WITH THE FARMERS

AS TO PRE-EMPTIONS.

K. W. McKenzie, Dominion Land agent has received a letter from Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, concerning the pre-emption feature of the new Dominion Land Act. The letter is as follows:

Pre-emptions may be taken on either odd or even numbered sections south of township 45, east of the Calgary and Edmonton railway and the west line of range 26, and west of the third meridian and the Soo Railway line, but townships within that area in which a railway company has selected eight sections of its land grant are excluded from the pre-emption privilege.

Persons entitled to a pre-emption entry holding homesteads within townships in which pre-emptions may be taken, and alongside whose homestead there is a quarter section available as a pre-emption, are entitled, if the first applicant ,to enter for such quarter section as a pre-emption on or after Sept. 1st next.

If such homesteader, whose entry must be in good standing, notifies in writing over his own signature, or by telegraph from a sub-land agent, the agent of the land district in which his homestead is situated before Sept. 1st that he desires to pre-empt an available quarter section lying alongside his homestead, or separated from it by only a road allowance, the land agent shall hold such quarter section reserved from homestead entry, and for pre-emption entry only, until the end of Sept. 15th, but no longer.

If more than one homestead adjoins a quarter section available for entry as a pre-emption in connection with such homesteads, and if notice has been given as above provided, that one of the homesteaders desires it as a pre-emption, the pre-emption entry for such quarter section shall not be granted until the agent has decided which homesteader has the first right to the pre-emption entry.

The agent shall decide on or before September 15th which of the homesteaders has first right to the pre-emption under sub-section 6 of Section 27 of the Dominion Lands Act, which provides that the homesteader in good standing who holds the first entry for his homestead has the first right to the pre-emption, and the agent shall give the pre-emption entry accordingly.

A homesteader who holds entry in a township which is not available for pre-emption, if there lies alongside his homestead in an adjoining township available for pre-emption, an available quarter section, may pre-empt such quarter section.

Index maps showing the pre-emption tract and the townships not available for pre-emption are available for free distribution at all land agencies in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF EQUITY.

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Canadian Society of Equity was held in their offices, 226 McDougall avenue, on Saturday afternoon. President R. C. Owens called the meeting to order at two o'clock.

The matter of having an amalgamation of the two farmers' organizations in Alberta, namely the Alberta Farmers' Association and the Canadian Society of Equity, was under discussion, and a resolution was moved by Mr. Bell of Namao, seconded by Mr. Rafn, of Bon Accord, that a committee of five, with the Provincial Secretary, be appointed to meet a similar committee of the A. F. A. and their secretary, to discuss a plan for the uniting of these two organizations, asking the officers of the A. F. A. to name time and place of meeting. Mr. Rafn, Mr. Bell, Mr. Ball, Mr. R. C. Owens, and Mr. Geo. Long were appointed as a committee.

The appointment of Mr. E. H. Harris as treasurer of the society by the vice-president, Mr. Bell, was confirmed by the board.

After considerable discussion, and knowing the wants of the farmers, a motion was carried instructing the secretary to draft a letter to the city council of Edmonton asking them to erect and maintain a suitable building for the purpose of giving the farmers a place to dispose of their produce charging a small fee therefor, a plan which is in vogue in nearly all eastern cities. This want is felt by the farmers, and unless the city takes some immediate action in the matter, they will no doubt erect and maintain their own exchange building.

The secretary was also instructed to write the A. F. A., asking them to confer with the C. S. of E. regarding the making of a price list, for they believed the strength of the two organizations was sufficient to warrant them endeavoring in a great measure to control the selling price to such an extent that the farmer will be assured a fair living profit on his labor.

CROP CONDITIONS ALONG C.P.R.

Calgary, August 20.—Superintendent Price, of the western division of the C.P.R., has issued the following statement of the crop conditions for the week ending yesterday, from reports received from agents along the line of the C.P.R. in Alberta.

Airdrie—Warm with hail and rain.

Crossfield—Warm and showery, some hail.

Carstairs—Excellent weather, some slight damage by hail reported from the west.

Didsbury—Warm, fine, no damage from frost, slight damage from hail.

Olds—Warm, slight showers, no further damage.

Bowden—Warm showers, yield expected above the average.

Innisfail—Warm, six hours rain, no damage.

Penhold—Fair and cool, rain for two days, fine now.

Red Deer—Grain cutting is general this week, fine and warm with showers.

Blackfalds—Fair weather, a few showers but no damage, no frost.

Lacombe—Warm and showery, no damage.

Okotoks—Good crop, no damage as yet, weather favorable.

High River—Clear and warm, cutting general, threshing the first of next week.

Gleichen—Weather is very favorable.

Langdon—Good yield expected, weather fine, no damage.

Cayley—Light rain, cold nights, frost.

Nanton—Dry, warm, cool nights.

Claresholm—Very favorable, cutting of spring wheat very general.

Granum—Good prospects.

Brocket—Clear and hot with occasional showers.

Taber—Very favorable, no rain or damage.

Lethbridge—Fair, and warm, no damage.

Macleod—Good rain, some hail, slight damage. Weather good.

Pincher—Fine and dry.

Cowley—Slight rainfall.

Maple Creek—Harvest about complete, yield half of last year.

Irvine—Excessive dry hot weather, little crop.

Ponoka—Fine, no damage.

Wetaskiwin—Crops in splendid condition, no damage, favorable harvesting, best prospects.

Millet—Warm, showery for a part of the week.

Leduc—Fine, two hours rain, no damage by frost.

Strathcona—Fine and clear, no frost.

Camrose—Weather fine, about three hours rain, cutting started.

Bawlf—All grain looking the very best.

Killam—Moderately warm with showers, no damage.

Hardisty—Fine and warm, no damage.

Stettler—Warm, eight hours rain, no frost, no damage.

Strathmore—Ten hours rain, weather cool.

Seward—Grain about all cut here.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, August 18.—The wheat markets have become very dull the last two days. Liverpool is fairly firm, closing ½d lower today. The American market declined sharply yesterday, but today, though very dull most part of the session, they advanced towards the close and closing prices ¾ to 1⅛ cent advance over yesterday. Last week the American visible supply increased about half a million bushels. Same week last year it increased almost two million and a half. Our Winnipeg market was inclined to be easier early, but it became firm, though also dull and little doing. After selling down ¾ cent under Saturday it also firmed up and closed unchanged to ¾ cent higher than the advance being on August wheat. Today's prices are: No. 1 Northern, 1.09¾; No. 2 Northern, 1.06¾; No. 3 Northern, 1.04¾; No. 4 wheat, 96¾. Futures closed—August 1.09¼, September 97½, October 95¼, December 92¾. Alberta red winter for September delivery is 4 cents under the September future for No. 1 and 7 under for No. 2. Oats, barley and flax are dull and prices unchanged since Saturday.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, August 17.—A lot of western lamb arrived and a depreciation of 10 to 15 cents looked logical. Sheep were relatively scarce and that branch of the trade was steady to strong. A heavy run of western cattle gave the market slow starts. The values of the grassers worked a little higher the last week, furnishing some incentive to shippers out on the range to order cars. The early expectancy was that there would be 12,000 grassers on sale, but this was cut later to 10,000. One the early figures the buyers planned a 25 cents decline, but found they needed all the cattle available and were satisfied to take off 10 to 15 cents. There was a sprinkling of good native cattle, selling at 7 cents better, but most of the stuff was of the short fed and grassy order and had to come into competition with the eastern. Butcher cattle sold largely $3 to $4.

MONTRAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal, August 17.—Eight hundred and fifty head of butchers' cattle, sixty calves, 162 sheep and lambs and 634 fat hogs were offered for sale at the Montreal live stock market today. Prime beeves sold at 5 to 5½ cents per pound; pretty good cattle sold at 3¾ to 4¾, and the common stock was 2½ to 3½. Calves sold at from $3.50 to $10 each. Shippers paid 4 cents per pound for good large sheep. Lambs sold at $3.75 to $5.00 each. Good lots of fat hogs sold at 6¾ to 7 cents per pound.

John Rogers & Co., of Liverpool cabled that United States steers sold at 13½ to 14 cents, Canadians at 13 to 13 cents; ranchers at 11¾ to 12; cows at 11 to 12; bulls 10 to 10½ cents. The trade was firm.

MONDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Man., August 17.—Civic holiday on Winnipeg Exchange. There was a general decline in all the U.S. markets, which all closed around the low point. Chicago September opening at yesterday's close declined to 91¼, rising ⅛ at close. Minneapolis opened ⅞ off, lost another half, finally closed 99½. Duluth closed 3½. New York closed 1¾ below yesterday's close. December and May values also declined generally. Chicago closing 1⅞, 1¾ off yesterday. Minneapolis 2⅛ and 2⅛. New York 2⅛ and 1⅞ and Duluth December 1⅞ respectively. Minneapolis cash little weaker at yesterday's prices. Northern 1, 2 and 3 falling off cent. Chicago corn options ⅜ to ½, while oats options rose ¼ to ½.

GETTING HARVEST HELP.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture is endeavoring to secure a share of the harvest help coming to the West this season. Arrangements have been made with the railway authorities to ticket a sufficient number of harvest hands to Alberta points to ensure a safe harvesting of the crop. The Department has sent a representative to Winnipeg in order to see that the Province gets its fair quota of men, and also to prevent a larger number going to any one point than is necessary to meet the demand. As these men will be only ticketed to the station, farmers requiring help should leave their name and location with their nearest railway agent or arrange with friends in town to secure and send out to them the help they need.

TUESDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Man., August 18.—Wheat was a somewhat dull proposition today, the trade in all markets being quiet. Liverpool opened ¼ to ⅜ lower and closed unchanged to ¼ lower, not responding to the decline in the American markets of yesterday. Minneapolis and Chicago opened practically unchanged and ran up about ½, while the lowest trade in winning October was at 94¾, with most transactions around 95¼, closing firm at 95½. August wheat advanced ¾, closing at $1.09¾ with buyers for contract grades of spot cash wheat at about 1¾c premium. American visible wheat increased 457,000 for the week. Fort William stocks decreased 533,271 wheat, leaving in store only 675,451 wheat, 391,786 oats, which is very low compared with previous years. The weather has been considerably warmer in Manitoba and throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta during the past twenty-four hours, with no frost or rain reported.

Winnipeg cash wheat—No. 1 Hard 1.10¾; No. 1 Northern, 1.09¾; No. 2 Northern, 1.06¾; No. 3 Northern, 1.04¾; No. 4, 96¾; No. 5, 87; No. 6, 77; No. 1 feed, 69¾; No. 2 feed, 60.

American options: Chicago—September 91⅝, 92⅜; December 93⅜, 92⅜; May 98, 98½. Minneapolis—September 99⅝, 1.00⅝; December 97, 98⅜; May 1.02, 1.02¾.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1.—The cattle trade was about steady with yesterdny. The fresh receipts were mostly western grassers and the bulk of them sold 25 cents lower than last week. Only a few native steers arrived. Butcher cattle held about steady. Lambs were 10 to 15 cents lower, and sheep looked strong. Most of the lambs sold at $6.25 or less. The influx of Idaho's this week has been a depressing influence.

WEDNESDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Man., August 19.—Wheat was somewhat erratic today over a range of ⅝ cents in Winnipeg October and 1 to 1⅜ cents in American September wheat. Although the weather has been clear and cool over the prairie provinces there was no reports of frost, which is the main bull factor at the present time. American markets acted strong for the most part, particularly on September wheat, but Winnipeg did not follow, closing ¼ cent lower. Cash wheat continues in good demand at slightly advanced prices, but receipts and offerings are very light. Some oats offering, but no buyers at present. Forecast is for fine weather with a slightly higher temperature.

Winnipeg cash wheat—No. 1 Hard, 1.11; No. 1 Northern, 1.10; No. 2 Northern, 1.07; No. 3 Northern, 1.05; No. 4, 96⅝; No. 5, 87; No. 6, 77; No. 1 feed, 70; No. 2 feed, 60.

American options: Chicago—September 92¼, 83¼; December 94⅞, 94⅜; May 98⅜, 98⅝. Minneapolis—September 1.00⅝, 1.01⅜; December 98, 98⅝; May 1.02¾, 1.01½.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal, Que., August 19.—Seven hundred head of butchers' cattle, 300 milch cows and springers, 300 calves, 700 sheep and lambs and 300 fat hogs were offered at the Montreal live stock market today. There were no prime beeves on the market and none of the sales exceeded 4½ cents per pound, and few that down to 2½ cents per pound for butchers' cattle. Lean dry cows were numerous and were bought by the canners at from 1½ to 2c per pound. Small, hard-looking bulls were also more numerous than usual and sold at 2 cents per pound. Milch cows sold at $25 to $55 each. Grass-fed calves are getting plentiful and sell at 2½c to 3½c per pound. Shippers paid 4c per pound for good large sheep. Good veals sold at 4½c to 7½c per pound. Lambs sold at 5½c to 6c per pound. Good lots of fat hogs sold at 6¾c to 7c per pound.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Ills., August 19.—Stock yards receipts were 1,052 cars today, as against 1,306 a week ago. The result was that a slump in prices was arrested. Many cattle were 10c to 15c higher than Monday. Only 2,000 steers were yarded in the western division and the shippers had cause to realize that they made a mistake in piling up so much stuff early in the week. Cattle in the 900 pound class made $7.60 the highest price of the year for the weight. The live mutton trade was steady at the declines registered early in the week, lambs being 25 to 50c lower and sheep 10 to 15c lower than last week's close. Western cattle shippers made the usual mistake this week of glutting the Monday and Tuesday markets. If their supply had been distributed over five days the 25c break during Monday and Tuesday would not have been necessary. Most of the range cattle sold $5.35 to $5. The top price of the year for cattle weighing less than 1,000 pounds was made by a load of prime yearlings averaging 973 pounds, that went to Morris at $7.60. There was a sprinkling of good cattle at $7 to $7.50. Butcher cattle sold largely at $3 to $4. Feeders were strong.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, August 20.—The Liverpool market was quite strong today, closing 1 to 1½d over yesterday. The American markets were dull and stubborn, fluctuating within a narrow range and finally closing ¼ to ⅜ cents over yesterday. Fine weather and the expectation of the new spring wheat movement prevent free buying and the strong cables prevent short sellers from bearing the market. Our Winnipeg traders keep watching the weather in the west and American markets and between the two they are afraid either to buy or sell. Owing to scarcity, cash wheat is stronger, but the October and December futures are a little easier. Today's prices are: No. 1 Northern, 1.10½; No. 2 Northern, 1.07¼; No. 3 Northern, 1.04¾; No. 4 wheat, 96⅝; No. 5, 87½; No. 6, 78½; feed wheat, 71; No. 2 feed, 61, all spot or en route. Futures closed—August 1.10¼, September 98, October 94¾, December 92½, May 99. Oats are a trade—No. 2 white, 42; No. 3 white, 38; rejected, 36 spot; October oats 37½. Barley and flax unchanged, nothing doing in them.

SCOTT TRIUMPHS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Government Secures 26 Seats and Opposition 14—A Splendid Victory.

Regina, August 17.—The smoke of the battle of Friday's election has now cleared away, and it is apparent that the electors have endorsed the progressive policy of the Scott government even more emphatically than any but the most sanguine supporter of the administration had hoped for. Premier Scott returns from the polls triumphant with a majority of 12, which will undoubtedly be increased to 13 in a house of 41, as the deferred election in the constituency of Athabasca will not likely be contested by the Opposition after the utter rout on Friday, and it is expected to be permitted to go by acclamation.

A Great Triumph.

The result can be construed as nothing but a great triumph for Hon. Mr. Scott and his government, considering the fact that he was called upon to face and to defeat practically the entire organization of the Conservative party in the Dominion, who made a dead set upon this province, hoping to make the defeat of the government a stepping stone to success in the forthcoming federal elections. They seem unable to realize that they have been beaten and refuse to believe that it is true, although the rout is decisive and complete. There are some signs, however, that they are preparing to swallow their dish of crow. Returns from Lloydminster and Moose Jaw County, which were in doubt until last evening, have been received and place both in the Liberal column. In the latter, J. A. Sheppard (Liberal) has a comfortable majority of 78, all polls heard from. The complete vote in Lloydminster has not yet been received, but H. C. Lisle (Liberal) is now leading by a majority which assures his election. His lead may be increased to 100 or over, and the C.P.R. has issued a bulletin conceding his election.

Straight Majority of Twelve.

With these two victories the parties now stand 26 Liberals and 14 Conservatives. The election in Athabasca will be held in October, and if it goes Liberal, as it undoubtedly will, the next legislature will divide with a government majority of 12 after the speaker is elected. This is an increase of seven over the majority with which Premier Scott controlled the last House, and certainly is a flattering endorsation of the record of his government. This fact, coupled with the signal victory in Regina and Saskatoon cities, which were both storm centres of Conservative activity, relieves the defeat of the two ministers Hon. Mr. Calder and Hon. Mr. Motherwell of much of its sting.

Local Conditions Responsible.

Local condition in Milestone and North Qu'Appelle were responsible for these reverses, which were by no means a condemnation of the ministry. In Milestone there are large numbers of former residents of the United States, who were brought into the country through the agency of the Haslam Land Company. The president of that company, J. H. Haslam, who at one time contested the federal constituency of Selkirk in the Conservative interests, but during the last election gave a passive support to the Laurier administration, actively arrayed himself against Hon. Mr. Calder in this campaign. Naturally he has a great influence with the people he had brought into the country, and he was successful in lining them up almost to a man behind Calder's opponent, with the result that the minister went down to defeat.

Cost Him Small Fortune.

In North Qu'Appelle Mr. Motherwell had as his opponent a gentleman who had arrayed himself in the garb of a Conservative because of a grudge against the minister. He is a private banker and immensely wealthy, and is said to have avowed the intention of defeating Mr. Motherwell even if it cost him $50,000. As a result of his campaign, assisted as he was by a coterie of Manitoba Conservatives with their effective election methods, he was successful, and the farming constituency of North Qu'Appelle presents the remarkable condition of having turned down a practical LIBERAL.

Arm River—George A. Scott, 146 majority.

Battleford, North—D. A. Finlayson, by good majority.

Battleford, South—J. S. Simpson, by small majority.

Cannington—Stewart, 178.

Canora—Robertson, 251.

Duck Lake—Turgeon, 142.

Estevan—Bell, 300.

Francis—Stevenson, 100.

Hanley—McNeil, 64, one poll out.

Humboldt, Neelv, 366, 3 polls out.

Lloydminster—Lisle, leading by majority which assures his election.

Moose Jaw County—J. A. Sheppard 78.

Moosomin—Smith, 70.

Pelly—Johnson, 32.

Redberry—Langley, conceded, with several distant polls to come in.

Regina City—Bole, 264.

Rosthern—Ens, 210.

Swift Current—Premier Scott, 277.

Saskatoon City—McNabb, 77.

Saskatoon County—Sutherland, 13.

Saltcoats—McNutt, conceded.

Touchwood—Atkinson, 55, three polls out.

Vonda—Totzke, large majority.

Wadena—Pierce, 386.

Weyburn—Mitchell, 28.

Yorkton—Garry, 223.

CONSERVATIVES. . . . . .

Kinistino—Johnston, 160, several polls to hear from.

Last Mountain—Anderson, 246.

Milestone—Whitmore, 92.

Moose Jaw City—Wellington, 81.

Moose Mountain—Elliott, 85.

Maple Creek—Wylie, 12.

Pheasant Hills—Willway, 130.

their almost countless innuendoes they should make specific charges and the big victory at the polls is regarded as an emphatic expression of the electorate's disapproval of the Haultain party's tactics.

The Results.

Following are the certain seats with the majorities, though several of these are not completed and are subject to amendment as the distant polls come in:

and successful farmer for a private banker, a farmer recognized as the ablest provincial minister of agriculture in the Dominion.

The supporters of the government are naturally elated at the magnificent victory which the latest returns show to have been achieved ,and the Liberals are pointing with pride to the endorsation accorded Hon. Walter Scott and his government as a complete answer to the campaign of misrepresentation and innuendo put up by the Conservatives. His action may be construed as a challenge to them to make good ,and in this they failed signally in the judgment of the electors. Throughout the campaign, the premier and his supporters maintained that if the Opposition speakers had any foundation on which they based

Pipestone—Gillis, 383, opponent loses deposit.

Prince Albert City—Bradshaw, 186.

Prince Albert County—Donaldson 165.

Qu'Appelle, North—MacDonald, 115.

Qu'Appelle, South—Haultain, 374.

Regina County—Tate, 341.

Souris—Riddell, 485.

Free Press Comment.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17—The Free Press, speaking editorially, says, "In the new legislature in Saskatchewan the members supporting the Scott government number three-fifths of the whole membership and the opposition members two-fifths. The electors of the province have thus registered a decided verdict in favor of the Scott government which was well deserved by the government's record of administration. Premier Scott will have an ample working majority and the opposition under Mr. Haultain's leadership will be strong enough in numbers to exercise efficiently, as in the late legislature, its constitutional function of criticising the government's legislation and administrative proceedings. Mr. Haultain has ample reason for satisfaction in the measure of success he achieved. He was in his own person the main asset of his party. He was in all probability more hurt than helped by much of the support he was given, certainly by some of the newspaper support.

"In looking back over the campaign attention is claimed by the campaign cry which was raised by the Conservative campaign managers in its early stages that Premier Scott had brought on the elections at the instigation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A great deal was heard of this cry for a while though it is to be doubted if the common sense of the electors of Saskatchewan was at any time imposed upon by it. Sir Wilfrid did not consider it worth while to take any notice of it, but Premier Scott met it with a most emphatic denial. The surprising thing is that it should have been in any manner regarded as creditable to the Dominion premier should have asked Mr. Scott to bring on the elections when he did.

"The motive attributed to Sir Wilfrid by those who originated and circulated that myth was a political motive. That is to say Sir Wilfrid was represented as having prevailed upon the premier of Saskatchewan to bring on the general elections in that province this month, because by so doing he would be helping the Liberal party in the next Dominion general elections.

"But in what possible way could any advantage accrue to Dominion Liberals from such a proceeding? Upon this can't but make it plain to Commissioner Stratton that to attribute any such idea to Sir Wilfrid would be to pay a very poor compliment to his political sagacity. Sir Wilfrid is a man who has been long in public life and who has been so pre-eminently successful that he stands today by common consent of the whole empire in the front rank of the empire's statesmen. It is not reasonable to suppose that among his other attributes and qualifications he is possessed of a fair modicum of plain common sense? Suppose that the Scott government had achieved such a decisive victory, had achieved a victory still more sweeping, suppose that instead of carrying three-fifths of the constituencies it had carried four-fifths or even more, would such a result have elated the Dominion Liberal party or taken the heart out of the Dominion Conservative party? Not in the least. The whole country would have said what it is saying today, that the victory of Scott was only what was to have been expected and without significance as regards Dominion politics, the issues in the contest being purely provincial issues.

"But on the other hand, if Scott had been defeated, it would have been a vastly different affair. Conservative politicians throughout the Dominion would on the instant have exultingly proclaimed that the result in Saskatchewan was the handwriting on the wall for the Laurier government. This is undeniable. If the proof of it were necessary it is sufficient to point to the manner in which the Conservative party organization poured in assistance to Haultain. In view of all this it is plainly to be concluded that if Premier Scott had broached the matter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that is to say, if he had suggested that the bringing on of the Saskatchewan elections might be advantageous to the Dominion Liberal party, Sir Wilfrid would have replied that such a course could not help but might injure the Dominion Liberal party.

"Premier Scott gave full and satisfactory reasons for bringing on the elections in his first speech in the campaign. As a matter of tactics the wisdom of his bringing on the elections at a time supposedly to be described as the eve of the Dominion elections was open to question in that it meant, as events proved, that he was virtually inviting the Dominion Conservative organization to use every endeavor to compass the defeat of his government. During the closing ten days of the campaign an avalanche of Conservative workers and Conservative money descended upon Saskatchewan. A strong Conservative brigade invaded Saskatchewan from this province and the assistance from the east was poured in plentifully in the hope of achieving the overthrow of the Scott government. In view of forces thus arrayed against him Premier Scott's victory must indeed be regarded as a great triumph for him and for the cause of good government in Saskatchewan."

GRANUM, GOLD MEDAL DISTRICT

Prize Winning District At Dominion Fair Will Have Crop of 500,000 Bushels.

Granum, Aug. 14—Granum means wheat. Leavings might mean any old thing at all. That is the reason why this district has discarded the latter name and will appear as Granum on the revised issue of the map of Alberta. That the change is justified is shown by the manner in which Granum has loomed up in the public eye of late. The district won the first prize at the Provincial Seed Fair at Lethbridge in 1907, took first prize for grain at the Dominion Fair in Calgary in 1908, and on the same occasion was listed first in the districts exhibits. This all goes to show that Granum "has the goods." The district is very large, comprising ten townships, the soil is unusually fertile, the farmers are energetic, and all that is necessary is suitable wind and weather to record excellent crops each year.

Winter Wheat the Fort.

More and more the farmers are realizing that the larger area of fall wheat they have the better. Last year most of the fall wheat was harvested successfully but the spring wheat, which was seeded late owing to the backward spring was caught by the snowstorm and frosts of the second week in September which not only knocked off a percentage of the crop but put the threshing late into the fall. The consequence was that the seeding of grain was interfered with and this year does not show any material increase in the acreage, which is now being harvested. A further consequence was that a much larger acreage than usual was sown to spring wheat this season. Just what these acreages are in this district will have to be solved by a mathematical professor with a penchant for brain twisters.

Spring Wheat a Gamble.

The winter wheat will give an exceptionally good yield but it is difficult to say what will be in store for the spring wheat. The summer has not been very favorable for a steady growth. The hot weather came on too suddenly after the prolonged rains and for the past few weeks has been very intermittent. The days have been warm but the nights have been cool and the growth of the grain has been slow.

There has not been any growth to speak of for two weeks," said one farmer to your correspondent. "The grain has reached the stage where ripening should be rapid but the stalks throughout are still very green."

"Spring wheat is too much of a gamble," continued the farmer. "The nights are very cool now and who knows when a nipping frost may come and do damage to hundreds of acres. I have been in this district for many years and have seen the year when we had no frosts until October but somehow the seasons seem to be geeting shorter. Where the gamble comes in is that many farmers have large fields of spring wheat and if a heavy frost comes in August they stand to lose heavily.

Already a Touch of Frost.

There is nothing to be gained by disguising the fact that several districts in Southern Alberta have already been touched by frost, Granum is one of them. Your correspondent today was in conversation with T. G. Jamieson, manager of the Alberta Grain Co.'s elevator.

"I have examined several fields of Alberta Red," said Mr. Jamieson, "and has to say that there has been no damage by frost nor can any occur now as the grain is fully matured and well seasoned. As regards the spring wheat, there are several reports that the kernels have not filled out after the frost of July 27. The frost seems to have killed the bloom of the middle kernel leaving only two kernels to the mash instead of three, numerous here. Kernel sheaves of Alberta were touched by the frost but by the warm winds and the drouth. Of course, it cannot be known just yet to what extent damage has been done. Only fields in low lying places may be effected and the great bulk of the grain may be all right."

Hail Does Damage.

Reports have been circulated in the newspapers regarding the hail storm at Granum this week. More or less damage was done to a strip about one half a mile in width stretching from Granum to Macleod. The wheat in the area effected was badly shelled and many heads were broken off the stalks. The spring wheat stalks were bent over about a foot from the ground and several fields have been ruined on this account. Chas. Taylor, southeast of Granum, reported that his 80 acres of spring wheat would not be worth cutting except for feed. Others to the west have had a similar experience.

The Harvest Prospect.

The touch of hail and frost is soon forgotten in the magnificent prospect which the wheat fields present in and about Granum. What greatly impressed your correspondent was the large amount of land under cultivation close to the town. The wide areas of idle lands so noticeable in many districts are not as some enormous heads of wheat were berta Red are standing in stoocks in the fields all over the country. So heavy are they that the unsuspecting individual finds difficulty in lifting them. Mr. McNaught, has 20 acres on summer fallow. He sowed but 35 pounds of wheat to tthe acre and the stalks of grain are as high as the shoulders of an average man. This is the seventh year that Mr. McNaught has sown winter wheat in this field after summer fallowing and an estimated yield of 45 bushels to the acre is justified by the yields of previous years. The first cutting of the district began on this field on August 5 and Mr. McNaught was asked by Mr. E. Richardson of Calgary to supply the sheaves to be sent to the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto. The C.P.R. land department also sent in a requisition for three car loads, 3,000 sheaves in all, to be used for exhibition purposes all over the Dominion.

What Clay Soil Will Do.

J. S. Graves of Graves and Lindsay's land office, has 100 acres of magnificent fall wheat just being cut. In one section of the field an excavation had been made for a well and the blue clay from ten feet below the surface was scattered over the adjacent land. On this soil a large field which was sowed too thick grown, which are a great surprise to all who have seen them. "This shows," said Mr. Graves "that clay soil is wheat soil and that the land is inexhaustible if proper care is taken of it." It is doubtful if the heads of wheat on this blue clay could be beaten anywhere in Alberta.

Spring Wheat Stands High.

Scores of farmers in the district have hundreds of acres of spring wheat. That which is on summer fallow and on good soil could not look better. D. C. Hobbs has a splendid field of 400 acres, tall and clean. J. S. Graves has 400 acres, E. R. Chugg 600 acres, James Brown 480 acres, J. McInnes 400 acres, J. Ellis 400 acres, Walter Morris 320 acres and John G. Vosbourgh's farm as a sample of what takes a car-load of sheaves from Mr. Vosbourgh's far mas asamples of what Alberta land can do. If the grain can escape subsequent frosts it will average from 25 to 30 bushels per acre and will grade well.

Experimental Plots.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture finds the Granum farmers anxious to experiment in different varieties of wheat. For this purpose five pounds of seed grain are supplied to each applicant. John G. Vosbourgh was the first to introduce the Stanley wheat into the district. "The first plot was so much admired," says Mr. Vosbourgh, "that I sold all the seed I could spare. Now there is a great deal of this wheat grown in the district. It yields a large, plump grain like winter wheat and ripens about ten days earlier than Red Fife." In addition to the Stanley, Red Fyfe White Fyfe and Preston varieties are extensively grown. Of course the winter wheat, for excellence, is the Alberta Red but some of Dawson's Golden chaff is seeded.

Mr. Vosbourgh ,who is the government crop reporter for Granum, and has travelled the country thoroughly, says that there has been considerably breaking done and by fall 25 per cent. of the whole district will be under cultivation. In the past two summers there has been an increase of fully 60 in the crop area. M. McNaught broke 200 acres this year, and Paul Clarke broke a whole section.

The Calgary Milling Co. was the first to establish an elevator at Granum because as Mr. Graves says, a test at the Calgary mill showed that the best flour was made from grain in this district. For some time this elevator was the only one between High River and Macleod. Granum now has four elevators with a combined capacity of well on to 150,000 bushels.

The first load of this year's grain was received at the elevator of the Alberta Grain Co. on Friday, Aug. 14. It came from the Black Ridge district about 18 miles out. Mr. Jamieson said the price paid was 75 cents per bushel.

Yield 500,000 Bushels.

Any estimate of the yield this year must be based largely on the shipments made from the district last year which according to the report of the station agent was 431,560 bushels of grain of all kinds. There was very little oats shipped as the acreage was not large and most of the yield was retained for feed. Of the wheat that the district produced fully 20 per cent was not shipped owing to damage by frost. Probably 10 per cent. more was retained for seed. On this calculation present indications are that Granum will have well on to 500,000 bushels of wheat for shipment this season. The Alberta Red is expected to grade very high while the standard of the spring wheat remains to be seen.

The Oat Crop.

The oat crop does not enter much into the estimates in a wheat district such as Granum. Some pitiable fields were seen that cannot be harvested at all and on the other hand some very good fields are scattered through the country. The oat crop in this district may be likened to a general purpose horse in a racing stable. It cannot be dispensed with but it is not the money getter. There will only be a fair crop of oats this year.

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VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

At Warwick. Minnie, the daughter of Mrs. Larson, was from her pony and badly k the side. Dr. C. W. Field, ville was phoned for, and th tunate girl is doing nicely.

D. McCalmon, the real est from Innisfree, is in town.

Dr. Boisseau has opened u fice in the Spellman building

Mr. Hume, of Innisfree, is looking after the billiard ha building next to the Merchan He expects the building to b ed by September 1st. Mess ham and Peacock, who ran liard hall on Railway avenu leased the building, and w into it the latter part of this

The new Alberta hotel is b nished this week, and the will take place on Monday 17th. The building is an u one, and has one of the finest the province. The contract woodwork was let to P. Messrs. Hawke, Medland th work, while G. H. Barker pu fine touches on the sign pain

Mrs. T. R. Glanville, of E visiting Mrs. J. B. Holden.

John McDonald, of Edmo the D. R. Fraser & Co., Ltd. town this week.

J. McIntyre left for Hurr to look up the country in t cinity.

The town council is givin street a coat of gravel. The g ed is not of the best, and w wet weather comes will sink sight.

N. Lane has moved his hous lot on Third avenue, and is b brick foundation put under it

J. S. Benham has returne Clarksville, where he was pu hay on his homestead.

Mr. Dumont from Montreal to build a store north of th just opposite the C.N.R. statio will make the sixth general town.

S. Richardson from the no in town yesterday. He has ished his handsome residen will move into it next week.

Mrs. L. Gully and friend, M er, and little Dollie, drove up wick Thursday.

There was a slight frost T night, but no damage report even the garden stuff suffering ers bring in good reports ab grain. Barley and some oat small patches of wheat that we early are cut. In about a w cutting will be general. The the cutting will be done in this year.

R. A. Watt, of Guelph, Ont breeder of thoroughbred catt in town, and drove down to T. P.

W. Johnson from Minnesot in town, and offered to take three local men in wrestling, th to be thrown in an hour. The were all out to attend Vermilion-Vegreville baseball and he left on the local fo town.

C. B. and J. D. Reilly, from Calgary, were in town for a location.

H. A. Cunningham, of the Land Co., left Thursday nig Edmonton, and is expected b morrow.

The rural schools open on M 17th inst.

The Vegreville baseball club Calgary their expenses with t receipts for a game here. G partly agreed to come, but af crushing defeat Edmonton gave they made their sneak home w answering Vegreville. It would credit for Vegreville to defe Calgary team here. You know happens Edmonton team wl comes down here. The lesson i why Calgary did not come.

The local team went down t million yesterday and played a t header, winning the afternoon by a score of 8 to 6 and the e game by a score of 16 to 7. The was one-sided from start to fi

In one of the fastest and cl exhibitions of baseball, the Veg ball team put another notch championship of Alberta by def the Happy Hooligans from the It was a pitchers' battle from to finish. Burly Jewell did the ing for the visitors, and Norma gess did the feature at the re end. The redoubtable Wiley S was put in the box for the local had to retire at the end of the innings. The little Tommy Ca lasted three innings. A boy on back had to be engaged to g the batted balls. The finnal was in doubt until the ninth in The manager walked up and d front of the bleachers' benches lion in a cage. Many change made in the position of the p on the field, such players as Field, Carr and Horton swatte ly at the air and went out in th two, three order. All this tim Irishmen from the north kept and never disputed any of th pire's decisions.

The captain of the local tea wild, and the old reliable Bill man was put in the box, with Spence doing the receiving. that grim death look on the p left them, and all the outfield ed into the diamond, and they er with the infield sat down like rie dogs and the day was won. would Calgary have been with Irishmen?

W. Peters left for his home i Saskatchewan, where he will r for a few days.

Mr. Irons is renewing acquain in town before he goes south.

Miss M. Carswell returned will take charge of the Lead school.

In the evening a friendly ga football took place between a team from Warwick and Hairy against Vegreville. The local lacked the practice, and had n wind to stand against the hays from the north. In the first ha visitors scored three goals and more in the second half. The scored two in the second half. the combination work of the Wa