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Western Crop Exceeds Expectations Of Most Optimistic

No One Can Give a Proper Estimate of Number of Bushels, and Farmers Are Hoping That Some Means Will Be Found by Which Railways Will Be Able to Move the Grain.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 23.—(Special).—With 15,000,000 bushels of last year's crop still waiting to be moved, and the largest crop on record expected this year, the railways in the west are up against one of the hardest propositions which they have ever been called upon to face. The crop this year, at the very lowest estimate, will be 250,000,000 bushels, and it is doubtful whether half of it can be moved before winter sets in.

One of the remarkable features of this year's crop is the fact that thousands of bushels of wheat, oats and barley will be harvested from lands which four or five years ago were known as "bad lands," and if anyone suggested at that time that crops would grow on that land, he would have been laughed at. This year, however, "dry farming" has been tried, with the result that the yield in many cases will be as high as 28 and 30 bushels of wheat and 100 bushels of oats to the acre.

Reports received here show that in the district between Maple Creek and Swift Current more than 30,000 acres are under cultivation where five years ago people were laughed at for suggesting that settlers be located there. There are being produced in this district this year as fine crops of wheat, oats, flax and barley as are to be seen in the west. In the dry belt between Maple Creek and Brooks the cultivation never was better and the crops are excellent.

Wheat High as Horse.

The World's commissioner went from Calgary to High River by motor car and reports that he never saw better crops. His companion, who was on horseback, rode into a field of oats and the grain is higher than the horse's back. In one field of 1500 acres, where the grain is being cut, the yield will be between 28 and 30 bushels to the acre, which is an enormous yield. In another field of 500 acres of oats the yield will be more than a hundred bushels to the acre.

From Moose Jaw and Regina to Winnipeg the harvesting now is general. Passing thru that district on the train, travelers can see the finest wheat to be found, and north and south of the railway tracks the crops are equally as good, if not better. Good crops are general in the whole district.

This year the west will reap the finest crop ever known, and no one can give a proper estimate of the total yield. It will exceed all of the most sanguine expectations.

The railways have a bigger contract on their hands than ever, and the crop cannot be moved by 1913 by any means. What will happen? At the present time there are 15,000,000 bushels of last year's crop unmoved, and more than 250,000,000 bushels will be piled on top of that inside of a few weeks. Hopes are being expressed all thru the west that some means will be found by which the difficulty may be overcome and the crop moved by the railways.

Farmers Shipping Earlier.

Harvesting is being commenced earlier this year, and many of the farmers, profiting by last year's experience, are shipping as quickly as possible. The railways will have their hands full from now on.

Reports have been sent out from the west that the oat crop will be light. With this The World's commissioner cannot agree. Everything seen thru the west indicates a heavy crop. A large amount of new land has been cultivated this year, which means an increase in acreage and number of bushels per acre. As stated, it is hard to estimate what the total yield will be. All that is required now is good weather.

WORLD'S GREATEST ANNUAL FAIR WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY

Improvements Are Seen on Every Hand, With New Buildings, More Commodious Exhibits and Imposing Entrance—Art Exhibit Surpassed by Only One in America—Wonderful Changes on Every Hand.

From the very start at the imposing entrance and before at the massive steel and cement bridge, which crosses the now lowered railway tracks, improvement is written large over all the great space of the Canadian National Exhibition, the greatest annual fair in all the world. From the now submerged railway tracks by which a large part of the crowds will come in, four massive cement stairways of commodious width lead to the great arched entranceway. Those arriving by the street cars will enter into a convenient space to be passed along thru sixteen ticket wickets and on both sides of a great exit gate planned to allow of the rapid dispersing of the great crowds at the close of the show. Pedestrians alone will be allowed to enter or leave at these gates, while all vehicular traffic will be accommodated at the Strachan-avenue and Dominion-street entrances.

Within the grounds one is met immediately by a view of the new Dominion Government building, where both within and without the workmen are busy at putting on the finishing touches to be ready for Monday's crowds. As at the entrance, the men are working like niggers, and hope by toiling to the last minute to get in just under the wire.

The Dominion Building.

The Dominion building is one of imposing appearance, constructed of brick and stone, with a high dome behind the handsome entrance supplying abundant light to its expansive ground space, where are to be found the exhibits of all the provinces and a number of especially interesting and instructive exhibits. The Saskatchewan space is well dressed and presents an attractive front, and it fronts on

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Typhoid Epidemic in Ottawa Nearly Ended

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—(Can. Press).—Dr. W. T. Shirreff, medical health officer, to-night issued a most reassuring message to the citizens of the capital, informing them that the typhoid epidemic had run its course and that the city water was now fit for drinking. Bacteriological tests of the water supply for the past five weeks show conclusively that it is now free from all contamination and fit for consumption without boiling or otherwise treating it.

HON. W. J. HANNA BACK FROM WEST

Marvelous Progress During Four Successive Trips Is Note by Him—Favors Single Tax System.

Hon. W. J. Hanna is back from his trip to the Pacific Coast. It was a novel to him, as he had been as far as Vancouver four times before. The progress noted each time, however, in the development of the western cities was marvelous. He was not prepared to affirm that the phenomenal progress of Vancouver was due especially to the assessment system there, which inclines towards the single tax idea to the extent of farming improvements as compared with the assessment on the actual land. The provincial secretary said: "I heard the views of men who ordinarily ought to know, and there seems no agreement as to how will the system make out."

At Fort William he was much pleased by the work of the men on the prison farm, who are doing their time by clearing land. They will have cleared 200 acres by the end of the autumn. Four hundred acres has been added to the government to the prison reserve, giving it a total of 1000.

Six men held at Port Arthur jail as inmates were taken out on the land. They are all cured. Five have been discharged.

BUYS LONDON HOTEL.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A deal for the Western Hotel, on Richmond-st., and the property adjoining, as the site for a new hotel, was practically completed to-day. The company, comprised of New York and Toronto capitalists, propose to build a hotel in Hamilton also.

At the Exhibition

The postoffice at the exhibition grounds this year will be in the new government building, and Chief Superintendent Ross announces that it will be complete in every way. It will be a full accounting office, including money order and postal note business. Collections will be made from the street letter boxes and parcel receptacles erected on the grounds every hour.

The chess exhibit shows a distinct advance over previous years. Some of the entries come from as far west as Regina. Up till last night 161 entries had been received. The exhibition baby show and they are still pouring in at such a rate that the exhibition city on Labor Day promises to look like one large nursery.

DOCKERS' STRIKE TO BE STOPPED

Dominion Government Will Not Countenance a Grain Blockade at Head of the Lakes.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—(Special).—If the strike of the dock laborers and freight handlers at Port Arthur and Fort William is not settled at once, the government is determined to interfere and bring the dispute to an end. So far, no board of conciliation has been asked for by either side, and it is realized that every day of the strike only adds to the possibility of a recurrence of last year's western grain blockade by trying up shipping and consequently traffic and removal of congestion on the lakes. A member of the labor department will likely go to Port Arthur to-morrow to investigate the trouble.

BIG MEN BEHIND WIDE LAND SCHEME AS HEAD OF SCHOOLS

Conference of Duke of Sutherland, Sir Wm. Mackenzie, Sir Wm. White and Others to Complete Colonization Company of Empire Significance.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 23.—Steps towards completing the organization of the colonization company recently launched by the Duke of Sutherland were taken at a conference in the Royal Alexandra Hotel this morning, at which the Duke, Sir Wm. Mackenzie, Sir Wm. White, A. M. Nanton and P. S. Dennis of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Calgary were present.

Sir Wm. White explained afterwards that the directorate is not yet fully made up and that the necessary capital has not all been subscribed. No specific plans for development, he stated, can be taken until the organization is complete.

It is certain, however, that the company, known as the British-Canadian Colonization Company, will undertake a colonization scheme of imperial significance. For many years the Duke of Sutherland has carried on colonization work on a mean scale in Alberta, and the larger concern will not differ greatly in its objects from the original experiment. The Duke's interests in Alberta, it is said, are not to form a part of the new project, but will be retained by him as a private undertaking.

When all details are settled they will proceed on an imposing scheme that will probably rank as unique in colonization work.

From coast to coast tracts of land will be acquired by the company to be settled by tenant farmers from the British Isles. In the charter of the company, it is understood, there is provision for permitting the tenants to acquire their freehold on equitable terms.

The Duke and his party intend to visit British Columbia on their present trip, and it is also said that Sir Wm. Mackenzie will go with them. It is further rumored—but of this Sir Wm. Mackenzie would give no confirmation this morning—that in connection with the Canadian Northern Railway the new company will at an early date begin extensive operations on Vancouver Island. It is said that the island is considered especially favorable for the purposes of the company, and it seems not improbable that one of its largest undertakings will be located there. Its equable climate and the many advantages it offers for mixed farming will scarcely fail to receive early attention.

As has been announced, Sir Wm. White is president of the new company, and in the board of directors are several Canadians, including two Winnipeggers, Messrs. J. A. M. Aikens, K.C., M.P., and A. W. Nanton. Toronto men on the board are Sir Edmund Walker, Sir Wm. Mackenzie and Wm. Mackenzie will later visit the Duke at the latter's ranch at Brooks, Alberta.

STOLE FROM ONE FOR ANOTHER

Fred Gaster Took Watch and Chain From Gladys Machael and Gave Them to Best Girl.

Fred Gaster of 106 Spadina-avenue wanted a gold watch and chain to give his best girl, but he didn't have the money to pay for the articles. He knew another woman, however, who had the very articles he wanted, so he called upon Gladys Machael of 29 Homewood-avenue, who missed the watch and chain.

Valuing them highly she immediately laid a complaint against Gaster in an effort to have them returned. Detective Armstrong of headquarters got his man yesterday afternoon. According to the story told by the young man when arrested he never took either article intentionally. He says that while visiting the woman children in the house were playing with the articles and that he took them for safe keeping and gave them to his girl thinking that she could look after them better than he could.

The Princess Opens Monday. After being closed since June 1, the Princess Theatre will open Monday night with that famous comedy, "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" which pleases big audiences at this theatre last season. The Princess has been thoroughly renovated and re-decorated and now presents an entirely new appearance.

HUGHES REMAINS AS HEAD OF SCHOOLS

Meeting Attempted to Make Some Arrangement Whereby a Temporary Chief Inspector Would Be Appointed, But Failed.

Jas. L. Hughes is once more on the box seat of the board of education coach. His string of steeds are all well to hand, L. S. Levee being the only reserve one, and his attempt to kick over the traces last night was short-lived. The meeting was the most farcical in the history of the board. It lasted an hour and a quarter.

Chief Inspector Hughes sat in his accustomed official seat as senior inspector with a placid look of calm satisfaction, thinking possibly of the Hughes memorial raised as a farewell offering by the school teachers of the city when he took his departure a few weeks ago. Then he smiled at the thought apparently of how he "came back."

Trustee Hartney started the comedy by attempting to move that Dr. Hughes be retained as chief inspector until after the necessary legislation for the appointment of a director of education had been enacted.

Out of Order. Chairman Conboy ruled the motion out of order as the minutes showed that Inspector Hughes' resignation did not take effect until the appointment of a successor.

Trustee Levee moved that the inspectors be authorized to elect a chairman of the board of inspectors to act as chief inspector.

Trustee Levee was the only one to vote for his motion.

Trustee Hartney then asked to reintroduce his motion but it was again declared out of order.

Trustee Levee proposed first the name of Dr. Embree, then that of Inspector Elliott as successor to J. L. Hughes but could get no second.

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C.P.R. Melon Cutting Goes to Parliament For Full Discussion

Winston Churchill's Canadian Visit Postponed?

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(Can. Press).—It is rumored that the proposed visit of Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, to Canada has been postponed, according to The Weekly Nation, pending a settlement of the naval question between the imperial government and Canada.

ROOSEVELT HOT IN REPLY TO ARCHBOLD

In Characteristic Language the Former President Declares He Knows Nothing of Standard Oil Contributions to Campaign Fund—Charges Assailant With Falsehood.

OSTER EBY, N.Y., Aug. 23.—Col. Roosevelt sat on the porch at Sagamore Hill to-day for an hour and a half, and to-night dictated a statement in reply to the testimony of John D. Archbold to-day before the senate investigating committee.

He reiterated his declaration that he knew nothing of a contribution by Mr. Archbold to the Standard Oil Company to the Republican campaign of 1904, declared that he did not "for one moment believe Mr. Archbold's testimony is true."

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CHARGED WITH SUNDAY SELLING

But No One Will Prosecute in Berlin, Where Lord's Day Alliance Has Laid Two Complaints With Police.

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—(Special).—Recently they visited Berlin a member of the Provincial Lord's Day Alliance, who paid a visit to the several restaurants, ice cream parlors and fruit stores which for some time past have been selling ice cream and other edibles with a free and open hand on Sunday, and in almost every case contrary to the Lord's Day Act.

As a result of the visit, two complaints were sworn out by the police and were to have been heard in the police court this morning.

The police have been endeavoring to secure counsel for the prosecution, but were turned down by the crown attorney and city solicitor as not being within their jurisdiction, and the case had to stand over until Tuesday, when Magistrates Weir and Schmalz will sit on the bench in an endeavor to settle the point of law.

Cabinet Will Decline To Act Directly on Application for \$60,000,000 Stock Increase and Representatives of the People Will Be Allowed To Discuss It Thoroughly.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—(Special).—Protests against the government acting favorably upon the application of the Canadian Pacific for an order-in-council approving the proposed \$60,000,000 stock increase, have taken such form that it is believed here in the most authoritative and best informed circles that the increase is to be indefinitely held up, and the cabinet will decline to act directly on the application, but will, instead, refer the whole question to parliament at the coming session, when it will be fully discussed.

It is felt that the representatives of the people should be allowed every opportunity to fully discuss the proposed increase. The stand is taken here, and it is understood that the majority of the members of the government take the same view, that at least nothing should be done until the western freight inquiry, which comes up in October, is heard.

VIEW BODY AT 5.30 A.M.

Doors Open Early for Workingmen to Pay Respects to General Booth.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(Can. Press).—So great was the crowd which came to-day to view the body of the dead general of the Salvation Army that it has been decided to open the doors of Congress Hall as early as half-past five to-morrow morning. In this way many workmen who desire to pay their respects before going to work will be accommodated. A constant service of song went on throughout the day around the catafalque, many cadets of the army participating. Forty hands are to take part in the funeral procession.

Gladys MacPherson, 4 Years, and Her Brother Wesley, 2 Years, of 11 Frizzell Avenue, Ate Fatal Fruit Given Them By Boys.

Giving stolen green apples, which they themselves did not eat, to little children playing about the street, a group of boys have caused, probably innocently, sad desolation in the home of George MacPherson of 11 Frizzell-avenue.

Two of his children are dead and another is dangerously ill.

About two weeks ago four-year-old Gladys MacPherson ate several unripe apples "swiped" by boys from trees in the rear of houses on the street. At one time the whole neighborhood around Pape-avenue was a vast orchard and these trees are the diseased remainder. The little child was taken ill with the usual pains in the stomach, but her mother at first thought the little girl's condition not serious. But in a short time the cramps were replaced by dysentery, caused by the apples, and on Thursday night died.

The child's brother Wesley, two years old, died yesterday morning. It is thought he also ate of the fatal fruit. Dysentery was also the direct cause of death. And now the youngest of the family, a baby girl, is very low from the same ailment. Dysentery is highly contagious, and it is believed that the baby caught it from the older children, who she was not taken seriously ill until last night.

There are two other children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson and late last night they were not reported as having caught the disease as yet.

All the mothers in the district are distraught with fear that their children will follow the sad way of the two MacPherson babies, who were great pets in the neighborhood. Green apples are plentiful and have often been eaten in the last few days by the children when playing around the streets.

EXHIBITION VISITORS.

Visitors in Toronto should not overlook the special display of fur garments now being shown at Dineen's, 140 Yonge-street. This display embraces all the very latest designs made from selected skins purchased direct from the trappers in the Canadian north-west, and in the big markets of Europe. Special fashions in Ala and Persian Lamb Jackets. The display remains open to-night until ten o'clock.