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### WESTERN CANADA CROP SITUATION

#### INTERVIEW WITH MANITOBAN MINISTER

Says Wheat Was Never Seeded Under More Favorable Conditions Than This Year.

Winnipeg, May 23.—"I am willing to go on record as saying that wheat sowing was never so favorable in Western Canada under more favorable conditions."

"Communications from almost all important wheat growing sections of the province," continued Mr. Roblin, "received within the last few days in nearly every case give reports that justify the positive statement that the seed for many years has not gone into such a favorable seed bed as this year."

"The time is later than has been common for years past, but practical men know that wheat seeded any time before May 25th under such favorable conditions has just as good a chance, if not better, of maturing and giving a perfect crop than if put in the ground in April."

"The reason is," replied Mr. Roblin, "that with normal sections of the province from frosts or snows. When our long hours of sunshine in June and with a reasonable number of showers, a fine crop is assured. The fact is, heavy yields are always made by such weather in June and early July."

"Judging from reports received, the acreage will be about the same as that of last season. Some sections will have slightly less, others little more. The recent advances in price caused some to increase their acreage because they can now sell October wheat at over 30 cents, which is a very remunerative figure."

"Then you do not look on the present season as unfavorable or discouraging to the grain growers?" was asked. "I certainly do not," was the reply from the minister of agriculture. "As I have already stated, the season is not under which the seed is sown have not been so good for years, and there is yet ample time to mature the best crop in ten years."

**FINNISH DIET.**  
Formal Speech Opening the Session Will Be Delivered on Saturday.  
Helsingfors, Finland, May 23.—Pursuant to a decree issued by Nicholas, Emperor of Russia and Grand Duke of Finland, the members of the first single chamber diet of Finland, elected under the new constitution, assembled for the first time yesterday, but beyond the verification of credentials no business was transacted. The election of a president will take place today, and the delivery of the formal speech opening the diet has been postponed until Saturday.

**DIED FROM LACK OF WATER.**  
Old Prospector Perished in the Desert.—Body Found in Lava Bed.  
San Bernardino, May 23.—The blackened remains of J. W. Murray, aged 69, were found yesterday from the foot of Old David's mountain, under a tree at the bottom of a lava bed. Murray had torn his outer clothing to shreds, clawed his face shockingly and worn away his finger nails while deliriously fighting for water. In his anxiety to obtain water Murray had lost the trail and wandered off into the desert. He had been a prospector for 40 years.

**LIVELY TIMES.**  
Belgian Socialists Threatened the Ministers in Chamber of Deputies.  
Brussels, May 23.—A discussion in the chamber of deputies of interpellations regarding recent strikes in Belgium, led yesterday to a stormy scene. A number of Socialist deputies surrounded the ministerial benches and threatened the ministers with their fists.

### THE JUBILEE OF METHODISM

#### HOW THE EVENT MAY BE CELEBRATED

Proposal to Raise One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the Columbian College.

Winnipeg, May 23.—Business of the Methodist Conference is being rushed this morning, but it is doubtful whether the sessions can close to-day.

The superannuation of Rev. R. B. Kinlay for one year was granted this morning and the conference gave practical form to the sympathy felt for him and his family in their affliction.

Last night's meeting under the auspices of the education society, was one of the most enthusiastic of the conference. T. B. Pearson, at secretary of the Columbia college, made an able speech and was followed eloquently by Rev. W. H. Barracough, who unfolded a proposed endowment scheme for the college of \$100,000 as a jubilee memorial of British Columbia Methodism for 1907.

**VICTORIA'S FUTURE.**  
There is a Bright Outlook For the City According to T. M. Henderson.  
T. M. Henderson, formerly manager of the Henderson Drug Company, in this city, before it was absorbed in the Canadian Drug Mergers, is in Victoria to-day preparing to move his household effects to Vancouver, where, with his brother, he will have charge of the western business of the drug company. He has spent the last year in travel, most of last summer being put on around Georgian Bay and the Muskoka lake, and the winter on the California coast. His daughter is spending this summer on the Mediterranean with a party of friends.

**ANOTHER ATTACK ON JEWS AT ODESSA**  
Outrages By the Black Hundreds—General Kaulbars to Suppress the Disorders.  
Odessa, May 23.—The Black Hundreds took advantage of the funeral of the three police officers assassinated at the central police bureau Monday to renew their attacks on the Jews. The whole Jewish population became terror-stricken. All the stores were closed and the streets were almost deserted.

**THE PLOT AGAINST RUSSIAN EMPEROR POLICE CONTINUE TO MAKE ARRESTS**  
Action of Radicals in Absenting Themselves from House Deputed to Be Revolutionary.  
St. Petersburg, May 23.—The concerted absence from the lower house of parliament of the four Radical groups during the formal announcement of the discovery of the plot against the life of Emperor Nicholas and their refusal to congratulate the Emperor on his escape, has made a deep impression in court and government circles.

**ACQUITTED.**  
Montreal, May 23.—The council of the bar of Montreal unanimously acquitted N. J. Lafamme, K. C., this evening of the charge of composing a felony, preferred against him by Hon. Mr. Turgenev.

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#### CITY'S ADVANTAGES IN THIS INDUSTRY

Victoria's Greenhouses Are Supplying Not Only Local Trade But Shipments Made Elsewhere

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The advantages of Victoria as a place for producing tomatoes is shown this year. At the present time the production of tomatoes in the greenhouses of this city are being drawn upon to supply Vancouver and for the demand in the cities of the prairie sections to a limited extent. At the present time there is not sufficient produced to fill the orders from the prairie cities, but it adds very materially in meeting the demand.

The city of Victoria is peculiarly adapted for the industry. The amount of sunshine as compared with all other places on the coast enables the production of a crop long ahead of all other cities. Furthermore the climate being so mild, owners of greenhouses are able to rear the plants during the winter months without too great an expenditure for fuel. This constitutes a very essential feature in the industry, and adds materially to the returns from it.

For several weeks past Victorians have been able to enjoy fresh ripe tomatoes. The many acres of glass at present enables the producers to not only meet the local trade's requirements, but to fill also the wants of the few fortunate centres on the coast and in the Northwest prairie, and shipments are being made steadily to the mainland and thence to the east of the Rockies.

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