

HEAVY DAMAGES TO ALBERTA CROPS

Pessimistic Report from a Correspondent of The Ontario at McLaughlin, Alta.

A subscriber of The Ontario at McLaughlin, Alta., near the Saskatchewan border line, nineteen miles south and six miles west of Lloydminster, sends us the following discouraging report of crop conditions in that district:

Perhaps you will be interested in crop conditions in this part of the West. Along the G.T.P. (Winnipeg to Prince Rupert line) all the way from Chauvin up the line until within a few stations of Edmonton the crops were almost completely dried up, and I have been told that the southern part of the province is all the same. In this vicinity, twenty miles south of Lloydminster, the crops were fair, and seven miles south of town, also quite a distance north they had plenty of rain, hence they had promise of a bumper crop but on Saturday, July 20th, we had a heavy degree of frost, and almost as many degrees two nights the following week, so it is almost a complete freeze-out. Potatoes and gardens are also ruined. Several hundreds of cattle have been brought from the south and hundreds more will follow. The straw is being cut green for feed. A very high wind swept through a large strip of country in the night of July 30th. Many small barns, granaries, etc., were demolished; also numerous fowl. Hundreds of loads of hay which was in the coil were blown away.

Further particulars are furnished by the McLaughlin correspondent of The Lloydminster Times:

"We can assure you that this year is enough to turn the most optimistic optimist into a pessimistic pessimist (some words, aren't they?). First we got burned out with heat, then what is left of the crops is frozen solid, and to finish up, on Tuesday last we got blown out. We are now waiting for an early snow to make things up a bit. From what we can hear, pretty nearly everything has been frozen out by the late frost. Crops have all ripened, especially the late sun, but we are sorry to say there is no grain in them. What the majority of people will do, goodness only knows.

On last Tuesday night we were visited by what must have been a tornado. From what we hear, a great amount of damage has been done. There is hardly a barn left standing that has not had some buildings blown down. Right from the river, barns have been blown down and shattered to bits. The Oxville church barn jumped a fence and broke up. Near home, Mrs. S. Bull had a large barn completely smashed up. Fred Hunt's big granary was split in two, and one half carried in bits for yards. George Simpson had the uncomfortable sensation of having the house roof taken off. We hear that Jack Slater's barn collapsed and killed one horse and hurt another. Robbie McKay had a shack disposed of, and one of the McLeod boys just looked out to see what the row was about and his shack just hopped off and left him. It is nine years this month since we got the cyclone, and we can tell you when we saw our roof begin to hop up and down this time we began to think it was all up again. In this municipality alone there has been thousands of dollars' damage done; but to what extent the east and west of us have suffered we have not as yet heard.

"There is no doubt that the majority of people are fed up with this year, and we know it is the intention of some to sell out whilst the going is good. Hundreds of loads of hay were blown away, and after the hard struggle we had to get it, it seems pretty rotten. Then again, what with the hundreds and hundreds of cattle that are being brought in, farmers are going to be in a bad way next year. In quite a number of cases farmers have taken out a permit to cut hay, and on going to cut it found that the cattle owner has taken a lease on the hay land. Now, is this right? We are here to say if we can get a living, in anyway the majority of cases. We have been here for ten years and more. Now the Government tells us to get cattle. When we begin to get in nicely, thousands of cattle are brought in to eat us up. The big cattle men engage a gang of men to cut hay for them. What chance has the little man? We hear that the cattle are shipped in free. We have to get seed from the Government, will we get it free? I don't think.

"Next year will be the crisis for the little man, because we can see

it will be a job to put up hay at all. We are told to grow feed, but can we? If we can't grow crops to depend on, where does the feed come in? Then again, the water question is bad. Sloughs and lakes that had water in them for ten years have gone dry this time; and, again, we have the big man buying all the land with lakes and water on. What are we going to do about it? We suppose it is the old tale of having to "grin and bear it." We would like to see a letter or two from some of your readers on this subject, especially from some who have been hit by the big men coming in."

IN MEMORIAM

Corporal Norman Hartshorn, Killed in Action, member of the 93rd Battalion, Peterborough and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartshorn, 512 Stewart St., Peterborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartshorn of 512 Stewart St., Peterboro, received word that their eldest son, Pte. Alfred Norman Hartshorn, stretcher-bearer, 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, had been killed in action, aged 23 years. He enlisted in the 93rd battalion of Peterboro. He is a brother to the Hartshorn sisters who were engaged in evangelistic work at Oak Hills and surrounding districts. There is left to mourn his loss father, mother and three sisters, Muriel, Dorothy and Olive and one brother, Wilfred. Their many friends will sympathize with them in their bereavement.

Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest, Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast.

We love thee well; but Jesus loves thee better, good night! Until the eastern glory lights the skies, Until the dead in Jesus shall arise, And He shall come, but not in lowly guise—good night! Until we meet again before His throne, clothed in a sparkling robe He gives His own—good night! Until we meet again, we are known—good night!

WEST HUNTINGDON

Pte. Warren Haggerty returned to Petawawa on Tuesday after being home for a few days leave. Quarterly service was conducted by our pastor, Mr. McQuade, on Sunday. The choir rendered some fine selections.

A severe storm passed over our county on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Sam Dumar, Senior, returned to Madoc after visiting in our neighborhood the past three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gay and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hawkins took tea at Mr. W. Wilson's on Saturday evening.

Miss Annie McLarroy is visiting at Madoc and Malone. Mrs. Mary Saries is on the sick list again. The threshing machine has taken its rounds again in this section.

Mr. Charlie Ashley is sporting a new Ford car. The West Huntingdon R. C. Society propose having a social on Friday eve to dispose of the tickets on the calf given by our reeve, W. J. Jeffrey. Who will be the lucky one? Everybody was very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. E. E. Howard of Brighton, our former pastor. Great sympathy is extended to Mr. Howard in his great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jeffrey and children visited at Mr. Jas. J. Wilson's for a few days. Master Jack Pitman is visiting at Bayside for this week. Miss Jennie Adams has gone to Roblin for her holidays.

MELVILLE NOTES

Great excitement prevailed in the vicinity of Concession Lake last Thursday when wild cries of fire! rang over the line. (How all the community heard the news at the moment can only be understood by rural telephone subscribers). The neighbors responded nobly to the call and the bucket brigade was soon on the scene. All stood aside however when they heard the wheels of what they thought was the Belleville Fire Department but which on drawing near proved to be our noble knight Sir Lancelot with his crew General French, Lord Hubert and other brave Sons of the Soil, who dashed up on their erstwhile fire-reels. After valiant efforts on the part of the crew and our esteemed friend "Wellington," wildly

waving his swab on the end of a pitch-fork in an effort to extinguish the imaginary flames, the amateur firemen discovered that the fire was merely an hallucination caused by Old Sol executing a barn dance on the shingles. Opinions differed as to why "W. H." thought he had seen fire but the popular idea is that numerous sparks in evidence, at the dancing pavilion down the road caused him to think that flames certainly were due. —Contributed.

NILES CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. John Sopher and son, of Belleville, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. John Teskey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teskey and Mrs. C. Carter were recently called to Tamworth to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Teskey's father, Mr. Frizell at the age of 96 years.

Mr. R. Delong was through this locality last week in the interest of the Daly Tea Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dafeo and son motored to Belleville on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. May at Little Kingston on Thursday.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Peter Clapp, who died after a few hours illness on Thursday night. Deceased was a Methodist in religion and will be greatly missed in the church as well as in the neighborhood. His funeral, which was largely attended was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Terrill, of Wellington on Sunday and the remains taken to Wellington to be interred in the cemetery there. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives.

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Well Known Belleville Boy was Serving with the Heavy Guns

Earle Franklin McCabe, son of Mr. Thomas McCabe, G. T. R. engineer, living at 306 Blecker Ave., has been killed in action. His death is the third of Belleville boys in the recent offensive. He fell on August 11th. Earle McCabe was with the heavy guns, having left Cobourg with the Heavy Battery. He was a young man of excellent character and the deepest sympathy is extended to his parents in their great loss.

"Ben" Whittle Fell in Battle

Well Known Hockeyist Reported Killed — George Girty of Stirling Slain

Pte. Vincent Whittle of Stirling, a son of Mr. George Whittle, was killed in action on August 9th. He left Belleville with the 80th Battalion being No. 219,892 and was a signaler. The sad news of his death reached his father on Tuesday evening.

"Ben" Whittle as he was better known was a fine sport. In Stirling and in Belleville he played hockey and was known to all interested in Canada's winter sport. He was a native of Stirling. In all his correspondence home he never complained of conditions bearing them as a true soldier. George Girty of Stirling is also reported killed. His wife has just received the bad news. Mr. Girty came to Stirling from near Baneroff. J. Weaver of the village of Stirling is reported shot in the arm and Harold Vanallen, son of Charles Vanallen is announced as wounded.

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Moira, Aug. 17, 1918.

In memory of Daniel Vanderwater who died one year ago:

Our Father

Oh, many lips are saying this, Mid falling tears today, And many hearts are aching sore— Our father's passed away.

We watched him fading year by year, As they went quickly by, But cast far from us 's the fear That he could ever die.

He seemed so good, so pure, so true, To our admiring eyes; We never dreamed this glorious fruit Was ripening for the skies.

And when at last the death-stroke came, So swift, so sure, so true, The hearts that held him here so fast Were almost broken too.

We ne'er shall know from what dark paths He may have kept our feet; Yet holy will his influence be, While each fond heart will beat.

And as we tread the thorny way, Which his dear feet have trod, Ever shall feel our father's prayers Leading us up to God.

And for the one still left to us— Our mother brave and true— Little we know, the sorrow that Lies within her heart concealed.

We'll gather closer to her now To guard from every ill, As near the darksome river side She waits a Higher Will.

And when the storms of sorrow come To each bereaved heart, Let faith glance upward to the home Where we shall never part.

Where father awaits with loving eyes To see his children come; And one by one we'll cross the flood And reach our heavenly home.

(Written by his daughter, Mrs. E. Elliott.)

CHAPMAN

The whistle of the threshing machine is again to be heard in our vicinity.

Miss Helena Fluke has returned to Toronto after spending the past few weeks with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Fluke, Marlbank. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Fluke is rapidly improving.

Quite an electric storm passed over our district on Tuesday evening last but no damage is yet reported to have occurred.

Gr. Edward Way, of Petawawa Camp, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Way.

Seven aeroplanes from Deseronto passed in succession over our district on Tuesday last.

Miss Effie Cassidy, who is camping at Stoco Lake, spent Sunday with Mrs. Alex. Wright.

Mrs. Albert Welsh, of Moira, spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. C. Coulter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kielty spent Sunday evening with his brother, Mr. W. Kielty, Marlbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Labarge and babe, of Port Arthur, spent Sunday last with his brother, Mr. Peter Labarge.

We are glad to report that Miss P. Thompson is able to be about again after the severe accident of colliding with a car near Mr. H. Conter's.

Miss Mary McGrath spent Sunday last with fourth line friends.

Miss Stella Collins, of Moira, spent last Sunday with the Misses Whalen.

Miss Verna Bowers has returned to Shannonville after holidaying with her grandfather, Mr. Sanford Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Clarke spent a few days recently with Bon E-ho friends.

IVANHOE

Harvesting in this locality will be mostly completed this week.

A number from here attended the camp meeting at Oak Lake on Sunday.

Miss Laura Stewart of Centreton is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Frederick.

Rev. and Mrs. McQuade of West Huntingdon circuit attended the service at Beulah church on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mitz of Ottawa returned home last Thursday after spending a few days visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaw and Master Milton visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hollinger, of Moira and also attended the camp meeting on