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NEGRO ESCAPED

JUMPED THROUGH CAR WINDOW.

Negro En Route to Oklahoma From Edmonton Got Away From Sheriff in North Dakota.

Minot, N.D., June 14.—This morning at about 2.30 o'clock a colored man being taken back to Stillwater, Oklahoma, to answer for the murder of a white man, effected a sensational escape from the deputy sheriff in charge of him just as the Soo train No. 108 was pulling out of the station at Kenmare.

Jumped Through Train Window.

The deputy sheriff and the chief of police at Kenmare headed a posse this morning, which is scouring the country for the murderer. No trace of him has been found. The names of the colored man and deputy sheriff cannot be learned. The officer boarded the train with his prisoner somewhere near Medicine Hat. He was handcuffed to the seat in one of the day coaches. The deputy left him for a moment just as the train was pulling out of Kenmare. The prisoner in some way got the handcuffs loose from the seat and made a break for liberty. He met the conductor in the vestibule, dashed him aside and jumped headlong through the vestibule window. The train had been making good headway. For some reason or other the deputy, in his confusion at the man's escape, did not stop the train. It was not believed possible that he could have survived the leap from the window and he was confident that his man would be picked up by some of the railroad trackmen seriously, if not fatally, injured. The deputy came through to Minot and went back on train No. 107. With the chief of police and others he has been scouring the countryside all day. There is no trace of the murderer. He is still handcuffed, as the handcuffs which bound his wrists can be opened only by the application of machinist's tools or keys in the hands of the deputy. Foot-prints were found in the soft ground near the lake at Kenmare, but they stopped at the lake shore. The man may have entered the water and walked a short distance to cover up his tracks, and may now be hiding somewhere in the vicinity of the town.

The story of the man's crimes, as told by the deputy sheriff, is that the colored man eloped with a white woman from Stillwater, Oklahoma, after the prisoner had successfully negotiated a plan to murder her husband. There was a sensational escape of the pair from Oklahoma to Canadian country, where the deputy has spent two months in trying to get the Canadian authorities to deliver them up to him. He finally succeeded in getting the colored man, but the white woman is still on the Canadian side. The man broke the glass in the vestibule by repeated blows of his head and then plunged through. A piece of his clothing and blood stains on the grass indicate that he was injured in going through.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE.

Receives Probationers for Methodist Ministry.

Brandon, June 10—The evening program of the Saskatchewan conference was a reception of candidates who will be ordained on Sunday. President Reid occupied the chair. Eight young men who have passed the term of probation and also the necessary examinations, were on the platform ready to testify to their conviction and call to the ministry. Time, however, did not permit of hearing from all. Two of the young men, J. B. Taylor and J. H. Arnup, gave their testimony in a clear and decided manner. The names of the other candidates are Thos. Bray, J. D. Wildfong, J. Barber, A. T. Bell, J. L. Holmes, A. R. Maunders.

The resolution to receive the young men was moved by M. M. Bennett, of Yellowgrass. He cogratulated the young men on their successful passage through the years of probation and spoke in unmistakable language of the needs and the possibilities in Christian work in this country.

"This is the reason for the call to men, and the men we want are those who have the qualifications physically, mentally and spiritually, and who are willing to live the life of Christ and sacrifice themselves for their brother man."

Rev. S. Wilkinson of Virden, seconded the motion in an address of great earnestness and power.

New Record for Lake Boats.

Port Arthur, June 12.—For the third time this season the speed record for Lake Superior was broken today. The Northern Navigation Company's flagship, Hamonic, now holds the honors, having made the 279 mile run from the Soo here in exactly sixteen hours. This is 25 minutes better than the run of the C.P.R. steamer Keewatin, when she made the record two weeks ago. Everybody is watching for these two steamers to meet in a race, which would be the greatest thing of the kind ever pulled off on the Great Lakes.

Furrier Guilty of Fraud.

Fort Frances, Ont., June 12.—Benjamin Levinson, of Winnipeg, furrier, was found guilty in the District Court of defrauding the Ontario government in the matter of wolf bounties. He is very ill and was allowed out on $5,000, pending sentence on Monday.

BEEF FAMINE IN ENGLAND.

Meat Prices Soar, and Shortage is Imminent.

London, June 11—For some months past the price of meats in the London wholesale market has been rising and the present situation is regarded with serious apprehension by those engaged in the trade. The prices ruling are higher than they have been at any time in recent years since the importation of frozen and "chilled" meat came to supplement the supply of the home product.

Only since this time last year the rise in wholesale prices, taken all around, has been from a penny to 3 1-2d a pound, which represents between 15 and 25 per cent. There has been an enormous falling off in the supplies from abroad. America formerly sending over a large number of cattle. Birkenhead was in the habit of receiving thousands weekly from the United States. Nowadays, however, weeks will pass without a single hoof being consigned to that port. At Deptford some American cattle still continue to arrive but nothing like the number that was consigned there a few years ago.

TWELVE HUNDRED MEN WILL CAMP AT CALGARY

Edmonton Troops Will Pull Out From Strathcona at Eleven O'clock This Evening—Preparations Being Made in the South for the Annual Camp.

Calgary, June 10.—Next Tuesday will see the troops in military district No. 13 in camp in Calgary, and the latest figures show that there will be about 1,200 men under canvas. All arrangements have been made, and advance parties will go into camp in order to shake out the lines and do other necessary work on Saturday next.

Lieut.-Col. Cruickshanks has just returned from Edmonton and while away application was made to headquarters by the officers of the One Hundred and First Regiment of Fusiliers of Edmonton for permission to come into camp along with the other troops. In all probability the request will be granted, and for the first time in the history of Calgary an infantry regiment will be quartered here.

Local Troops Leave Monday.

The Ninsteenth Alberta Mounted Rifles, squadrons of which are stationed at Edmonton, Strathcona, St. Albert, Morinville and Fort Saskatchewan, will leave Strathcona on a special train at 11 p.m. next Monday, arriving here at 6.45 on the morning of June 14, and it is probable that they will pick up the Red Deer squadron on their day down. The horse train will leave Strathcona half an hour after the troop train, but will not arrive here until 1.30 on Tuesday next.

The advance party of the Nineteenth, consisting of a squadron quartermaster sergeant, squadron cooks and two troopers from each squadron, in the charge of the regimental sergeant-major, will reach Calgary on Sunday next.

Preparations in South.

In the south preparations are also completed. The Fifteenth Light Horse will be well represented, and the squadrons from High River and troops from Airdrie, Crossfield and the Elbow will ride in on Tuesday.

The Twenty-..th Battery of Field Artillery wil be brought in by special train from Lethbridge which will probably pick up the Twenty-First Alberta Hussars at Medicine Hat. The Twenty-Third Alberta Rangers from Macleod and other points in the south will also come into camp in special troop trains.

The field ambulance, signalling, ordinance and other corps from Calgary will go into camp on Tuesday, and the instructors from the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles of Winnipeg should reach here about Saturday next.

Will Receive Colors.

Previous to coming to the camp the Nineteenth Alberta Mounted Rifles will be presented with their new colors by the Beaver House Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire. The presentation will be made next Friday at Government House, Edmonton. In preparation for the camp the Edmonton regiments have been indulging in sham fights and manoeuvres almost every night of late, and they will come into camp well drilled and almost up to full strength.

General French, who is at present in the east, will inspect the troops on June 24, and will probably arrive here on the previous day. The routine for the drills has already been drawn up and the men will begin with dismounted squad and troop drills at first, gradually working up to squadron, regimental and finally brigade drills. The last day of the camp will be devoted to field tactics and probably a big sham fight will take place, and on different days the various units will be put through a course of musketry instruction.

Truro Express Robber Guilty.

Truro, N.S., June 12.—Laurance Burgess was found guilty yesterday of having looted the Canadian express office here in May, 1909, of about $1,000 cash, negotiable paper amounting to $4,590, of which about $1,500 was cashed in all parts of America. Wm. J. Burgess, a brother, is now to be tried on a similar charge.

THE ELECTIONS

CONSERVATIVES CANDIDATE.

Premier Expected to Make a Tour of the Riding—Minister of Agriculture May Accompany Him.

Manville, June 14.—There was a large attendance at a Conservative convention held here last night to discuss the situation in political circles arising from the resignation of Arch. Campbell and the nomination of Premier Sifton to fill the vacancy. There were delegates and speakers from the country districts and from nearly all the towns of the constituency.

Among those present from outside points were J. D. Hyndman, A. F. Ewing, W. H. Morris, and J. R. McIntosh of Edmonton.

Mr. Hyndman Speaks.

Mr. Hyndman reviewed the situation and said the present issue in Vermilion constituency was not a purely local one, but a very important one to the province as a whole, inasmuch as it was a chance to show the Liberal administration whether they or the electors of this constituency were at the helm of affairs here. He criticized the Railway Commission and strongly advised putting a candidate in the field, assuring the electors that they had the whole Conservative party of Alberta at their back.

A. F. Ewing, of Edmonton, spoke in very much the same strain, and also criticised the premier for not having moved any railroad policy when accepting his nomination. He suggested that it was high time a third party should be organized.

ames Lowry, of Kitscoty; J. R. McIntosh, Edmonton, and W. H. Morris, of Edmonton, all expressed the same sentiments, being strongly in favor of putting up a fight.

A Useless Fight.

Norman Murray, of Vermilion, expressed himself as being very much in line with the sentiments already expressed, but was afraid that it would be a useless fight on account of the fact that such short notice of the election has been given. Mr. Murray intimated that the convention was not a truly representative one, but that there was too large an element of boosters from outside the constituency, and that actual workers would not be so easy to find.

Mr. Stephens, of Vermilion, conceded that a passive policy was not desirable, but agreed with Mr. Murray that on account of the short notice it would not give the Conservatives a fair chance to elect their candidate, and therefore was in favor of no opposition.

F. A. Morrison, of Vegreville, reviewed the situation of the past fifteen months, referring particularly to alleged broken promises in railway deals. However, he did not commit himself as to the question of putting up an opposition to Mr. Sifton.

Several other speakers, including Mr. Bryden, of Mannville, Mr. Reid of Vegreville, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Grais ad Mr. Montgomery of Innisfree, were also heard.

J. G. Clark, of Irma.

After Mr. Morrison's speech, those not in support of the Conservative party left the hall and a convention proper took place. The result was that J. G. Clark, of Irma, was the unanimous choice of the convention. Those of Vermilion who had earlier opposed a fight came strongly into line with the result that every man at the convention pledged his support to the candidate.

Mr. Clark is looked on as being the strongest possible Conservative nominee in this constituency. He has been a most enthusiastic farmer all his life, having made a specialty of raising pure bred stock near Ottawa previous to coming to Alberta. Since his residence in Alberta he has spent considerable time acting as judge at country fairs, and also making speeches at different points on the subject of pure bred stock. He is, therefore, well and favorably known to the farmers as being the best man available to bear their standard against Premier Sifton.

The Edmonton Conservatives promised much in the way of support of the candidate, and it is expected that this will be the hottest fight that has yet been seen in the new province of Alberta.

Premier Sifton to Tour Riding.

Bulletin Special.

Vermilion, June 14.—In the forthcoming campaign in the Vermilion riding, Premier Sifton, assisted by the Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, will hold a series of meetings at which all Conservatives taking part in the campaign will be invited to be present.

The nomination by the Conservatives of John G. Clark, of Irma, as the opponent of Premier Sifton in the coming bye-election in the Vermilion riding is causing some activity in the Conservative ranks here. The matter of supplying the nucleus of a well-ordered campaign is evidently wholly in the hands of the central executive of the Conservative party at Edmonton. A series of meetings will likely be held by some leading Conservatives of Edmonton. The Conservatives from Edmonton likely to be present are Messrs. C. C. McCaul, H. A. Mackie, J. D. Hyndman and some of the younger members of the organization.

The Liberals of the riding are fully prepared for the onslaught, though of the final outcome there is no apprehension.

The campaign of the Conservatives will likely be based wholly on the supposedly disorganized and weakened condition of the Liberal party and what the Conservatives will call an abortive attempt to bring their scattered forces together by the election of a machine leader, Premier Sifton. As the Conservative campaign is apparently being conducted by the machine of that party from Edmonton, it will be interesting to note their denunciations of the Liberal "machine" working on behalf of Premier Sifton.

National Auto Reliability Race.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jue 12—The advance guard of motorists who are to take part in the 1910 national automobile reliability run for the Glyden and Chicago trophies, which starts from here next Tuesday morning, arrived here today. The large proportion of the 43 machines which are to set out on the 2,851 mile journey, reported today to the technical committee and the few stragglers will report tomorrow to pass the official inspection.

PRODIGOUS FINES FOR DEFRAUDING PROVINCE

Winnipeg Furriers Who Made $19 By Securing Bounties on Wolves Killed In United States Are Fined $5,500 and $6,000 Respectively—Premier Roblin Gives Character Evidence.

Fort Francis, Ont., June 14.—Prodigious fines were meted out by Judge Fitch in the district court during the sittings of the general session here this afternoon. The following are the judgments of the court:

Moses Finklestien was charged with conspiring against the Ontario Government to defraud the authorities in the payment of wolf bounties, it being alleged that Finklestien had made $19 out of the transaction in question. The jury found him guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy. He was fined $5,500, no costs, and 24 hours in the common jail.

Benjamin Leverson, on a similar charge, was fined $6,000, with $300 costs, 24 hours in jail, or in the alternative in both cases of not paying the fine, 3 years in jail.

Wesley Miller, of Rainy River, on a similar charge, received a $50 fine.

Louis Deliorie, on a like charge, sentence was suspended.

Roy Matheson, charged with the same offence was acquitted and discharged.

James and Mike Ward, charged with stealing the Rainy River Company's logs, were each fined one hundred and fifty dollars or six months.

The remarkable feature in connection with the trials of Finklestein and Levenson was the arrival this morning of influential parties from Winnipeg to give evidence of character in their favor. Among those who came down and testified were: Hon. R. P. Roblin, Acting Mayor J. G. Harvey, Controller Richard Waugh, Alexander Haggart, K.C., M.P., Thos. R. Johnston, M.P., A. J. Andrews, K.C., Dr. F. R. Simpson, ex-Mayor Thomas Sharpe, Frederick Ashmore, S. R. Robinson, all of Winnipeg, and Louis Hammell of Mine Centre. They gave exceptionally strong evidence as to the probity and uprightness of the accused furriers, as to the length of time they had known them and as to their character in the district where they lived.

And Mr. Andrews, by the courtesy of the court, made an earnest appeal for clemency. The Winnipeg party left the Fort by special train at one p.m., several of the members of the deputation having public engagements tonight in Winnipeg.

The case of the King vs. John Byrnes for attempting to kill his wife under somewhat brutal circumstances, was commenced this afternoon, and was not finished when the court rose. According to the wife's story, the marriage had been an unhappy one, the parties being of different faiths, and their first row occurred over the baptism of the first-born, he being Catholic and she Protestant. She claims he was of an ugly temperament and in the month of April last at Rainy River, where she and her children were living with her father, he called on her and knocked her down, brutally kicked her and shot her twice in the head after a desperate struggle.

The court of general sessions will likely close about Wednesday and the assize court will open here Tuesday, the 28th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Official Statement Shows Marked Increase In Canada's Revenue.

Ottawa Ont., June 10.—A complete statement of the public debit, revenue and expenditure of Canada for fiscal year ending with March 31, 1910 shows a total net debit of $336,266,348, or an increase of $12,336,048 over the previous year. The total revenue was $101,501,034, and the total expenditure $113,524,843. The biggest item of expenditure was public works, railways and canals, which totalled $27,571,225. Of this sum almost twenty million was expended on the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway.

To Tour South Africa.

London, June 12.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by Princess Patricia, will tour South Africa after the opening of the Federal parliament. The premier's salary will be 4,000 pounds and the other ministers 3,000 pounds.

FIRES IN NORTH

LARGE AREA OF TIMBER BURNED

Fire Leaped Athabasca River at Mirror Landing—Telegraph Agent Had Narrow Escape.

Bulletin Special.

Athabasca Landing, June 14.—A fierce forest fire swept the district in the vicinity of the junction of the Lesser Slave River and the Athabasca on Saturday afternoon destroying thousands of dollars worth of standing timber, hay and settlers' buildings. The fire started on the south side of the Athabasca river, and driven by a terrific gale, jumped the river, which is fully a quarter of a mile wide, and continued northward licking up every stick of timber in its path. Settlers on the north side of the river confidently expected that the fire would burn itself out at the river, and as a matter of fact it succeeded in jumping the river only at one point. This was at Mirror Landing, seventy miles up the Athabasca river from here, at the mouth of the Little Slave river. It is there that the new government telegraph station, on the line being constructed from Edmonton to Peace River Crossing by way of Athabasca Landing and Grouard, which is at the west end of Lesser Slave Lake, is located. Mirror Landing is also the farthest up-river point to which the Northland Sun, of the Northern Navigation Company's line, proceeds, and the company has a large warehouse there. The government telegraph station was destroyed, but by a strange and remarkable freak of the fire, the warehouse of the steamship company escaped damage entirely.

Miss McLeod, sister of Geo. McLeod, superintendent of the telegraph construction gang, who is the telegraph agent at Mirror Landing, with her mother and sisters, narrowly escaped death in the flames. They were in the house into which the telegraph wire is strung, having closed the doors and windows in an effort to keep out the smoke from the fire across the river, and the first intimation they had that the fire had jumped the river was when a burning tree fell on the house. So suddenly had the flames advanced that they had not a moment in which to save any of their household goods or clothing. They barely escaped with their lives. They took refuge in the warehouse of the steamship company.

Mr. McLeod was away at the time being in charge of the gang which has now advanced the telegraph line to the east end of Lesser Slave Lake. A new piano, which was taken in a few months ago by Miss McLeod, was burned when the house was destroyed. They failed even to save enough bedding to provide themselves with blankets for sleeping purposes. Other settlers, however, who escaped the devouring flames have taken in the unfortunate people and given them accommodation.

The fire is said to have burned itself out on Monday.

BIG STEEL PROJECT IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Option Obtained by St. Paul Capitalists on Coal and Iron Deposits Near Cowley For $250,000—To Build Railway Into Calgary.

Nelson, B.C., June 12.—An important railway and development project, which has been maturing for several years, has been discovered as a result of Gardner & Carney Bros., of Kaslo, selling over to St. Paul capitalists, who are said to have unlimited capital, an option on coal and iron deposits near Cowley, for a quarter of a million dollars.

The ore is magnetic and assays 65 per cent., and the syndicate intend to build a modern steel plant, for which the metal is admirably adapted. The syndicate is stated to have secured a charter for a railway into Calgary, and the line is said to be located from Butte, across the Milk river towards Pincher, following the Old Man river into Livingstone range, thence running west parallel to the iron and coal deposits north of Cowley. It will cross the Calgary and Macleod branch of the C.P.R. near Midnapore and have a terminal in South Calgary.

Church Union Resolution.

Belleville, Ont., June 10—At the Congregational union the following recommendations were adopted: "That this union considers the action it has taken sufficient for the present and will now wait until other negotiating bodies have had an opportunity of testing to a corresponding degree, the feeling of their constituences." "That the committee appoint a special subcommittee o investigate the administrative points involved in the proposed union as these affect both the individual church and the societies."

American Consul to be Arrested.

Bogota, Colombia, June 12—A Carthagenian judge has ordered Wm. N. MacMaster, the American vice-consul in that city to be arrested on the charge of having some months ago shot a Colombian citizen. The charge, it is believed, is the outcome of enmity against Mr. MacMaster, due to his pressing cases against two Colombians who stabbed him in August of last year.

WHAT CONGRESS DID TUESDAY.

Uncle Joe's Speech Calling Insurgents' Traitors Was Ordered Printed.

Washington, D.C., June 14—In the senate the conference report on the Railroad Bill was submitted and ordered printed. Senator Elkins announced that he would call it up tomorrow. The report provides that the section relating to the suspension of rate increases and the section providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the question of Federal control of stock and bond issues shall take effect immediately on passage. The remaining portions of the bill will go into effect sixty days after it is passed.

In the House of Representatives the Postal Savings Bank Bill was reported. The bill will probably be accepted in return for favorable action by the House on the Statehood measure. Congressman Owens spoke in favor of the bill providing for popular election of senators. Speaker Cannon's speech calling the Insurgents traitors was ordered printed in records.

MINISTERS HAD A VERY LIVELY DEBATE

One Resolution Proposing That Rev. George Jackson Be Ejected From Professorship of Victoria.

Toronto, June 10.—Never, perhaps, in the history of any Methodist conference in Toronto have such scenes of excitement occurred as those which marked the close of the session in Elm street church. It was a perfect whirl of words. Rev. Dr. Clever introduced an amendment that the general conference be memorialized to eject from the professorship of the theological college any man holding such ideas of the Holy Scripture and of the fallibility of Christ as expressed in Rev. George Jackson's recent work. Loud and prolonged cheers greeted Dr. Clever's amendment.

A. B. Powell said: "I don't think Dr. Clever's remarks are in very good taste. We all admire Dr. Clever, but when he begins to indulge in personalities it is time to protest."

"Well, what about yourself?" interrupted Dr. Briggs. "You, too, are indulging in personalities."

"It's a different case altogether," replied Mr. Powell, "and besides"—here the president interfered.

"This question is of serious moment. It needs more time for consideration. I propose that we adjourn."

PROFESSOR CHARLTON MURDER

Paul Charlton Believes His Son Also Met Foul Play.

Washington, June 13.—That one of her former admirers may have been at the bottom of the mystery of a trunk found containing the body of Mrs. Mary C. Scott-Castle Charlton, Lake Como, Italy, is suspected by Paul Charlton, father-in-law of the unfortunate woman. Mr. Charlton, who is a law clerk of the bureau of insular affairs in the war department, said:

"From the few details available, I believe that Porter, my son, is dead also. From the cheerful tone of his last letter I am inclined to believe that some one, possibly one of her former admirers, who followed them to Galais, is at the bottom of the tragedy.

"My son is twenty years old and for some time has been suffering from tuberculosis. He left Washington, October, 1908, and went to New York, where he obtained employment in the foreign department of the National City Bank. Early in 1909 he met Mrs. Mary Neville Castle, the divorced wife of Neville Castle, an attorney of San Francisco. She was 37 years old. I knew nothing of her antecedents and did not even know that Porter intended to marry her, until after he had done so. They were married in Wilmington, Delaware, March 12 last, and several days later sailed from New York for Genoa. Only last Monday I received a letter from him telling of his plans. His letter was full of endearing reference to his wife."

EVERY PRECAUTION TAKEN.

Port Arthur, Ont., June 12.—It was despite the greatest precautions taken by the C.P.R. to prevent the wreck that the accident occurred on Friday last, causing the loss of three lives. An inquest was held on Saturday by Coroner Lauri, of Port Arthur. Evidence was given to the effect that the section between Coldwell and Mink is patrolled once an hour, day and night, and the watchman on duty at the time of the wreck stated he had passed the spot only ten minutes before the rock tumbled down in front of the train, causing the engine to be thrown down into the water. The verdict of the jury was accidental death with blame to no one, and that the C.P.R. had taken all due precautions.

CANADA'S WHEAT CROP SHOWS BIG INCREASE.

Ottawa, June 11—According to a bulletin issued by the ensus department this morning the area of wheat in Canada this year is 9,295,000 acres, or an increase of a million and a half acres aver last year. At the end of May its condition was 9.49 for spring wheat and 87.65 for fall wheat.

CANADA'S CROPS

30,524,200 ACRES OF CULTIVATION

Census and Statistics Office Issues Interesting Report on the Area and Condition of Crops in Canada.

Ottawa, June 1.. The census and statistics office has issued a report on the estimated area and condition of the principal field crops of Canada at the end of May, based on the reports of a large staff of correspondents.

The area of all these field crops is reported at 30,554,200 acres, which is 2,359,300 acres more than last year and 4,951,050 acres more than in 1900. The largest increase has taken place in wheat which has now reached 9,294,800 acres. In 1909 it was 7,750,400 acres and in 1908 it was 6,610,300 acres, which is a gain in two years of 2,684,500 acres or more than 40 per cent.

The provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta increased their area in wheat from 2,495,466 acres in 1900 to 5,624,000 acres in 1908 and to 8,395,400 in 1910. In Saskatchewan alone the increase of this year over last year is 1,163,000 acres.

Ontario shows an increase in fall wheat from 581,100 to 609,200 acres, and in oats from 3,142,200 to 3,272,000 acres; Quebec from 1,574,100 to 1,649,000 acres; Manitoba from 1,390,000 to 1,451,000 acres; Saskatchewan from 1,847,000 to 1,973,000 acres, and Alberta from 320,000 to 974,000 acres.

The condition of pastures is over 100 in the Maritime provinces and Quebec. It is 93.60 in Ontario, 89 in British Columbia and around 80 in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Alfalfa is growing in favor in all the provinces, but is still in Ontario, where a large number of correspondents report it is with raised area in this crop.

The effects of late frosts have been felt in many places. Injury has been done to fruits and tender vegetables in some localities, but generally the prevailing low temperatures of April and May have strengthened the field crops and have left them better able to withstand the attacks of night frosts and reseeding and replanting have been less necessary than in former years.

RAW MATERIAL DUTY.

Reduced and Several Classes Added Free List.

Ottawa, June 10—An order in council promulgated today places on the free list a number of articles when imported for use as raw material, while on others the duty is slightly reduced. The following articles are declared duty free:—

1—Fuse heads of metalfoil and cardboard.

2—Cotton thread for use in making incandescent gas meters.

3—Crude glycerine for refining.

4—Soya beans and bean cake used as cattle food and fertilizer.

5—Iron tubing brass covered, for use in making towel bars and bathtub rails.

6—Ground coke for electric batteries.

The following articles used in manufacture are to be subject to reduced duty:—

Preparations from pyroxyline and wood naphtha, preferential 5 per cent., and ad valorem intermediate 7 1-2 per cent, general 10 per cent.

Silking gum and spun, imported for making ribbons, preferential rate 5 per cent. ad valorem intermediate 7 1-2, general 10 per cent.

Wood handles, to make D shovel handles, preferential rate 10 per cent., ad valorem intermediate 12 1-2, general 15 per cent.

Hard rubber for making fountain pens, preferential 5 per cent., ad valorem intermediate 7 1-2 per cent., general 10 per cent.

Chinaware, when imported to be mounted by manufacturers of silverware, preferential 15 per cent., ad valorem intermediate 20 per cent., general 22 1-2 per cent.

Ten-pin blocks of wood in the rough when imported by manufacturers, preferential 5 per cent., intermediate 7 1-2 per cent., general 10 per cent.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Discovered Among Russian Immigrants Landed at Honolulu.

San Francisco, Cal., June 10.—As a result of three cases of bubonic plague discovered among Russian immigrants landed at Honolulu, the steamer Nippon Maru, from China and Japan, is held in quarantine off Angel Island. News that the disease had broken out was received by cable from Honolulu yesterday and customs officials at once ordered the steamer quarantined for a period of several days. According to government officials, all on board the Nippon Maru are well and there is no indication that the plague will spread among other passengers. The Nippon Maru has 64 cabin and 85 steerage passengers, among the former being Abe Hummell, the New York attorney.

B.C. Small Fruits Look Well.

Nelson, B.C., June 12.—Exceptionally fine weather has ripened the small fruits very rapidly in the Kootenay country and the shipping season here has commenced with a shipment of cherries. All fruits look exceedingly well, raspberries and gooseberries being exceptionally promising.