

speech on behalf of the boat's company, and Mr. J. B. Mathers, of Glenboro, president of the Retail Lumbermen's Association emphasized what Mr. Campbell had said for the guests.

A graceful act on the part of the excursionists was the presentation of a purse to the band as a mark of appreciation of its services. A jollier crowd of musicians never gathered together and they were indefatigable in their efforts to amuse the party.

The captain of the boat in his speech to the party expressed a hope that they would come back again another year for a trip over the lake collectively or individually, and many of the company expressed an intention of doing this. Certainly this trip on the Keenora is one of the most enjoyable short outings from the prairie lands of the west that could possibly be devised. The change of air, scenery and environment is so complete that it leaves nothing to be desired in that line. The lead of the lumbermen might well be followed by other trade associations of Western Canada and yearly excursions of this nature inaugurated. Nothing could possibly be devised which is better adapted for rubbing off the sharp corners which are bound to appear as a result of the keen business competition of these times than an outing such as this when business for a time is thrown aside and men who ordinarily have no opportunity whatever of showing their business fellows that they have a social side to their nature can hobnob with these in the most friendly sort of way.

As regards the arrangements for this excursion they were all made by the manufacturing lumbermen, who are comprised in the following companies:

The Rat Portage Lumber Co., Ltd., the Keewatin Lumbering & Mfg. Co., Ltd., the Savanne Lumber Co., Ltd., Graham, Horne & Co., the B. C. Mills Timber & Trading Co., Ltd., the Brunette Saw Mill Company, Ltd., the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, Ltd. The following gentlemen acted as the committee of arrangements for these companies: J. C. Graham, A. F. E. Phillips.

The different railway companies doing business in the west were exceedingly kind to the excursionists and furnished free transportation to Rat Portage and return from all points. The C. P. R. and M. & N. W. companies took a special interest in the idea and were represented personally by Messrs. Shaw and McDonald.

The company operating the Keenora was also particularly solicitous for the comfort of the party. Mr. D. C. Graham, their travelling passenger and freight agent, personally accompanied the excursion and attended to the comfort of the party. His knowledge of the route and of the points of interest passed was freely used for their information and entertainment.

Following is a complete list of the gentlemen who composed the party, 125 in all, arranged according to their places of residence, alphabetically:

Alexander, J. Forman, Altona; Peter Schwartz, J. Schwartz; Austin, F. Avery; Binscarth, F. McPherson; Boissevain, E. W. Plummer, T. Nichol, E. Nichol; Brandon, R. H. O'Hara, J. H. Hughes; Broadview, W. C. Thornburn; Carnduff, W. A. Smith; Carberry, W. W. Ireland, J. M. Nelson; Carman, J. McClain, J. E. Campbell; Cartwright, R. J. C. Stead; Coarwater, W. Cranston; Crystal City, J. Con-

way; Cypress River, A. R. Stevens; Dauphin, J. Shaw, F. Shaw; Deloraine, J. Boyd, J. W. Lochhead; Douglas, R. Conn; Elva, A. J. Archibald; Elm Creek, Jos. Rhin, Emerson, J. A. Badgley; Elkhorn, W. C. Van Nostrand; Fleming, J. Sharpe; Fort William, F. Robinson; Foxwarren, Thos. Leese; Franklin, A. Doell; Glenboro, J. B. Mathers; Grenfell, J. W. Faulkner; Grtna, F. Freese; Griswold, A. D. Chisholm, Hartney, D. Leckie; Hilton, C. Brown; Holmfield, W. Sellars; Holland, F. Dagg, J. McCutcheon; Keewatin, R. A. Mather; Killarney, J. McNaughton; La Riviere, T. Rutherford; Manitou, J. Davidson; Meita, R. Shearer, J. L. Campbell; Minnola, T. A. Cuddy; Miami, A. W. Shaw; Morden, A. M. Stewart, D. W. McMillan, J. J. Lane; Moose Jaw, H. McDougall, J. Simpson; Morris, G. F. Briney; Moosomin, John McGuire; McGregor, Geo. H. Stacey; Napinka, J. E. Gaudin; Newdale, Wm. Irwin; Norman, M. C. Flatt; Plum Coulee, L. Marks, Geo. Wagner; Portage la Prairie, M. McDonald, G. B. Housser, F. L. Anstruthers, W. Armstrong, J. M. Taylor, W. Bell, C. Burley, W. Burley, A. Macdonald; Port Arthur, R. Vigers; Qu'Appelle, B. Harvey, H. H. McCaul; Rapid City, J. White; Rat Portage, W. Robertson; Rathwell, J. Caswell; Regina, C. Willoughby; Reston, J. Busby; Rosendelt, D. Stewart; Roland, R. McDonald; Russell, J. J. Moon; Salteaux, J. E. Parrott; Savanne, J. Ferron, E. W. Hegan; Selkirk, J. W. Jones; Sewell, T. Kellett; Shoal Lake, J. Rennie, E. Greenshaw; Somerset, J. P. Allaire; Souris, J. A. Ovas, J. H. Patrick; St. Boniface, J. A. F. Beau; Stockton, H. J. Badham; Strathclair, W. Reid; Sidney, J. McElrea; Sutherland, R. McGee; Thornhill, J. Broadbent; Treherne, J. K. Robson; Virden, J. F. Frame; Winnipeg, G. Shaw, H. Byrnes, E. Parker, G. O. Ankebrooke, A. H. Bailey, W. Bell, John Dick, E. A. Blow, G. W. Murray, Geo. Campbell, T. D. Robinson, A. Black, Geo. Lister, D. Sinclair, A. F. E. Phillips, J. C. Graham, John Love; Winkler, J. Dyck, J. Pau, J. Friesen; Wolseley, John Hanbury.

The following gentlemen whose addresses were not given also registered: J. A. Thompson, P. A. McIntosh, J. Thompson.

Note—We were not able to get photo in time to have engravings made for further contemplated illustrations with this article.

Government Crop Report.

The official crop report of the Manitoba government was issued on Wednesday. The principal feature of the August crop bulletin is the preliminary estimate of the yields of the various crops. The average yield of wheat is placed at 17.41 bushels per acre. It varies from 13.8 in the southwestern districts to 21.2 in the Red river valley. On this estimate, the total crop of the province would be 25,913,155 bushels.

The oat crop is placed at 35.02 bushels per acre, making a total crop of 18,029,944 bushels. Barley 29.17 bushels per acre, making a total yield of 4,611,314 bushels. Flax seed, 14 bushels per acre and a total yield of 350,000 bushels. The total yield of all grain crops, on this estimate, is therefore approximately, 50,000,000 bushels.

The August estimate of yields for last year was: Wheat, 16.49 bushels; oats, 26.73 bushels; barley, 23.8 bushels; flax, 15 bushels per acre. The oat crop therefore shows a great improvement over last year.

The Crops.

Eldon Gazette: Crops here this year are the best we have seen since 1895.

Selkirk Journal: The crops are the best here that we have had for two years.

The Bennett Bros., a few miles north of Carberry, had 200 acres of wheat cut by the end of last week.

Emerson, Aug. 17.—The crop in this district are exceedingly good, and an average of thirty bushels is expected.

Qu'Appelle Progress: If the weather remains fine another week the best harvest this section has ever seen will be safe.

F. W. Young, manager of the Union bank, Glenboro, states that the grain north and west of the town, was about all cut, the first of this week. The yield will be heavy.

Pierson, Man., Aug. 18.—North of town the farmers are jubilant, most of them having finished cutting the best crop they have had in years. South the crops are later.

A bad hail storm was reported from La Salle on Wednesday, destroying the uncut crop in its path, four to five miles wide. About half the grain was cut previous to the storm.

Edmonton, Alberta, Aug. 13.—Some barley and wheat have been cut, but harvest will not be general before the middle of next week. There are individual farmers who will have bigger crops this year than last, but the average is inferior to last year.

Wheat cutting had begun on Aug. 15 at Indian Head, Assa., but would not be general till the first of next week. The aggregate yield of grain in the district will be much larger than in any previous year.

Prince Albert, Aug. 18.—The grain has filled out well, and the crop is, as a rule, heavy, and if we are now favored with from ten days to two weeks of warm, bright weather, one of the best harvests in a number of years will be safely secured.

Bird's Hill, Winnipeg district, Aug. 14.—Harvest has commenced here; quite a number of farmers are cutting wheat and barley. The yield will be large this year for all kinds of grain. The root crops promise large yields.

Marquette, Aug. 19.—Harvesting is two weeks ahead of last year, and wheat is a much better crop. Wheat cutting is well advanced. Frank Robertson finished his wheat cutting on the 18th inst.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Late advices from Smyrna confirm previous reports that the fig crop will be light.

Advices from Vancouver early in the week said that the salmon run on the Fraser river was disappointing, and the canneries were all closing down.

George E. Tuckett & Co., tobacco manufacturers, of Hamilton, Ontario, are building a five story addition to their factory to be used in manufacturing tobacco from Canadian leaf.

The New York Journal of Commerce says: California loose muscatel raisins are in a strong position. All advices from the coast are to the effect that the syndicate is in control and notwithstanding the prospect of a large crop prices will be steadily maintained. No prices have yet been made by the combination.