

**Apple Frauds.**

Ottawa, July 7.—The fruit inspector for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, reporting to the department of agriculture at Ottawa, states that in visiting nearly all the towns which are fruit distributing centres between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains, he has observed great dissatisfaction from growers attending to the handling of Ontario apples. Mr. Hebert said to him that they would handle more of such apples as they had been in the past. They say they are disgusted with the dishonesty, which leads partly to the fact that apples in the middle of the barrels, which are put unsound and damaged fruit in packages which are represented to contain only sound fruit of first class quality. The inspector also reports that the merchants have been receiving from the Western States supplies of apples which, though not nearly as good in flavor or texture as the Ontario apples, are packed just for what they are represented to be. He states further that the Western country is filling up with wonderful rapacity, and is only in the beginning of its market for Ontario fruit; but unless orchard packers and shippers get hold of the market in this year, they will never reflect credit on them, they are likely to lose that market permanently. It is to be hoped that Ontario packers and shippers will profit by this warning information given to them in good time, before the beginning of the season's business.

**British Trade Returns.**

London, July 7.—The board of trade returns for six months ending June show the following increases. British imports from Canada, bacon, £121,000; hams, £22,000; butter, £72,000; wheat, £477,000; when flour, £67,000. Decreases: Sheep, lambs, £20,000; cattle, £6,000; deer, £25,000; eggs, £13,000; oats, £173,000; peas, £82,000; maize, £220,000; henna, £32,000; iron, £1,000; hardware, £9,000. The imports of canned salmon totalled £908,000 and canned goods, £28,000. Exports to Canada increased: Salt, 22,000; wool, 22,000; cotton, price, £36,000; iron, £2,000; goods, £11,000; June, £2,000; silk, £1,000; woollen tissues, £45,000; worsted tissue, £25,000; carpets, £11,000; raw wool, £7,000; hardware, £5,000; pig iron, £25,000; bar iron, £18,000; railroads, £22,000. In plants, £30,000 boiler plates, £36,000; galvanized sheets, £40,000. In plants, £34,000 unwrought iron, £33,000 unwrought steel, £111,000; haberdashery, £24,000; increases: Spices, £11,000; earthenware, £5,000. Wearing apparel and shoes waterproofed totalled £14,000; not waterproofed, £123,000.

**The Hudson Bay Company.**

London, July 7.—The annual meeting of the Hudson's Bay company took place to-day, the governor, Lord Strathcona, presiding. The balance sheet for the year was £188,197, compared with £38,536 for the previous year. Adding his £45,550 brought the total balance sheet the total available for distribution was £188,747, out of which the governor and his directors were to receive a dividend of seven shillings and sixpence per share, equal to eight and three-quarters per cent on the par value of the stock. Ten thousand shares were added to the employees' benefit fund, and after making the foregoing appropriations there remained a balance of £21,217, to be carried forward to the next year.

Lord Strathcona took occasion to refer to the present marked prosperity of the Dominion and dwelt upon the great future in store for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

The commissioner and the staff in Ottawa were rewarded by his lordship as deserving of all praise for their zealous co-operation in contributive to the company's continued success.

**Aristocratic Visitors.**

James de Rothschild and the Hon. Vere Ponsonby spent Sunday Monday in Winnipeg. Mr. Ponsonby is a son of Lord Dunseany who is interested in quite a large number of English companies. Mr. Ponsonby says, "We have heard a great deal of Manitoba of late and decided to make a short tour on our way through to the coast. We have spent a most enjoyable time in Quebec, Montreal and Niagara Falls and found the trip from Owen Sound to Port William well taking. For the first time, I saw the steamer 'Princess of Wales' and she was a most prosperous city, saw at Port William and Port Arthur which are the great elevators here."

"I am rather interested in anything in the line of manufacturing industries and, as the 'Princess of Wales' mill this afternoon, certainly think you should be proud of having such a splendid mill in this city. The visit of the Princess of Wales to the mill has brought it prominently before us on the other side, and I am not surprised that it resulted in the owners being appointed millers to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, for it seems impossible to me to conceive of any other than the very purest and best flour being produced under such a thorough and perfect system as that employed."

"We go west on Tuesday morning and visit China, Japan and India, before returning to the east. I will forward with great pleasure to our trip through your Rocky Mountains, having been told of the beauty of the magnificent scenery from the continent by the Canadian Pacific line."

**Brandon Fair.**

Brandon, July 8.—The Western Fair of Manitoba is still booming, every official being compassed about with almost more work than is agreeable. Many letters still received every day containing inquiries as to space for the year. This year the management will start with an extension on the first day of the fair, instead of later. This will give the exhibitors the opportunity of moving everything in its fresh state. The exhibits are greater than ever before, and more varied. The attendance may feel sure that they will not be disappointed either in the attractions provided. The wonderful circle whirl is a magnet of unusual drawing power with those who give accounts of the exhibition. The fair is ready and will shortly be ready. An office will be opened near the city hall for the special use of the fair, for the strangers, where they can get all the information they require of the officers directing them to hotels and sleeping places.

Three thousand dollars in purses is offered for the races, which have always been of great interest to farmers. Every evening after dark a magnificent display of fireworks will be given which will delight both the young and old. The first excursion will be run on July 23. The particulars of which are as follows: Train leaves Carman at 6 o'clock; \$2.75; Elm Creek 6 o'clock; \$2.50; Haywood 7 1/2 o'clock; \$2.50; St. Claude 7 3/4 o'clock; \$2.50; Rathwell 7 45 o'clock; \$2.50; Treherne 8 1/2 o'clock; \$2.50; Holland 8 3/4 o'clock; \$2.50; C. P. River 1 1/2 o'clock; \$2.50; Glenboro 2 1/2 o'clock; \$2.50; Stockton 2 3/4 o'clock; \$2.50; Carleton Place 3 1/2 o'clock; \$2.50; Metcuen 3 3/4 o'clock; \$2.50; Nesbitt 3 5/4 o'clock; \$2.50; Carrol 4 o'clock; \$2.50; Souris 11 3/4 o'clock. Returning: Brandon same night, after the close of the fair. It is to be noted that the fair and return by regular trains may do so by paying the difference between the excursion and the special rates in force during the fair.

**Savings Bank Returns.**

The annual returns of the Government Savings Bank branch at Winnipeg for the year ending June 30 is a very satisfactory one. The deposits exceed those of 1901-1902 by over \$150,000, while the withdrawals last year were \$100,000 less than the year before. In 1901-1902 the withdrawals exceeded the deposits. In 1902-1903 the deposits exceed the withdrawals.

It is taken to mean that this year people have more surplus cash on hand than last year. This is due to the fact of an increase in deposits, taken with the present activity in commercial affairs. It is a most gratifying symptom of growth.

Deposits 1901-1902	.....	\$2,000,448.35
Deposits 1902-1903	.....	\$2,150,462.00
Increase deposits in 1902-1903	.....	\$150,013.65
Withdrawals 1901-1902	.....	\$1,000,000.00
Withdrawals 1902-1903	.....	\$90,000.00
Increase withdrawals 1901-1902	.....	\$1,000,000.00
Thus the money on deposit in the bank this past year has increased over \$300,000.		

**Grain Export Trade.**

The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says: Members of the local grain trade are again exercised over Canadian competition in the grain trade, and a marked increase in the grain movement via Canadian routes not only as compared with the routes that will all of the North Atlantic American ports but also with the Canadian Association of Greater New York, representing the Canadian grain trade for the week ending June 28, showing the comparative movement of grain via the routes that are cutting into rail and canal shipments to New York are by way of Georgian Bay and the St. Lawrence river. The rate to Liverpool by this route, it is claimed, is at present 1 1/2 cents a bushel greater than that by way of New York, and the Canadian shipments for the week covered by the committee's table were greater than New York's, by 017,143 bushels, and greater than those of the other Atlantic American ports by 75,042 bushels. The figures of 1 1/2 cents a bushel are on the rate of the rate at present arranged by the new shipping combine. The table for the week ending June 28 is as follows:

Port.	Bushels.	Totals.
Montreal—Wheat.....	.....	628,112
Montreal—Oats.....	.....	60,841
Quebec—Wheat.....	.....	9,348
Quebec—Oats.....	.....	25,000
Canadian routes, grand total.....	.....	1,002,301

New York—Wheat.....	.....	353,515
New York—Corn.....	.....	1,016
New York—Oats.....	.....	15,109
Boston—Wheat.....	.....	23,520
Boston—Oats.....	.....	2,000
Philadelphia—Wheat.....	.....	10,000
Baltimore—Wheat.....	.....	20,000
Baltimore—Oats.....	.....	25,000
Newport—Wheat.....	.....	8,200
Newport—Oats.....	.....	10,000
Total American routes.....	.....	528,823
In favor Canadian routes.....	.....	473,478

The difference in favor of the Canadian ports, Mr. Hebert said, is in fact much greater than the amount of grain of only lake grain is taken into account. He said that the shipments from the port of New Information lake grain is asserted by advocates of an enlarged canal from Lake Erie to the Hudson. The present conditions are a good deal like those obtaining at the time of Clinton, when the opening of the canal made an end of the shipment of American goods and products by the then existing Canadian routes; for they observed that the Canadian routes of the present are drawing more and more American traffic away from American routes. As the first canal resulted in a general lowering of rates, and the transfer of a vast amount of business to the port of New York, and as the present tendencies are drawing traffic away from this port, they hold that the rebuilding of the canal so as to carry 1,000-ton barges would lower rates and rehabilitate the traffic of this port.

**New Road to Winnipeg.**

The Minneapolis papers announce that the only obstacle in the way of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Winnipeg Railroad Company has been removed by President Roosevelt signing a bill authorizing this company to construct a bridge over the Mississippi river between Anoka and Champlin. The bill also authorizes J. Hill would attempt to interfere with the measure. The new road will run through the Superior route via Anoka, Mora, Atkinson, Grand Rapids and Seaside to Winnipeg. The road will be over the route of the Superior by way of Rush City. Most of the right of way has already been secured on the Superior route. The new road will have connections with the Chicago and Northwestern and is completed the Two Cities will have a new outlet to the coast. Work on the new road from Two Cities will be commenced this year.

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