the pause lead to peace? That is a question which rests primarily with the majority in the House of Lords and with those who co-operate politically with it."

## PREPARES FOR HOSTILITIES.

**Volunteers Enlisting Daily and War Fund Being Increased.**

Lima, Peru, May 12.—Active preparations for a possible war with Equador, volunteers are enlisting daily and the war fund is being constantly increased by private donations. In this city and its immediate vicinity, 24,000 soldiers are quartered while 10,000 additional troops are stationed near the frontier.

The Peruvian government believes that it has reliable information that an effort is being made by Ecuador to obtain an alliance with Bolivia as against Peru. To this end it is asserted a member of the Ecuadorean cabinet left Guayaquil today for Lapaz, Bolivia, under instructions to negotiate with the Bolivian government and the Chilian minister at that capitol.

## "DON'T MIND ME; SAVE MY WIFE

**Corporal Gregg, of Fort Clarence, Drowned—Others Saved.**

Halifax, May 12.—Corporal R. J. Greg, of No. 1 Company, R.C.C., commander of Fort Clarence, on the eastern side of Halifax harbor, was drowned this afternoon and six otehrs who were in the boat with him had a narrow escape. Two of them may yet die as a result. They had just left the pier at the fort when a gust of wind capsized the boat.

Two of the party were Gregg's wife and infant daughter. Gregg said to two of the soldiers who were in the boat and who could swim, "Don't mind me, save my wife and children." They managed to do this, but Gregg perished.

## BRIGHT BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

**Cory Sees no Clouds on Financial Horizon.**

New York, May 11—Wm. E.Corey, president of the U. S. Steel corporation, sees no clouds on the financial horizon, and thinks we are in for a most prosperous business year. The president of the Steel corporation sailed for Europe today on the steamship George Washington, and before departing said: "There is nothing in the business situation that would warrant pessimism. Underlying conditions of the country in general are sound, and, with fair average crops, the current year should be one of the most prosperous in history.

'Recently there has been satisfactory improvement in the steel business, and the steel mills of the country should be kept active for the rest of the year. Prices for steel are holding firm, and from present indications we will obtain average prices this year, which will assure manufacturers a reasonable margin of profit."

# BUILD PROFITABLE EXTENSIONS ONLY

**Calgary City Commissioners Will Not Build Any New Street Railway Lines Which They Think Will Not Pay—Employees Wait Increases—Demands Among Commissioners.**

Calgary, May 10.—"So far as I am concerned, the extensions of the street railway will not be built and operated in any part of the city that is not likely to prove a paying proposition," asserted Mayor Jamieson, emphatically, yesterday.

The remark was incidental to a discussion between the city commissioners brought up by the application of some employees in the street railway department for increases in salary.

Commissioner Clarke expressed the opinion that the employees of the street railway department were taking advantage of the fact that the system was proving a paying proposition as an opportune time to apply for increases in salary, and said that he did not favor granting such increases at all times during the year. This should be done with some attempt at system, he thought. The beginning of the year, when the estimates were being prepared, was the proper time, and just because the system was paying was no reason why these increases should be granted every few weeks or every few months the applicants thought fit to apply for them. Later on—perhaps next year— when the extensions were put down, the railway might not continue to pay as it was just now, and if a large pay-roll was established, the money would have to be provided to keep it up.

Mayor Jamieson took occasion to remark that no extensions should be sanctioned unless they were likely to prove paying, and drew attention to the fact that their would be to a great extent in the hands of the commissioners. Personally, he would oppose any suggested extensions that he thought would not serve a sufficient number of citizens to make them good revenue-producers. As an instance, the commissioners will oppose the line to connect Fourth and Eighth avenues along Second street west, a petition for which is in their hands, and which is being supported by Ald. William Ross, of Ward 2.

Mayor Jamieson was rather inclined to favor the salary increases applied for in view of the fact that the positions involved responsibility and trust, and the persons at present holding them were not being overpaid.

## CHINA ABOLISHES SLAVERY

**Royal Rscript Forbids Purchase of Human Beings.**

Washington, May 11—The Chinese government, by imperial rescript, has abolished slavery throughout the empire and has prohibited henceforth the purchase and sale of human beings under any pretext. The reform, however, is not altogether complete as by the rescript certain forms of slavery will still be tolerated. In a report made to the state department it is said that the retainers of Manchu Princes are not emancipated, but is forbidden to call them slaves. They have long enjoyed educational and other privileges, although still bound to their hereditary masters. The household slaves of the Manchus also will not get emancipation, but their status under the law is improved.

They are to be regarded as hired servants, but their services are due for an unlimited term of years, so that they are in reality perpetual slaves.

Under this rescript the immoral practice of selling children in China in times of famine has been abolished, although they may be bound for a specified period, not to reach beyond the age of 25 years. Concubinage is still to be permitted, but there is to be no bargain and sale. Concubines are to be married with proper legal formality and they will enjoy the protection of the law, but in reality they will be no better than perpetual slaves to the principal wife. The rescript is said to be a compromise measure, but it will eventually give freedom to millions of human beings, and it is believed to mark a distinct advance in civilization.

## CHARGED WITH PATRICIDE.

**Thomas Fenton Faces Preliminary Trial At Hamilton.**

Hamilton, May 12.—Charged with the brutal murder of his aged father, a wealthy old Saltfleet farmer, whose head was battered in within a few feet of his own home on the morning of April 26th Thomas Fenton was given a preliminary hearing this morning.

The prisoner is very cheerful and look well. He has a smooth face and a complexion like a girl. Dr. Edgar swore positively to numerous spots of fresh blood found on the overalls worn by the prisoner.

# $2,000,000.00 CITY HALL FOR MANITOBA CAPITAL

**Controllers and Aldermen of Winnipeg Favor Erection at Early Date of Magnificent New Building—Inadequacy of Present Structure Most Marked.**

Winnipeg, May 10—A new Winnipeg city hall to cost probably some two million dollars, not as a shadowy suggestion for some undefined time in the nebulous future, but as a concrete proposition, the first steps towards the materialization of which are to be taken this fall—such was the interesting topic of discussion between half a dozen of the city councillors after a meeting of the civic health committee.

The utter inadequacy of the present office space for the various civic departments started the conversation.

Every head of department is clamor- the city market, and part of the cost, remarked that he would suggest that a new city hall be erected on the site of go ahead with the construction of the which might be a million dollars, covered by the sale of the Main street frontage.

The necessity of a new city hall was heartily endorsed by the others present, among them were Controller Harvey, Controller Waugh, Alderman Douglas and Alderman Midwinter. But no one approved of the suggestion of selling any of the property.

Controller Waugh said the land the city owned was one of its best assets, and, so far from selling, he could foresee the time—not many years hence either—when the city would be wishing it had a great deal more than it has.

The controller went on to suggest that the city announce this fall that it is prepared to consider plans for a new city hall to be submitted in open competition, and Ald. Douglas remarked that towards the end of next year the city would be in a financial position to

"We must build for the future," building and have it completed for the Centennial Exposition.

In regard to the cost there was a consensus of opinion that one million would not cover the expense of a hall such as would have to be erected.

"We must bind for the future," observed Controller Waugh. "I would not advocate spending a great deal of money on outside ornamentation, but the building would have to be up to date in every way and take into consideration the rapidly growing needs of the city."

It was stated that Minneapolis spent five millions on its city hall, and that it would not be many years before Winnipeg would be a city of the size of Minneapolis. Toronto's city hall cost two and a half millions, so that Controller Waugh's estimate of $2,000,000 seems to be conservative.

The matter will probably be further and more specifically discussed when the more immediately pressing city improvements have been decided upon for the year and the estimates dealt with.

# LONDON PAPERS PAY RESPECT TO LATE KING

**George V. Comes to the Throne With a Comprehensive Knowledge of State Affairs.**

Londoon, May 10—The Times, commenting on the King's death, says:—

"To the last he has shown the courage of his royal race. He continued to transact business almost to the end. It was his sincere devotion to the cause of peace and his labors in its behalf which did most to secure it a high place among foreign peoples. Save in transient moment of popular passion, no country would ever doubt that the motives of his conduct were just and pacific. His people loved him for his honesty and kindly courtesy. To all he was not merely every inch a king, but every inch an English king and an English gentleman. His influence was not the same as that of Queen Victoria, but in some respects was almost stronger. When he came to the throne his position was exceptionally difficult. The sex and long reign of his mother enabled her to do many things in her relations with her subjects, with Europe and with her ministers which it might be rash or unbecoming for a kin gto attempt. Moreover, during her lifetime he had not received much encouragement to associate himself with the serious work of the state.

"He has taken care this mistake should not be repeated in the case of his son. King George V. will come to the throne with all knowledge of public affairs and all training in him which it is possible to import to an heir apparent. We have lost a beloved and a great constitutional king, but he has left us a successor in whom we may confidently repose our trust."

The Daily Mail says: "In the words of the Highland Coronach: 'He is gone like a summer-dried fountain,' when our need is sorest. To his initiative, his subjects and the empire owed the pacification of South Africa and final reconciliation with the Boers. The system of undestandings with foreign powers, which is our security today, was in great part his handiwork. He

**Regina Strikers Arrested.**

Regina, May 11.—Five of the strikers: ', Pomeroy, J. Record, A. Scott, R. awrence, J. Chamberlain, were arrested y the police on the complaint of J. G rraub, contractor, that they were interfering with his men at work on D. J Thom's new residence on Victoria and Sixteenth. J. F. Bryant was engaged to efend the men, and he succeeded in aving them liberated on bail put up by . S. Wells, president of the Trades and Labor Council, and Alex. Watchman. The men will come up before Magistrate Trant on a charge it is understood, of disorderly conduct and intimidation.

# SPORTING NEW

BASEBALL.

WESTERN CANADA STAN

| | Won. |
|---|---|
| Regina | 6 |
| Calgary | 5 |
| Medicine Hat | 4 |
| Moose Jaw | 5 |
| Winnipeg | 4 |
| Edmonton | 3 |
| Lethbridge | 2 |
| Brandon | 2 |

CALGARY'S LUCKY SEV

Calgary, May 13—Calgary game this afternoon by a score The game was won in the seve when with basts full Flanaga for Tallant, cleared the base balicon stayed up until two were scored. Stanridge pitch game but Dell outpointed him the seventh inning. This even hibition game was played bet gary and Edmonton resulting score of 1 to 1. The score:

CALGARY.

| | A | B | R |
|---|---|---|---|
| Duggan ss | 4 | 0 | |
| Carney, rf | 4 | 1 | |
| Clyne, lf | 3 | 0 | |
| Smith, 3b | 3 | 1 | |
| Kellackey, 1b | 3 | 1 | |
| Tallant, cf | 1 | 0 | |
| Flanagan, cf | 2 | 1 | |
| Connors, 2b | 3 | 1 | |
| Stanley, c | 3 | 0 | |
| Stanridge p | 3 | 1 | |
| Totals | 29 | 6 | |

EDMONTON.

| | A | B | R |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mills, lf | 4 | 1 | |
| Olson, cf | 2 | 0 | |
| Baxter, 1b | 3 | 0 | |
| Morse, ss | 4 | 0 | |
| Lussi rf | 4 | 0 | |
| Bernnan, 3b | 4 | 0 | |
| Gouchee, c | 3 | 0 | |
| White, 2b | 4 | 0 | |
| Dell, p | 2 | 1 | |
| Totals | 30 | 2 | |

Score by innings:

| | |
|---|---|
| Calgary | 00 |
| Edmonton | 0 |

Mills out, hit by batted ball

Summary—Three base hits, A ridge; sacrifice hits, Clynes, stolen bases, Duggan, Conner first base on balls off Stanridg Dell 2; left on bases by Calga monton 6; struck out by Stanr Dell 9; double plays, Stanley key; passed balls, Stanley 1; hit ed ball by Stanridge 1. Time pire, Longnecker. Attendance

REGINA KEEPS ON WIN

Moose Jaw, May 13—The day of May was indeed un Moose Jaw. Stupid and cost were made at critical places, although not in form was very Hooker kept the hits well en tered. The feature of the ga double play for the locals, cat ner at home plate. The eight astrous for the Robins. A base hits, two sacrifices and two e counted for three runs in tha The box scores:

Summary—Three base hits, Leicher; two base hits, Bell, sacrifice hits, McIntosh, Crock Davis, Parker, Grigware, Elsey double play, Gilchrist, Hurley Intosh; hit by pitched ball, Bell, Hoffman; struck out by G by Hooker 2; bases on balls off 3, off Hooker 2; left on bases, 10, Regina 6; passed ball, McN 1.30. Umpire, Voss.

WILD THROW BEAT AN

Brandon, May 13—Today's g pitcher's battle between Earle bach and might have gone ext but for bum heave of Hod seventh inning. On an easy threw ball over Burke' head a Holmes to make the only t pitcher's dud good work wit eten, and game was clean and feature was the capture of a by Anderson up against the score:

Summary—Two base hits, C rifice hits, Lohr; Rossback; balls, Earle 4, Rossback 2; str Earle 7, by Rossback 7. Umpi me 1.45.

MINERS EASY FOR

Lethbridge, May 13—Med romped into an easy victory at the ball park by outrun hitting and generally outcl home team. It was Medicine way, the score ending 8 to 3 wind was blowing which ma playing impossible and erro sides were plenty enough. Le for the Miners and was tou more than the usual amou Gordon pitched good ball for and on more than one occa himself out of difficult predi admirable skill. Lethbridge golden opportunities to score to hit when the bases were c the eighth the home team ha full and one down, batter hi which made a complicated d through runners leaving t Umpire Flaherty's decision side but Lethbridge could no way and Manager Cox enter protest against his ruling. T Medicine Hat .. .. .. .. 031000 Lethbridge.. .. .. .. .. 001000

Batteries—Lethbridge, Lez Medicine Hat, Gordon, Dav pire, Flaherty. Time 1.45. 400.

'TWAS DELLAR'S VIC

The press despatches on game at Calgary gave the cr monton's sensational win Dell. This was an error as I pitching recruit, Dellar, w mound for Edmonton, and w sequence, is entitled to all th tributions the fans have to c

STRATHCONA HAS CITY

Baseball is coming into i Strathcona this year with a league comprising four clubs organized in the early part o The offic al titles of the va

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