

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, AUG. 3, 1909.

THE NORTHWEST CROP.

As usual, the public has been treated to a variety of optimistic predictions as to the yield of wheat likely in the three Prairie Provinces this year. A good many of the estimates given to the public are probably much too sanguine, and stand little chance of being realized. Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Immigration Commissioner, who has had specially favorable opportunities for observation, and who has given the matter dispassionate consideration, issues a word of warning against what he calls "irresponsible boasting." He characterizes prophecies of from 25 to 35 per cent. over last year's crop yield as absurd, and misleading, and likely to result in injury to the Northwest. His own expectations are that there will be a considerable increase, but exaggeration, even when well intended, is most unwise. Personally, his opinion is thus given: "All authorities agree, and every indication points to a good harvest in the west this year, but there will be no overpowering abundance, and no yield likely to correspond with the figures frequently quoted in some quarters. So far as I can ascertain from present information, the wheat yield may show an increase of from two to two and a half bushels per acre, in excess of last year, taking the three provinces as a whole. That is a moderate increase, having regard alike to the increased acreage under wheat in some parts of the west and a light crop in others, but it is a reasonable increase, and will be realized under reasonable conditions." Of course, all estimates are subject to revision in view of contingencies to be taken into the calculation between now and the gathering of the harvest. At present, indications are very favorable, even after the late seeding. The Northwest will probably contribute a considerably increased quantity of wheat to the world's supply this year; but in warning the public against accepting, at face value, the estimates of irresponsible boomsters, Mr. Walker performs a service to the Prairie Provinces and to the country at large.

FREE MEN, NOT SLAVES.

At the luncheon given by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield to the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, one of the speakers was Mr. C. Fichardt, of Bloemfontein, who fought through the Boer war against the British and found himself, at its close, a prisoner of war. In his speech Mr. Fichardt referred to the long and severe struggle in which Great Britain conquered the flag and country, "but," said he, "she did not conquer the hearts and spirit of the race." He said that the people were left sullen and discontented, awaiting the opportunity to strike another blow for the freedom for which they had struggled. The prevailing sentiment was not propitious, and the Boer memory is proverbially long and his sense of wrong is keen. But there was a surprise in store for the Boer and what appeared to him a wonderful thing took place. In spite of all the blood shed and money spent to assert British prestige, "you came to us," said Mr. Fichardt, open-handed, gracious and kindly, and presented to us the freedom for which we asked—(applause)—and you then, for the first time, and I hope, for ever, conquered the hearts of the South African people." (Applause.) What, he asked, of the future? They in his country watched with a certain amount of envy what the great, sister dominions beyond the sea were able to do. They were a little country, and they were poor. They could not present Dreadnoughts. But this he could promise—that if ever a foreign foe attacked the Empire in South Africa it would be the unerring rifle of the Boer which would give Great Britain's answer on the wild and lonely veldt. (Loud applause.)

Great Britain did not conquer the hearts and spirits of the Boers. It is the wise policy of the mother of civilization not to break or humiliate the spirit of the peoples over whom her banner waves, but rather to uplift, ennoble, and win their fealty by her justice and generosity. It will be remembered that when the generous gift of a constitution was given to South Africa, there were not lacking those who characterized the policy as a great mistake and one for which Great Britain was sure to suffer. Already those croakers are being discredited, and the South Africans are manfully showing their appreciation of British trust in their honor, and British willingness to treat them as men and brethren. The Sheffield Telegraph says that "Mr. Fichardt's words were instinct with the feeling which prompted a Roman emperor to say that the best way of conquering our enemies was to make them our friends. The Lord Mayor, when proposing the health of the city's guests, suggested to them a motto—a motto which he hoped would not only be hung on the walls of the editorial room, but would find a corner in the editorial heart. Quis separabit? (Who shall separate us?) Yes, who, indeed? After the indication of the state of feeling in the Dominion overseas, given by Mr. Fichardt, it is evident that only a very rash foe will try.

Col. Denison having decided that there is to be war between Great Britain and Germany, there would appear to be little left to be said. But why didn't he have his sword sent over to him, instead of coming back in person?

POWER SUB-STATIONS.

In an article upon "The cost of Handling Electric Power in Sub-Stations," the New York Engineering Record dwells on the importance of taking into consideration this item of cost between the station bus-bars and the meters of the consumers. Labor cost is an important item, and fixed charges play an important part. It estimates that a sub-station of 500 k.w. capacity operating under a load factor of 30 per cent. cannot be maintained, including fixed charges, "at much below \$12 to \$15 per day," assuming that all the time of the man on each shift is given to the work. It remarks that "few people outside the field of high-tension construction realize the cost entailed by the use of extra high voltage inside buildings, even where the structures are specially designed, with their equipment for handling them." The Engineering Record presents this estimate of the cost of operating such a sub-station.

"Assuming a 500-kw sub-station costing \$20,000, interest at 5 per cent., depreciation, at 5 per cent., insurance and taxes at 2 per cent., a load factor of 30 per cent., and an operating force of three men at \$3 per day each, the total cost of running the sub-station for a year will be about \$6,000, assuming that repairs and supplies are nominal, as they usually are in such installations. In such a case the fixed charges amount to about 0.18 cents per k.w.-hour, and the operating expenses to about 0.27 cents per unit handled, giving a fair total of 0.45 cents per k.w.-hour, at the outside, as the sub-station cost including fixed charges. Two facts are to be inferred from the Engineering Record's article. One is that operation of transformer sub-stations add very largely to the cost of power and the other is that extra high voltage which Mr. Beck has been trying to make us believe would cheapen and facilitate the transmission of power are really a means of entailing extra cost upon the power consumer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Over eighteen millions customs receipts in the first five months of the fiscal year. Five millions for July alone. Won't that stir Foster's bile!

The Canadian Pacific Railway's gross earnings for the year ending with June were \$76,313,321; working expenses \$53,337,748, leaving a net profit of \$22,995,573.

Some of the Cobalt prospectors and mining speculators are beginning to wonder if the lenity exhibited toward the "blind pig" industry is intended to affect the price of the pork supply.

Yesterday was an ideal Civic Holiday—a day of quiet enjoyment. There was an immense amount of travel by trains and boats, and no serious disaster marred the pleasure of the occasion.

The aerodrome, Silver Dart, was completely wrecked in making a landing after a trial flight at Petawawa. Its crew of two escaped. Occasionally, however, an aviator succeeds in making a landing without disaster.

The Russian Imperial yacht, Standart, is at Cowes, bringing the Czar on a visit to King Edward. The meeting was made the occasion of considerable naval display, and the exchange of expressions of hearty friendship.

A Toronto man figures out that he can buy flour at the rate of \$7.20 a barrel and make a profit even at these prices of 100 per cent. on baking the family bread at home. It is a pretty fat profit; but does he allow for the home baker's work and the cost of fuel?

President Taft is said to be much disgusted at the discovery of the very dirty work resorted to in fixing the United States tariff. As a self-respecting man not versed in congressional trickery and tariff-makers' "patriotism," that is something less than surprising.

Consul-General Swabach, in reporting on the trade of the Berlin district last year, says, "Germany derived the strength which enabled it to support the home market principally from two sources. One was the growth in population and the other the enhanced prosperity of German agriculture." What! Not a word about tariff protection?

The United States tariff bill is being held up by the western Senators, who suspect that by the wording of the clause most of the boots and shoes worn by the masses will be subject to higher duties. It is said that 31 Democrats and 18 Republicans are "insurrectionists," and it is even possible that all tariff legislation for the year may be blocked.

The United States Government is investigating the effects of using alum in food preparations. Various pickle and baking powder firms have filed briefs pro and con. It is pointed out in some of these arguments that England, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, and others have laws against the use of alum. It is also alleged that bread made with an alum baking powder contains alum, and that it is deleterious to health.

If the Toronto Star would take time to think a little, it might discover that the people of any portion of Canada have a vital interest in seeking the disallowance of legislation which injures the reputation of any part of this country, and which exhibits bad faith, on the part of any Province toward investors; and every Canadian is interested in preserving to every other Canadian those rights which lie at the basis of individual liberty and the security of property.

A. M. SOUTER & CO.

All House Providers Are Interested in Our Great AUGUST FURNITURE and CARPET SALE

The premier event in Furniture and Carpet selling. Everyone looks forward to August as the month of bargains in the furniture and carpet stores, and customers are never disappointed in this big store, as every piece of furniture and every roll of carpet are cut down in price just as advertised. This is not a one department sale as every flat is filled with goods at bargain prices from the best factories in Canada. A sale of immense proportions, a marked-down movement in which all Hamilton ought to be interested. We want you to help us make this August sale the best in the history of this store, bigger and better than ever. All goods will be marked in plain figures. You can set by the figures below that we're desirous of begging a busy month with a business rush.

Brass Bed Bargains

In 4 ft. 6 in. size, large 2 in. posts, 6 fillers in head and foot, large flat knobs, drop extension foot, 5-year guarantee with each bed; regular \$20. August price ... \$15.75

Another Good Brass Bed

With large 2 in. continuous posts, 4 ft. 6 in. size, 6 step rods, drop foot and best castors, 5-year guarantee, regular selling price anywhere \$30.00, August price ... \$24.85

8 Odd Princess Dressers

In mahy. finish, nicely polished, large bevel mirror, oval shape; regular price \$16, \$17 and \$19, August price ... \$13.98

Chiffoniers

In beautiful quarter cut oak, good British bevel mirror, will match any dresser, 4 long drawers, 2 small drawers, large bevel mirror, well finished; \$25 and \$26, August price ... \$20.00

Iron Beds

A special bed for this sale with good heavy posts and fillers, any size; regular price \$2.50, August price ... \$1.99

Iron Bed

With straight top brass rail head and foot, good heavy caps and vases on posts, 6 inch step, rods and castors; regular price \$5.25, August price \$4.20

Odd Dressers

In quarter cut oak or neat polish finish, large oval or shaped mirror, beveled, with large case, 2 long drawers, 2 small drawers and good castors; regular price \$18.50, August price ... \$15.90

Another Good Dresser

In Empire oak finish, 3 large drawers, large bevel mirror, well finished; regular price \$9.50, August sale \$7.90

Parlor Suite Values

5-piece Suite in mahogany finished frames, with good silk or velour covers, spring seats, good upholstery, a snap at \$31.00, August price ... \$25.00

3-piece mahogany finished Suite, in good velour or silk covers, with loose cushions, can be taken off to clean, very sanitary, well made. See this. Regular price \$16.50, August sale ... \$13.85

Another good Suite, 5 pieces, upholstered on back and seat in best silk covers, made up in odd colors to match any carpet; regular price \$40.00, August sale price ... \$33.20

Watch our windows, see our warerooms for values never equalled in Hamilton. Take a look through the store whether you want to buy or not. You will be made welcome.

Couches

See our fine wide Couch in good Morocco line cover with open construction and soft as a feather bed; regular price \$19.50, August sale price \$15.98

Dining Tables, in quarter cut oak, polished finish, 44 in. top, with 5 heavy legs, 3 extra leaves, good value at \$18.00, August sale price ... \$14.85

Snaps in Sideboards

A good imitation quarter cut oak Board, with large case good bevel mirror, one drawer lined for cutlery and large linen drawer, good brass trimmings; regular \$20.00, August sale price ... \$16.20

10 sets oak, leather seat Dining Chairs, box frame, good leather and pad seat, 5 small chairs, 1 arm chair with each set; good value at \$18.00, to clear the lot our August price ... \$14.85

Dining Table in solid maple, oak finish, 5 heavy legs, good glass finish, 42 and 44 inch top, 3 extra leaves with each table; regular price \$9.50, August sale price ... \$7.90

August Carpet and Curtain Sale

All Carpets made, lined and laid free of charge this month. Templeton's and other best makers' finest qualities of Axminster and Wilton Carpets, a splendid range of colorings, suitable for parlor, dining rooms, libraries, bedrooms and hall and stairs. Regular price \$2.75 and \$2.50, August price \$2.00 yard, and \$2.25 and \$2.00, August price \$1.75 yard. Over one hundred designs to choose from. Empire Axminster, a little lighter weight, also a second quality in Wilton Carpets, regularly sold at \$1.75 and \$1.65, August price \$1.35 yard. Brussels Carpets in the very best 5 frames, the whole of our beautiful selection to choose from in colorings and patterns to suit any room, regularly sold at \$1.50, \$1.45 and \$1.40, August sale price \$1.35 yard. Four-frame Brussels, a good wearing carpet regularly sold at \$1.35, \$1.25 and \$1.15, August sale price \$1.00 yard. English Velvet Carpets, a hard-wearing and good looking carpet; has all the appearance and wearing qualities of a Wilton and at half price; a good selection, some with 1/2 border to match, regularly sold at \$1.35 yard, August sale price 95c yard. Balmoral Tapestry Carpets; this is an exceptionally good wearing carpet, equal in value to a good Brussels, in all the latest shades suitable for every room in the house; regularly sold at \$1.15 yard, August sale price 90c yard.

A Big Snap in Rugs

12 Only, Best Quality Axminster and Wilton Rugs, in Sizes Below

11-3 x 12-0, regular \$60.00, August sale ... \$48.50
9-0 x 12-0, regular \$45.00, August sale ... \$35.00
9-0 x 10-6, regular \$41.00, August sale ... \$32.00
8-3 x 10-6, regular \$33.00, August sale ... \$26.00

AXMINSTERS
9-0 x 12-0, regular \$38.00, August sale ... \$29.50
9-0 x 10-6, regular \$35.00, August sale ... \$27.00

Tapestry Rugs
10-6 x 12-0, regular price \$13.00, August price ... \$11.00
9-0 x 12-0, regular price \$11.00, August price ... \$9.50
9-0 x 10-6, regular price \$9.75, August price ... \$8.25

150 made-up Carpet Rug Mats, some fringed on ends, others made perfectly square, unfringed, in best Velvet, Axminster, Wilton, Brussels and Tapestry, suitable for laying in front of pianos, sideboards or dressers, ranging in price from 65c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Inlaid and Printed Linoleums

We have beyond doubt the largest stock and best selection of patterns to be seen in Hamilton from the best makers.

A-quality, the heaviest in inlaid, regular price \$1.35, August sale price ... \$1.20
B-quality, the next best, in inlaid, regular price \$1.10, August sale price ... 98c
C-quality, a good medium weight, regular price 90c, August sale price ... 38c

Japanese and China Matting

Our stock being a little heavier than usual this time of the year in this particular line we will offer a 20 per cent. discount on the whole range of our patterns.

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CORNER KING AND PARK STREETS

showing the amount of domestic consumption of articles upon which the duties have been raised and also those upon which they have been lowered. As is very obvious, this is far from being a convincing sort of presentation. Mr. Payne claims reduction on \$4,978,122,124 worth of articles consumed, and increases on only \$852,512,325. Mr. Payne might have secured millions of dollars more protection in the most grievously burdensome manner, and yet have conclusively shown, if we admit his method of demonstration, that he had made great reductions in the tariff.

The Toronto Telegram, which is wildly shrieking against the sale of a municipal frog pond to Cawthra Mulock, alleges that the property is worth \$500,000. The Globe suggests that as the city will take \$250,000 for it, the Telegram has a chance to make a tidy little profit. As was the case, however, with ex-Mayor Stewart, of Hamilton, who professed to see a fortune in selling Hydro power in competition with Cataract power, but would not venture a 5-cent piece of his own money in the matter, the Telegram hesitates to avail itself of the opportunity. Perhaps these pretended friends of the public are averse to profiting at its expense? Perhaps!

In a pitiful whine of protest against the disallowance of Whitney's vicious legislation confiscating private property and denying the right of the citizen to appeal to the courts of justice, the Toronto World says, "great stress is laid on what is termed the illegality of the legislative action in staying proceedings based entirely on technical objections. But the local laws of this province are not like those of the Medes and Persians, nor are they imposed by external authority." The introduction of those words "technical objections" shows to

what a pass the World is driven. The wrong legislation affects the very basis of our rights and liberties. It must be undone. Why do not the Whitney organs frankly admit that no good policy can find such legislation necessary?

HARVEST HANDS ENOUGH.

(Montreal Witness.)

In promptly discounting the sensational stories cabled to England that from 35,000 to 50,000 men will be required to help garner the harvest in Western Canada this year, Lord Strathcona has done a real service to the Dominion.

A BLUNDERING PREMIER.
(Toronto Globe.)

A bull in a china shop fittingly illustrates Premier Whitney's method of securing cheap Niagara power for the people of Ontario by ignoring precedents of legislation and overriding established safeguards of property. More than good intentions are essential to statesmanship.

Good Taste demands that your eyeglasses look neat and inconspicuous. When you wear Shur-on eyeglass mountings you dress the eyes and nose in the best taste possible. The Shur-on clings without pressure and will stay on almost any nose. Optical repairs while you wait.

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GET A PERMIT.
(Galt Reformer.)

If you have a pint of gasoline in your house for use in your automobile, or for cleaning your clothes, and have no special permit from the fire insurance companies to keep it, you had better hurry up and get the permit if you want to collect insurance money in case of a fire.