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Fruct Packer Decision.

Toronto Star: Chief Justice Meredith gave his judgment in the appeal of James Jamn, an agent, against the conviction imposed upon him by the police court last spring on the charge of violating the section of the Ontario Act, which provides that a person shall sell or offer, expose or have in his possession for sale, or fruit packed in any package of which the faced or shown surface gives a false representation of the contents of such package, and that it shall be considered a false representation when more than 10 per cent of the fruit is substantially smaller in size than, or inferior in grade to, or different in variety from the offered or shown surface of such package.

Eighteen packages belonging to Mr. James were seized but of these were in storage at the time, and the judge held that in their case the conviction could not be sustained, as they must be constituted an offence against the section, whether a selling or offering or exposing, or having possession for sale, and there was nothing.

The conviction, the judge said, must be amended by confining it to the eight packages, and by defining the meaning of the term "the faced or shown surface" and possibly also by relieving from the penalty one who has in possession for sale packages fraudulently packed, if he is able to show that he did not know of the fraudulent packing and was not ignorant of its negligently.

The legislature, he concluded, for the purpose of protecting the public against the frauds which the act is designed to prevent, has chosen to make the law so stringent that the mere having in possession packages of fruit fraudulently packed, when having in possession is for the purpose of sale, an offence, and we have no doubt that the legislature intended by the law it has enacted, because in this particular case no one was imposed and no fraud was intended by the person charged with the offence.

Iron on the Saskatchewan.

The prospectus of the proposed Iron-ore and Iron Mining & Development Company, of Edmonton, is received, says the Edmonton Bulletin. The following extracts from the prospectus are of interest:—
"The Iron-ore and Iron Mining & Development Company, Limited, has been formed for the purposes of acquiring a valuable iron property, which has been located on Red Earth and Stony Creeks, about eight miles east of Victoria in Alberta. The property, which is situated about three miles north of the Saskatchewan River, comprises an area of 100 acres each. The surface indications exist throughout the entire ground,

and consists of a deposit of iron oxide varying from six feet to a few inches in depth. The ore is a ferrous oxide, containing from forty to forty-seven per cent in iron. The character of these deposits and the general formation of the ground point to the existence of a great deposit of iron ore at no very great depth. Red Earth Creek, in the banks and bed of which the oxide is found for a distance of three-quarters of a mile, two and three feet in depth, rises from an underground spring, the water of which brings the iron up from below, and re-deposits it along its course. The water in this creek is so strongly impregnated with iron that it never freezes in the coldest weather. It is anticipated that by boring the existence of the main deposit will be established, and as the surface indications have been found over the whole three miles of ground, the inference is that this deposit is of considerable extent and value.

"Coal seams of considerable extent are known to exist in the Saskatchewan at no great distance above the quality, and from an analysis of it published in the report of the Do-

World's Largest Watch.

New York Times: There has just been finished at Waltham, Mass., a mammoth watch, the largest in the world. To build this gigantic time-piece cost several thousand dollars and several weeks time. Special machinery and tools were required for its construction. The watch is a model of the new sixteen-size maximum, three-quarter plate watch, enlarged ten times, perfect in every detail, and highly finished as the finest watch.

The diameter of the pillar plate is 17 inches, and the movement is 2 1/2 inches thick. The balance wheel, says the Boston Transcript, is 6 1/2 inches in diameter, and the broset spring which controls its action is 8 feet long, 0.8 of a centimeter thick, and 25 of a centimeter wide. The pallet stones are of sapphire and exquisitely polished. The actuating or main spring is 23 feet long, 17 of a centimeter thick, and 2 1/2 centimeters wide.

The mammoth model is as completely jeweled as a watch of the finest grade. The plate jewels, which are as

tion in favor of repealing the duty of Canadian wheat is gaining strength daily. No doubt if the Canadian wheat-repealed Minnesota, as well as Duluth, would receive large quantities of Canadian surplus wheat, the price increases enormously with each new crop. Many Minnesota dealers are of the opinion that the repeal of the import duty on wheat would be followed by a decline in the price of large quantities of surplus wheat in the United States and that it would be a benefit to the Canadian wheat-grower to consent to the repeal of the tariff as desired, still it is possible, and it might bring higher average price than both Canadian and American wheat. The repeal of the tariff to induce the American grain-grower to consent to the repeal of the tariff as desired, still it is possible, and the free discussion of the matter would seem to merit a place in the annual programme of the Grain Dealers' National Association.

C. N. R. Crop Report.

The following is the crop report issued by the C. N. R. this week. It will be noticed that in speaking of the prospects all the agents are very optimistic and a bigger yield than last year is generally expected. The C. N. R. weather bulletin this week reports the weather as "clear, calm and warm," on all sections of the line:—
St. Ann's—Prospects of the brightest. Stebbins—Prospects are favorable to depressing favorably. Yield will be equal to last year.

Warroad—Crops are in excellent condition. There is about 20 per cent. increase in total acreage sown.

Emo—Prospects of the best. Probable yield will be about 20 bushels per acre.

Agatha—Average yield estimated at 18 bushels per acre for wheat and 45 bushels per acre for barley.

Morris—Crops prospects are of the brightest. It is expected that the yield per acre will be somewhat higher than last year.

Wheat—Crops looking well. If fine weather continues yield will be about 25 bushels per acre.

Letellier—General condition of crops throughout district favorable.

Emerson—All crops in excellent condition. Estimated yield about 22 bushels per acre.

Rolland—All crops in district looking well headed. Average ten to fifteen per cent less than last year.

Miami—Wheat crop very promising. If conditions continue as they are, yield estimated from 25 to 30 bushels per acre.

Albion—Crops in excellent condition, but last year, but prospects never better. Conservative estimate wheat 25 bushels, barley 40, oats 35.

Somerset—Prospects never better. Estimated yield 25 to 30 bushels.

Swan Lake—Increase in wheat acreage about ten per cent. Crops are growing nicely and prospects are good. Yield of about 25 bushels per acre.

Hilton—Everything points to a record breaker. Estimated yield 25 bushels per acre.

Wawanesa—Crops are all doing well. Harvesting will likely commence latter part of this week.

Brandon—The weather is favorable for growing crop, which looking remarkably fine. Yield will be about 20 bushels per acre as last year.

Ninette—Crops in excellent condition, but probably same yield as 25 to 30 bushels per acre.

Dunrea—Estimated yield, wheat 35 bushels per acre, oats 35 bushels per acre. Elnor—Crop prospects excellent; estimated yield 25 bushels per acre.

Hartney—Crops in this district looking very promising; estimate wheat 25 bushels per acre, oats 35 and barley 35.

Edinboro—Crops in good condition, but yield from 25 to 30 bushels per acre. Prospects are coming on splendidly; acreage about 1000 acres; but prospects are for heavier yield.

Edinboro—Crops in good condition; estimated yield 20 bushels per acre.

Clatsone—Crops all doing fine and promise a good yield.

Clatsone—Crops all looking fine; prospects for heavy yield are bright.

Clatsone—Crop prospects are very bright.

Colrus River—Crops in this district are excellent; yield about 25 bushels per acre.

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NEAR STRATHCONA, ALBERTA.

minion geological survey for 1886, it has been judged to be of a very satisfactory character for smelting purposes. It is proposed to acquire the most valuable of these coal limits from the Dominion government to be used in conjunction with the iron property.

A few miles distant from Red Earth Creek is a considerable deposit of a substance, which W. Pellow Harvey, the provincial assayer to the British Columbia government, pronounced to be almost pure lime, and very valuable for fluxing purposes in connection with the iron deposits, has been discovered by the promoters of the company, which can easily be acquired.

"It is believed that this combination of iron, coal and lime will form, with a little exploratory work, a very attractive property to outside capital."

Owing to shortage of coal a Montreal dealer has sent an order for a large quantity of coal to Wals.

large as the smallest movement made, or about the size of a nickel five-cent piece, are fine rubies, about ten lines in diameter, but bushed with sapphires. The polish of the wheels, pinions, and other steel work is perfect, and the damaskening on the plates is most beautiful. The sand and winding crown are of fine bronze, brilliantly polished.

American Millers and Canadian Wheat.

(From the Grain Dealers' Journal, Chicago.)

Many grain receivers of Minnesota recently visited Manitoba and the Northwest Territories of Canada and returned well filled with enthusiasm regarding the great possibilities of the Canadian Northwest as a grain-growing section. A number of Minnesota firms have already made arrangements to buy and operate elevators in that grain dealer's Utopia, and the agri-