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The Wheat Crop

The following article on the Wheat outlook from the monthly comment letter issued by the Bank of Commerce is somewhat at variance with the pessimistic forecast which appeared in a recent foreign message. Throughout the season the reports for the most part have indicated a very considerable shortage, and consequently increased prices for flour in the autumn, and last week's Trade Review hinted at flour advancing to ten dollars a barrel. To what extent reports are affected by the various interests concerned it is impossible to say, but the fact seems clear that while the wheat crop is less than that of 1923, there is nothing to indicate that the harvest has been anything like a failure.

Heavy rains during the greater part of August, followed by warm dry weather towards the close of the month, have materially improved crop prospects in western Canada and have discounted the pessimistic reports that were current a month or so ago. In certain drought-stricken areas the rains came too late to bring any great relief, but this does not apply to the West as a whole, and indeed it is reported from many districts, especially in southern Saskatchewan, that the yield shows every promise of being above the average. It is gratifying to note that the total damage done so far this season by insects, rust and hail has been almost negligible. Cutting is now general on the prairies, the first grain of this season's crop, three cars of rye from southwestern Manitoba, reaching Winnipeg on 15th August. During the month, under the influence of local crop reports and the movement on the Chicago market, the price of wheat at Winnipeg rose to a high point, but declined during the latter part of the month to a point slightly in advance of the July figures. As a result of the improvement in the crop situation, a better feeling is now evident, and public opinion is against anything in the way of a moratorium or other device which would afford temporary relief at the expense of the general credit of the West.

The following bulletin issued on Sept. 4th by the Bank of Montreal, and based on reports received from Branch Managers all over Canada, likewise indicates that the outlook is not as unfavourable as has been suggested.

"While slight damage from frost and rust is reported from some districts, conditions on the whole during the past week have been favorable in the three Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan cutting is general. In Alberta, due to cool weather, and in the northern parts rain, cutting will not be general until the end of the present week. In Quebec, a certain amount of damage has been done to grain by recent storms. Harvesting has commenced, and indications point to a good crop. In Ontario growth continues satisfactory. Harvesting is progressing rapidly under favorable conditions, with prospects of a good all round crop. In the Maritime Provinces, crop conditions have been much improved by recent heavy rains. In British Columbia, harvesting is progressing satisfactorily in wet weather, but drought is adversely affecting roots and fruit."

Van Houten's Cocoa and Chocolate Agency

Mr. Stanley K. Lumsden, Manufacturers Agent, has received advice from Messrs. Van Houten & Zoon of Rotterdam, Holland, that they have appointed him as their representative for the Dominion of Newfoundland for their celebrated Cocoa and Chocolate. We bespeak for Mr. Lumsden a share of the trade's valued patronage.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

October 2nd.—In my morning sheet, news of a big seizure of contraband by the Customs at Corner Brook, but scant particulars to be had, save that the Revenue is materially increased by it. Anon to the office, where Mr. Anderson shows me some press clippings which refer to the production by his son, Murray, of the new edition of the Greenwich Village Follies. All the critics praise the production highly, and is a thing in which Newfoundlanders may well feel pride that a native should be so well thought of abroad. From despatches out of England, it seems how the Labor Government is in trouble, being that the Liberals move a vote of censure in connection with the Soviet Treaty, and like to be supported by the Conservatives when the House divides on it. I learn to-day, but with what truth I know not, how the bye-election in Bonaville will take place on the 27th of the month, and like to be gazetted to-morrow.

Prisoner Escapes and is Re-Captured

Albert Maidment, sentenced to a term of 12 months imprisonment in August, for larceny, made a daring escape from H.M. Penitentiary in the early hours of yesterday morning, and was recaptured later in the day in the woods near Bennett's Grove by a posse of police who had instituted a search after the alarm had been raised. Maidment made his escape by raising some boards and getting down through the floor of his cell and into the furnace room. Here he crawled through the coal chute into the prison yard. The high fence was then scaled by means of a rope to which was attached a piece of iron. The iron was thrown over the top of the fence, and getting a firm hold the prisoner mounted the wall by means of the rope and made good his escape. During all these operations he completed his plans without being interrupted. The prisoner was not found missing from his cell until breakfast hour, and immediately an alarm was raised and a search instituted. When found the prisoner was garbed in blue overall pants and a flannel tunic, while a piece of canvas was the only protection for his feet. Upon being recaptured he was brought to the lockup and later conveyed to the Penitentiary.

Express Passengers

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by S. S. Kyle at 7.15 this morning and joined the express: J. H. Fulmer, R. C. V. Flanagan, L. S. Drummond, E. A. Elliott, W. R. and Mrs. Doyson, Mrs. A. White, J. Brown, C. W. Noe, C. Bragg, M. G. Fleming, A. and Mrs. Marsh, J. and Mrs. Kelloway, Mrs. D. Batisse, A. Ryan, Capt. W. Harris, D. Bragg, A. Pike, C. Pearcey, W. C. and Mrs. Stewart, E. R. Morris, P. and Mrs. Hannan, M. Howell, Dr. W. G. and Mrs. McKen.

Government Boats

Argyle left Tack's Beach at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, outward.
 Clyde left Lewisporte at 8.35 a.m.
 Glencoe left Argentea at 3.40 p.m. yesterday.
 Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.15 a.m.
 Malakoff left Port Blandford at 3 a.m.
 Meigs anchored at South East Labrador at 8 p.m. yesterday.
 Fortia left Port aux Basques at 4 p.m. yesterday for North Sydney.
 Prospero left Beldam at 1 p.m. yesterday, going north.
 Sagona left Bonne Esperance yesterday morning, coming south.
 Sebastopol—No report leaving Argentea.

A Miraculous Escape

A newsboy, named Doyle, had a narrow escape from being killed on Water Street, yesterday afternoon. Jumping from an east bound car, near Williams' Lane, he ran directly in front of a motor car driven by Mr. Gosse, which struck him on the side, knocking him to the ground. The boy, rather fortunately, fell clear of the wheels, although the car when stopped, was covering him, and he had to be assisted from underneath. Uninjured. The driver of the car was proceeding slowly at the time.

WEEK-END SPECIALS.

New lot Ladies' and Misses' Felt Hats from \$1.50 to \$6.95 ea. You are sure to get a Hat to suit you at a reasonable price. Ladies' Black Hose—Week-End Special 15c. pair.

THE WEST END BAZAAR, Oct. 3-11, 51 Water Street West.

DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE.—A number of men engaged by the N.S. Constabulary were busy all the morning distributing literature throughout the city in connection with Fire Prevention Week.

Departmental Heads Return From Tour of Inspection

Hon. Sir John Crobie, who was on a Customs inspection tour across the country line, accompanied by Hon. W. J. Higgins and M. S. Sullivan, returned to St. John's last night. Sir John has made himself acquainted with the conditions existing, particularly at the Bay of Islands centre where, because of the tremendous building operations going on at Corner Brook and Deer Lake, the Customs business is very heavy.

ASTOUNDING CONDITION OF AFFAIRS.

He says that whilst some offices were excellently conducted conditions in many of the places were not all that could be desired, and a state of affairs was revealed that is as astounding as it is discouraging. The fault is not wholly, or mainly, that of the officials in charge. There appears to have been little system and less inspection; and an absence of almost total, of security. Impossible burdens have been placed upon the shoulders of men who, however willing and earnest, have received neither training in their duties, nor helpful supervision.

THE SEIZURE AT CORNER BROOK.

With regard to the seizure of smuggled goods at Corner Brook, it appears that the captains of two steamers were involved, and on being charged admitted their guilt; the Minister himself having boarded the ships and taken part in the seizures. They were taken before Magistrate Scott at Curragh, who fined them four hundred dollars each. The fine was paid and the merchandise confiscated. This consisted of forty-two cases of rum, 124 pairs of boots, and about ten thousand cigarettes, all of which were brought in by train, and taken to the Customs warehouse immediately on arrival. The value of the stuff seized is in the neighbourhood of four thousand dollars. It is understood that other actions may result as an outcome of the Finance Minister's visit.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE REVIEWS LABOR SITUATION.

The Minister of Justice, whilst across country, took particular interest in the labor situation. He states that the visits to all the centres of employment showed that remarkable work, in the way of construction, has taken place during the past twelve months. The Main Dam might be said to be completed as the first train is expected to pass over it in the course of another week. This, of course, will result in a number of men from this centre of employment being released, but practically all of them will find employment in other quarters, such as in connection with general excavation and carpenter work at Corner Brook townsite; and, quite a number have already gone into the woods. It is in the latter section of the Company's works that a great demand for men now exists because of the necessity of having an immense quantity of wood on hand when the mills commence operations. It is imperative that this wood should be cut this winter. Apparently, all efforts are now being made to secure as many good workmen as apply.

WINTER'S WORK IN WOODS ASSURED.

Ordinary labouring work in connection with the Canal will probably be ended in the course of a couple of months; but, a complete winter's work is assured to all who desire to go into the woods. Representations were made to the Company to have them make known through the country the terms of employment for logging. Those who should know say that conditions of employment will give profitable results to any men with previous woods experience. The Company made the assurance that their policy was to employ Newfoundland labour exclusively, if this could be done, and that it will only be lack of men forthcoming that will cause them to look outside for workmen. They personally admitted that, in all avenues of employment, once they have had any training at all, the Newfoundland workmen have been eminently satisfactory.

There is a continual going and coming of workmen, due in most cases, to men either going back to their homes for a short time, and returning later, or in cases where, after working steadily for a number of months, the men have been enabled to save enough money to tide them through the winter months.

In the creation of the new town no effort is being spared to have comfortable homes for those who will be employed about the works, and particular attention is being given to matters of water supply and sanitation. Visits to the different camps showed that, where the men were being boarded by the Company, the food was of good quality and that, generally speaking, every attempt was being made to handle the large number of workmen who are concentrated at the various points, as well as possible.

HON. M. S. SULLIVAN TELLS OF RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.

Interviewed in connection with his

visit Hon. M. S. Sullivan told a Telegram reporter that tremendous strides had been made towards completion of the Paper Mills since his visit to the Humber in June last. Speaking of the railways he says a close inspection of the line from St. John's to Port aux Basques has been made. A tremendous amount of ballasting will have to be done as well as putting in new sleepers if the line is to be put in condition to take care of the huge volume of traffic. So much goods are passing over the line that the freight sheds are totally inadequate and they will have to be either enlarged or small bonded warehouses built to provide accommodation. At least 400,000 ties will have to be cut this winter to put the railroad in shape ballasting and putting in the ties will not likely be undertaken on an extensive scale this fall.

PROGRESS ON HUBBER.

There is a tremendous amount of electrical equipment at Corner Brook to be moved up to the Power Plant at Deer Lake, Hon. Mr. Sullivan says. The canal from the main dam to the forebay at Deer Lake is now practically completed. The penstocks from the forebay to the Generator House are about 55% completed. Work on the forebay is progressing satisfactorily. All the mill buildings at Corner Brook have been covered in and the electrical installations begun. The foundation plates of one papermaking machine have just been laid and it is hoped to have it in operation early in May. The other machines will probably be ready to turn out paper about a month later.

Padre Nangle Arrives in London

A cablegram received from Rev. Fr. Nangle states that he arrived in London yesterday after being present at the unveiling of the Memorial to the 51st Division at Beaumont Hamel by Marshal Foch. The Padre after leaving here visited his Lordship Bishop Renouf at St. George's. Later he visited the Papal Delegate at Ottawa, and from there continued to New York where he took passage for the other side. The many friends of the Padre will be pleased to hear that he is enjoying good health.

Shipping.

S.S. Sable L. leaves Boston October 7th for this port.
 S.S. Langes County sails to-morrow for Montreal.
 S.S. Rosalind leaves New York to-morrow for Halifax and this port.
 S.S. Stend has cleared from Battle Harbor with 16,268 gals. codfish shipped by Hickman & Co. The ship will proceed to St. John's to land a quantity of cod oil.
 S.S. Nascopie was at Rigoulette last Tuesday, and is expected to arrive in port at any moment.

Booked by S.S. Silvia

The following have booked passage by S.S. Silvia:—Mrs. Granberg and child, Miss M. St. John, Hy. and Mrs. Noseworthy, Mrs. J. Mullett, Dr. J. A. Gaynor, J. W. Myers, R. S. Dowe, Rev. B. Norris, P. P. Mahoney, Miss M. Walsh, D. H. McLean, Miss Olive Stott, Mrs. J. M. O'Brien, Col. Cosby, C. C. Duley, Mrs. A. J. LeMessurier, Miss LeMessurier, Hon. S. and Mrs. Milley, Harry Miller, Nurse Brown (2), A. Syme, J. B. Arnaud, W. Colquhoun.

Personal

Magistrate Courage of Belleoram is in the city for a few days on a holiday.
 Mrs. R. Granberg and baby (nee St. Martin Courtney), who has spent a three months' vacation with her parents in the city, sails to-morrow by S. S. Silvia for her home in New York.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Lumsden have the congratulations from their many friends on the celebration of their 46th anniversary of their wedding yesterday, in which the Telegram joins.

Here and There.

THE TRAINS.—Yesterday's west bound express left Norris' Arm at 7.17 a.m. to-day. The local from Carbonear arrived at 12.25 p.m. The express with the Kyle's mail and passengers left Port aux Basques two hours late.

H. B. Thomson, Optometrist and Optician, will be at his office for the next ten days before leaving for Grand Falls and Corner Brook. Make your appointment to-day. Phone 4-5-3 office 216 Water St. over T. J. Duley's Jewellery Store. Hours 10 to 5.30; 7 to 8. Entrance through T. J. Duley & Co's. Store.

JAPANESE MINISTER REITERATES STATEMENT.

TOKIO, Oct. 3.—Baron Kijuro Shidehara, Japanese Foreign Minister, today in an interview, reiterated his Government's declared step in regard to China, asserting that Japan must refrain absolutely from intervention as she expects a similar policy will be carried out by other countries.

20c. Friday & Saturday—At THE NICLEL 20c.

"DIANA OF THE CROSSWAYS"

ADAPTED FROM GEORGE MEREDITH'S FAMOUS STORY

With the Celebrated English Actress

FAY COMPTON, Supported by an All-Star Cast.

Diana Merion.....FAY COMPTON.
 Augustus Warwick (her Husband).....J. R. TOZER.
 Lady Emma Dunstane (her Friend).....JOYCE GAYMON.
 Sir Luthin Dunstane (Lady Emma's Husband).....IVO DAWSON.
 Thomas Redworth (in love with Diana).....REGINALD FOX.
 Lord Dannisburgh (Prime Minister).....J. FISHER WHITE.
 Hon. Percy Dacier (his Nephew—in love with Diana).....HENRY VICTOR.

Prime Minister (Lord Dannisburgh's Successor).....L. JONNALL.
 Tonans (Editor of "The Thunderer").....HARDING STEERMAN.
 Princess Paryll.....PAMELA COOPER.
 Mary Parnham.....(Friends of Diana) HOPE TILDEN.
 Danvers (Diana's Mate).....SYLVIA YOUNG.

"FIGHTING BLOOD"

Current Chapter.

20c.

MONDAY:—ANITA STEWART, in "THE GREAT WHITE WAY," 12 big reels. IT'S THE LIFE—The Story of New York's Main Street—THE WONDER PICTURE OF THE YEAR.

20c.

"HIGH LIFE"

Mermals TwoAct Comedy.

MONDAY--At The NICKEL



It's The Life!

An actual mirror of the great metropolis and a tense, thrilling story of celebrated figures in the sport, art, theatre and the newspaper world.

The Greatest
 "Main Street" in the
 World
 in All Its Glory

Robert Gilbert Welch in the N. Y. Evening Telegram says: "The most illuminating film of gay life in New York that has ever been made."
 Adapted by Luther Reed from the story, "Cain and Abel," by R. C. Witwer.
 Directed by E. Mason Hopper.
 Settings by Joseph Urban.
 Score by Frederick Stashberg.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SAILINGS

FROM MONTREAL To Belfast—Glasgow.
 Oct. 9 Nov. 6.....Montreal
 Oct. 16 Nov. 13.....Metagans
 Oct. 23.....Marloch
 To Cherbourg-Sampton-Antwerp.
 Oct. 1 Oct. 29.....Melita
 Oct. 15 Nov. 12.....Minneapolis
 To Liverpool.
 Oct. 10 Nov. 7.....Montreal
 Oct. 16.....Montreal
 Oct. 23.....Montreal
 Oct. 31.....Montreal
 To Cherbourg-Sampton-Hamburg.
 Oct. 8.....Emp. of France
 Oct. 22.....Emp. of Scotland
 From Quebec.

CRUISES FOR 1925
 ROUND THE WORLD
 Empress of France.....Jan. 14
 TO THE MEDITERRANEAN
 Empress of Scotland.....Feb. 9
 TO THE WEST INDIES.
 Montreal.....Jan. 20 Feb. 21
 (Formerly Empress of Britain)

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 41 King Street
 St. John, N.B.

From Cape Race

CAPE RACE, To-day.
 Wind east, light, weather dull; nothing in sight. Bar. 30.10; Ther. 55.

AT STAR MOVIE TO-NIGHT

Katherine Mac Donald "The Woman's Side"

"The Woman's Side"—a drama of the things a woman must make men understand.

When it comes to a choice between the honor of her father and her own, what will a woman do? Katherine MacDonald tells you in "The Woman's Side."

There's a drama de luxe in "The Woman's Side," a conflict of a girl's smiles and a woman's wiles. The story of a girl who devoted her life to uplift—and her death to downfall. The heart of every wife is not filled with mother-love. See "The Woman's Side" and understand why.

Our Buyer's return with sensational purchases made in the world markets have once more shown our ability to lead the way for LOW PRICES.

Blankets! Blankets!

FAIR BELOW TO-DAY'S MANUFACTURERS' COST. We bought last season in anticipation of the advance in wool. This is the service we are out to give the public.
 Extra super quality Yorkshire Blankets, large size, raised top, \$3.50, \$10.50 pair.

COTTON BLANKETS. 45 x 72, soft and fleecy \$2.25 pair 54 x 72, heavier, \$2.75 pair
 WOOL-WAP BLANKETS. 72 x 84, largest size...\$5.00 Other prices...\$2.50, \$3.70, \$4.70

A Special in Job Brown Woolen Blankets, suitable for the woods, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

BIG PURCHASE. Extra heavy Striped 27" Flannelette, suitable for every day use. Special, 22c. yard.

27" White, Cream, Blue and Pink "Yeddo" Flannel; recommended for underwear, 27c. yard.
 36" Striped Fllette in nice soft fleecy heavy quality, 55c. yard.

BonMarché WATER STREET ST. JOHN'S

Bottled British Fruits 26-oz JARS.

Raspberries, Cherries, Plums, Gooseberries.

HARTLEY'S JAMS

New Season's Raspberry, Strawberry, Marmalade, etc. 1's and 2's—Just received.

GRAVY BROWNING, Rep, Quarts, Pints, etc. Buy in the large economical size.
 ALMOND PASTE—1/2's and 1's. Fresh New Stock.
 LEMON CRYSTALS—Loose in 9-lb. tins; 2-oz. BtIs.
 TATE'S AFTERNOON TEA Cubes Crystal Sugar—1-lb. Cartons.

TATE'S Finest Cube Loaf Sugar, 1-lb. Cartons.
 NEW CANADIAN TABLE BUTTER—Bulk & Slabs.
 TOKAY GRAPES, PEACHES, CUCUMBERS, TOMATOES (Local and Imported).
 NEW PARSNIPS AND CARROTS.

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