

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Live Stock on Pacific Coast—Canadian Pacific Railway Withdraws Appeal—Trade with Australia.

(Staff Correspondence.)

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Dr. C. E. Saunders, chief of the cereal section of the Dominion government's department of agriculture, was in Victoria this week, having come to the coast to look over the experimental farm at Sidney. Discussing provincial possibilities, he takes the point that live stock culture is particularly suitable to Vancouver Island, that is as long as land can be secured anywhere within reasonable distance of farming prices. Opportunities for such an industry are great, since the market is large and very close at hand. At present, the rearing of live stock is secondary to dairying. Dairying has been found to be profitable, and, since cattle are an essential, naturally there is a live stock production above its needs. Naturally, too, with by-products swine are kept, but as an industry in itself live stock has not been considered, except, perhaps, in the interior of the province. In the vicinity of Kamloops and up the Cariboo road, where older settlements exist, many cattle are reared on ranges, but on the coast attention has been given to other agricultural lines in which the profit may be more quickly apparent. On the coast, however, the climate is not severe, and since immense quantities of fodder may be grown, live stock culture should become more of a feature. If men in the position of Dr. Saunders would talk on this subject more, and if he were to discuss what breeds would do best in the moist coast climate, those people having the land area might bring in stockers.

Appeal Withdrawn

Of considerable interest to investors in timber, and there are many who have money placed in this provincial asset, is the announcement that the Canadian Pacific Railway has withdrawn its appeal to the Privy Council in the matter of the suit of the King Lumber Company. This company has limits in the Kootenay through which fire swept. It contended that the fire originated on the Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way, crossed an intervening piece of land, and got into the timber. The case was tried at Nelson a couple of years ago, and the lumber company was awarded \$150,000 damages. On appeal, the judgment was upheld, and the Canadian Pacific Railway decided to take the case to the Privy Council. By its withdrawal, it is a concession that the points of law were well taken. At the time this case was first heard, other lumber concerns were watching the outcome, since they, too, had suffered.

British Columbia is concerned to a large degree in the negotiations for more extended trade relations with Australia. The seasons in Australia are directly opposite to those of Canada, and if the products of the Antipodes could be imported more freely into this country there would be great mutual benefit, since more trade would go south. All that is wanted is the removal of the commercial barriers, since better steamers now provide adequate transportation facilities.

Financial Interests Visit Coast

Mr. John H. Ferguson and Mr. Arthur Julian, of London and Reading, England, who have taken over the foreign department of the Nicholas Foreign Estates, Limited, are making an inspection of Victoria and Vancouver with a view to placing capital in mortgages, agreements for sale and farm lands. This firm, which has been established for thirty years, has branches already on the Pacific coast, in Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. They have not as yet done business in British Columbia, but expect to make a connection here through local agents.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

The following are the railroad earnings for the week ended June 21st:—

	1913.	1912.	Increase or decrease.
Canadian Pacific Railway .	\$2,530,000	\$2,510,000	+ \$20,000
Grand Trunk Railway....	1,166,394	1,066,726	+ 99,668
Canadian Northern Railway	489,300	411,700	+ 77,600
Temiskaming and Northern Ontario	29,880	27,820	+ 2,060
For the week ended June 30th:—			

	1913.	1912.	Increase or decrease.
Canadian Pacific Railway.	\$3,467,000	\$3,293,000	+ \$174,000
Grand Trunk Railway ..	1,623,828	1,552,647	+ 71,181
Canadian Northern Railway	700,600	579,700	+ 120,900
Temiskaming and Northern Ontario	34,681	34,449	+ 412

WESTERN CROPS IN GOOD CONDITION

Winnipeg is Busy Centre—Manitoba Has Problem in Securing Agricultural Laborers

Monetary Times Office,

Winnipeg, July 9th.

Reports are coming in which indicate that the western crops are in good condition. From all points come optimistic forecasts regarding the wheat yield and the general outlook is most promising. In some parts of the west the crop will not be a heavy one, particularly where early sowing was done, this is caused by the rains coming too late to develop the stocks and where there is usually from twenty to forty stocks on a root, this year reports have it that there are only from five to ten, however the late sown crops are much better and the recent rains have had a most beneficial effect. In many sections of the country where there was no lack of rains in the early part of June and where conditions have been good throughout the season the outlook is bright.

Exhibition and Convention.

The Canadian Annual Exhibition at Winnipeg, opened on July 8th and continues until the 16th, and promises to be one of the finest in the matter of exhibits ever held here. Extra arrangements are necessary this year to accommodate the large numbers of horses and live stock which are entered.

On July 28th, 29th and 30th, the real estate men of the continent will meet at Winnipeg. This event, the annual convention of all the real estate exchanges of the continent, annually attracts delegates and visitors from all sections of the country, and it is believed the Winnipeg convention will be no exception to the rule.

Farm Help Wanted in Manitoba.

The provincial department of immigration of Manitoba have so far been unable to cope with the demand of the farmers for help. Every man with sufficient experience or strength who makes application at this office is found work immediately, and the department have wired to the Old Country acquainting their agents there of the situation. It is ascertained that a harvesters' excursion is now being organized by the department through the British agents and special arrangements are being made with the steamship companies for the return trip. It is believed that this plan will become a great aid to immigration of the best class, affording farm workers opportunity to see the country under very favorable auspices. During the month of June there were 219 homesteads taken out at the Winnipeg district office.

WESTERN BRICK AND COAL COMPANY'S STOCK OFFERING

The British Candian Brick and Coal Company, Limited, is offering through Messrs. McLaughlin and Smith, of Winnipeg, a block of its stock to investors, as follows:—\$170,000 preferred and \$172,500 common. The company has purchased from the Excelsior Coal and Brick Company, Limited, their entire plant as a going concern, and the directors anticipate making such improvements on the plant that it will be one of the largest in the West. The company own 640 acres of clay and coal, situated in the tract of mineral-producing country surrounding Estevan.

The company's authorized capital is \$500,000, consisting of \$200,000 7 per cent. preferred at \$10 per share, with a bonus of 25 per cent. common; \$300,000 common at \$10 per share.

The funds from the sale of the stock will be used to complete the equipment of the present brick plant, to build a proper drying room for the common brick, to build the necessary kilns, and to erect more houses for the accommodation of laborers.

The directors of the company are Messrs. J. S. Douglas, merchant; W. F. Tallman, street commissioner; A. B. Wooldridge, gentleman; D. W. McKerchar, barrister; P. A. Talbot, real estate broker, all of Winnipeg.

During the present year Nanaimo proposes to expend \$50,000 on the extension of the sewerage system, to construct a steel bridge over Millstone River at an estimated cost of \$28,000, to expend a sum of \$50,000 on the installation of an eighteen-inch main to increase the city's water supply and to erect a three-story brick and concrete school building at an estimated cost of \$60,000, plans for which are now in the hands of the architect..