

## Guide-Advocate.

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### The Western Crops.

Notwithstanding the gloomy predictions as to the crops in Western Canada which have been common for months past, returns from the threshing fields, the most reliable of all sources, indicate that in spite of the unusually unfavorable growing and ripening weather the farmers of Manitoba and the new provinces, as a whole, have come through the season with as much cause for thanksgiving as the people of any other part of the Dominion. While it is not denied that in some districts frost caught the grain before the latter reached maturity, that in others the crop was frost-stricken before it could be cut, and that in others again damage was caused through lack of rain, when needed, at the same time there are sections where the crops are better both as regards yield and quality than ever before known. Especially is this the case in the Gladstone and Neepawa districts of Manitoba and the district lying at the foot of the Rockies. Around Lethbridge, for instance, the yield is said to be phenomenal, and from other parts of the country come similar gratifying reports.

So vast a country is the Canadian West, that no matter how favorable the climatic conditions, a general crop failure may be regarded as almost impossible. Taking the general crop result of the West and lumping up the good and the bad, the Winnipeg Free Press considers the country has made, in view of the weather conditions prevailing over the whole world, a really enviable record justifying the remark of Senator Cox, who has said that he has more confidence in its capabilities than ever before. In the great majority of districts there has been a wonderful growth of straw and grass in a very short season. In too many districts frost may have come too soon, but notwithstanding this, the growth came, and came quickly. In the Yorkton district, for instance, only a few green blades appeared above ground on June 6, but the last week in August saw fields of oats containing hundreds of acres, in which the plants were five and six feet high. Similar growth is reported in a number of other districts.

With such a showing, and the abnormally high prices prevailing for products of the soil of almost every kind, the value of this year's western crop will not fall far behind last year's—Advertiser.

### The Domestic Service Problem.

Farmer's Advocate, on a vexed problem:

Does not the real solution of the servant question lie in doing away largely with the need for servants by building smaller houses, furnishing them more simply, and bringing about a state of affairs in which a more rational wholesome home life will prevail among the rich and middle class? If half the senseless cringing to Mother Grundy were done away with we would hear a great deal less about the servant problem.

Granted that domestic help may be needed in homes where families are large and the mother overworked. But when the servant-girl question is adjusted on something like a healthy basis, there will be no social reflection cast on the girl who assists a friend in such circumstances, and the young man who calls on her will be no more compromising his social standing than if he called on the daughter of the house. At present it is not so, as every young man or woman in the city very well knows.

### Boil the Water Well.

The Health Officer of the city of Toronto has advised that the water supplied citizens be boiled before drinking. This is for the purpose of destroying disease germs in the sewage which has come in contact with the city supply.

There are disease germs in the filth which lies at the bottom of thousands of wells on Ontario's farms. Whenever these wells get low some of these germs are drawn up by the pump and danger to the household follows in drinking the water. Therein is found the most frequent cause of the spread of typhoid fever in rural sections. Farm wells should be regularly cleaned out, but no matter how careful the cleaning, there will always be the possibility of contamination of the drinking water when the well is low. The only sure preventive of disease in such cases is to see that there is boiling before drinking.

## WARWICK.

Remember the sale of choice stock and feed at Geo. Holmes', 1 mile west of Arkona, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 26th.

Mrs. Peter Kingston, 4th line, and her little niece, Alice D. Miller, have just returned from visiting friends in Sarnia, Pt. Huron and Pt. Edward.

John A. McKenzie has sold his farm at Elarton, the old Kingstone homestead, to Russell Mansfield for \$3,900. Mr. McKenzie will remove to Watford shortly where he is in the employ of the Watford Milling Co.

Despite the inclement weather a goodly number from Sarnia, Forest, Thedford and surrounding community attended the dedication of the Free Methodist Church at Sharon, where they were favored with the excellent services of Rev. W. B. Olmstead, General Conference Sabbath School Evangelist, who preached the dedicatory sermon. \$200 was called for, and in a few minutes \$106.00 cash was laid on the table and \$135.00 in subscription, making a total of \$241.00, when Rev. W. B. Olmstead offered the dedicatory prayer. Revival services will be held for some time in the Free Methodist Church at Sharon. Rev. J. A. Fletcher, Conference Evangelist, and wife, will assist in these services. Service each evening at 7.30, Saturday excepted.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. Finlay Logan, Elgin Farm, Warwick, when his youngest sister, Elizabeth Louisa, was united in marriage to Frank Catt, of Bosanquet. The bride, who was unattended, was given away by her brother, Mr. Finlay Logan. The wedding march was played by Miss Merle Logan, niece of the bride. The bride looked charming in a gown of white silk, carrying a beautiful bouquet of orange blossoms. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. W. Edwards, of Thedford, in the presence of about sixty guests, after which all sat down to a sumptuous repast. The bride's going away gown was of jet satin, with a beautiful hat to match. The bride was the recipient of many useful and beautiful presents, showing the esteem in which the young couple are held. Mr. and Mrs. Catt will be at home to their friends in Bosanquet after Nov. 1st.

### A Fatal Explosion.

Trenton, Oct. 22.—A terrible accident occurred this morning at a canning factory, in which two men—George Graham and Louis J. Dube—were killed. The accident was caused by the explosion of one of the retorts, in which the contents of the cans are cooked. An inquest will be held this afternoon.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

WANTED.—Five or six cords of clear, dry hardwood, 20 inches long.—G. H. WYNNE.

STRAYED.—Steer, 3 years old, red with a little white. Anyone seeing same please communicate with A. G. Brown, Watford.

FOR SALE.—4 thoroughbred Leicester ram lambs, also ten 2-yr.-old steers. Apply to G. Fenner, Warwick Village.

DR. BUTLER, London, will be at Watford, Roche House, on following days: Monday, Nov. 4th; Dec. 2nd, after 3 p. m. Eye, ear, nose and throat, consultations. Eyes tested for glasses.

PAY UP.—Dr. F. B. Kenward having disposed of his dental practice to Dr. Bricker, asks for a prompt settlement of all outstanding accounts before Nov. 20th as he is leaving for the west. After that date they will be placed in other hands for collection and costs added.

W. E. FITZGERALD has several dwelling house properties in Watford for sale cheap and also a few farms in this vicinity. Before buying elsewhere call and see Mr. Fitzgerald and get a bargain. Also one dwelling house in Watford to rent.

### BORN.

In Warwick, on Monday, Oct. 21st, 1907, the wife of John A. McKenzie, of a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hastings, a daughter.

### MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 1907, by the Rev. H. Currie, B. A., Mr. Fred Sheppard, to Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sutherland, all of Bosanquet.

At the home of the bride's brother, on Thursday, Oct. 17th, 1907, by the Rev. E. W. Edwards, B. A., Mr. Frank Catt, of Bosanquet, to Louisa E. Logan, sister of Mr. Finlay Logan of Warwick.

At the home of the bride, Bath, Ont., on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 1907, by the Rev. Prof. John McNaughton, Rev. Malcolm Lindsay, B. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Arkona, to Mabel only daughter of Mr. Lester Aylesworth, of Bath.

In Strathroy, on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 1907, by Rev. S. F. Robinson, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benstead, to Edward T. Moore, both of Strathroy.

At the residence of the bride's sister, Mt. Hamilton, on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 1907, by the Rev. J. R. Young, William B. Ferguson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Carewoc, to Miss Agnes B. Smith.

### DIED.

At Shaldon, Devon, England, on Thursday, Oct. 3rd, 1907, Jessie Stewart Corsar, relict of the late Frank W. Jupp, and mother of Mrs. H. W. Parsons of Forest aged 66 years.

In Sarnia, on Friday, Oct. 11th, 1907, Miss Mary Andrews, aged 58 years.

In Bosanquet, on Monday, Oct. 14th, 1907, Ellen Jane Monkhouse, wife of Mr. Wm. Hilborn, aged 69 years.

In Komoka, on Oct. 20, 1907, Maria, dearly beloved wife of John W. Shipley, aged 67 years.

The late, long-haired young man looked dreamily at the charming girl on whom he was endeavoring to make a favorable impression.

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### The Falling Leaves.

"The leaves are falling, falling, falling, falling."

Says the little trembling stoat,  
"And I hear the Autumn winds a calling;  
"Here's your overcoat."

The chipmunk sits where the leaves are falling;  
There's a big lump in his throat,  
For he hears sweet voices calling:  
"Here's your overcoat!"

And my snake when leaves are falling  
To his little home doth tote,  
For he hears the Father calling:  
"Get your overcoat."

My snakes, my toads are safe and well,  
I hear no mournful note;  
But the question is: Where in thunder  
Will I get an overcoat?—The Khan.

### Monarch Pine Felled.

What is said to be the tallest cork pine that has been converted into lumber for twenty-five years was cut recently in Chippewa County, Northern Michigan. The lumber it produced aggregated 4,116 feet. After this pine monarch had been levelled it cut four logs fourteen feet long each, four twelve feet long, and two ten feet long. If the trunk had been left uncut there would have been one log 12 feet long.

The bottom cut of the tree measured forty-four inches in diameter and the cut from the top was twelve inches thick. It was nearly one hundred feet from the roots of the tree to the first limb, it was clear of crotches or large limbs, nearly the whole of it being clear lumber. It sold for \$80 a thousand feet. The big log was cut in the Merchant timber camp near Strongsville.

### Farmers Rush to Market Wheat.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 18.—The increasing price of wheat and oats has caused an unprecedented rush to market all over the North-West. Any available cars of the C. P. R., Northern Pacific, and Hill lines are being rushed to elevators and farmers, hurried to Port Arthur, and returned for more freight. More of the crop has been moved thus far than during the whole of last winter. The elevators are running night and day to accommodate the mad rush of farmers to get the benefit of high prices.

### Robbed a Deaf Woman.

Strathroy, Oct. 22.—A desperate robbery occurred early Saturday morning when Mrs. Frank, a dumb woman, living alone south of the railway tracks, was rudely awakened about two o'clock by a robber. The intruder pulled the clothes off the bed and tried to tie the woman up but she managed to get free and ran across the road in her nightdress to a neighbor's house, and roused the inmates. When the party returned to Mrs. Frank's place, the robber had decamped, but before he left he managed to find her little store of money, about 60 cents and took it.

The man broke open the door to gain an entrance, but the woman could not hear him. Her family are grown up, and are all away working for themselves.

### Baptists End Sessions.

Woodstock, Oct. 22.—The very successful convention of the Quebec and Ontario Baptist Association was concluded today. Rev. G. J. Farmer, of Brantford, presented the report on the state of religion, which showed the total membership in the association to be 48,837, a net gain of 1,365. A total of \$622,544 had been raised for all purposes, or a total of \$12.75 per member.

Mr. J. M. Foster presented the report of the superannuated ministers' fund. The following were appointed to take the place of the retiring members on the board: Mr. G. R. Roberts, Dr. Thomas, Wm. Craig, Rev. O. C. Elliott and Rev. S. C. Tapscott. The churches were urged to give more to this cause.



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