

WITH THE FARMERS

THE FARMERS' MARKET.

Edmonton, Saturday, June 4.—Millers report that no wheat is being offered locally. There is a good demand for butter. Pork and beef are very scarce. Potatoes are offering fairly plentiful.

Grain and Feed. New Oats, 25c to 26c per bushel. Oats at Elevator—24c to 25c per bushel. Feed wheat, 80c to 85c per bushel. Timothy Hay, \$14 per ton. Slaughter Hay, \$12 per ton. Upland Hay, \$12 per ton.

Dairy Products. Butter, 22 1/2c per lb. Eggs, 25c per dozen. Live Stock. Cows, 150 to 250 lbs., 9 1/2c. Good fat steers, 1,200 lbs., 5 to 5 1/2c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS. Chicago, Ill., June 8.—The fact that July wheat is getting to be scarce is shown by the action of the market today when it tightened up every time there was any pronounced movement.

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H. B. CO. MAY HAVE TO PAY STILL MORE TAXES

Instead of Reducing Assessment the Court of Revision Will Increase It. If Possible—Owners of Glenora Score Reduction in Assessment From \$580,000 to \$500,000.

Again last evening the commissioners sat as a court of revision to consider assessment appeals, but were once more obliged to adjourn without having finally disposed of the appeal of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Having considered the ground of appeal as presented the company's representatives, John Anderson and C. F. Newell, of Emery, Newell & Bolton, the commissioners decided that the assessment, which was appealed from, was excessive, was too low, and adjourned to obtain legal advice as to their power to arrange for an increase.

The commissioners seemed to be united in the opinion that the company had no reasonable ground for complaint.

"By holding this large tract of land in the centre of the city," said Mayor Lee to John Anderson, the company's representative, "you have forced other people to sub-divide all round your property. The city is thus spread over a larger area than it would have covered if this tract had not been reserved. As a consequence the city has been put to greater expense in extending its utilities beyond your property. You profit by this, and I think you should be made to bear your share of the expense the city has incurred."

Property Will Not Sell. Mr. Anderson said that the company had sub-divided a part of its property but was unable to sell. They have thought that in the interests of the city it was better to sub-divide too much, as it would harm the city.

He said that, from careful enquiries he had made, he had learned that there was no sale for such property in the city at the present time. He thought that the time was coming when some of this property would sell.

The Mayor remarked here that "the time when it would have sold and should have been sold was during the last five years."

Commissioner Boulton said he thought the company should pay taxes on this reserved un-subdivided property at prices prevailing in the neighborhood of the property.

Mr. Newell: "It will be contrary to the charter, which requires that the purpose for which the land is used, or may be used, must be taken into account."

Mr. Boulton: "They derive benefit from the public utilities extended about and beyond their property, and it is up to them to bear their just share of the burden."

Mr. Boulton was about to present a motion directing the assessment of the property to be made, but the legality of this action was questioned by Mr. Newell, who contended that the assessment of the property by the commissioners must be determined by the ground of the appeal, which was that the assessment was excessive, and not that the assessment was too low.

Commissioner Boulton read from the charter the section which gives to the council the right to correct excessive or palpable error.

The City Solicitor thought the power to make the appeal was the power to make the desired alteration, but it was decided to adjourn until Friday to await his final decision.

Glenora Becomes a Corporation. The appeal of James Carruthers against the assessment of the Glenora being reduced from \$580,000 to \$500,000.

In the appeal against the assessment, the majority being confirmed. E. H. Cope, representing the Northern Investment Companies, Ltd., appealed on the ground that the company was already paying \$50 license for the real estate business, and he thought they should be allowed to carry on business without paying for floor space. They used the same premises for their other business.

Readjustment to Be Made. Commissioner Boulton thought that the matter should be readjusted, and on his motion it was decided in such cases to determine the assessment by the number of distinct classes of business being carried on in the one office, and one of the businesses is of the class for which a license is required, the assessment will be two-thirds that of the other business.

On the appeal of Peter & McDougall a readjustment was made.

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Fires Which Raged in Manitoba and Saskatchewan Two Weeks Ago Caused Loss of Less Than Half a Million. Greatest Damage in Mistifin District.

Winnipeg, June 6.—Capt. W. B. Sifton of Swan River Valley, government ranger, who is in the city, considered that the fires about May 27 were not really so destructive as at first reported. While not professing to give an accurate estimate, he thinks that the total losses, instead of aggregating a million dollars, would be approximately covered by half a million dollars.

He says that no merchantable lumber, but only an amount of small growing timber was saved from the fires. In Saskatchewan the fire raged along the line of the C.N.R. running back in some cases two or three miles from the fire, which was in the Mistifin district. There was very little timber. The Great West Lumber Company was the heaviest loser, having had 75,000 logs destroyed, which were piled up on rollers on the banks of a stream running into the Red Deer river. Three winter camps were burned down, but no standing timber was destroyed.

The Cowan Construction Company lost the mill at Mistifin, and the railroad which was burned by the fire on both sides of the railway, extending back two to two and a half miles, and forming a strip of thirty miles in length.

Escaped on Private Train. Spectacular Dash of Pressed Steel Car Co. President, Pursued by Detectives.

Pittsburgh, June 7.—A dash into New York City, in his private car, was made Saturday morning by F. N. Hoffist, president of the Pressed Steel Car Co. Hoffist, who is a detective, who is armed with weapons, was being pursued by a number of detectives from New York. Hoffist was being pursued by a number of detectives from New York. Hoffist was being pursued by a number of detectives from New York.

Why Backs Ache. The Kidneys Seldom to Blame—The Trouble Due to Blood Impurities.

There is more nonsense talked about backache than any other disease. Some people have been frightened into the belief that every backache is a sign of kidney trouble. This is utter rubbish. As a matter of fact, most backaches are due to impurities in the blood. The kidneys are not to blame for the backache, but the blood impurities are. The kidneys are not to blame for the backache, but the blood impurities are.

WHOLESALE GROCERS CONVENTION. Want Better Conditions in Connection With Canned Goods Trade.

Montreal, June 6.—At the annual convention of the Canada Wholesale Grocers' exchange which opened here today, with 10 delegates present from all portions of the Dominion, a deputation was received from the Dominion canners, the merger which controls most of the vegetables and fruit packing establishments. The canners' deputation was headed by Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Forth, North Oxford, and presented a draft agreement for the season's business. The general opinion expressed by convention was that conditions in the canned goods trade last year were neither pleasant nor profitable and before any agreement was entered into the trade would have to get better conditions regarding prices, conditions of delivery and discounts. The argument of the canners was they were trying to arrange the business so as to be profitable to all without overtaxing the public, by consolidating the producing end, to ensure economy and so fixing the selling price by wholesalers that there shall be no profit killing by rate cutting.

Excitement at Horse Show. London, June 6.—A somewhat alarming incident occurred during the judging of the International Horse Show today, when one of the harness horses got out of control and overturned a light carriage and sent the driver flying through the air and sustaining serious injuries. In her mad career she overturned two other light carriages and sent the other horses in the ring into a panic. Grooms, after some difficulty, restored order.

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Pittman to Be Protected. Cambridge, Mass., June 5.—Edwin F. Pittman, of this city, brother of Wm. P. Pittman, the American engineer, who is alleged to have laid mines while operating with Estrada's insurgents and to have been captured by the government forces, received assurance from Washington today that his brother will not be summarily dealt with by the Madrid forces. A telegram to that effect from the capital city, dated today and signed by Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson, was received by Pittman. This was in answer to the latter's appeal to Senator Lodge to protect his brother's interests as a citizen of the United States.

Colored Man Refused Drink. Regina, June 6.—As the result of drawing the color line the Grand Hotel, one of the proprietors of which is J. C. Kress, formerly of Winnipeg, has had an action entered against Paul Baul, a colored man who was formerly employed in the hotel, expelled into the bar on Thursday night and refused him. The bar-tender advised and a suit for damages is pending. The case has created great local interest. The result of the suit may establish something in the nature of a precedent.

London, June 6.—Joseph Chamberlain left London today for Birmingham in Birmingham, his departure being practically unnoticed.

THE ASSEMBLY FAVORS

Presbyterion Body Adopts Union Proposal of 184 to 73.

Halifax, N. S., June 8.—Commissioners from various Canada and hundreds of people met in St. Matthew's morning to hear the debate upon before the general assembly of the Presbyterion presented the report of the committee. The controlling interest of the union was with the majority of the members in the newer districts of Canada. The report of the history of the movement for union was presented by the committee. The report of the history of the movement for union was presented by the committee. The report of the history of the movement for union was presented by the committee.

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