

DISTRICT NEWS.

INNISFAIR.

Dr. Steele visited town last week and made arrangements to have his house renovated.

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The town of Innisfair sold their dentures last week to T. B. Billett, of Winnipeg. The town will lay side-walks on all streets of any importance, and as the streets have been well graded it will mean a vast improvement to the appearance of the town.

The farmers have started to cut their grain. By the middle of this week cutting will be general. A heavy crop is reported.

Gustave L'Herex, proprietor of the Alberta hotel, has let the contract of painting his house to E. A. Blatchford, of Edmonton.

S. McEwen, of Chatham, N.B., spent a couple of days in town, the guest of D. J. Dickson. Mr. McEwen is opening up a general store business in Corcoran.

Charles Briggs, of Rainier, spent Sunday in town the guest of L. M. Trace.

A daughter was born on Saturday, August 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Norris.

Leoth and Dickson sold a half section of C. P. R. land last week to Gibson & Cummings, of Delmar.

W. M. Stobbs, agent of the C. N. R. here, has for the past month been away on a vacation, visiting at Washington and other points. Mr. Stobbs resumed his duties as agent on Monday.

It all goes to prove that the business in and around Innisfair is fast improving. Two years ago the Bank of Commerce was open only two days a week. A year ago it was opened permanently, with two of all week, whereas today there are five bank clerks, including the manager.

H. R. Maine, of Macleod, arrived here last week to relieve H. G. Mattheis, who is taking a holiday trip to Eastern Canada.

H. M. Dalland, of the Bank of Commerce staff, has been transferred to the Edmonton office.

Wm. Beare, of Londonderry, Ireland, will take Mr. Dalland's place on the Bank of Commerce staff here.

STROME.

A large tract of land north of Strome, within two blocks of the Merchants' Building, has been thrown open for sale in acreage blocks, from 2 to 64, each. Herman Coles is the agent.

Herman Peddema, whose farm lies about four miles south of Strome, is probably the first to thresh grain in this district. On Wednesday Mr. Peddema threshed barley, which was the week's crop, and an average of 44 bushels to the acre was obtained.

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heavy and with two weeks fine weather, North Battleford district will harvest the heaviest crop in its history.

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It says much for the fertility of the land around this town that the samples of rye exhibited at the Calgary exhibition have gone to New York to be exhibited there. The representative of the C.P.R. has charge of these magnificent samples, declared by many as the finest rye yet seen, and together with other samples of grain, will see that our town gets all the credit it deserves.

Another severe storm occurred on Monday evening, but it seems to have passed away, and since then the weather has improved. Many settlers still continue to arrive, with large quantities of effects.

Mr. and Mrs. Dittler were almost the oldest storekeepers here, and who left the town some 12 years ago. His wife, Mrs. Dittler, is now in the town with Mayor West. They are now located at Fort William.

The complaint of men cutting the grass and tripping around the sidewalks from one end of the town to the other. So the streets present quite a neat appearance.

John A. Simpson, M.P.P., is just about completing his barn, three miles from town, and it is doubtful if there is a finer one in the country. Adjacent to his farm there beaver ponds, and it is doubtful if there is a finer one in the country.

The proprietor of the Coliseum, W. H. H. is not content with opening a branch store at the Raven, but intends to start a cheese factory there. This great province has been a long time in the making of cheese, and the whole stock of Johnstone Brothers of Markerville.

John Campbell has purchased from G. M. Stevenson, at Little Red Deer, six miles west of here, 400 acres known as the "Black" property.

Many changes have occurred at the school. Mr. Boyd, from Glasgow University, being now the principal, and with him a number of other teachers are new hands.

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COUNTRY'S WITH LAURIER

Triumphal Tour of Nova Scotia Great Tribute to Premier

New Glasgow, N.S., Aug. 31.—Premier Laurier concluded his Nova Scotia tour with martial meetings at Shubenacadie, Truro, Stellarton and New Glasgow. He sails for Prince Edward Island to continue the campaign tomorrow. Everywhere he was received with the wildest enthusiasm. Addressing eight thousand here tonight, he said he had come to Nova Scotia to conduct a reciprocity educational campaign but he found Nova Scotia knew what they wanted. He secured the necessary machinery for the manufacture of shoe packs and heavy riders' boots out of Carleton Place. An expert cutter had been engaged to take charge of the new industry as soon as the factory is ready to begin.

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THE VALUE OF THE UNITED STATES MARKET PRICE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE LINE

FIGURES OFFICIALLY COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE SHOW THE VALUE OF THE UNITED STATES MARKETS FOR THE FARM PRODUCTS OF CANADA.

The Department of Labor has published a valuable study of the comparative prices in Canada and the United States, during the period from 1906 to 1911, of the agricultural, fisheries, lumber and mines products. The work is in some respects a supplementary report to the department's publication last year, which recorded the course of wholesale prices during the preceding twenty years, from 1890 to 1909, in arriving at these comparative prices in the Canadian and United States cities. The method adopted in the earlier reports was followed—that of the trade journals or daily newspapers. The Bulletin's publishers herewith certain excerpts from these voluminous tables of comparative prices, which may be of interest to the public in view of the present discussion as to the merits of reciprocity. The figures which we herewith quote deal with Winnipeg and the markets across the line which are in relatively the same position to the United States as Winnipeg is to Canada. Toronto and Buffalo prices are also placed in juxtaposition. An analysis of the figures makes it plain that, on the whole, possibly higher prices prevail in the American markets just south of the boundary. Occasional periods of scarcity send the Canadian prices to a premium, but, taking the markets year in and year out, the figures compiled by the Department of Labor show that, in the sale of farm products, access to the American market would be beneficial.

With respect to the table showing the average prices of grains, which follows immediately, it is to be borne in mind that the discrepancy in the United States and Canadian prices is further accentuated by the fact that in practically every case the Canadian grades are higher. Thus No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat must weigh not less than 60 lbs. to the bushel, and be composed of at least 60 per cent. of hard red soft wheat; whereas No. 1 Northern Minnesota may consist of the hard and soft varieties of spring wheat, and weigh at least 56 lbs. to the bushel. Manitoba wheat weighs not less than 54 lbs. to the bushel, while Minnesota oats must weigh not less than 41 lbs. Tables showing the comparisons in eggs, live stock, meats and vegetables, flour, etc., follow:

Yearly Average Prices of Grain in Canada and the United States.

WINTER WHEAT.		Rate per Bushel.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Ontario No. 2 white and red.	Toronto 76c	84c	90c
No. 2 red	Toronto 82c	91c	98c
No. 2 red	Chicago 80c	81c	85c

SPRING WHEAT.

OATS.		Rate per Bushel.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Ontario No. 2 white	Toronto 36c	42c	44c
No. 2 white	Buffalo 37c	40c	42c
Western No. 2 white	Winnipeg 34c	40c	42c
Oats No. 3	Duluth 32c	35c	40c

BARLEY.

OATS.		Rate per Bushel.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Ontario No. 2 white	Toronto 42c	48c	50c
Malting No. 2 white	Buffalo 51c	52c	54c
Western No. 3	Winnipeg 41c	46c	48c
Extra No. 3	Milwaukee 52c	54c	56c

Yearly Average Prices of Live Stock in Canada and the United States.

CATTLE.		Price per cwt.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Cattle, western, prime—	Winnipeg \$3.83	\$4.41	\$4.06
Steers, good to prime—	Chicago 6.42	6.79	6.11
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Yearly Average Prices of Meats in Canada and the United States.

BEEF.		Price per lb.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Beef, hindquarters, choice.	Toronto .088	.073	.078
Beef, hindquarters, choice.	Boston .110	.116	.119
Beef, hindquarters, choice.	Winnipeg .075	.089	.079
Pork, hams, good to choice.	Chicago .080	.084	.106

Yearly Average Prices of Potatoes in Canada and the United States.

POTATOES.		Price per bushel.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Beef Spring potatoes	Winnipeg \$2.38	\$2.63	\$2.10
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Yearly Average Prices of Flour, Rolled Oats and Bran in Canada and the United States.

FLOUR.		Price per bushel.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Best Spring patents	Winnipeg \$2.38	\$2.63	\$2.10
Best Spring patents	Winnipeg \$2.38	\$2.63	\$2.10

Yearly Average Prices of Butter, Cheese and Eggs in Canada and the United States.

BUTTER.		Price per lb.	
1906	1907	1908	1909
Creamery Prints	Toronto 24c	25c	27c
Creamery prints	Buffalo 27c	31c	29c
Dairy, fair to good	Buffalo 21c	22c	24c

Year