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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

REGINA will send a car of Assiniboia flour to St. John's, Newfoundland, for the fire sufferers.

THE C. P. R. photographic car has been travelling in the Mountain and Pacific divisions taking a new series of views.

JULIUS SIMENS is on his way to Indiana where he will work among the Mennonites in the interests of immigration to Manitoba.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with the C.P.R. to run trains every twenty minutes to the grounds during the Winnipeg exhibition week.

H. U. Beck, representing John Martin & Co., military tailors and outfitters, of Montreal, was in Winnipeg in the early part of this month.

A PARTY of Seattle school teachers, 18 in number, passed through Winnipeg in the latter part of June. They were taking a vacation pleasure trip and were travelling in a private car.

A MONTREAL despatch of June 28th said that the first steamer of the new Montreal West India line had arrived at that port with a cargo of fruit from Jamaica.

THE Ontario Government have decided to set up a factory for the manufacture of binding twine in Central prison, the prisoners to furnish the labor required. This will greatly reduce the cost of twine to the farmers.

MINNESOTA was visited by fire early in this month with disastrous results. The Brunswick Hotel and most of its contents; a livery stable and a storehouse were burned to the ground. The loss reached nearly two thousand dollars.

E. MEY, a prominent citizen of Leipzig, Germany, has been touring in Canada this month. While in Manitoba he purchased 1,000 acres of land near Niverville, on which he intends to carry on farming operations. His son will manage the farm for him. He was delighted with Manitoba.

MR HENRY SWAN, of Swan Bros., Toronto, is taking an extended trip through Manitoba and the Territories. In a letter to a friend in Toronto he says of the country: "Letters and books can give no adequate idea of the country; it must be seen in order to become fairly impressed with its greatness." Mr. Swan goes through to the Pacific coast.

A PARTY of seventeen delegates from the state of Nebraska arrived at Winnipeg on July

7th, under the leadership of H. H. Smith. These men have come to inspect the various districts of Western Canada, with a view of picking out a suitable location for the people whom they represent. They will visit the Edmonton, Prince Albert and Lake Dauphin districts.

A NUMBER of Chinamen arrived in Winnipeg recently from Gretna, from which point they had been attempting to get into the United States. They claim to have certificates of residence in the States and have only been home to China on a visit. The American officials will not recognize their certificates, as they think they were not issued to these men.

STARTING off to a summer resort, or for a week's fishing, or upon a tramp with a gun, or to visit your relations in the country, there is one companion that you will not regret taking with you—a copy of the July *Cosmopolitan*. It contains a wide range of subjects for summer reading—twenty-two articles, mostly illustrated. Stop at your newdealers and carry away a copy of this splendidly illustrated monthly.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway has issued notice to grain shippers asking them to take immediate delivery of grain in elevators, on account of bad English markets. Shipments of grain from Montreal have fallen off, and exporters are keeping their grain in elevators. The weather has been unfavorable for its keep lately, and the railway companies are afraid it will spoil.

MANITOBA had the proud distinction of winning the banner which the United Societies of Christian Endeavor awarded at the convention held in New York this month for greatest proportionate increase in membership of any province, state, colony or principality, during the past year. It is the custom of the society to award such a banner at the yearly international convention. This is the first time that it has been awarded outside of the United States.

JOHN McQUEER, one of the British farmers delegates to Canada, whose report to the Dominion Government was withheld from publication, states that although he has condemned the maritime provinces as a field for British emigration, he will urge upon his countrymen the advantages of Manitoba as an agricultural country. He thinks that Great Britain is the natural market for Manitoba, while the United States is the natural market for the maritime provinces.

DURING the month of June the C.P.R. land department disposed of 48,500 acres of land in Manitoba and the Territories, for which they received \$185,000. For the corresponding period of last year 8,000 acres were sold, which brought the company \$34,000. Since the immigration season opened over 30,000 acres have been sold at an average of \$3 an acre to American immigrants alone. The majority of these people went to the Saskatchewan Valley and Battle River districts, and some to southwestern Assiniboia.

ON and after July 1st, the limits of size for packets of patterns or samples of merchandise addressed to all countries in the Postal Union will be as follows: 12 inches in length, 8 inches in width, 4 inches in depth. For packets made up in the form of a roll the limits will be 12 inches in length and 6 inches in diameter. The maximum weight allowed for pattern or sample packets will be 12 ozs. in the case of those sent to the undermentioned countries: Argentine Republic, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Honduras (Republic of), Hungary, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxemburg, Mexico, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Serbia, Siam, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, United States and Venezuela. In the case of all other foreign countries the limit of weight will be 8 ozs.

THE month of August next is expected to bring important if not wonderful and sensational developments in the study of our mysterious heavenly little kinswoman. August 5 next, Mars will arrive at a point directly opposite this earth, which it reaches but once in 15 years, when the distance between the two planets will be reduced from 141,000,000 to 35,000,000 miles. Upon that night a thousand telescopes will be levelled at the planet, which will repose in refulgent beauty in the southern skies, and a thousand eyes will seek to pierce the veil of distance that conceals the knowledge for which science thirsts. Wonderful results are expected by reason of the marvellous improvements that have been made in astronomical instruments within 15 years and since the last most favorable observation was made. With the powerful lenses and the photographic appliances of to-day, it will be as if the far away visitor, tempted by curiosity, had drawn nearer to the earth than ever. Although Mars will be 35,000,000 miles away, the powerful Lick telescope will magnify her to a size as if viewed at a distance of but 17,500 miles.