

# Summary of The Week's News of The World

## MANITOBA ELECTION

Results in the Manitoba elections held Monday indicate that the Roblin government has been returned to power with practically the same number of seats that they had before. At this writing all the constituencies had not been heard from but from those already in it is evident that the division of the house will not show a change of more than one seat, if any.

Present results show that the Liberals and Conservatives each gained five seats. The four Winnipeg seats were evenly divided the Liberals showing a gain of one in the city. Every member of the present cabinet was returned.

Following the announcement of the results, Premier Roblin addressed an assembly of voters. In part, Mr. Roblin said: "I consider the result of the election a splendid vindication of the attitude the government has assumed on questions of public policy, especially so in regard to the boundary and government elevators. The government feels now that the people are behind them in the demand for equality with Saskatchewan and Alberta, and will therefore insist on the recognition of that principle in any statement that may be made as to terms."

Other members of the cabinet also thanked the voters for their return. The returns by constituencies appear on the next page.

## MIAMI FAIR

The Agricultural Society of Miami is being congratulated on having planned and successfully carried out as the fourth annual event one of the best and biggest exhibitions ever held in Southern Manitoba.

This success is due not only to the energy and ability of the management but to the public spirited interest and co-operation of the people as a whole. It will be remembered that the idea of home-stand competitions originated in Miami several years ago, a feature which has been adopted by the government and has borne splendid results throughout the province in improved farms and farm buildings.

## Garden Lawn Prize

This year a prize was offered by Mr. Marsh, principal of the public school, for the best kept grounds and the beautiful lawns, trim shrubberies and gay flower beds testify to the zeal and enthusiasm with which the people have worked to enhance the natural beauty of their town.

The exhibition premium list issued some time ago was an example of what wide awake business men can do in the way of advertising; and visitors who had formed their opinions solely from this booklet were not surprised to find stores and public buildings that would be a credit to a town five times the size.

At the fair ground everything had been done to promote the comfort of the public. The ladies of the Anglican and Presbyterian churches served meals, and the former had a sale of work in connection with their booth.

## Imported Horses

Among the entries of imported horses, those of J. Jickling and Thos. Lawrie deserve special notice. The general purpose class was a large one and the exhibitions of team work very fine.

Amongst the cattle were some splendid specimens of Durhams, Holsteins and Polled Angus, and the sheep and swine classes were well filled.

In the fancy work department there was a bewildering profusion of beautiful things, and the admiration given to the domestic exhibit was a tribute to the housekeepers of the district. The school children had a corner to themselves with a good display of maps, drawings, writing, compositions and pressed flowers.

## Poultry Showed Well

The poultry exhibition under the management of the Miami Poultry Association, deserves more than passing notice. The fact that the association was organized only two months ago, and that over 400 birds were shown, says a great deal for the executive committee.

Mr. E. Bray, the president, has an extensive and intimate knowledge of poultry, and is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on the subject in Western Canada. With Mr. Bray are associated Messrs. F. Collins, J. Perce and T. Garrett.

Amongst the most prominent exhibitors were Mrs. Cooper, of Trishank; W. J. Currie, Lander, and W. Phillips, Fanny-stelle, who shared first honors in White and Barred Rocks.

The display of Buff, Black and White Orpingtons was good, there being thirty entries of B. O. hens, and a large entry of B. O. chickens. Light Brahmas made a fair showing. A Sheltier, of Brandon, had an entry of Partridge Cochins that was a good showing in itself. There was a good class of Silver Spangled Hamburgs and a fair sprinkling of other varieties. Polish and Houdans were well represented, and the Mediterranean classes were fair.

soil is a most important phase of the conservation problem.

These observations are set forth in a farmers' bulletin prepared by W. J. Spillman, agriculturalist in charge of office of the farm management of the agricultural department. Mr. Spillman says that in order that the prairie country may not follow the descent of the east and south it is necessary that intelligent and vigorous effort be made to farm correctly.

Renting of land on short leases for the purpose of growing grain for the market is one of the surest means of reducing the productive power of the soil. Well managed pastures and rational systems of crop rotation is necessary to the development of permanent systems of profitable farming.

Land owners must realize this, and must take steps to improve renting methods by stocking their farms with

marked degree. Comparing the five year period ending in 1903 with that ending in 1908, exports of corn and its products decreased from 133,000,000 bu. to 82,000,000 bu., a decrease of 39 per cent. During the same time exports of wheat decreased from 212,000,000 to 114,000,000 bu., a decrease of 46 per cent.

If America is to retain the favorable balance of trade which has characterized the last quarter of a century it must be done not by an increase in acreage, as in the past, but by an increase in yield per acre. There are no longer unlimited areas of virgin soil to exploit. The question whether the country will be able to meet increased demands for food and clothing by increasing its yield is a pertinent one.

## TROOPS ON GUARD

A Halifax wire of July 11, said:—A military train left Halifax for Springhill mines at four o'clock this afternoon with two companies of the Royal Canadian regiment and an officer and three men each of the army medical corps and army service corps, 170 men all told, under command of Major Fages, brother of Colonel Fages. There was no disturbance to-day, but it is generally conceded that in the excited feeling between the company's men and the strikers, a spark at any time might start a riot. About 1,000 men and boys are idle because of the strike.

## CONES WERE SEIZED

A New York dispatch of July 11, said:—Eight million ice cream cones were seized to-day by U.S. Marshall Henkel and United States Inspector Lynd on the pier of the Southern Pacific Railway Company. On Friday three quarters of a million cones were seized by the marshal. Both shipments were consigned by the Consolidated Wafer Company, of Brooklyn, to the Harkrider Morrison Company, of Galveston, Tex.

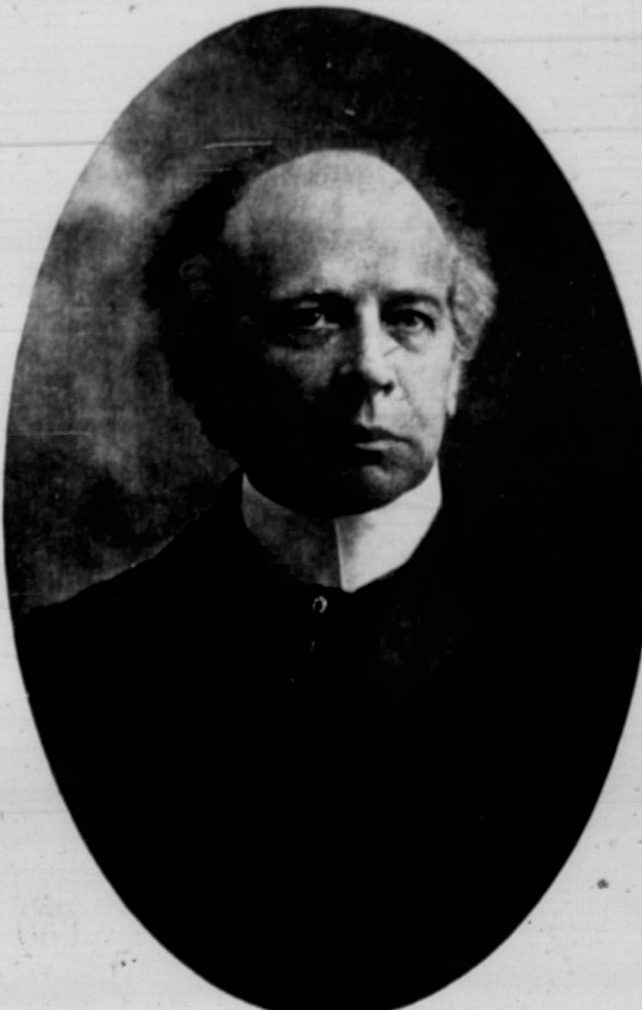
The seizure was made on an order of the United States district court on the application of United States District Attorney Wise under the Pure Food Act, as it is claimed that the cones contain boric acid and saccharine in place of sugar.

The company making the shipments notified Marshall Henkel to-day through their attorney that they would put in a claim for their goods and appear in the United States court two weeks from to-day when the case comes up for hearing. A United States official said to-night that the boric acid was used to give artificial color to the cones and to conceal imperfections.

There have been reports from many parts of the country within the past few weeks of children dying after eating ice cream cones. Commissioner of Health, Lederlee said to-day that the health department had stop the use of boric acid in milk and cream because it was deemed harmful to children's stomachs. While the commissioner would not commit himself as saying he believed the eating of the ice cream cones led to the death of the children, he said it was apt to interfere with digestion. It could not be definitely ascertained just how much boric acid was discovered in the seized cones but it was said that the amount was not enough to injure a child's stomach.

## CALM PREVAILS IN BRITAIN.

Cabling Chicago, T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist M.P., says:—"The situation is greatly changed in the house of Commons and the whole political world. John Redmond's success in getting the ministers to have November sittings and to postpone the final stages of the budget till then has produced equal delight and appeasement in Liberal and Irish circles. The Liberals are pleased because the postponement of the budget leaves the fate of the government entirely in the hands of the house of commons and thus prevents any chance of any such compromise by the Liberal negotiators as



Sir Wilfrid Laurier

Turkeys, ducks and geese made a fair showing, and the pigeon entries though few were good.

Prizes in cups, cash, etc., were awarded to the value of \$400.

The poultry house is modern in every detail and the members of the association have reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their initial exhibition.

## FEAR SOIL EXHAUSTION

A Washington, D. C., dispatch of July 11, said:—The agricultural department is concerned about the exhaustion of the soil of the United States. On the prairies of the west fertility is beginning to wane. In many of the older communities fertility has been reduced below the point of profitable production. How to restore and maintain productivity of

a full complement of domestic animals in case the renter is not able to do this for himself, and by giving longer leases, whereby the renter may reap the reward of intelligent management.

In view of the soil waste that has occurred, Mr. Spillman asserts, it is not surprising that values of farm products have risen to a marked degree in the last few years. This has affected our industries. City people are beginning to turn toward the land. The agricultural department receives many hundreds of letters annually from persons employed in manufacturing, mercantile and transportation industries, asking for information that will enable them to become farmers.

Not only has the value of farm products increased, but exports, especially of breadstuffs, have fallen off in a