WITH THE FARMERS

THE CROP SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—The crop situation in the Canadian northwest: The rainy weather which prevailed in the latter part of last week has given way to bright and clear weather with good strong winds, and cutting and threshing operations have been resumed at some points and will be general again today and tomorrow.

Considerable interest was taken in the estimate of the Free Press, which was announced this morning. Their estimate of the total wheat crop, compiled by their special correspondents, figured it out at 18 5-8 bushels per acre which indicated a yield of 111,750,000 bushels. From this, however, they deducted an arbitrary figure of 1 5-8 bushels per acre for possible damage from frost, but it is felt that this is excessive in view of the fact that the frosts were by no means general. Where frost did occur it was very light, and no general effect on the yield is expected to result.

Taking the average of the estimates made by those who have given the matter sufficient attention and study to enable them to speak with some authority, the figure 110,000,000 is arrived at and may be taken as a fair approximate of the total wheat yield of the Canadian northwest.

The Free Press' estimate of the oat crop, viz. 91,000,000 bushels and of barley, 32,000,000, added to that of the wheat will give a good idea of the large amount of money which will find its way into the hands of the farmers as a result of this year's crops. An important feature in connection with this season's harvest is that the crops are fairly uniform, no district particularly suffering to any extent, and consequently the money will be pretty generally distributed over the whole country.

Inspections of new wheat for the week ending August 31st were 193 cars viz., 2 cars of 1 hard, 82 cars of No. 1 Northern, 25 cars of 2 Northern, 1 car of 3 Northern and 68 cars of rejected, 47 of which were rejected on account of an excess of seed grains and 21 for smut. The grade of the wheat, however, was largely No. 1 Northern. There were 11 cars of No. 1 Alberta Red, 3 cars of No. 2 Alberta Red, and 2 cars of No. 3 Alberta Red. It will be seen, therefore, that the official inspections so far bear out the impression which has prevailed that the wheat this season is going to be largely of very high quality.

FARM NOTES.

Hog prices at Edmonton are steadily rising, live weight quotations today being $5.50 to $5.75 per cwt. This is encouraging, but the hogs have not yet struck a real competitive market.

Hog values in Toronto and Buffalo are higher than they have been for some time. Quotations for hogs off cars in Toronto are $6.75 per cwt. and at Buffalo and Chicago $7.15 to $7.35. Hogs seem to be scarce all over the country and prices are on the upward trend.

The horse market at present is reported to be very dull. Several sales are being made on the market square at Edmonton, but quotations are weak and unreliable.

What vegetables will do in Edmonton soil without any special care is shown by a collection of vegetables which were taken from the garden of the Grand View Hotel and are now on exhibition in the window of Auctioneer Smith. Potatoes, cabbage, celery, beets, carrots and beans have an enormous growth and a splendid regularity of outline.

The market square at Edmonton has been enlivened yesterday and today by the arrivals of more loads of hay than usual. Quotations are slough hay $7 to $10, highland $8 to $12 and timothy $11 to $15. Oats are 28c to 35c per bushel, eggs 25c per dozen and potatoes 35c to 40c per bushel.

Several farmers around Taber and Medicine Hat are anxious regarding a new weed which has made its appearance on cultivated lands within the past two years. The weed has been examined by T. B. Henderson, chief weed inspector, and found to be of the species commonly known as vein dock. It is a perennial plant which grows only on sandy soil, and can be destroyed most readily by plowing when in full bloom, about the end of June or beginning of July.

On the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture the Executive Council has decided to continue the payment of bounties on timber wolves under the regulations adopted December 5, 1907.

The fruit crop report issued by the fruit division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, states that weather conditions have been favorable for the fruit crop during the month of August and that all fruit is ripening earlier than usual. Indications show a full crop for fall apples and belo wa medium crop for winter apples. Pears show a medium crop in British Columbia but are light elsewhere. Plums are light generally except in British Columbia. The United States crop reports show winter apples about the same as last year. The prospects in Great Britain are less than a medium fruit crop.

U.S. CROP REPORT.

New York, Sept. 8.—The government issued its crop report today, giving the condition of spring wheat, corn and oats of September 1. When harvested the condition of spring was 80.7, which compares favorably with 77.1 at the time of harvest in 1907 and the ten year average of 77.9. Although this means a yield of 35 million bushels more than last year, the available supply on July 1st was 60,000,000 bushels less than the previous year. Thus while the crop this year is larger than last year's amount, the spring wheat in the country is now about 25,000,000 bushels less than a year ago, owing to the decrease in the left-over. On September 1st the condition of corn was 79.4, compared with 82.5 a month ago and 80.2 a year ago. This indicates a yield of 2,595,597,000 bushels, or about 125,000,000 less than last year.

4,000,000 Bushels Moved.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 8.—Although the Grand Trunk railway has moved four million bushels of grain from the Canadian and American West, via depot harbour, so far this season, the heavier consignments of grain will not come east till the end of the month, officials say, as some delay is necessarily involved in the grading of grain by the government inspectors.

THREE QUARTERS OF THE GRAIN IS CUT

Crop Conditions Along the C.N.R.—Harvesting is Well Advanced—The Yield Should Be Large—Threshing Will Be Inaugurated Within Next Week.

Harvesting operations are now nearing completion in the country along the C.N.R. line in Alberta, east of Edmonton. Reports received yesterday by Superintendent W. A. Brown, of the C.N.R., indicate that the weather during the past week has been more favorable and over 75 per cent. of the grain is now cut. Threshing will be the order of the day shortly. In spite of the cool, wet weather of the past two weeks, the grain is looking in excellent shape, and the yield will doubtless be heavy. The following are the C.N.R. crop reports received:

Lamont—Harvesting has commenced during the past week, the weather during the first part being showery, but during the latter part fine. Threshing has commenced and the first grain was delivered on Saturday to the D. R. Dais Grain Company's elevator. The oats weighed 38 pounds to the bushel. They were slightly off color but were plump. Threshing will now continue and shipping should be general within the next ten days.

Chipman—The crop conditions are much improved over the last report. The weather is perfect now and harvesting is nearing completion. Very little grain is standing yet, and if the weather continues favorable some threshing will be done this week.

Mundare—The past week has been too wet and cutting has been delayed. The weather is more favorable today and cutting will be finished this week.

Lavoy—The harvest has come along fine during the past week and there is fully 75 per cent. of the wheat cut and all should be finished during the coming week. Threshing out to be general in 15 days. One or two farmers will likely thresh this week.

Vermilion—There have been several showers during the week, which did little damage more than delaying harvesting. There has been no frost in this district.

Islay—Seventy per cent. of the grain is now cut and the weather is fine.

Marshal—The past week has been more or less cloudy, with cold rains. Ninety per cent. of the grain is in the stook and stacking and threshing has fairly begun.

Lashburn—Wheat cutting is all done and oats and other grains are nearly all cut. The past week has been fine and threshing will start in a few days.

Paynton,Ask.—The weather during the past week has been warm and dry and harvesting is about completed. From reports received it is estimated that about one-third of the crop in this district has been damaged by frost. Threshing commences tomorrow and will be general by the end of the week.

North Battleford—The weather continues favorable for ripening the grain and harvesting is up to expectations.

ALBERTA EXHIBIT IS BEST.

Provincial Display at Toronto Fair Attracting Great Attention.

Calgary, Sept. 8.—"There is no single topic which excites so much attention on the Toronto exhibition grounds as the Alberta exhibit," said Stanley M. Jones, who spent two days last week at the exhibition.

"I heard people talking about it on the grounds. I saw people in hundreds stop to look it over and question Manager Richardson. There are other provincial exhibitions, but none are as interesting as the Alberta exhibit. The picture catches the eye—the fenced-up trail and the broad wheat field is very attractive."

BIG RUN ON THE BANK.

School Teacher With Long Tongue Responsible for Unpleasantness.

Berlin, Aug. 30—There was most exciting scenes around the Friedrichsbeeger bank in the eastern district of Berlin late yesterday afternoon and evening in consequence of rumors that the institution was in difficulties. Thousands gathered before the building demanding the return of their deposits. The crowd became so dense that the street cars were forced to stop and a large force of police, which was called out, was unable to control the excited throng.

The president of the police personally directed his forces. The directors of the bank obtained permission to keep the institution open till 8 o'clock, more than $250,000 was drawn out in small sums and the bank was able to satisfy all demands for call money with the assistance of the Imperial and Dresdner banks but other customers received only $250 each on account, owing to lack of ready cash. The directorate of the bank declares that the institution is perfectly sound. It is stated that the rumor of the bank's difficulties was set on foot by a school teacher who during lessons advised his pupils to inform their parents that the bank was insolvent. A warrant for his arrest has been applied for.

Approves Japan's Retrenchment.

Tokio, Aug. 31.—Many of the Japanese newspapers protest against the postponement of the National exposition, but some of them find the cabinet indecision a significant indication of the Government's decision to place the national finances on a firm basis. President Roosevelt in a reply to a communication respecting the postponement of the fair expressed himself as fully approving the wisdom of Japan's new financial policy.

King Approves Appointments.

London, Sept. 9.—The King has approved of the following appointments: Vice-consuls: T. J. Carbray, Quebec; Leon Famelart, Montreal; J. A. Gordon, Montreal; J. A. Neville, Halifax; H. H. McLean, St. John's West.

WILL INDICATE THE COURSE OF THE TIDE

Two Premier Parties in United States Keenly Watching Results of State Elections in Vermont Today—Elections in Maine Will Take Place in Two Weeks.

New York, Aug. 31—The outcome of the election tomorrow in Vermont is awaited with keen interest at the headquarters of the Republic and Democratic national committees in this city. The showing made in this state in the matter of the number of voters who go to the polls and the gains or losses to either party in comparison with the vote of four years ago, will influence in no small degree the shaping of the campaign in all of the eastern states.

It is conceded that the Republican party will win, but if the plurality is reduced by reason of Republican apathy, then it will stir that party in the east with renewed energy in trying to arouse enthusiasm and interest.

President Roosevelt is reported to have told the officials of the congressional campaign committee which called on him at Oyster Bay a few days ago, that the way to prevent political apathy from getting hold on the voter is to keep it out of political headquarters. It is likely, therefore, that the campaigns in the east will be every bit as brisk as in Nebraska, Colorado and other western states, where it is known that the race will be close.

The speaking campaign throughout the entire country will open about September 15th, and from that time on political rallies will closely follow one another in every state where there is the slightest doubt as to the result. It is predicted that the speaking feature of the campaign will be more active than it was four years ago, and will equal the fist McKinley-Bryan campaign in 1896.

Another test of sentiment will come with the Maine election on September 15. The speaking campaign there has been going on for more than a week. Great interest has been shown. The Republicans do not expect to get as large a majority as they did four years ago, but are struggling to secure from 12,000 to 15,000, which the state Republicans term their normal plurality.

AUGUST IMPORTANT MONTH.

Review of Financial Conditions and Stock Fluctuations.

New York, Aug. 31—Natural conditions have often combined to make August a month of importance in the financial markets of the world and the month now ending has been no exception, albeit some of its more interesting events might be attributed to unusual causes. Foremost among these was the failure of a prominent commission business under circumstances that caused an investigation into stock exchange methods, that is now under way, with a view to amending the rules governing these, so as to make impossible any recurrence of last week's extraordinary incidents.

Aside from the unsettled conditions that led up to and immediately followed the failure referred to, stocks moved during the past week in irregular and uncertain fashion. Comparison with figures of August 1st shows no very great change except in Southern Pacific, which is up 13 points; Union Pacific, 8 5-8; American Smelting, Reading, 7 1-8, and Amalgamated Copper, 4. The United States steel and St. Paul issues have advanced very little in the four weeks, while Pennsylvania and New York Central have suffered setbacks. In point of activity and strength the Harriman issues have again been foremost.

Many rumors and conjectures have been vouchsafed to explain the rise in Southern Pacific, but no official statement is yet forthcoming. Numerous railroad reports came to hand and with few exceptions they showed no marked improvement. The most noteworthy exceptions were Atchison and Missouri Pacific for July, both roads making small net gains. Relations between the railroads and some of the states continued strained, the latest instance being the threat of the lines traversing Texas to cancel $20,000,000 of projected improvements of the railroad commission of that state opposes an increase in freight rates. Industrial and mercantile conditions show a somewhat better tone. The floods in Georgia and the Carolinas, however, have wrought serious havoc to growing cotton, and a great number of industrial properties, while their effects on general business throughout the stricken sections have given rise to some apprehension. It is a strange coincident that the past week should have witnessed new low records for cotton with very heavy liquidations, the whole resulting from the previous week's collapse of a large cotton pool in the money as working easier at all the principal monetary centres. Here the supply of funds is assuming almost unwieldy proportions, while the recent resorts of the Bank of England and the Bank of France show how these institutions have added to their cash holdings. From Berlin comes advices of larger cash resources and free offerings. In the local market the most interesting feature was the ready shipment of gold coin to Canada. The movement aggregated well over $3,000,000 and was said to represent the discharge through this channel of London's obligations to its colonial dependency. The week's bond sales totalled $21,232,000, against $12,720,000 the previous week.

ASSESSMENT FRAUDS.

Montreal Properties Escape Taxation Altogether.

Montreal, August 31.—Some startling revelations have been made by the new city assessors. It has been discovered that in one division of the city alone over twenty dwellings were not assessed by the old officials; that a huge yard in the city, with various dwellings and other structures upon it, had escaped assessment for unfold years, and that properties which are now being assessed at $9,000 were escaping with an assessment of $900. There will be a civic investigation.

Fell From Boat and Drowned.

Vancouver, Sept. 8—Geo. Holmes, aged 17, was drowned yesterday at Inlet having fallen from a boat.

SWEAT-BOX SYSTEM BLAMED.

Walkerville Boy Says He Was Frightened Into False Confession.

Windsor, Ont., August 31.—The claim that he was induced to tell a false story by the "sweating" system was made by Raymond Lavigne, 16 years old, when he appeared in the police court on a charge of entering the home of John Foster, above Walkerville, and stealing a pair of trousers, containing $19. The trousers were found in Lavigne's possession, and he made an alleged confession to Detective Campeau, implicating Gilboe Maisonville, of Walkerville. On the stand, Lavigne repeated his story to the detective, then denied it absolutely, and, after making several conflicting statements, broke down and wept. He asserted that he found the trousers, but was frightened into making the alleged confession by Detective Campeau. Lavigne was finally realised, to appear for trial Saturday. It is claimed that he will prove an alibi.

DROWNED IN A SEWER.

Desperate Fight of Imprisoned Men in New York.

New York, August 31.—Fighting desperately for life in a sewer in East 81st street, into which waters from flooded cellars poured in a furious torrent, John Lynch, a sewer department employee, with one foot wedged beneath a cellar pipe, watched the swirling waters rise to his waist, to his throat and then his life was blotted out. Two companions who had gone with Lynch into the narrow manhole from the street to the sewer to open choked pipes stood on the ladder leading into the pitchy darkness of the sewer, and with horror saw the man engulfed in the water, despite their frantic efforts to drag him forth. They dio not relinquish their hold on the man's hands, however, until he ceased to struggle. An alarm was quickly sent to the fire department, but when the engines arrived and pumped off the water the flood had receded as swiftly as it rose, and the body was recovered without difficulty.

JUST TWO FEET OUT.

Constable's Measurements Wrong, But Speeder Was Fined.

Toronto, Sept. 1—When Mr. F. W. Baillie was charged in the Police Court yesterday with excessive speeding in an auto on Jarvis street, his counsel, Mr. Eric Armour, disputed P.C. Mitchell's figures as to the distance. The constable had "clocked" Mr. Baillie's time from Carlton street to Bloor as 1 minute and 52 seconds, and in his evidence said the distance was 34 yards. Mr. Armour and some of the officials accordingly adjourned to the City Engineer's office, where it was found the distance was only 1,143 yards 1 foot. As with the allowance of two feet deducted, the speed still worked out at over 20 3-4 miles per hour the magistrate imposed a fine of $10 and costs.

ATLANTIC CITY DRY.

In the City by the Sad Sea Waves no Refreshments Were Served Sunday.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 31.—A real blue Sunday came to Atlantic City yesterday. Many persons familiar with the history of this far-famed resort have been inclined to doubt the possibility of such a thing, but yesterday every one of the 220 saloons and hotel bars were closed. They were closed alike to bona fide guests as well as to strangers. It was said that this was the fourth time in fifty years of its existence that a drinkless day had been experienced in Atlantic City. A bulletin posted at police headquarters stated:

"Saloons are closed; no troops in town."

There was a decrease in the size of the visiting throng yesterday. The weather was well nigh ideal, and ordinarily the keepers declared, they would have had their facilities taxed to handle the crowds. The closing down of the saloons undoubtedly kept away many thousands of regular Sunday visitors from nearby places.

CORRUPTION IN SERVIA.

Country a Prey to Thieving Politicians—Courts Demoralized.

Vienna, Austria, Aug. 31.—The recent cabinet upheavals in Servia have brought to light astonishing stories of corruption and scandals in nearly every department of the Government. State forests have been exploited, state mines leased at nominal rents and national property generally mismanaged and robbed. In army contracts, wheat has been found to be mixed with sand, while meat was decayed and poisonous. A number of high officials have been forced to resign because it was found that they had organized a scheme to enable the sons of rich farmers to evade military service in return for monetary payments. Even the law courts have been discovered to be in a demoralized condition. Intelligent Servians fear a calamity. King Peter is powerless to interfere and the whole country seems to be prey to unscrupulous and thieving politicians.

RETURN TO CATHOLICISM.

Cardinal Vannutelli Will Appeal to England at Eucharistic Congress.

Rome, Aug. 31—Cardinal Vannutelli left yesterday for London to represent the Pope as legate at the Eucharistic congress, which will open there September 9. Cardinal Vannutelli will deliver an address in Latin before the congress, which will be a strong appeal to England to return to the Catholic faith. He will recall the bonds uniting England to Rome from the time of St. Gregory, who called England "Terra Angelorum" (Land of Angels) rather than "Terra Anglorum" (Land of Anglicans) to the time of Cardinal Vaughan, the founder of the new cathedral at New Westminster, where the congress is to be held. Although the King will not be mentioned the pope will send him his homage as a wise ruler.

Cardinal Vannutelli says that he expects the congress to be a great success and an imposing demonstration of Catholic faith. He regretted that Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, will perhaps be unable to attend because of the detention in Australia by the reception to the American fleet.

"Salada" Tea remains in favor year after year with enormously increasing sales, simply because it is always true to its high standard of quality. 68

NEW PATENTS ACT HAS FAR REACHING EFFECT

The Patents and Designs Act Passed by British Parliament in 1907 Applies to All British Possessions.—Foreigners Holding United Kingdom Patents Must Manufacture in Great Britain.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Sept. 1.—There has been some enquiry concerning the working of the new Patents and Designs Act of 1907, which came into operation last Saturday, as affecting patents in the United Kingdom taken out by inventors in foreign countries and British possessions. Under the Act, a year of grace was allowed, which expired last Friday.

As doubt was expressed as to the eject of the Act in British possessions, the Canadian Press is informed by the Board of Trade that the Act applies to all patent holdings in the United Kingdom and British possessions, and in foreign countries, who have taken out patents in the United Kingdom, and provides that at any time, not less than four years after the date of the patent, any person may apply for a revocation of patent on the ground that the patented article or product is manufactured or carried on exclusively or mainly outside of the United Kingdom.

If the comptroller thinks, after hearing the statements of the patentee and applicant, that the reasons given by the applicant are satisfactory he revokes the patent, provided no such order shall be made which conflicts with any treaty or arrangement with any foreign country or British possession. Foreign manufacturers are therefore threatened with the loss of patent rights unless they establish a factory in the United Kingdom or arrange for a British firm to work their inventions under license.

It is important that Canadian inventors holding British patents see that their inventions are not jeopardized by the terms of this act.

ACT IS SATISFACTORY.

Special Commissioner from Washington Finds Law Works Well.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Dr. Victor Clarke, who was sent to Canada last spring by President Roosevelt to make an investigation into the operation of the industrial disputes act, and who in the course of his investigation visited the chief cities of the Dominion, has made his report to the American bureau of labor.

The report is given the honor of first place in the bulletin, which is a volume of several hundred pages. Dr. Clarke says: "So far as can be judged from the experience of a single year the industial disputes act has accomplisnd the main puposes for which it was enacted, the prevention of strikes and lockouts in the public service industries. Apparently it has not affected adversely the condition of the working men, or of the industries where it has been applied. It is much more applicable to American conditions than the compulsory arbitration laws, like those of New Zealand or Australia, because its settlements are based on an agreement of parties and do not prescribe any artificial wage, often ill-adjusted to economic conditions."

Mr. Clarke expressed the opinion, however, that in the United States constitutional restrictions would prevent the federal law of having such wide applications as that of Canada.

The hostility of the Western Federation of Miners to the act, he says, may be due partly to the fact that the law has been applied during a period of unusual depression in metals when the mines have had to make reductions or cease working. He says it would be impossible to say definitely whether or not a popular vote of the working people, especially of those directly affected by the law, would endorse the act at the present time.

REVOLUTION IN FULL SWING.

Trouble Continues in Certain Parts of Persia.

Teheran, Aug. 31—The latest news here confirms the report that the revolution is in full swing in the western and southern parts of Persia. All the tribes in Persian Kurdistan have raised the banner of revolt under the leadership of the Constitutionalists and demand the immediate convening of a parliament. Unless this is done they threaten to declare for independence. The government officials are falling into the hands of the insurgents everywhere, and a large number of soldiers have been killed. The seizing of the city of Kerman was preceded by a bloody conflict.

Walked Off Train While Asleep.

Fort William, Ont., Sept. 1.—J. A. Cummings, while asleep, walked off train No. 95 last night at a small station called Kama, 100 miles east of here, and was killed. Cummings was a switchman employed in the local yards, and had been at his home in Fergusondale, Ont., for a holiday and was returning to work. His remains will be sent east to-morrow for interment.

Heirs of High Degree.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—Mr. J. E. Fraser, who keeps a candy and cigar store on Mount Royal avenue, possesses documents which he claims will prove that his father and he are rightful heirs to titles of Lord Lovatt and true owners of family estates in Invernesshire, which he values at $40,000,000.

The Homestead Entries.

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—Homestead entries for first six months of calendar year totalled 13,749 as against 14,145 for same period a year ago. Americans come first with 908 entries; English second with 461 and Canadians from Ontario third with 384.

Rear-Admiral Glass Ill.

Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 1.—Rear-Admiral Glass, formerly commander of the Pacific fleet, is seriously ill. He has not recovered from his recent operation.

THAW GIVES OUT INTERVIEW.

Has Talked Over Annulment of Marriage With Wife—Blames Lawyers.

Pittsburg, Sept. 1—Through the Pittsburg press Chas. H. Gillespie, a reporter and former pal of Harry Thaw, this evening sent a statement from Thaw's cell in Poughkeepsie, where he spent several hours with the prisoner. Thaw made a number of startling admissions, among other things being that he and Evelyn Thaw had talked the matter over and agreed to an annulment of their marriage but decided to await settlement of the present troubles. He admits his desire to get back to Pittsburg as soon as possible and remain there, going into business of some kind and devote the balance of his life to it. He blames Attorney Delafield bitterly for influencing his mother before his first trial and frightening her into forcing a plea of insanity for him. Thaw said in part: "I do not believe my wife is much to blame for her reported move for the annulment of her marriage as she is blamed for. I am satisfied the attorneys talked her into it. I admit we have talked it over and agreed to wait until everything else is finished." Regarding the trial he said: "It is pretty tought to be branded as a degenerate and I never would have consented to such a thing, but they did about as they pleased in the trial owing to Delafield. My mother acted foolishly for a few days. He went to her and deliberately told her the only way to save my life was to prove me insane. That was enough to make any woman act foolish."

FIGURING ON THE CANDIDATE.

Victoria Politicians Wondering Who Will Oppose Hon. Wm. Templeman.

Victoria, August 31.—Political conjecture is rife here as to who will be the Conservative candidate to oppose Hon. William Templeman, minister of inland revenue, in the forthcoming federal election. Three names are mentioned—J. L. Beskwith, commission agent, who was beaten by Mr. Templeman at the last by-election; F. S. Barnard, an ex-mayor of the city; and A. C. Flumerfelt, a former Winnipegger, who is interested in several coal properties throughout the west. Of these three, it is likely the choice will fall upon Mr. Flumerfelt. The name of Premier McBride continues to crop up at intervals in well-informed quarters, and it is stated by some of the Conservatives here that a surprise is planned on nomination day in that the top notchers in the provincial Conservative ranks will be thrown into the breach in the hope of defeating the minister.

Premier McBride has given an unequivocal denial to the rumor that he would oppose Mr. Templeman.

GOOD CROP REPORT.

Director Saunders of Experimental Farms in Alberta.

Ottawa, August 31.—The Director of Experimental Farms wires the Department of Agriculture from Lacombe, Alberta, under date of the 25th inst., as follows: Winter wheat in this district all cut. Good crops. Most of the spring wheat is still standing but ripening fast. The heads are very plump and well filled. The weather is favorable. The frost of 20th inst. does not appear to have injured the wheat much. Barley is cut and a large acreage of oats is also cut. The grain crops on the experimental farms are very heavy. The winter wheat and early varieties of spring wheat are cut."

A STARVING CANNIBAL.

Ate Brother's Wife and Four Children.

St. Petersburg, August 31.—Details are given in Yakutsk newspapers of a revolting case of cannibalism of the nomadic tribes of Lamutz, living on the River Korkowin, in extreme northwestern Siberia. One of the nomads, driven desperate by hunger, devored the bodies of his brother's wife and four children. A party of hunters came upon the deserted encampment, found the remains of the bodies and reported the case. There was no vestige of food on the premises.

No Trains For Two Days.

Winnipeg, Man., August 31.—Not since No. 1 pulled into the city on Sunday morning has the C.P.R. brought a train in from the east, nor will any come in until tomorrow morning. On Sunday it commenced to rain heavily, and between Ingolf and Wabigoon it amounted to a miniature cloud burst, washing out the track in several places. Officials held all trains at first as a precautionary measure, which later proved to be a necessary one. The C.P.R. eastern wires also went down in the small hours of Monday morning, and although communication was partially restored during the day they again went out of business in the afternoon, telegraphic communication being only restored at midnight. No mails have reached Winnipeg from the east for two days.

Startled by Lightning.

Winnipeg, Man., August 31.—As a result of an accident yesterday evening Mrs. Forrest died at her home here this afternoon. During the severe thunderstorm of yesterday, Mrs. Forrest was coming downstairs from the upper storey of her home, when, startled by a flash of lightning, she slipped, missed her footing and fell on her back, sustaining severe injuries to her skull. She was picked up unconscious and died this afternoon. The deceased lady was nearly 70 years old and was very much respected here.

Elections Without a Revolution.

Panama, Aug. 31—The electoral proceedings, which began last January and which for so long a time threatened the peace of the republic, ended happily today, when Dr. Augusto Boyd, chairman of the national jury of elections, delivered to Senor Don Jose Domingo De Obaldia, the documents setting forth the final count of votes of the whole republic which makes him the constitutional successor of President Manuel Amando.

TO INDUCE BEST MEN TO SERVE THE PUBLIC

To induce best men to serve the public, Is the Highest Aim of Canadian Clubs, Says J. A. McDonald, at Club Luncheon at Fort William—He Speaks of Church's Duty to State at Corner Stone Laying Ceremonies.

Fort William, Ont., Sept. 1—J. A. McDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, speaking before the Canadian Club at a luncheon here today ,took for his subject a three-fold title. "Canadian Clubs, Public Opinion and Canadian Democracy." The function of Canadian clubs, said the speaker, was to form opinions. When they tried to act they lost much of their value. Their effect should be to spur on the best men to give themselves to the public service independent of personal honors or individual wealth. Canada had a chance to avoid the mistakes of the past and to create a democracy greater than that of ancient Greece, and more worthy than that at which France had aimed but failed to secure.

Mr. MacDonald concluded a strong and forceful address by complimenting Fort William upon her industries, her buildings and her bright future which was destined to make her the Minneapolis of Canada. Mr. MacDonald in the evening addressed the gathering present at the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The ceremony of laying the stone was performed by Peter McKollar, who gave a brief history of the church in this district, he being the pioneer resident here many years before the erection of a church.

Mr. Macdonald in his address dwelt on the duty of the church in relation to the state and the great and important part it played. He referred to the great gathering of vessels of war on the Pacific coast and said that if was was declared it would not be like Waterloo, Balaclava of any of the battles of years ago. Canada's part was the advancing of civilization to prevent such a war now or at any time, and it was the church that must educate the people.

FRIENDS SUSPECT MURDER.

But Medical Man Says Skull Fractured by Fall From the Train.

Regina, Sept. 1—The body of Edward Evans, found on the Arcola track a week ago, has not been interred and is being held at the undertaker's pending an inquiry by the police. Friends of the deceased state that Evans had a gold watch and money which were missing when the body was found by the sectionmen. Friends are convinced of foul play but the medical man scouts the idea of murder and states that the circumstances all point to Evans having died through a fracture of the skull received when he fell from the train.

Disaster in Trinidad.

Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 31—Between 20 and 30 dead, nearly half the town swept away, thousands of dollars damage to property and great loss of live stock tells the story of the flood at Falsom yesterday. Twenty-four hours after the disaster the first definite news from the stricken town reached this city when refugees and passengers on a Colorado and Southern train reached the city today.

Japanese Are Dissatisfied.

Rio Janeiro, Aug. 31—The Japanese immigrants who were sent to the state of Sao Paulo by the Imperial Immigration company, of Tokio, are leaving that section in large numbers. They have been at work on the coffee plantations, but apparently were not satisfied with the employment.

Earl of Rosse Dead.

London, Aug. 31—The Earl of Rosse died here today. He was fourth Earl of Rosse, born November 17th, 1840. He was a representative peer of Ireland since 1868, and had been chancellor of the University of Dublin since 1885. He also had been president of the Royal Dublin society, and of the Royal Irish Academy.

C. P. R. Will Give Harvesters Work.

Regina, Sept. 1—The unemployed harvesters are all to be shipped out of here this evening, word having been received from William Whyte that the C. P. R. will provide free transportation and free meals en route and work east of Winnipeg to those men. After they work thirty days at a dollar seventy-five a day they will be allowed to return east at the ordinary harvester's rate.

Journalists See Threshing Scenes.

Lethbridge, Sept. 1—The touring members of the National Editorial association arrived here at 2.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The reception committee of the board of trade and the city council met them at the depot. They were taken to view the high level bridge and then to the country to witness fall wheat threshing scenes. They also visited the experimental farm. This evening there will be a band concert on the square.

Train Fatalities Near North Bay.

North Bay, Sept. 1—A man supposed from the papers found on him to be Norman McGee, of Fernie, B.C., was cut to pieces by a C. P. R. train at Ridout, west of Cartier, on Sunday. At Woman River another man was caught on the bridge and killed by a C. P. R. train. Letters and papers found on him indicate that his name is James McLean, of Fort William, formerly of Dundee, Scotland.

Wreck From Washout.

Kenora, Ont., August 31.—As a result of the track being washed out at Deception, six boarding cars at that place were thrown into the ditch last night. No one was hurt. There are two big washouts at Scovil, east of here, and several smaller ones along the track, between here and Rennie. Every available man is working on the roadbed.

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WETASKIWIN

Bulletin News Service.

The C. P. R. is making a in the appearance of things especially in the neighborh station. A big gang of me dence all the time working tion from a mile north of t three-quarters of a mile sou station has been moved wes and at present disfigures Ra west considerably.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis capital on Tuesday to remai day.

Miss Helen Pearce, of N tario, who has been visiting Bradley, made a trip north and Stoney Plain.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid special meeting on Friday a of Mrs. Thibaudeau. On no meeting was held as a quo present.

Dr. Dixon's new house on of Alberta and Stanley street completion and presents a v pearance.

Silas Andrews expects to east to his old home in C about September 14.

Several farmers of this di recently on the secretary of trade to see if men could not in to supply the demand for in the harvest fields. Word the C. P. R. and the departm culture to forward men. In men were on hand ready to among the farmers and some have already been distribute prospect of placing many m

The board of trade, who ha responding with the minister tons department in reference a customs office established received word from Mr. A tyre, M.P., to the effect that have already been issued at ment for Wetaskiwin to be t toms station where dutiable g be dealt with.

Alf Ellis spent the week end ton on a business trip.

Mr. Logan, of Camrose, agent there, was in the city o

The Misses Fraser expect from Bawlf on Saturday.

The grain situation in the district is very favorable. A have recently fallen which ju the cutting a few days but jurious effect on the grain. S did samples of wheat have be it is the general opinion that touch of frost has not dama extent the crops of this distric in some localities the hail has Threshing will commence in time.

On Thursday morning Miss tin, who has been visiting h for some time, returned to Cal she is taking up training for a

Mrs. Peterson and Miss Sch opened dressmaking parlors Gourlie's furniture store in block.

Frank Beairsto has been appo er for the J. Y. Griffin Co. pac Edmonton. He has already en his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Car two children from Arrowhead, rived on Tuesday on a visit to tive, Y. W. Mattson.

Mrs. John Ambler and Miss turned home on Tuesday from relatives in Manitoba.

Chas. Olin made a business t monton this week.

J. A. Fairley, license inspect the city on Wednesday on busi

Mrs. John West returned from Innisfail, where she ha week with her sister, Mrs. Ge

Miss Maude Sinclair, who ha taged on the Alexander ranch teaching in Daysland in her for a month until her resig come into effect and she will up her work here.

Miss Moody, one of the te the Alexandra staff, is locat Criterion.

Mrs. J. W. Heric and her mo Lambert, went to Edmonton and from there went to St. Albe Mrs. Heric's daughter Rose i vent there. They returned on

At a meeting of the city c on Tuesday evening some of cations in regard to the new altered. Mr. Henry Nelson wa the contract and commences wor

The new road to the north i under construction by the C. located about a block west of t ton trail is progressing favor company is making an exceed job of filling in the slough power house and building across it.

Mrs. Ninnemon, sister of Mrs who has been visiting here for a weeks, left last Tuesday for he Lewiston, Idaho.

Stanley Jackson, the young s man Jackson of the Criterio directly for the Western Colle gary. Last year this boy, co youngest in his class, took first ors and led the whole class in reports.

Miss Olga Ronn, of the H Store, Calgary, left on Friday enjoyable two weeks spent with ents here.

Mrs. McKitrick entertained on Friday evening with cards ing. Many of the young peop as a number of the young marr of the city were among the inv and all report a delightful time

Mr. Purdy, of the Merchants on Saturday afternoon to spend day with his mother in Strathc

Miss Evelyn Heathcote went ton on Saturday afternoon to sp Day with her parents.

FORT SASKATCHEWA

Bulletin News Service.

Fort Saskatchewan is to hav school. At a meeting of the sch on Thursday last the matter with, and it was decided to ope in the public school. Principa Parker to teach standards 5, 6 a

Mrs. G. O. Baetz and dau spending the week end and over day at the capital.

J. McLaren, who has been ed Fort Saskatchewan Reporter d past year ,leaves this week for where he has taken a position on nal staff.

Mrs. Buckell and son Cyril daying in Banff.

H. Staples went to the capita urday afternoon's local to spen and over the holiday. Messrs and James York, of Yorkville visitors to the capital.

J. C. Bennet, of Ross Bros. ton, was doing business in the Saturday, returning on the aftern

Mrs. P. Aylen went up to th on Saturday's local.

Mrs. J. Alton and Mr. W. of Lamont, are visiting in the F

Rev. W. J. Howard, B.D., of went to the capital on Satur noon to take charge of the S McDougall church on Sunday.