

WHEAT CROP WILL SMASH ALL RECORDS

Biggest Ever Known in America

There Will Be An Enormous Loss in Corn, However

riot Weather and Drought Has Bad Effect on Corn Prospects and Total Loss is Estimated at 621,000,000 Bushels—Oat Crop is Officially Reported Good.

Washington, Sept. 9.—An enormous loss in the prospective production of corn, and indications of the biggest wheat crop ever produced, were the features of the government September crop report issued this afternoon.

Hot weather and drought in a number of the principal corn growing states during the month ending September 1, has resulted in a deterioration of corn, which experts calculate has resulted in the loss of 621,000,000 bushels, reducing corn estimates to 4,377,000,000 bushels. This decrease in corn crop prospects is estimated to be about 800,000,000 bushels during July and August and brought the total up to 621,000,000 bushels, since the first estimate of corn crop prospects were made by the government.

Nebraska Hit Hardest.

Texas alone, of the six greatest corn growing states, held her own during August. Nebraska was hardest hit, the deterioration there during the month amounting to 80 per cent. In Missouri the condition of the crop is 77 per cent. of a normal. The loss in Missouri was 29 per cent, the crop being 41 per cent. of a normal. Kansas reported a condition of 10 per cent. of a normal, the lowest ever recorded and a loss of 20 per cent. during the month; Illinois, with the greatest average of any state, planted to corn, reported a loss of 10 per cent. Iowa reported 76 per cent., a loss of nine per cent.; Oklahoma 83 per cent., a loss of six per cent.

Beats All Records.

Never before in the history of the country has there been such a beautiful wheat harvest as has been gathered this year. This was due principally to the bumper crop of winter wheat. Today's government estimate of the wheat crop showed increased prospects for that crop, making total production 243,000,000 bushels, or an increase of 4.8 per cent. over the August estimate. This increase brought the estimate of total wheat crop of the country to 754,000,000 bushels, or six million bushels more than the record crop of 1901.

Oat crop prospects, too, showed an increase of 8.7 per cent. as a result of the conditions existing during August and the crop now is estimated at 1,060,000,000 bushels, or 80,000,000 bushels more than predicted in August.

Weather conditions during August caused deterioration which is estimated to have resulted in the loss of 14,000,000 bushels of potatoes, 35,000,000 bushels of tobacco, and 1,000,000 tons of hay. Barley, flax and rice seem to have escaped damage from the general drought during August, having remained unchanged.

Little relief from the heat and drought is held out by the weather bureau, which reported today that the general crop report was taken very generally one of the warmest ever known in the corn growing states, that little beneficial rain had fallen, and that the severe drought continued very generally.

CHANGES AMONG C. P. R. OFFICIALS AT WOODSTOCK

Lakeville Farmers, it is Said, Get Full Amount Demanded from Valley Railway People—A Distinguished Visitor.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 9.—Some changes, it is rumored, will take place among the local C. P. R. officials. Reuben Higerman, operator and ticket agent here, will be transferred to Florenceville as station agent, his place here to be filled by C. A. Simpson, T. P. Richardson, who has been agent at Florenceville, will be transferred to Canterbury to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harry Watts, who has gone west.

After looking into the case of the death of Mrs. William Gentle, Coroner Hay decided that an inquest was not necessary. The funeral of the unfortunate woman will be held tomorrow afternoon, with interment in the Methodist cemetery.

Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, who is a native of New Brunswick, will visit Woodstock and other Carleton county points next month.

The Lakeville farmers, who forcibly drove the Valley Railway officials from their lands, on account of damages not being settled, will, it is said, be paid in full the amount demanded. They agreed to arbitration, but the company has evidently decided on a settlement.

SUPREME COURT AT FREDERICTON

Only One Common Motion and But Few Appeal Cases on Docket.

Fredricton, Sept. 9.—The full bench of the Supreme Court on bench, Sir Frederic Barker, chief justice, presiding, was present at the opening of the September sittings this morning, with the exception of Judge Landry, whose condition is reported to be improving.

In the only common motion today Mr. Phinney, K. C., moved for a rule absolute for a certain appeal, a rule nisi to quash conviction against Frederick M. Anderson for selling liquor without license in the parish of Richibucto between June 21 and July 30th, 1913, the conviction having been entered on the 28th August before Robert H. Davis, stipendiary magistrate, who imposed a fine of \$50 and costs, \$39.20.

The ground of the application was that the evidence disclosed the sale of liquor by one and not intoxicating liquor—all the witnesses for the prosecution having testified that they did not buy any spirituous or intoxicating liquor from the applicant, Kent being a "wet" county this was a case under the Liquor License Act, but arising in a prohibited district of the county.

The contention of counsel was that appeal by certiorari was not taken away from defendant under the Liquor License Act, and that as parts A and B did not apply, and inasmuch as there was no evidence of unlawful sale the rule for a certiorari should issue.

The case was granted, returnable on second Friday of term with the usual order for service.

The court then adjourned till tomorrow morning.

The Docket.

The complete docket for the court—Appeal Paper, County Court.

Sweeney vs. DeGrace—N. A. Landry, K. C., for defendant, to support appeal from the order of the judge of the Gloucester County Court.

King's Bench Division.

Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company vs. Hicks—W. H. Harrison, for plaintiff, to move to set aside verdict for defendant and to enter verdict for plaintiff, or for a new trial.

McGraw vs. Garson—J. King, K. C., for plaintiff, to move to set aside a verdict for plaintiff, and to enter a verdict for defendant, or for a new trial.

Mersereau vs. Swim—A. A. Davidson, K. C., for the defendant, the like.

Groundwater vs. Waterman—W. B. Chandler, K. C., for defendant, the like.

Chancery Division.

Fredricton & Grand Lake Coal & Railway Co. vs. Harding et al.—F. H. Peters, for defendant, to support appeal from the judgment and decree of Justice McLeod.

Some cases on the docket will go over till the November sittings of the court.

The only case of local interest is the Gibson, v. Minto Railway expropriation matter, in which the owner of the land, James Harding, of Margerville, now appeals to the full court.

RECENT I. C. R. CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS

Moncton, Sept. 8.—Among recent I. C. R. changes are the following: Harry Morrison, transferred from the general offices here to the office of the divisional engineer at Truro; Alex. Burns, of Moncton, transferred to the same office; it is understood Harold Keith is to be transferred from the office here to the divisional headquarters at Campbellton; D. A. Sennan has been appointed bridge and building master of the Halifax-St. John district of the I. C. R.; J. P. Peterson has been appointed roadmaster of the St. John to Point du Chene district, in place of A. H. Somers, who has taken the position of roadmaster of the New Brunswick section of the Trans-Canada railway; C. W. Archibald, Halifax-Stellerton district of the I. C. R., with headquarters at Truro; William McGrath, relieving agent on the Intercolonial eastern lines, is still acting as temporary agent at Amherst, the position here having been rendered vacant by the appointment of Mr. Fitzgibbon as assistant superintendent of the North Shore division. There are several applications for the vacancy at Amherst.

CHURCH DEDICATED BARN AT DIGBY

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TARIFF BILL PASSES UNITED STATES SENATE

Vote Stands Forty-four to Thirty-seven

Some Surprises in Final Moments of the Struggle

Senators La Follette and Poindexter Vote With the Democrats—A Political Sacrifice, Says Wisconsin Senator—Good Effect on Business in General is Predicted.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The Democratic tariff bill passed the senate at 4:48 o'clock this afternoon by a vote of 44 to 37, amid a burst of applause that swept down from crowded galleries and through the white man's heart. Street attempts to go to the rescue of the bill were kept by the Esquimos for several months but finally reached the ears of the Mounted Police at Chesterfield two months ago, and a special detail has been sent in to investigate the story.

From Commissioner Perry, of the Mounted Police at Regina today a message was received by the Esquimos stating that the commissioner had received word from the superintendent at Chesterfield giving another account of the tragedy. According to this version, brought to Chesterfield by an Eskimo, it would appear that the murder had occurred not at Schults Lake, but after the party had reached their temporary destination at Vahhurst Inlet and was proceeding to Fort MacKenzie on route to the Yukon. The Eskimo whose name is Akulak, stated that the fight took place near Vahhurst on June 5, 1912, and that both Hadford and Strating were killed in the manner already detailed.

While regarding the story of the Eskimo as apparently authentic because of its circumstantial character, the Mounted Police authorities are not inclined to give it complete credence as native stories are frequently magnified and distorted in telling, traveling as they do from one head to another in the course of their chance meetings. What gives hope that the men may be alive is the fact that on July 22 last Howard Allen, a traveler from the Arctic reported in Edmonton that he had heard that Hadford was alive and well at Herschel Island, but no mention of Strating was made.

Street is a son of C. F. Street, of this city. He played football on the Ottawa College team which won the inter-collegiate championship in 1907.

FIGURES SHOW COST OF LIVING STILL GOING UP

Ottawa Officials Who Compile the Statistics See Little Hope of Relief—The Cause That is Given for the Advance Last Month.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—The cost of living index number for August 1913, as compiled by the Ottawa officials, shows a further increase in the average cost of living for the month. The figures were 138.83 for July, and 139.23 for August. This is a three-point increase in August over the figure for July, which was 136.93. "And," say the officials at the labor department who compile the average cost of prices every month, "the prospects for any prospect of a drop in the average cost of commodities classified under the list of necessities of life are not very bright."

The cause for the advance in the average cost last month was principally due to the increase in price of potatoes, eggs, canned lobsters, anthracite coal, grain and fodder. Such things as beef, lamb, butter, lake trout, whitefish, canned peas, and coffee dropped a few points. Meats are a little higher in price than they were a year ago, but grain and fodder are lower.

BRANTFORD, ONT., BOY A VICTIM OF HORRIBLE CRIME

Brantford, Ont., Sept. 9.—After a day's unceasing work, Acting Chief Wallace and High Constable Kerr this evening arrested James Taylor in a connection with the case of Charles Dawson, a 12-year-old boy of Egan Place, who was brutally slashed body was found by the coroner in a back yard this morning. Taylor will appear in the police court tomorrow on a charge of aggravated assault. The Dawson boy was the victim of a horrible crime. When Roy Mianer, employed by Martin Bend Farm, discovered the body this morning, he found that the throat had been cut so deep as to sever the windpipe. There are no less than twelve stab wounds in the chest and three in the face. The throat wound, although not fatal, was along a fatal. The wounds in the chest, done with an ordinary pocket knife, were made after life had left the child's body.

Coroner Rappaport has ordered an inquest for 9 o'clock Monday afternoon, and a number of witnesses are being subpoenaed. A post-mortem has not yet been made.

Discovered before 9 o'clock, the body remained unidentified until about 3 o'clock this afternoon, when a schoolmate, George Davidson, and the father, John Davidson, identified the remains.

Taylor's supposed connection with the case is based on the fact that he lived a night at Anguish's livery, and is said to have had Charles Dawson with him at 9 o'clock.

Important Business Matters Discussed Tuesday—Various Grants Recommended for Mission Work—Public Service Last Evening.

Methodists Meet at Westfield

Westfield, Sept. 9.—The Methodist financial district meeting for St. John and vicinity was held in the Methodist church at Westfield yesterday, and important business was transacted and plans made for the benefit of district missions.

Rev. H. E. Thomas presided, with Rev. J. J. Pinhorn acting as financial secretary, and those present included ministers from St. John, Hampton, Sussex, Apohaqui, Springfield, Newton, St. Martins, Welsford, Jerusalem and Long Reach, besides lay delegates elected by each circuit represented by ministers.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, who recently accepted the call to Centenary church, was extended a cordial welcome on the occasion of his first meeting in the district.

Rev. George Steele, superintendent of missions, spoke on the relation of the missionary society to district missions, and called attention to the fact that the circuits were moving towards independence from the mission board at Toronto.

Various grants were recommended in aid of missions of the district, and conversation took place on the state of the work in the district and plans were prepared for the spiritual advancement of the circuits.

A committee was appointed to investigate and arrange for religious services for Methodists who spend the summer outside their circuits, and members of the church who have camps removed from centres of activity will be pleased to learn that, in future, they will be able to keep in touch with the church at all times.

The Methodist ministers of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland will attend at the invitation of the board, and they will be accompanied by delegates elected from the districts represented.

Percy J. Steele has been chosen representative for St. John district, with Joshua Clewton, alternate.

The evening session at Westfield consisted of public service, during which Rev. W. H. Barraclough spoke on certain aspects of evangelism, and the meeting concluded with sacramental service.

The delegates returned on the evening train.

TAKEN ASHORE WITH BABY IN ARMS

Boston Man Has Thrilling Experience When Six-master Strikes on Carolina Coast.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 9.—The crew of the six-master schooner, George W. Wells, from Boston to Fernandina, wrecked on the lower North Carolina coast, September 8 last, were landed here today by the rescue cutter Onondaga with the exception of Captain J. H. York and Mate Gus Green, who remained on the wreck pending advice from the Wells owners. With the crew were landed Jefferson Griffin, a Boston surface condenser, Griffin's wife and two-year-old child, who were passengers when the steamer struck; another woman and her two daughters, kinship of Captain York, remained on the coast to come through with the latter.

The captain, his wife and baby had started on a six-week vacation trip on the schooner Wells. Griffin, who was brought ashore on the coast during a storm in the breeches buoy with his baby in his arms, fainted as he reached the beach. All are now well.

TEN SHOW GIRLS SERENADE THAW

Cheer Him as Train Pulls Out

Turkey-trot Up and Down on the Station Platform

Prisoner Laughs and Claps His Hands—Thaw Enjoys Stroll With Guards Through Fields Back of the Jail—Justice McKee Not Satisfied.

Coaticook, Sept. 9.—Harry K. Thaw, stood on a hill overlooking Coaticook this evening, and watched the setting sun. High grass brushed his knees, night birds fluttered in a patch of woods nearby. It was the first outing of the kind the slayer of Stanford White had had in nearly seven years.

In the asylum at Mattawan, from which he escaped more than three weeks ago, Thaw had to take his exercise in a courtyard, but when he asked for an airing here today his guards led him up the hill to the west of the village and for nearly half an hour they strolled through the tangled grass and weeds.

Thaw's cheeks were glowing and he was laughing when, at dusk, he ascended the stairs to the immigration pen on the railway station. He wore no overcoat, but the air was chill and he had his coat collar turned up. He hunched over the steps two at a time, and dined heartily on a roast partridge, shot hereabouts by a local physician, and sent to the prisoner today with the compliments of the doctor.

Reports reached Coaticook tonight from Montreal that Thaw's lawyers might desire his presence there on Thursday, four days before he is brought before the king's bench on the writ of habeas corpus. Thaw said he knew nothing of their plans and was waiting for word from the immigration officers. He added that he had received a telephone message from his mother, Mrs. Mary Corley Thaw, and his sister, Mrs. Grace Carnegie, now in Montreal. They had told him, he said, that they purposed giving out a statement on the case there tonight.

James McKee, the justice of peace who signed the warrant for the arrest of William Travers Jerome, acquitted last night on a charge of gambling, said that Magistrate Mulvena, of Sherbrooke, had acted legally in presiding at the hearing, and that McKee would consult counsel to determine whether the case could be re-opened. "I may call the case on Thursday, the time to which I have reserved it," said the justice.

"There is no case to call," said Mr. Jerome has been discharged," said A. C. Hanson, the joint prosecutor. "I understand some of the hot-headed townspeople are raising a fund to appeal from the acquittal. This is, of course, ridiculous. They have a right, however, to lay any grievance they have before the attorney-general."

Government Deals With Much Routine Business at Its Meetings Tuesday—The Valley Railway.

Wednesday, Sept. 10.

A regular passenger service will be inaugurated on the Fredericton and Grand Lake railway, within a few days, according to an announcement made by the representative of the railroad at the government meeting yesterday. The report said that all the steel had been laid and that coal trains had been running over the line for some time, although all the ballasting was not yet done.

At the meeting, which lasted from 9 o'clock yesterday morning until 12 o'clock last night, the resignation of W. O. Wright, parish court commissioner for the parish of Hopewell, Albert county, and that of E. Neidau, police magistrate of St. Leonard's, were read and formally accepted.

Among the petitions for incorporation granted was the Kings Square Realty Company, Limited, St. John. Others were the Reid Fur Farms, Limited, Melrose Black Fox Company, Limited, and supplementary papers, authorizing further stock issues, were granted to the City Land Investment Company, Limited, The Standard, Limited, and Vassie & Company, Limited.

Agricultural societies in the following places applied for letters of incorporation: Parishes of Hopewell and Harvey, Albert county, and the Parish of Wellington, Kings county.

Progress estimate No. 9, from the contractors in charge of the building of the Valley railway, was read and approved. The report said that about \$800,000 worth of work had been accomplished by the company during the months of July and August. Steel has been laid, according to the report, from Fredericton to Upper Gagetown, and from Woodstock to Lindsay stations the latter being a distance of about ten miles.

The work of constructing the bridge is going forward at full speed. Other matters occupying the attention of the government besides routine work were several appointments, which were read and published. The report of the hospital board was read and approved. When the meeting adjourned Premier Fleming had sat practically fifteen consecutive hours.

DEAL SHIPMENTS FROM MIRAMICHI NEARING A CLOSE

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 8.—Yesterday was the eighth anniversary of the opening of St. Leo's church, and appropriate exercises were held commemorative of the day. Rev. G. M. Young, who was pastor of the church from 1897 to 1900, was the preacher at both the morning and evening services. Another feature of the services was the excellent singing of a large choir with Miss Ellis at the organ. Prof. Fitch is expected to arrive here in a month's time to act as permanent organist.

With one steamer for the J. B. Snow, and two for E. E. Neale, and one for the Miramichi Lumber Co., for all the shipment of long lumber from the port of Chatham will practically close for the season. The reason for the early cessation of shipment is due to the very high rates of freight that are being demanded by steamship owners. The season, although short, has been a busy one and a large amount of lumber has been shipped from the Miramichi this summer. At the present time, or at least when the coming steamers have taken their loads, there is expected to be long lumber on the wharves of the river.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following transfers have been recorded:

C. S. Lambert to D. S. Clarke, property on Union street.

J. A. McGivery to Letitia Kealy, property on Union street.

Margaret McManus and others to Edward Hogan, property on Westmorland road.

Catharine Murray to C. R. Smith, property at the corner of Pitt and Elliott row.

E. A. Pidgeon to Amanda J. Pidgeon, property on Main street.

Critical Condition

Halifax, Sept. 9.—C. J. Coll, general manager of the Cape Breton Coal, Iron & Railway Company, was stricken with pneumonia poisoning here today, and was removed to the hospital in a critical condition.