WITH THE FARMERS

ALBERTA RED ON THE MARKET.

Why are the prices paid for fall wheat in the Winnipeg market so much under No. 1 Northern? How is it that there is a spread of from 5 cents to 20 cents in the price of No. 1 Northern and Alberta red wheat? These are questions that are puzzling the Alberta farmers now that they have their wheat threshed and are offering it on the market.

Judging from several articles that have appeared in agricultural journals on this subject it would seem that there are some valid reasons for the spread. In the first place there is no regular market price on the Winnipeg market for fall wheat the same as there is for spring wheat because of the comparatively small quantity of fall wheat shipped eastward from Alberta and the irregularity of shipping. A steady market can only be established when there is a steady regular supply no matter whether the supply be large or small.

Then again the amount of grain to be shipped this year would probably be sufficient to make an average of 30 cars per week the year round if it were so shipped. But in the Grain Act there are ten different grades into which winter wheat can be divided and if there was to be much variety in the quality of the wheat produced it might make it very difficult for exporters, as it has always been in the past, to gather together a shipment of any one grade quickly, thus causing more risk in buying, expense in holding and also more difficulty in selling and trouble in finding buyers as compared with spring wheat which is bought and sold in large quantities practically every day in the year.

As regards the actual difference in export value between spring and winter wheat there are no regular market quotations for any market in the world for Alberta Red winter wheat and therefore no exact means of comparison. The tendency, however, is to class Alberta Red winter with Kansas No. 2 Hard winter, the latter two grades being raised principally in Kansas and Nebraska and surrounding states.

The provincial department of agriculture is taking up the plea of the Alberta farmer for a relatively better price for his winter wheat. Samples of Red Fyfe and other spring wheats and Alberta Red winter wheat have been sent to Chicago to be experimented with as to their relative value in the manufacture of flour. The aim of the department for the present is to supply farmers with convincing arguments as to why they are entitled to demand better prices for their wheat. The result of the experiments will be watched with interest.

C.P.R. CROP REPORT.

Bulletin Special.

Calgary, September 2.—The following report of crop conditions along the line of the C.P.R. in Alberta has been compiled by Superintendent Price from reports received from agents:

Airdrie—Showers; cool light frosts.
Crossfield—Threshing begins this week; cool and showery; no damage.
Carstairs—Some rain; cool.
Didsbury—Some rain; cool.
Olds—Cool; showery; no more damage.
Bowden—Showery and cool; light frosts; no damage.
Innisfail—36 hours' rain; mild; no damage.
Penhold—Fine; slight frost; no damage.
Blackfalds—Cool and wet; no frost.
Lacombe—Warm and fine; heavy rain Sunday.
Ponoka—Most fine, some rain; no damage.
Wetaskiwin—Heavy rains; ready for threshing.
Millet—Showery; light frosts.
Leduc—Cool; few showers; no damage by frost.
Strathcona—Rain daily; no damage.
Camrose—No frost; showery during week.
Bawlf—Wet; progress slow.
Daysland—Cool and showery; no frost.
Killam—Cool; no frost; threshing about September 15th.
Sedgewick—Showery; cool; no frost; no damage.
Hardisty—No threshing; yet showers delayed cutting; no frost or damage.
Alix—Showery; cool; no damage by frost.
Stettler—Cool with rain; two degrees of frost. Harvesting completed; yield about 30 bushels per acre.
Okotoks—Favorable; no damage.
High River—Fine; threshing starts this week.
Cayley—Cold and rain; windy; little frost.
Nanton—Fine; light rain; very favorable.
Stavely—Favorable; no damage; rain delayed htreshing.
Claresholm — Favorable; threshing general; good yield.
Taber—Favorable; light showers; no damage by frost.
Lethbridge—Fine; no damage from frost or other causes.
Cawley—Favorable.

GET AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

The Department of Agriculture has always been ready to assist students from this province who are in attendance at agricultural colleges in the east. The method employed was to grant scholarships to those who headed the class lists but it has been felt that this could be improved on.

At the suggestion of Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture the government has made an important departure. This year the department of agriculture will pay the railway fare and the tuition fees of any student proceeding to an Eastern agricultural college. This also applies to domestic science schools and includes any ladies who wish to take advantage of it.

CHECKING NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Owing to the high winds which have been prevalent between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, the seeds of many noxious weeds have been scattered over the district and have taken root in the soil. The Alberta government at the executive meeting yesterday decided to devote $500 to the cleaning up of fire guards, road allowances, and abandoned homesteads in order that the prevalence of noxious weeds may be prevented. This action on the part of the government will be much appreciated by the farmers of the district who would be greatly handicapped in their fight against the weed evil if something of this kind were not done.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—There were two distinct thrills in both the wheat and corn markets today, the first when they went up excitedly 1½c or more, and the next when they tumbled ingloriously from the height. In the end wheat recorded a modest gain from ⅝ to ¾ and corn closed actually lower than the day before. Except for May delivery, which was unchanged, Liverpool quotations gave the bulls in the wheat market very little encouragement in the matter of prices for the futures of grain that they reported before the opening.

Minneapolis opening prices for September wheat this morning showed how the traders there were faring who had sold short in their own market in anticipation of a heavy run on contract grade spring wheat by this time. Business was of the same general professional kind as it has been for a year, but there was more of it and of the diamond-cut-diamond keenness to be expected from its character. The bulls had very much the better of the struggle and prices rose with a persistency suggesting that the leading operators on the buying side were not taking profits, although many of the lesser lights in the market were doing so and regretting their action the minute after.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Cattle of choice quality are steady, but everything else looked from 10 to 15 cents lower, the mid-week supply being liberal. In the sheep house the supply again was heavy. The quality maintained steady prices on lambs, but where it was lacking 10 to 15 cents was taken off. The market had a reluctant tone in all branches. Cattle receipts were 24,000.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, September 3.—All markets had a good advance today, owing to higher cables, good bank clearings and large sales of flour. Minneapolis mills reported exceptionally good flour sales and as a result their market is 2 cents higher for September and 1½ for December. Chicago is ⅞ to 1¼ higher; Winnipeg 1¼ to 1½ higher. Liverpool closed ½ to ¾d higher, and they report advance due to very few cargoes offering and forecast of smaller shipments from the Argentine this week. Winnipeg closing prices are: Futures—September, 99⅞, October 96¾, December 94⅞. Cash prices: No. 1 Northern, 1.04½; No. 2 Northern, 1.01¼; No. 3 Northern, 98½; No. 4, 92; No. 5, 80; No. 6, 69; No. 1 feed, 64½; No. 2 feed, 56; No. 1 Alberta Red, 99; No. 2 Alberta Red, 96. Oats—No. 2 white, 41½. Barley—No. 3, 49; No. 4, 47; rejected, 43; feed, 42. Flax—No. 1 Northwestern, 1.18.

REPORTS ON ALBERTA.

Winnipeg, Aug. 29.—J. Polson, who has charge of the exhibition branch of the immigration department, has returned to the city after an extensive trip through Alberta in search of samples of the various kinds of grain.

To a reporter this morning Mr. Polson said that he was astonished at the remarkable growth of the wheat in Alberta, and says that the crops in the south are most wonderful. One farm there is producing wheat that goes 60 bushels to the acre. The winter wheat at Carstairs is splendid and will average 40 to 50 bushels to the acre.

When Mr. Polson was at Lethbridge the Taylor Elevator company received wheat that was threshed on Aug. 12. That same day it was ground into flour and the next day the flour was made into bread. This made what was considered the best bread ever made in Lethbridge. That same wheat went 64 pounds to the bushel, and sold at 80 cents per bushel.

Mr. Polson secured 9,000 sheaves of the various grains and grasses, and will send them to the United States and Great Britain for exhibition purposes. From Manitoba he is also making a collection of wheat, oats, barley, flax and rye.

ONE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

And Millions of Dollars Damage in Georgia Floods.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 29.—With the number of dead estimated at a hundred, the financial loss placed at from two to five million dollars, the floods of the past week throughout the Carolinas and Georgia, have been the most severe experienced by those states in their history. Cities have been submerged, business demoralized, stocks of goods covered with slime, house furnishings ruined and buildings undermined and collapsed.

Hundreds of acres of land have been wiped clean of growing crops, while other hundreds are covered with beds of sand and slime and practically ruined. Travel by rail or road is impossible, and many will suffer for food and shelter before all can be located. Twenty-two bodies have been recovered at Augusta and more corpses are being found every hour. Atlanta has started relief work for her nearest sister city, Augusta, and will rush a carload of food and supplies to that city tomorrow.

Twenty Bodies Recovered.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 29.—As the water goes further down it is feared that further damage will be revealed. Twenty bodies have been recovered and corpses are being found every hour or so. The Chronicle estimates the death list at sixty. The citizens, in mass meeting, and the city council and the board of health in special session, have taken measures to relieve the distress. In some parts, people who cannot leave their houses have not tasted food since Wednesday night. Many believe it will be necessary to seek aid from the outside world.

Floods in North Carolina.

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 29.—Cape Fear river has reached a height of 79 feet here, breaking all records of former floods. Houses and bridges have been swept away for miles around and the estimated damage to the oat and corn crop will go beyond thirty-five per cent. The greater portion of Fayetteville is covered with water, backed up from the river a mile and a half distant. In the country there are thousands of people homeless, and an appeal was issued today for relief by the chairman of the county commissioners. No trains have entered or left the city for three days. The food supply is short, eggs still selling at a dollar a dozen, and vegetables are held at four times their value.

THROUGH SILENT NIGHT WATCHES

One Hundred Men, Imbued With Spirit of West, Wait to File Homestead Entries.

What does this mean? What is this all about? There is something unusual going on here. So thought many an Edmontonian as he passed in front of the land titles office at the corner of Sixth street and Victoria avenue last evening after the day's work was done. So thought many others as they went up town last evening to spend a few hours at the church or the club or the various places of public amusement. So thought many others as they wended their way home, some at eleven o'clock, some at twelve o'clock and some in the wee small hours of the morning.

There was something going on. It was something that had been anticipated by many a young man for days and months and in many cases for years. On the morrow at the last stroke of the midnight hour and on the first minute of the first day of September, all the odd numbered sections of land in the last great west were to be thrown open to homesteaders, with the exception of those that are reserved. On the morrow at 9 o'clock the land title's office would open its doors and homestead entries would be filed. Where is the significance in this? It may not mean much for the well established professional or business man in Edmonton or for the self-satisfied young blood of the city. But there are others to be considered. There is the "squatter" who in anticipation of this event, had months ago, trespassed on odd-numbered sections, established himself there and now when the day has come entry must be made. Then there is the man from Oregon, from the Dakotas, from Ontario, from Manitoba, who has heard of the Pembina or the Peace River or some other district and cannot rest until he has made application for a homestead and has his entry filed.

Preparations for Rush.

This is a land of opportunity and for these the first of September is the day. K.W. McKenzie, Dominion lands agent, understood the full significance of it and made preparation accordingly. Yesterday at noon he ordered lumber to be delivered at the land titles office and set men to work with hammer and nails making a railing about two feet from the fence and stretching from the door of the office along Victoria street to Sxith street. At three o'clock the railing was completed and at that hour the first homesteader took his stnad and continued to stand until this morning at nine o'clock when he recorded the first homestead entry at Edmonton under the new Dominion lands act. This man was Steele Murdock, a tinsmith of Edmonton, and a well known character. Mr. MacKenzie's confreres laughed at him and his railing. But his foresight was soon vindicated. By seven o'clock last evening there were fifty thirty men in line, by ten o'clock there were fifty and more kept coming all the time. There were 150 in line at eight o'clock this morning.

Take a look at this line. The all red line, or the thin red line or any other line will have to go some to beat it. Every man could say, "We have some sail of our youth in us." For the most part they were young men fired with hope and ambition. As the magnet attracts the needle so youth attracts youth. A few came alone, some came in pairs, but many came in bunches. Fully thirty young men came in sixty miles from the Pembina river, where they have their homesteads picked out and in some cases have squatted for over a year.

All Sorts and Conditions.

Walter Besant should have taken a look at this line before he wrote, "All sorts and conditions of men." It might have given him some unique ideas. There was the tall, lanky Dakota man with his heavy coat and upturned collar and pea straw hat there was the bright, active young fellow from Eastern Canada. There was the unmistakable Londoner, the fair-haired Norwegian, and the swarthy native of Southern Europe. For the most part, however, they were British subjects of an exceptionally high class.

In the early part of the evening a woman stood in the line, the only one in the number. She was Mrs. Margaret Conklin, a widow from Chicago. She was prepared to stand in the line all night to get a homestead. The heart of humanity is ever full and free. She did not stand in the line all night. A young man saw her intention and offered to hold her place. She had a good night's rest and resumed her stand this morning.

A Bulletin man was there with the rest of them. He had no homestead to file, but he was out for a story and wanted to be in the fun. Playing the part of a "squatter" was half of it.

A "Squatter" Too.

"Hello," said one of the Pembina bunch, "are you a squatter, too?"

"Yes," said the Bulletin man, as he thought of his reporter's stool. Any further question would have been improper on this occasion, because no one cared to divulge just where he came from for fear of giving a clue to a stranger as to what quarter section he had his eye on.

"What quarter section are you after?" said one who was beyond the pale and whose inquisitiveness got the better of him.

"Oh, mine is somewhere between here and the Arctic circle," was the reply, accompanied by a significant scratch of the head.

Every other subject formed a legitimate field of conversation and several times Mr. McKenzie as he chatted with the boys, was called upon to decide some fine point in the law.

"There is one point I am not quite clear about," said one. "I have been on my quarter section for nearly eighteen months and I want to know if any one could get in before me, file for it and do me out of it?"

"Have you any improvements on it?" asked Mr. McKenzie when appealed to.

"Yes, I have," was the reply.

"Then no one can take it from you unless he pays you for the improvements and even at that if you can prove that you have squatted there the homestead will go to you."

"What do you say in the case of occupying the homestead before the survey?"

"In that case," replied Mr. McKenzie, "the surveyors will likely have a note of it and the quarter section is yours."

Squatting Time Does Not Count.

"Will your time on the homestead count previous to the present application?" asked one anxious inquirer.

"No," was the reply. "Previous to this you are a trespasser and your time will only count from September 1st."

"That means five years for me, then, for I have been on the place two years now," said one. "But then I have some improvements and some experience," he added with a smile.

"Is there any one in the line after a pre-emption?" asked another.

"Not likely," was the reply. "You see any man has a right until September 16 to apply for a pre-emption and then it is only in the pre-emption area; only townships 43 and 44 of this district are included in that. There are so many details in connection with pre-emption to look into that I would have to tell the man to see about it later."

Filed the Same Day.

"We are receiving applications right along for pre-emption," continued Mr. McKenzie, to the Bulletin man, although he was not aware of it, "and many who have claims have been considered. A very peculiar case happened today. Two men were after the same quarter section. In such case priority of settlement decides, but it was found that both had filed on the same day. The papers were examined and the number of one was just one figure less than the other. Here a difference of probably five minutes in getting out the papers decides the possession of a quarter section.

While these important questions were being discussed the line was steadily increasing in length. Along would come some young fellow from the Pembina way and a chorus would go up, "Brown's in town." Among the number were several old Edmonton boys and they would hail their friends as they passed by. A general handshake and a "comme-ci-va" would follow. Some had fur coats and horse blankets and had provided themselves with a box to sit on. Most of them had a lunch in their pocket and a few had a little "cold tea" as an antidote for the damp, chilly, air. Some could sing; others couldn't and knew it; and others couldn't and didn't know it.

An Old Lady's Greeting.

Presently a kindly looking lady passed by and recognized one of the old Edmonton boys.

"Well, how are you? I hope you get a good homestead."

"Oh, I'll have the best in the country if I only get what I want. I stood about twentieth in the line, but I went away to get this fur coat and a box and when I got back I found I was forty-sixth."

"How is Mrs. —a—g—, of I forget your name? Oh, yes; how is she?"

"Oh, I left her at home making hay," was the jocular reply.

The good mother in Israel was alive to deeds of charity. "Have all the boys something to eat?" she anxiously inquired. "Now, we must see that you are all provided for. All within hearing distance assured her that they were in need of nothing except 160 acres of land so she passed on satisfied that all was well.

That bunch of young empire-builders were brimful of ideas. They fairly bubbled over on every pretext.

"This is where the Salvation army should get busy," said one; "they would do more good here tonight than in a month on Jasper avenue."

"The Ladies' Aid should serve meals here; they would be able to pay off the mortgage on the parsonage," said another.

No Room in the Pembina.

"Have you had much frost up the Pembina way?" asked the Bulletin.

"Yes," said one, "we have frost 11 months in the year.

"Yes," said another and ice stands on the water troughs the other month."

They probably were not quite over the effects of a two-day drive in the rain from the Pembina.

As the evening wore on some got more confidential. One told the Bulletin that he has a quarter section in the Pembina district and as he was a South African volunteer he comes in for a half section under the Volunteer act. By this time he will have them filed and when he performs his homestead duties he will have 480 acres of fine farm land. Besides being a homesteader he is the district school teacher and when the cry went up, "Brown's in town," all from the Pembina knew who it was.

Lighted Bon-Fires.

At the hour of midnight some drew their coats above their ears, pulled down their caps and seated on the sidewalk became oblivious to their surroundings. Not so with others. An arrangement was made whereby a man could leave his place and have it held by his comrades. Several left the line and gathered all the stray sticks of wood that could be found. Two bonfires were lit and created considerable warmth. Spirits rose accordingly. Speech-making ensued, and Ernie Laidlaw made a rousing political speech in praise of the new Dominion Land act and in honor of Hon. Frank Oliver.

"It would do the Hon. Frank's heart good to see this bunch here," said one.

"He ought to make us all vote for the Liberal party for this," said another. Then followed three cheers for the minister of the interior.

Early this morning the smell of coffee was wafted on the air and soon several kindly citizens who lived in the neighborhood handed out coffee and sandwiches to the crowd. Some were out for gain at an even earlier hour and gathered in the coin at the rate of ten cents per sandwich. At this there was opposition from the Parisian cafe and general appreciation all round.

Applicants Good Natured.

Everyone remarked on the good natured feeling that was displayed on the part of the crowd.

"This railing helps a lot," said one who had been through the Yorkton rush for the Doukhobor lands in June, 1907. At that time there was a mad rush for the door and they were backed there like sardines. The Mounted police had to force them aside to gain an entrance for the officials and in this way many lost their place after being there for hours and never regained it."

Constable Holtby, of the R. N. W. M. P. had no difficulty in keeping order this morning as there was not the slightest indication of rowdyism. One city Mounted policeman and one foot policeman were on duty.

By eight o'clock this morning many people had gathered to witness the sight of 250 men lined up along Victoria street and for a considerable distance down Sixth street.

A purveyor of the lacteal fluid stopped his outfit to enquire what it all meant. For him the first of September was no different from any other day. He knew nothing of the Dominion Lands act, but it soon dawned on him that something was doing.

As the hour of nine approached many showed signs of heightened mental activity. A certain amount of anxiety was depicted on the face of those nearest the door. "Will I get what I want or will I have to take something else? Is there any chance of any one being in before me? Have I got my $10 to wager with the department of the interior that I can stay with my 160 acres for three years? Several got out little township sketches that they had prepared and discussed almost to the last minute the relative merits of certain homesteads with their wives who were leaning against the railing.

Places Reserved by Ticket.

Before nine o'clock every man in the line was given a ticket corresponding to his place in the line and after receiving this and signing his name for identification, he could leave the line as long as he turned up when his number was called. Many took advantage of this and many gaps would have been found in the line, but those behind closed up, preferring to stay with it until the business was closed.

Mr. MacKenzie stated to the Bulletin today that of the first 200 who were asked to sign their names only two were unable to do so. This is a remarkable proof of the high standard of the homesteaders.

At nine o'clock sharp the doors of the Land Titles office opened and ten men were let in at a time. An invariable rule is that each man is satisfied and the whole transaction is put through with him before the next man is considered. Up to one o'clock today 48 applicants have been dealt with and with a few exceptions all were given what they wanted. An old man had stood in the line in third position since three o'clock yesterday only to find that the quarter section he was after is in the pre-emption area and cannot be definitely decided until September 15. Mrs. Margaret Conklin, the woman mentioned above, was given number thirteen. She located on the northeast quarter of section V of township 59, range 3, west of the fifth. Number twelve, E. Reed, who immediately preceded her, located on the adjoining quarter.

Inquiry was made by the Bulletin as to the nearest homestead to Edmonton for which application could be been made. It is thought to be about ten miles southwest of Edmonton, close to Leduc.

"What course do you take with the telegrams and letters?" Mr. MacKenzie was asked.

"Telegrams and letters are all numbered as they come in," replied Mr. Mackenzie, "whether they are personal or reported by a sub-agent."

Men in Line Have Precedence.

"How do you settle as to who is to have precedence; the man on the sidewalk or the sender of the telegram?"

"Every man who was in line at the door this morning at nine o'clock was given his number before any telegrams were opened. It could not fairly be arranged otherwise," replied Mr. MacKenzie.

"See this telegram," said Mr. MacKenzie, as he led the Bulletin man to his office desk. The telegram was marked 279, indicating the allotted number and 11.20 the time when it was received. No. 279 will be dealt with in its turn whether the applicant be personally present or not."

The department of the interior has made every provision to the end that the Lands act will be fairly carried out. Representatives of the head office have been studying the act for some time and one was sent to each land office to insure that there be perfect uniformity of procedure in the disposing of the lands all through the west. Edmond Trudell, of Ottawa, is the representative at the Edmonton office.

Are Courteously Treated.

The local office is giving the home seekers every attention and all speak in the most emphatic manner of the gentlemanly and courteous treatment that they have received at the hands of Mr. MacKenzie and his efficient staff. Every thing is going along with remarkable smoothness considering that the operation is a matter of such supreme importance to the participants.

Mr. MacKenzie says that not more than 100 applications can be attended to today and that it will take fully two days to dispose of all the present holders of tickets. "We expected a big rush," said Mr. MacKenzie, "but this has exceeded my anticipaions. This will be a busy week for us right to the close."

A Rush in Calgary.

Bulletin Special.

Calgary, Sept. 1—At midnight a crowd began to gather around the Dominion lands office to secure admission as soon as it opened this morning. Many applications have been received for pre-emptions in the new area and the office predicts a record-breaking business today. Three Mounted police are on hand to control the rush, but their presence is not needed as everything is orderly.

Moose Jaw, Sept. 1—A crowd of two thousand assembled at the land office here this morning before 9 o'clock to secure homesteads under the pre emption clause of the new Land act. The police were on hand but the crowd was orderly.

THE CANADIAN BISLEY SCORES

Corp. McInnes, of Strathcona, Equals Highest Score in McDougall Cup Match.

Rockliffe Ranges, Aug. 31.—Conditions generally were excellent for the first day's shooting in the D. R. A. matches. A slight head wind blew and the light was good. Five matches were concluded to-day, the Tyro, Bankers', President's, McDougall Challenge Cup and the School Cadets. The team prizes in the Tyro match were captured by the Third Victoria Rifles, of Montreal, with a score of 160, and the 91st Highlanders of Hamilton. The next in order were the 48th Highlanders, of Toronto, with 154, the 43rd D.C.O.R., Ottawa, with 153, and the 50th Royal Highlanders, Montreal, with 149. Five of the individual competitors scored possibles.

The Western team did its best shooting in the McDougall cup contest, the last match of the day. Sergt. Welford (90th, Winnipeg), won the match and $25, with a score of 68 out of a possible 70. Corpl. D. McInnes, 19th Mounted Rifles, Alberta, took second place and $20, with a similar score. Several other Western men did good work in this match.

In the Bankers' match, Major J. E. Hutcheson, of Ottawa, scored a possible, and Private H. D. Gougeen in the 90th, came next with 34.

The President's match, a quick shooting contest, was captured by two Toronto men, Private W. Clifford, of the 10th R. G., and Private R. Storror, of the 48th Highlanders.

There was an excellent entry of school boys for the cadets match, Dundas carrying off the honors with a Halifax boy third.

Owing to the recent death of her father, Mrs. Hughes, wife of President Col. Sam Hughes, will not be able to receive, and consequently there will be no formal receptions at the ranges.

Col. John Bartow, of Manchester, has contributed $100 towards the prize list. With this a gold watch will be purchased for the winner of the Bisley aggregate. During the day a cablegram was received from Field Marshall Lord Roberts, expressing his good wishes for the D.R.A. meet. The message was as follows: "Ascot, Aug. 31. to Col. Tilton, Rockcliffe Ranges. Best wishes for Canadian Bisley. (Signed) Roberts, Field Marshal." To this Col. Tilton sent the following reply: "To Field Marshall Lord Roberts, Ascot, England. Five hundred assembled riflemen from Sydney, C.B., to Vancouver, B.C., respectfully appreciate greeting and good wishes for our Canadian Bisley. (Signed) Tilton."

The Bankers, six hundred yards, seven shots, possible 35, top scores were as follows: $20, Major J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd, 35; $13.50, Private McLaughlin, 90th, R.R., 34; $13.50, Private J. A. Steel, 30th, 34; $12, Private H. O. Gougeen, 38th, 34; $10, Pte. H. Bilky, 77th, 34; $10, Capt. C. E. Crowe 30th, 34; $8, Lieut.-Corpl. H. Horman, 1st P. W. F., 34; $8, Major R. A. Helmer, 43rd, 34; $8, Mr. S. H. Kerr, 10th, Ottawa, 33; $8, Sergt. J. J. Matthews, F.O.R., 33; winners of $5, included Sergt. Battershill, 90th; T. R. Hogg, Oak Lake; S. W. Andrew, Winnipeg; G. Wilson, Franklyn R.A.; Corpl. R. Young, 15th, light horse; Sergt. Major W. Clarke, 15th light horse; Sergt. F. A. Starke, 90th Light Horse; Sergt. A. Martin, 15th light horse; Mr. S. A. Ramsey, Calgary R.C. Tyros $4 each, Corpl. Sartin, 90th; Constable R. Tait, Mounted Police.

President's match, rapid firing, 200 yards, seven shots, special targets appear seven times for three seconds: $20, Privates W. Clifford, 10th R.G., 31; $18, Pte. R. Storrer, 48th, 30; $15, Sergt. H. Wolford, 90th, Winnipeg, 29; $12, Sergt. W. H. Diamond, R.C.R., 29; $12, Pte. Veary, 3rd Victoria Rifles, 28; $8, Pte. O. G. Schenrer, C.O.R., 25; winners of $6, included Sergt. Greet, Q.O.R., 24; Sergt. A. M. Blackburn, 90th, 21; Sergt. F. A. Clarke, 90th, 20; Lieut. G. Durand, 90th, 20; G. A. Reid, Alberta, 15.

Tyro match, 500 yards, seven shots, possible 35. Team winners, first prize, 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal, $20; Pte. F. Wilkinson, 30; Pte. H. Bartow, 32; Pte. C. H. Morton, 30; Corpl. E. Taylor, 35; Sergt. E. Duckett, 35, total 165. Second prize, 91st Highlanders, Hamilton, $15; Sergt. Major Maxwell, 30; Corpl. F. Stock, 29; Pte. W. A. Smelzer, 32; Pte. F. Carson, 31; Ptes. G. W. Slesser, 33; total, 157.

Individual winners, $9.80 each, Corporal F. J. C. Denman, 3rd V. R. C., Montreal, 35; W. Pearce, Edmonton R.A., 35; Corpl. E. Taylor, V.R.C., 35; Capt. C. H. Ralston, 46th, Port Hope, 35; Pte. A. Taylor, 77th Wentworth, 35; $5, D.R., J. Hazzard, Sydney, Man., 33; Lieut. W. O. Morris, 18th, M.R., 33.

McDougall Challenge Cup, ranges 200 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, cup to become property of competitor winning it twice consecutively. Cup and $25, Sergt. H. Welford, 90th, Winnipeg, 68; $20, Corpl. D. McInnis, 19th, A.M.R., 68; $16, Capt. Crowe, 30th, 67; $12, Corpl. A. L. Harrison, 55th R. H. C., 67; $12, Sergt. Moore, 57th, 67; $10, C. T. Burns, Winnipeg, 67; $10, Ptes. W. Cock, Q.O.R., 66; Sergt.-Major J. Jones, 82nd, 66; $8 each, Sergt. H. M. Marsden, 90th, 65; R. H. Alloway, Alberta, 64; Sergt. A. Blackburn, 90th, 64; $6 each, Sergt. J. W. Battershill, 90th, 64; H. J. Hasard; Sydney R. A., 63; Sergt. F. A. Clarke, 90th, 62; Major C. D. Stuart, 60th, D.C.O.R., 61; Mr. C. W. Andrews, Winnipeg R.A., 61; Lt. G. Durand, 90th, 61; Tyros, $4, Pte. W. W. Dart, 90th, 61; H. Burns, Vancouver, 60; A. E. Hilden, Sydney R. A., Man., 60; A. E. Hilden, Sydney R.A., Man., Rifles, 60; Constable Tait, Mounted Police, 59.

Minneapolis Journal Sold.

Chicago, Ills., August 31.—A syndicate, headed by H. V. Jones, proprietor of the "Commercial West," yesterday purchased the entire stock of the Minneapolis Journal, for $1,200,000. Jones assumes active and immediate charge. The manager and managing editor retire.

AN INDISCREET DIPLOMAT.

Chinese Minister in Washington To Be Recalled—He Is Not Apprehensive.

Pekin, Aug. 31.—The Chinese Government is considering the recall of Wu-Ting-Fang, Chinese minister of Washington, on account of recent disclosures of his which are believed here to have been indiscreet. The government for some months has been embarrassed by Minister Wu's platform and other utterances, and by his attitude as a public character in America. Liang Tun-Yen, assistant secretary of the Board of Foreign Affairs, is a leading candidate for the position at Washington in succession to Wu-Ting-Fang.

Interviews He Never Gave.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 31.—When Minister Wu was reached by a reporter this afternoon he said he had heard nothing about his being recalled and at 7.40 p.m. smilingly added that he did not care if he was. "The only indiscreet speech or interviews I know of are some which I never made or gave out. Words were put into my mouth by other people," said Wu. "I understand that in some Chinese newspapers there were stories stating that I had been indiscreet and that I should be recalled if such was the case."

U. S. Barristers Visit Victoria.

Victoria, B.C., Aug. 31—Three hundred members of the American Bar association arrived in the city today on a special steamer and were entertained by the members of the local bar. Included in the party were Judge J. M. Dickenson, of Chicago, past president of the association, and J. M. Lemon, of St. Louis, who has just been elected president. The party will spend tomorrow here and leave in the evening on a tour of the Strait towns, returning to Seattle via Bellingham.

RED MEN THREATEN TO GO ON WAR PATH

A Hundred Indians on Salmon Arm South of Kamloops Fear Their Fishing Are To Be Taken From Them—Two Chiefs Fined For Setting Illegal Traps.

Victoria, Aug. 31.—A hundred Indians of Salmon Arm, just south of Kamloops, are threatening to go out on the warpath, fearing that they are about to have their fishing rights taken away from them. The local authorities state that the situation has got beyond their control. It is certainly a serious one. On Wednesday last two Indian chiefs were summoned by the Dominion government fishery authorities for setting fish traps illegally. They were convicted and sentenced to pay a small fine. A band of fifty Indians swept down on the courthouse, rescued the chiefs and made off with them. Constable Fernie, at Kamloops, was despatched to the scene, and reported that the Indians were very uneasy. Supt. Hussey has received instructions to assuage the passions of the red men by peaceful measures if possible.

WYOMING MINERS STRIKE.

Ten Thousand Go Out Because of Reduction in Wages.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 1.—A strike of the unionized coal miners of Wyoming began last night when the night shifts in every camp in the state, consisting of about 10,000 miners, who the Union of the Miners' Mine Workers, refused to go to work. Ten thousand miners are involved. The strike is the result of the dealers' association's reduction of wages of ten to fifteen cents a day.

ACTION WOULD BE FUTILE.

C.P.R. Mechanics Will Not Proceed For Violation of Alien Labor Law.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—Bell Hardy denies that the striking mechanics contemplate action, against the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for a violation of the Alien Labor law. He is admitted to have been collecting evidence along these lines, and is declared to have been successful in establishing many violations, but he stated that he considered action would be futile.

Hisgen Formally Notified.

New York, Aug. 31.—Thomas E. Hisgen, of Massachusetts, was formally notified in this city to-night that he was the choice of the first national convention of the Independence party for the presidential nomination. The enthusiasm that marked the official ceremony was too vast to be held within the walls of the National Independence club in Gramarcy park, and overflowed through every outlet into the street. Several thousands of elated Independence partisans, who were unable to get into the clubhouse, took up the cheering for Hisgen and Graves.

Stabbing Affray at Fenelon Falls.

Lindsay, Ont., Aug. 31.—A serious stabbing affray occurred at Fenelon Falls to-day. Two Detroit youths were attacked by Fenelon Falls young men with knives. The young men were out walking with two girls when the fight took place. S. Nicholas and J. Barry were stabbed so seriously it required twenty-eight stitches to sew the wounds. Their assailants were arrested.

Ten Thousand Homeless.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 1.—Ten thousand people homeless, with no clothing or bed clothing, is the result of the recent floods. There is much suffering. Thousands of men are engaged cleaning up after the flood. The city is battling bravely to ward off suffering, but decline to ask aid.

Morgan's Yacht in Collision.

New York, N.Y., Sept. 1.—J. P. Morgan's yacht Corsica collided in the East River this morning with the New Bedford steamship, New Hampshire. A large portion of the New Hampshire was torn away. The Corsica escaped injury. It has not been learned yet if Mr. Morgan was aboard.

DIS

STETTLER.

Bulletin News Service.

Harvesting in this dist ing good progress, and no ported. Crops in every d eral crops that were hailes big hail storm in July are harvested, and are four f

There are still quite a few at Buffalo lake. Mr. and Stettler have returned to

The Erskine cheese fa patched a ton of cheese to on Wednesday. It is ex branch of this factory is tablished at Alix.

Stettler, Aug. 28.

FORT SASKATCHE

Bulletin News Service.

The members of the P Church met in the manse last to spend a social ev Rev. P. D. McQuarrie, w Monday evening for his hon burg. A very pleasant ti joyed in the playing of ga spersed with vocal and in music. Dainty refreshm served, after which speec made by Rev. Mr. McQua Baetz and John McLaren, breaking up at twelve o'c singing "He's a jolly good Mr. McQuarrie takes with very best wishes of the peo Saskatchewan.

J. S. Henricks, of Edm inspector of the G.T.P., sp days here last week on bus

Stephen Williams, of Calg Saturday in the Fort.

Mr. Bert Chard, station Stirling, is the guest of his A. Chard.

F. F. Tims, of Edmonton the sale of two blocks of land ing about nine acres on Gr street, to the managers of th Catholic Church, for the p building a church, conv monastery.

T. G. Montgomery's new on Government street is nea pletion and will be ready pancy in the course of a fe

Robert Lindsay, a missio Horse Hills, spent a few d this week and will occupy t in the Presbyterian Church bath evening. Mr. R. Wa take charge of the children in the morning.

Mrs. A. T. Chambers has home after a four months' vis mother in Sweden, also visiti other points of interest.

Postmaster A. W. M. Cam turned on Sunday night f eastern trip.

J. Dalghetty, of the Hill T Company, arrived back on after spending a month on h stead, near Lloydminster.

A pretty wedding took place day afternoon in the Reformed Church at Beaver Hills, when M daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jo of Edmonton, was married to Gauf, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Beaver Hills. The bride was dressed in white silk; her br Miss Muntz and Miss Gauf, silk, Mr. Piper, brother of th was best man. Rev. Hineman the ceremony. After which su served at the home of Mr. and Gauf. The presents were num handsome. The newly-wedded reside at Brush Hill near Vegre will have the best wishes of th friends.

A heavy hail storm visited and surrounding district on Tue and did considerable damage to east of here and in the Sturgeon this being followed by heavy day Wednesday, harvesting were delayed somewhat.

Last week E. Simmons finishe 160 acres of New England oa were grown from Government se he purchased last spring.

Mrs. (Rev.) Rickard, of Ashero who has been visiting at the hon parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. St for her home on Tuesday.

Miss Shields, of Edmonton, s week-end and over the holiday in guest of the Misses Paul.

Mrs. G. E. McLeod, of Edmon a few days in the Fort this week

The stork called at the home and Mrs. J. B. Adamson on Tu and left a little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sull receiving the congratulation friends on the birth of a daught

Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mrs. Ross, Smart, of Edmonton, and Miss J Winnipeg, were guests of Mrs Shera last week.

Visitors from here to the ca week were Mr. and Mrs. Geo ball, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Rathbun H. R. Hamden, J. P. Bellan D. P. McQuarrie, E. S. Landry, Vaughan and J. W. Shera.

Miss Jessie Kimball, of the returned to Edmonton to atte School.

Miss M. V. McCauley, teache intermediate department of school, has received a letter Department of Education advising she has been selected as one Alberta teachers in connection teachers' trip to England.

Miss Reith spent Thursday in and left on the evening train fo where she will resume her dut school on September 1st.

Mrs. Alex. Adamson, of Buf tana, arrived here on Saturday spend the summer with her sis Arthur Adamson, of Agricola.

Rev. W. J. Howard, Mrs. Ho party spent Friday at Elk Park families who have been campin Island for a few weeks have to their homes.

A. F. Mantle, the representati Manitoba Free Press, who is en estimating the crop between Dau Edmonton, drove into the Fort mont on Tuesday, continuing th to Edmonton through the Clo district. Mr. Mantle considers east