

CROPS IN ONTARIO.

IN SOME COUNTIES THE WHEAT THE HEAVIEST KNOWN.

In Others the Yield up to the Banner Year, 1891—Barns in One District Won't Hold Half the Harvest.

A summary of the latest Ontario crop reports gives the following information:—Business men find great encouragement in the reports of the magnificent harvest now in progress all over the province. Of reports from 28 counties, 11 indicated that the wheat crop was quite up to that of last year, 10 were to the effect that the average yield would be better than in 1891, and seven indicated that the wheat crop was remarkably heavy, or the best ever obtained, while one report contained the pleasing intelligence that the yield so much exceeded expectations that the farmers' barns would not hold more than half of it. From these and other reports received by the wholesale trade here, it seems but reasonable to conclude that we shall have this year in Ontario the best crop of wheat in the history of the province. The hay crop, which now appears to be pretty well harvested in most localities, was probably never heavier. The oat crop is a fair average in most sections, and heavier than last year in some important sections. In the

EASTERN PARTS OF ONTARIO

oats, wheat and barley are being cut, and are turning out splendidly. In many districts the yield is equal to the highest average on record; and in very few places, so few that they may be described as referring to an area something like a little mud puddle as compared with a big wheat farm, is any injury reported. Hay is a remarkable crop; timothy when cut standing

AS HIGH AS A MAN'S HEAD

over districts aggregating hundreds of square miles, and everywhere being extraordinarily heavy. The talk early in the season of the rains doing damage in the low lands seems incredible in view of the cold facts as now witnessed. Around Ottawa, for instance, finer, heavier crops could not be desired and probably their equal could not be seen anywhere on the earth's surface to-day than over a great part of the low-lying lands between the ridges in Russell county, and if there is any lower-lying land than that outside of downright swamp, we would like to know where it is to be found.

Farmers have been interviewed in every direction, but giving credit to all possible attempts to minimize the splendid returns nature has again made for man's labor in the fields of Ontario this year, the worst that can be said is that in exceptional places where the soil was soaked by June rains, some of the grain is rather thin and a little scalded.

Of the roots, except potatoes, the yield will be immense, but in potatoes the farmers who are coming to market declare there will be a partial failure. How they can reconcile that with the appearance of the fields, and the enormous quantities and fine qualities coming in it is hard to say, but people in this part of the country have not forgotten the combined efforts of farmers and merchants to spread reports of potato rot last year, and the constant organized attempts ever since to

FORCE UP THE PRICE

of potatoes. In face of the systematic attempts to make out potatoes were scarce, and the successful raising of prices for a few weeks almost to famine range there came the inevitable tumble with the sudden appearance of large supplies. Farmers all through the country though selling produce slightly below former rates made a great deal of money last year, and in the aggregate millions of dollars have been paid out by these merchants for lumber and other supplies, and in putting up new barns and buildings all over the land, from the Atlantic ocean to the Pacific slope. This year will see a repetition of the story.

Nothing to Remedy.

Montreal, Aug. 6.—The Imperial privy council having on appeal declared the Manitoba school law, establishing one system of public schools for the province, valid, there has been considerable speculation as to whether or not what is called remedial legislation will be introduced by the Dominion government.

Dr. Bourinot, the distinguished clerk of the Dominion House of Commons, being requested to give his opinion on the subject, said here yesterday that the decision of the highest court of the empire, which declares that no rights have been interfered with, leaves no room for any other appeal or for remedial legislation since in law and in fact it is declared there is nothing to remedy.

DOMINION LAND SURVEY PARTIES IN THE FIELD.

Important Work in the Northwest and other Parts of the Country.

"We have more men in the field," said Capt. Deville, Dominion surveyor-general, to a reporter a few days back, "this year doing all kinds of survey work than has been the case for some years past."

"And how do you account for this?" was asked.—"It is entirely attributable to the increase in

IMMIGRATION

to the Canadian Northwest. The new railways which have been built in the Prince Albert and Edmonton districts have attracted settlers there and of course surveys have to be made for them."

"Where is your staff principally located?"—"Commencing in the far east, for we have them scattered all over the Dominion

FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

There is O. J. Klotz, who is located at Canso getting the longitude between Greenwich and Montreal. He is working in connection with the Greenwich and Montreal observatories. Taking a big jump westward, we have Joseph Tremblay in the Lake Dauphin district. He is dividing several townships there. He complains of there being too much bush on the lands in that locality. Then there is W. T. Thompson, who is

SOUTH OF QU'APPELLE,

and who is sub-dividing a piece of land formerly set apart for an Indian reserve. It was not required for this purpose and now we are surveying it. "Thomas Fawcett is looking over the country between Touchwood and Prince Albert, finding out where the good land is, so that we may know where to make our surveys. We do not want to go to the expense of surveying bush and swamp lands, which will not be taken up. Wm. Ogilvie has charge of a surveying party at Prince Albert. He has four surveyors along with him. They are helping to

LOCATE SETTLERS

on their lands, and doing whatsoever is required in that direction. J. Lastock Reid has got a contract for the sub-division of several townships on Shell river, northwest of Prince Albert.

"C. A. Magrath, a member of the legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories, and a son of Bolton Magrath, school inspector, Aylmer, who is also an engineer for the Galt Coal Co., has got a contract for surveying at the head of

ST. MARY'S RIVER

near the boundary. We have got seven surveyors between Calgary and Edmonton. Then at Edmonton we have got a party under the charge of J. S. Dennis, son of the late deputy minister of the interior, Lieut-Col Dennis. He is doing much the same work as Mr. Ogilvie is at Prince Albert in placing immigrants on their lands.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

there is J. McArthur, who is continuing the work of a topographical survey on which he has been engaged for some years. Then there is W. S. Dewry making a triangulation of the Rocky Mountains. This is to show established reference points from which to start on surveys. In the meantime he is in the Selkirks. John Vickers is in the Kamloops district sub-dividing lines. This constitutes our staff for the present season."

Mr. S. Fleming's Report.

Mr. Sanford Fleming, C. M. G., delegate from the Ottawa board of trade to the recent Congress of Chambers of Commerce in London, has made a report to the president of the board in which the following passages occur:

"The Congress was a most interesting one; there were a number of able speeches, every one of which very nearly was such as would do credit to any gathering. Many were advocating the Hofmeyr scheme, pure and simple, and a very substantial gain was made in the ranks of those whose creed is not absolute free trade. Strange to say, the Australians did not vote with the other colonists on the Montreal resolution.

"Had seven Australians reversed their votes the Free Traders would have found themselves in a minority. As it was, our friends felt that they had done well, and the Hofmeyr scheme made great progress. I was surprised and pleased to listen to a number of English manufacturers speak in its favor."

The actual vote was 17 to 34, being only 13 against slight protection, and this in the very heart of Free Trade England. It will carry next time, for I learn that the Australians are really with us."

THE NORTHWEST ASSEMBLY.

OPENING OF THE HOUSE BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

The Speech from the Throne—Colonization—Roads and Immigration—The Dairy Industry and Other Interests.

Regina, Aug. 3.—His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Royal opened the Assembly yesterday with the following speech from the throne:

I have deemed it advisable to call you together at the earliest possible moment in the new financial year for the purpose of enabling you to make provision for carrying on the public service and especially such public works as may be undertaken before the season closes.

The great influx of immigration into the Territories renders it imperative that our roads be kept in a state of good repair and bridges built wherever necessary.

The important question also of opening up those great arteries of travel, called colonization roads, is worthy of your serious consideration and is a matter that has been repeatedly and prominently brought to my notice, when visiting, in the discharge of my duties, the various districts of the Territories.

I am happy to know that the liquor license ordinance which you adopted last session, has upon the whole given general satisfaction and that any apprehension as to the evil effects likely to arise from the change in the law have not been realized. I have no doubt that, after some months' experience of the working of the ordinance, amendments may now suggest themselves for your consideration, which would tend to make its provisions more effective and complete.

Your co-operation will be solicited by the agricultural and other societies in the collection of exhibits for the World's Columbian exposition to be held in Chicago in 1893. In the selection of such products as timber, cereals, minerals, grasses, fruits and vegetables, you will have ample opportunity of displaying the physical character and natural resources of the Territories. I have every reason to believe that the arrangements which will be made in this respect, will ensure for our country the attraction and admiration of the visitors.

I am glad to be in a position to state that the dairy industry is making rapid strides amongst our population. Several creameries and cheese factories have been established since the last session of the assembly, and I understand a profitable market has been found to reward the enterprise of the promoters. There is an unlimited demand, with remunerative prices, always existing for butter and cheese of the first quality, and consequently no effort should be spared to establish the reputation of the dairy products of the Territories. Provided no inferior article is allowed to find its way into the market, the farmer may rest assured that the demand for his butter and cheese will not be less than that for his wheat and cattle

It will be my duty to communicate to you, at the earliest possible moment, any order of His Excellency the Governor-General relating to such portions of any moneys appropriated for the Territories by the parliament of Canada last session as the lieutenant-governor is authorized to expend by and with the advice of the Legislative Assembly or of any committees thereof.

I now leave you to the discharge of your legislative duties, and I feel confident that in considering the various measures which will be brought before you, your action will be guided by prudence, wisdom and equity.

Sad Plight of an Oxford Professor's Son.

The Grand Forks, Dak., Plaindealer says: "The board of insanity commissioners, consisting of Judge Carothers, Judge Sullivan and Dr. Engstad, met this morning to investigate the case of the young man whose unfortunate condition was reported yesterday. At the investigation the facts were developed that the young man's name is John Henry Perthe Stoeke, that he is a native of England, and that he came here a short time ago from Manitoba. It appears that he is very highly educated, conversing fluently in six different languages. His father is a professor in the university at Oxford. The young man's present condition is said to have been occasioned by too much studying when quite a young man. He was confined for a time in an asylum in England, being discharged as cured. Later after he came to Manitoba, he was confined in the barracks at Regina, but made his escape. His insanity is of a mild type, and is yet probably incurable. The board decided to return him to Manitoba.

THE NEW PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Contract for Construction Executed in Victoria, B. C.

A Victoria, B.C., correspondent writes:—"The contract between the provincial directors of the Canadian Western Railway and Mr. Frank Bakeman, trustee for the construction company, was executed recently, Messrs. R. P. Rithet, Thomas Earle, M.P.; E. G. Prior, M.P.; and Frank Barnard, M.P., signing the document on behalf of the railway company, the other two directors, Senator Ried and H. P. Bell, C.E., being absent from the city. Mr. Bakeman undertakes, on behalf of his company, to deposit with the Government a guarantee of \$50,000 for the expenditure of that sum in surveys the first year; and to form a construction company of sufficient capital to build and equip the line. This company takes over all land and money subsidies that are given in aid of the road."

In connection with this enterprise a Vancouver, B.C., paper pays this tribute to a well known Ottawa engineer:—"The gentlemen connected with the Canadian Western were fortunate in finding Marcus Smith, C.E., in Victoria, when they came to look into the prospects of the railway. Probably Mr. Smith knows as much about the country through which the road will pass as any man. He was in the government employ at the time the surveys were made through the mountains, and should be, and no doubt is, fully conversant with the character of the country through which the road will pass, for it is likely it will follow precisely the line as located for the Canadian Pacific Railway, but which was afterwards abandoned for the route through the Kicking Horse Pass."

The Tide of European Immigration.

The Winnipeg Tribune says that the immigration work of the Manitoba Government which has been so successful in the eastern provinces and in England and the United States is about to be pushed with fresh vigor in Germany, Norway and Sweden. No better step could be taken. "Thousands of immigrants," remarks the Tribune, "come annually from these countries to the United States and they are just the sort of people we want. Physically, mentally and morally they come of splendid stock; they readily become one with us; and they are well fitted to make successful and contented settlers. Those who emigrate are for the most part peasants. They are accustomed to hard work and inured to hardship. At home they have a climate not very different in rigor from our own. Coming to this country and becoming the owners of fertile land they greatly improve their lot, and at the same time make a valuable accession to our population. There is no reason why, with intelligent work such as the Government is doing elsewhere, we should not secure a large proportion of the hundreds of thousands who are sure to emigrate to this continent. We ought, indeed, to divert the greater part of that stream of immigration to this country, for the United States have now little to offer in the way of free land, while we have illimitable tracts of it."

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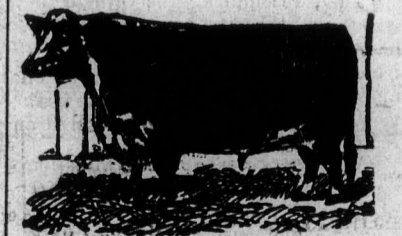
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