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seedling will be nearly finished in two weeks.

Salteats—Wheat more than half sown. Acreage to be sown compared with last year fully 50 per cent greater. No oats sown yet; acreage about the same as last year. Soil in good condition. The good prices for wheat last year has induced farmers to increase acreage as reported.

Yorkton—Wheat seeding completed. Some farmers report their wheat well up. Season fully three weeks ahead of last year. Acreage fully 20 per cent greater than last year. Oat seeding well advanced and will be completed by end of week. Acreage quite 25 per cent greater than last year.

Manufacturers Meet.

Toronto, May 5.—The twenty-second annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' association was held this afternoon. There was a great attendance. A. E. Kemp, president, delivered an address in which he claimed that the result of the elections could not be traced to a desire to throw off the national policy. He referred to reciprocity with the United States with disfavor, criticized the new tariff, saying an injustice was done to certain industries. He criticized adversely the clause relating to combines that associations to fix prices exist in transportation, insurance, and other lines, as well as in the United States manufacturers. He objected to the minimum tariff, saying that hitherto preferential trade discussions have gone on the basis that when Britain will give her colonies some advantage, they will give a preferential tariff. No demand has been made for this act on the part of Canada, so, why make it? He thought the tariff in Great Britain, if other colonies followed suit, would be the dropping of agitation to grant fiscal advantages to the colonies. He thought it would hurt the laboring classes and that German goods would be imported as British. If German and Belgian goods were admitted at the minimum he feared disastrous results. He spoke strongly in favor of St. Lawrence canal deepening.

The association adopted a resolution asking the government to take power to cancel or alter the schedule in case it should transpire that Great

Britain cannot accept it without admitting Germany and Belgium to its advantages, and to preserve protection to native industries, even under the minimum tariff. Another urged that the protection principle be maintained. Another protested against the clause relating to combines, as directed against manufacturers only, and taking the subject from the courts to a political body.

D. W. Kern Woodstock, was elected president; Ellis, Toronto, 1st vice, Jas. Kendrick, M. P., Peterboro, 2nd vice, Geo. Booth, Toronto, treasurer, J. J. Cassidy, Toronto, secretary.

DEMAND FOR OATS.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says the decline in the price of wheat has so far had no effect upon coarse grains in this market, especially as regards oats which are in active demand at firm prices, for export. Even Hul and Sutherland were calling like old Harry for them to-day at an advance of 3d to 6d per quarter, and we hear of considerable quantities changing hands on this market at 25 1-2c to 26 1-2c in store, the latter figure being paid for 60,000 bushels free storage to May 15th. We also know of 26c being refused for 100,000 bushels free storage till May 15th. Peas are firm at 50c in store and 51c afloat. There is some enquiry for rye which has changed hands in car lots at 41c in store. Buckwheat remains steady at 35 1-2c to 36c. Corn is quiet at 33c to 34c for yellow Ontario.

FREIGHT RATES AND TRAFFIC MATTERS.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "From Fort William to Montreal we quote 6c to 6 1-2c on wheat. Corn 3c from Chicago to Kingston, and 5c through to Montreal, the rate on wheat being 1-2c more. From Chicago to Prescott corn 3c to 3 1-4c, and on wheat 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c. From Kingston to Montreal 2 1-4c wheat, and 2c corn. Nearly all the ocean vessel space for grain has been secured for May and June, although a lot of 16,000 bushels was engaged to-day for Liverpool at 2s May shipment and 16,000 bushels for Glasgow at 1s 10 1-2d May shipment. For July shipment 1s 10 1-2d to 2s are the quoted rates for Liverpool and Glasgow, and 2s 3d asked, Bristol and London. Very little sack flour has been booked so far, and

the rates are 8s 6d Liverpool, 10s to 12s 6d London, 9s to 10s Glasgow, and 12s 6d Bristol. Butter and cheese rates are 20s Liverpool and London, and 25s Bristol and Glasgow, with 10s extra for refrigeration room as per Government contract. Cattle are quoted at 42s 6d to 45s for all ports, and horses 60s.

B. C. Mining News.

The chief topic of conversation in the mining world is the recent inaction of the provincial legislature disallowing anyone under eighteen years and not a British subject, to take out a free miner's license for the purpose of locating and developing mineral claims. Kootenay is full of mad Yankers, and they now realize what their own medicine tastes like, when administered in copious doses. Many claim that the legislature will be irresistably urged to repeal this act that the fate of Rossland and other mining sections in Kootenay depends on it. But the champions of the measure are men who do not change their minds, among them the premier, the attorney and the leader of the Opposition.

The snow is rapidly disappearing from the mountains, and a small army of prospectors left this week for Lillooet to swell the number already there. The Golden Cache have the road built to their mines, and the company for the mine has been started so that sooner than two months' operations will be commenced that will decide the fate of the camp. Mr. Macfarlane, the eminent mining engineer and F. C. S., has been inspecting the different claims in the district. He states that the Alpha Bell adjoining the Golden Cache, has undoubtedly the identical vein of the Golden Cache group besides other veins of promise. If this is the case, Alpha Bell will be invaluable to the seaboard.

Of the Golden Reef Company claim besides smaller veins there are three strong well defined ledges on the property. The middle vein can be traced right through the three properties in full size. The vein consists of very good white and rusty looking quartz. The main vein varies in width from six to fifteen feet, the walls being fairly well defined. The appearance of the ledge is excellent, and no work is done on it, there is no doubt ore will be struck. The locality is such that the work can be done very economically.