

WHAT IS THE CROP SHORTAGE?

President McEwing's Statement Questioned-- Northwest Crop Reports.

(Toronto Globe.)

In the accompanying article on the business outlook it will be observed that President McEwing, of the Farmers' Association, bases his pessimistic forecast on the hypothesis that the crops are a third less in volume than they were last year, and that they are, therefore, worth a third less in money to the producer.

Table with 3 columns: Crop Name, Price yesterday, Price a year ago. Rows include Ontario white wheat, Manitoba No. 1 Northern, Oats, Corn, Barley, Hay, Straw, Hogs, Hogs (live), Butter, Eggs, Export cattle.

It will be observed that the increase in the price of oats, the crop that shows poorest results, is over 30 per cent. This will go far to make up for the shortage in the crop to those who sell the oats.

McEwing's Statement. Toronto, Sept. 6.—President McEwing, of the Farmers' Association, made a statement at Tuesday's meeting of the association that has set every financial authority and mercantile expert in the country afloat for information.

It has been estimated by good authorities that the value of the products of Ontario farms for the year 1906 reached the enormous total of \$250,000,000. If this estimate is a correct one, the partial failure of the crops of 1907 will mean a difference of over \$87,000,000 to the Ontario farmers; they will have to make up the difference by their own efforts.

The Farmers' Sun, which has certainly not been unduly optimistic, says in its last issue: "So far as Ontario is concerned, the facts given in the report of the Department of Agriculture clearly show that the value of the grain crops in this Province is at least \$12,000,000 below the average of the previous five years."

Mr. P. Plewes, who carries on a considerable business as a grain buyer, said in reference to Mr. McEwing's statement: "I don't know what the basis for his figures is. There is a shortage of oats. According to the reports, the crop will be short 40 per cent, and the barley crop will be a little short, but not much."

Mr. Fielding is now in London in order to arrange the form. Lively satisfaction is felt in French business circles at the conclusion of the agreement. As Le Journal points out, French diplomacy has given a most practical reply to the initiative of Canadians in establishing a regular steamship line from the St. Lawrence to the Seine.

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The Daily Fashion Hint.



Neat Dresses for Children.

The bright plaid used for the larger girl's dress is trimmed with revers, pipings, and cuff bands of a plain goods matching its most prominent color.

THE ORPHANS LOVE HER.

Her Asylum Burned Up—Nova Scotia Spite Drive Her to Coatsville With Little Remnant of Her Waifs.

Coatsville, Pa., Sept. 6.—There was much more in and around the life of Miss Emma Matland Stirling, the rich and aged spinster who died last night at her home here, than appeared on the surface, or than the casual acquaintance, who had known her only since she came here from Nova Scotia, 11 years ago, with 11 orphan children, would dream.

NEW TREATY.

FRANCE AND CANADA BOTH MAKE CONCESSIONS.

France Lowers Duty on Canadian Cattle, Sheep and Wood Pulp—Marselles Anxious for Direct Line of Steamers to Canada.

London, Sept. 5.—The frequently well-informed Paris correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette states that the concessions are nicely balanced in the new Franco-Canadian treaty. Canada's concessions on the intermediate tariff, but they are framed to include articles not competing to any extent with British manufactures.

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FOUND CHILD'S DEAD BODY.

Grotesque Discovery in the Chestnut St. Synagogue, Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 6.—The body of a tiny infant was found in the basement of the Jewish synagogue on Chestnut street last night by a little girl, who saw a man deposit a parcel there, and who opened it after he had gone.

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Ointment for PILES, featuring testimonials and a list of agents.

she be buried in her nightgown. Attorney Hayes was here yesterday, and made arrangements for the funeral, which will take place on Thursday morning.

SENT BY-LAW UP TO COUNCIL.

COMMITTEE DECIDES ON HOSPITAL GROUNDS FOR THE HOME.

The Brantford & Hamilton Railway's Bond Discussed Again—Matter of Appointing a Plumbing Inspector is Shelved.

The Finance Committee decided last night to send the by-law for a vote on a return to the ward system up to the City Council, although it was explained that nothing could be done with it on the proposition to divide the city into about half the number of polling subdivisions, as at present, for the purpose of voting on the by-laws until it was seen what was going to be done about the electric pumps.

A resolution from the Parks Board, recommending that if the committee saw fit, a by-law to raise \$10,000 for the proposed permanent art gallery at Dundas Park, be submitted, was discussed, but it was decided to allow it to lie over until the municipal elections in January.

Mr. John G. Gauld, the company's solicitor, said the railway had tried to live up in every respect to the by-law, and had pushed the work along as fast as possible.

It was agreed to leave the matter over till the next meeting, and in the meantime the City Engineer will make a report on the condition of Hess street.

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DESCENDANT OF SCOTTISH KINGS OSTRACIZED HERSELF.

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SOCKED.

We sell the best sock in the city for 25c; the best overall for 75c, and the best shoe for \$1.50.—M. Kennedy, 240 James north and 148 John south.

BURIED BY AVALANCHE.

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 5.—Fifty persons are said to have been buried alive by an avalanche of snow that has rolled down the mountainside and obliterated the Chilean Custom House at Juncal. This station is on the Argentine frontier, high up in the Andes.

\$5,000 TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL.

London, Sept. 5.—"G. C. T." forwards to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel £1,000 for missionary work in Western Canada, where the society requires £10,000.

BANKING advertisement: A place of safety and security for the accumulations of all who work and save. Deposits of any amount accepted and interest paid 4 times a year at highest current rate.

THE HIGH REPUTATION advertisement: which "Five Roses" Flour has obtained is unequalled by that of any ordinary brands, and has been achieved by years of the most careful study and scientific milling.

Riordon Paper Mills Limited advertisement: THEY ALSO MAKE BUILDING PAPER AND ARE THE LARGEST MAKERS OF SULPHITE PULP IN CANADA.

BOYS' AND MISSES' School Boots advertisement: JOHN F. SHEA, 25 King St. East. Incomparable values in Boys' and Misses' Boots.

Trunks Suit Cases and Club Bags advertisement: W. E. MURRAY, 27 MacNab St. North. Our stock is always complete in these lines.

THOMAS LEES FOR Diamond Rings advertisement: LEES, Reliable Jeweler, 5 James Street North. The Finest Quality at Low Prices.

PURE ICE advertisement: W. A. GILMORE, Successor to W. B. Williamson, James St. N. Delivered to all parts of the city.

Painting and Paperhanging advertisement: A. M. McKenzie, 3-10 Main St. E. Telephone 232.

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