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NEVER SAW BETTER CROPS IN NORTHERN ALBERTA

Testimony of J. R. Boyle, M.P.P. of Grain in District North East of Edmonton—Member Returned Monday

FIELD OF SPRING WHEAT STANDING FOUR FEET HIGH

Fall Wheat Everywhere a Fine Crop—Good Growth of Straw and Grain—Stand Thick on the Ground

Out Crop Will be Good Average, With Some Very Heavy Yields—Bound-Up Crop of Native Hay, Upland and Blue-Joint Settlement Proceeding Rapidly

J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., returned Monday from a week's trip through the eastern part of Sturgeon constituency. He visited the districts of Lamoureux, Sturgeonville, Egmont, Red Water, Coakville, Succor Creek, Badway Centre, Pine Creek, North Bank, returning by the Victoria trail on the north side of the river.

"I have never seen better crops in Northern Alberta than are growing in that part of the country this year," was Mr. Boyle's way of summing up the crop situation in general in the country traversed.

Wheat and Barley Excellent.

"The wheat, both fall and spring, and barley, are exceptionally heavy. If no hard wind storms come to lodge the grain there will be some very large yields of these grains. Fields of fall wheat were seen as far east as range 20. The farmers are beginning to recognize that fall wheat is a sure crop in this country and are going into it more generally and extensively every season. The bulk of the wheat is of the variety of the spring variety. I met a number of farmers who were inquiring where they could get fall wheat, seed to sow this year.

Some Fine Fields.

"Mr. Chamberlain, of Sturgeonville and Fernside Bros., of the same place, have very fine crops of spring wheat and oats.

"Mr. Hinkley, at Red Water, has a particularly fine field of fall wheat just turning and is very good. It is ideal in the length of straw and stands thick and uniform. It should be good from thirty to forty bushels, to the acre.

"Harry Smalley, of the same settlement, also has an excellent field.

"John Karras, of Coakville, has a large field of spring wheat which is as heavy a crop as it seems possible should stand. The wheat stands about four feet high, stood out well, and the stalks are as thick, seemingly, as they can stand. It looks good for over forty bushels to the acre.

"Charles Cook, of the same place, has spring wheat about as good.

"At Succor Creek Mr. Sweet has a large field of fall wheat that is hard to beat. It will be ready to cut probably in ten days.

"Beyond Succor Creek wheat is not grown so largely as in the nearer settlements, the bulk of the crop being oats and barley. The fields of wheat were seen, however, were in excellent condition, quite as good as that nearer town.

Average Crop of Oats.

"The crop of oats in the districts promises about an average yield, though some fields were seen which promise a very heavy yield. Steve Pellet at Succor Creek has a remarkably fine field, the growth being good and the crop standing thick. Late sown oats seem to be rather better than those sown early, the doubtless to the fact that they get away to a good start with the coming of the rains soon after seeding.

"Barley appears to be a uniformly good crop in all the sections visited.

Bumper Crop of Native Hay.

of people on the trail going in looking for homesteads. A sub-land agency is located at Pine Creek post office, which has been doing a thriving business for the last year or so.

Thickly Settled Country.

"The most of the homesteads comparatively close to the trail have been taken. There is no C. P. R. or other land reserved in the district, and from Edmonton to the eastern limit of the Sturgeon constituency one

Boys Cadet Corps at Edmonton Beach

A Most Enjoyable Two Weeks Spent at This Holiday Resort—Camp Broke Up on Saturday and the Members of the Corps Returned Home.

Some days ago Archdeacon Gray gave The Bulletin readers a descriptive account of the first week's experiences in the Boys' Brigade Camp at Edmonton Beach. Following is a story from the Archdeacon of the last week's adventures by the boys who returned to the city last Saturday.

We gave you a brief account of the boys' brigade camp up to Sunday night and will now complete the story of our trip. After the deluge of Saturday night and the showers of Sunday we welcomed the really warm sunny day which followed.

On Monday morning the scouts were busy with signalling work, while the cadets were practising at keeping cover, the game being played as follows: An officer takes up a position on a hill with two cadets, who are instructed to keep a sharp lookout for the approach of an enemy. The skirmishers, starting about a mile away, creep up to this position, and each boy who succeeds in getting within 200 yards of the position, unobserved, receiving a prize. This proved a popular game and was repeated by the scouts in the afternoon, being in each case succeeded by bathing parade.

Games and Drill.

Thursday was occupied in a similar way, and the rest of the week, with games and drill. And the morning of any was relieved by various incidents of note—e.g., when the plum duff burst the pudding cloth and the deftness of the cook converted the spoiled pudding into a delicious dish.

But our most startling experience was the hallooing on Wednesday night. The wind blew a hurricane, the rain came down in torrents, and the hall threatened to rip the tents to pieces, and for twenty minutes the whole camp was in a precarious situation. But the young troops were equal to the occasion and stood to their tent poles through the storm. As soon as it was over an inspection of the camp revealed the fact that No. 2 section had been swamped out and their tent poles blown away. They could be for the rest of the night, but through the storm had a damp effect upon the bedding. It had no effect upon the spirits of the camp, as was quickly indicated by the cheery answers to the inspecting officers' inquiries at each tent.

Sports Day.

Friday was sports day—and a bad day—but in spite of the rain the programme was carried out, including running, jumping, swimming and diving competitions, a football match, a baseball match and concluding with a

CONDEMNNS HIGH LICENSES.

Earl Grey Says Tenacity Is to Cause Hotels to Look for Business.

London, July 19.—It is stated that Earl Grey has been strongly urged on the question of the desirability of settling the Irish question along Federal lines.

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passed through a country which has a homestead on almost every quarter section, odd and even. There is no better settled section in Alberta or in the whole Canadian West.

New Schools.

"A large number of new school districts during the last year and a considerable number of school houses erected. The buildings are uniformly substantial and attractive."

SIR WILFRID MEETS THE GRAIN GROWERS

Resolutions Dealt With the Tariff, Reciprocity, Terminal Elevators and Hudson's Bay Railway—Premier Expresses His Sympathy With Association at Conference at Brandon.

Brandon, Man., July 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed his sympathy with the Grain Growers' Manitoba Association at a large meeting in the city hall here this evening, when grain growers from all parts of the province flocked into the city to impress their wishes upon him.

Several important memorials were laid before Sir Wilfrid. The first, presented by Roderick Mackenzie, the secretary, dealt with the tariff and the tariff, and it contended that nothing had so greatly retarded the progress of the west as the elements of protection. It suggested that the government should so frame the tariff as to permit free trade with the whole world, more particularly with Great Britain and the United States. The western farmers do not want any protection for their own products, nor do they seek such favor upon any other or preferential advantages which enhance the cost of living to the British artisans.

Trade With the U. S.

The second paper emphasized the need of reciprocity between the United States and Canada. The paper says: "There are no trade relations our government could enter into with any other country which would be so beneficial to the west as the farmers of the West than a wider measure of reciprocity towards the United States, in intimate manufacturing articles and the marketed products of both countries. Such a trade policy would give to the Canadian farmer a larger market in which to sell and a cheaper market in which to buy. We have made arrangements to extend our trade with Germany, France, Italy and various other countries, which is all right, but why not make an effort to enlarge our trade with the 90,000,000 people right at our very door."

Terminal Elevators.

The next memorial dealt with the subject of terminal elevators. It condemned the present system and pointed out by the manipulation of such goods on Canada's reputation in Great Britain of having the best wheat in the world was severely jeopardized. The value of Canadian wheat depends on its quality and its reputed quality depends on its milling value. Tampering with the wheat was not the only effect upon the spirits of the west, as was quickly indicated by the cheery answers to the inspecting officers' inquiries at each tent.

Memorials Would be Considered.

Sir Wilfrid, in replying to the demands of the grain growers, said he was only too glad to meet representatives of the people. "I am one of the common people myself," he said. "I said, some years ago that I was a democrat up to the hilt and I have nothing to take back now. It is true that the government should secure a handle to my name, but I can assure you that I am just the same man. The badge of office is nothing to me. Such things there must be. But I pray you to believe that the same heart still beats in my bosom." He promised that he would give the memorials the greatest consideration when he got back to Ottawa, where both he and his colleagues would discuss them. He said that he would already bring the elevator question some consideration and had come to the conclusion that as to terminal elevators the farmers of the West have grievances which can and must be relieved. In regard to the mixing of wheat, the government have made up their minds. Now that it has been double-tracked all the way to Montreal there is a remedy. He said he had no reason why it should not be had open mind on the government elevator large portion of the wheat shipped.

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To Fight Langford or Burns.

to be approved to succeed the late Mr. Grey on the railway. The commission should be one of the farming community. The minister of railways had assured them that the work of the construction of the Hudson's Bay railway was already being expedited.

SUING THE WRIGHTS.

Toronto Aviation Meet Not Financially Satisfactory.

Ontario, July 18.—The International Aviation Association have entered suit against the Wright company, of Dayton, Ohio, for \$40,000 damages for breach of contract in connection with the furnishing of aeroplanes and aviators for the recent meet in Toronto. Through failure of the Wright company to carry out their contract the association claims they were unable to give an exhibition which would compare favorably with that given in Montreal. As a result, the association claims they were only about a quarter of the amount received in Montreal, whereas they would have been much larger.

A CHANGED SCENE IN NEW BRUNSWICK TOWN

A Week Ago Thousands of Citizens Gathered in the Churches in Campbellton, While Last Sunday Only a Few Met at the Rains in Divine Service.

Campbellton, N. B., July 18.—It seems barely possible that only last Sunday night some thousands of people, happy and contented, inhabitants of the thriving town of Campbellton were comfortably seated in cozy little churches while tonight only about 500 remain to gaze upon a pile of ashes all that remains in the place of the fire of the following evening.

Tonight there was no church and the good people who were present at the worship of their God last Sunday are now widely scattered in various sections of the country. Some have even gone as far as the western coast, while others have but crossed the home river, but at all events it would be impossible to assemble tonight over 500 of the worshippers of a week ago.

Sufferers Held Service.

The sufferers still remaining, however, did not forget their faith, but in a service held by the Rev. Mr. G. Service was held both by the Catholics and Protestants, the former on the site of their church of Our Lady of the Snows and the latter in the school grounds.

Rev. Mr. Drumma, pastor of the Presbyterian church, returned yesterday from a tour of inspection, where he collected more than \$1,500 for the sufferers. The militia were given no rest today. Some of them watched a case of cholera in a man named McNeily, which was seized and placed in custody. It is useless to try to sell liquor in Campbellton, openly as all licenses were cancelled by Premier Hazen on the request of Mayor Murray.

There seems to be plenty of provisions on hand for the present consumption. The relief work is being well conducted. The work of permanent rebuilding on the part of many of the sufferers will in many cases not be decided upon until the problem of the bonded indebtedness is disposed of.

MINNAPOLIS.

Minneapolis, July 18.—A party of grain and railroad men returned yesterday afternoon from a trip over the entire belt of North Dakota by special train. The best posted grain men in the party tells me that in his opinion North Dakota will be lucky to get 25,000,000 bushels of wheat this year. The southern crop of North Dakota is very fair, but the balance is a quantity. Yesterday and the day before were extremely hot, temperatures in their car ranging from 100 to 111 both days, and even today are warm even for the region. While we are not out of the woods on crops in North Dakota and the southern half of Minnesota, where we have a think south of the Northwest, are practically out of danger. This is the first official report of the crop, from well informed sources, is 125,000,000. From information it is hardly possible that the three states can raise more than 150,000,000 with which we are not getting.

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WILL RELAX RULES A BIG COAL FIELD A MAGIC GARDEN

TO RELIEVE SITUATION.

Immigration Regulations Will Be Partly Suspended to Enable Railroad Builders to Enter the Country.

Ottawa, Ont., July 19.—Owing to the great scarcity of railway laborers, it has been decided to admit from all countries, except Asia, railway laborers who are mentally, morally and physically fit, willing to work, and who are guaranteed employment by railway contractors or railway companies, irrespective of money qualifications or direct journey.

This means that for the time being railway construction men are placed in practically the same position, so far as immigration regulations are concerned, as farm laborers have been in the past.

It also means that contractors in the prairie provinces and on the Pacific coast will be able to secure large numbers of Scandinavians and other first class construction men, who, under the strict interpretation of the immigration regulations might be barred, either for lack of the required \$25 or for not coming from the country of their birth or naturalization.

CONDITIONS OF CROPS IN WESTERN STATES

Grain Men Tell of Results of Inspection of Wheat States North and South Dakota and Minnesota Will Raise About 150 Millions.

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TO THE WEST OF EDMONTON.

Brazosa Collieries, Limited, Will Spend \$2,000,000 in Developing Coal Deposits in the Foothills.

German Development Company Will Immediately Develop Coal Areas West of This City—Party of Capitalists and Engineers Leaving for Fields—To Be on Branch Line.

"We intend to spend more than \$2,000,000 in the development of the Brazosa coal fields in the next eighteen months. It is our intention to make our property the model mining company of the west."

This speaks Martin Nordberg, managing director of the Brazosa Collieries, Limited, which owns immense tracts of coal land extending from the Athabasca south through the mountains to Lagan, to the Bulletin Monday morning.

Will Take Out Party.

Dr. Nordberg arrived in the city Sunday, accompanied by C. L. Howler, the general manager of the company, who has been over the coal fields several months ago. There are also in the party F. G. Greene, of Cleveland, Ohio; J. Stanley, of London, England; J. E. Church, of Blairmore, and H. R. Ayers, of St. Paul, and twelve workmen.

The party will leave this morning by special train for the Mackenzie where they will begin a month's inspection of the company's properties. They will come out at Inisfail about the middle of August. This is the first official inspection of the properties. They will go out by special train, having failed to connect with the regular, which now leaves on Monday, instead of Tuesday.

"We will open up offices in Edmonton immediately upon our return," said the general manager, C. L. Howler, to the Bulletin.

"We have now about fifty men employed in the opening up of seams in three different places. We will be starting out on the coal fields by December 1st, 1911, over the Canadian Northern branch, now under construction from Stettler by way of Lacombe and by the Wolf Creek branch from the Canadian northern main line to the Coast.

Same as Crow's Nest.

"How does your coal compare with the Crow's Nest?" Mr. Howler, who is an expert in bituminous coal, was asked.

"It is far better," he said at first with a laugh, and then he modified his remark by saying: "Frankly speaking, it is practically the same as the Crow's Nest. It is just as good."

Both Mr. Nordberg and Mr. Howler are men of few words, and it was only after much questioning that they could be induced to give any particulars of their development schemes.

Interested in the Oakes Experiment.

It is generally known that the German Development Company are interested in a number of other big tracts, east of the city. The interests of McKenzie & Mann, in addition to the Canadian Northern, are also diversified.

That the Brazosa Collieries, Ltd. plans will result in great development to the district west of Edmonton there is no doubt.

STRIKE SETTLED WITH BOTH CLAIMING A WIN

The Employees' General Committee Reach a Basis of a Settlement With General Manager Myers, of the Pennsylvania Railway.

Philadelphia, July 19.—With both sides claiming a victory, the threatened strike of the conductors and trainmen on the Pennsylvania Railroad, east of Pittsburgh, was amicably settled when the employees' general committee met with General Manager Myers and agreed upon a basis of wages and working conditions.

IN THE BEAVER HILLS.

Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Plants Acclimated at Easton's Clover Bar Nursery—Owner Believes Apple Trees Can Be Successfully Grown—Other Fruit Experiments.

"By and by I believe apple trees will follow men into the Arctic circle, though it's coming slow," said Robert Easton, owner of the Clover Bar Nursery to a representative of the Bulletin who visited his farm, twelve miles due east of Edmonton, on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Easton has for several years past been indefatigable in his efforts to acclimate fruit trees which thrive in eastern Canada, such as the apple, pear, peach and plum. At considerable expense he has imported many varieties of each kind and as a reward for his labor has now apple trees and plum trees bearing fruit. These trees have not been raised by hot-house methods. Mr. Easton believes that the only way to bring outdoor plants to hardiness is to let them take care of themselves. So all the trees that stand on the Easton nursery have had to struggle without artificial protection of any kind.

Propagates Climate-Proof Trees.

Once the acclimated plants or trees have become acclimated, Mr. Easton believes that he has conquered their particular species. From the seed of these plants there can be grown invariably plants that will thrive as though they were indigenous to the climate in which the parent plant struggled for existence. From his apple and plum trees this year he looks for seed from which hardy, climate-proof trees can be propagated.

Mr. Easton has also some healthy specimens of Siberian crab apple trees ten years old which were raised from seedlings. Some of these were about a foot high, many bloom next year.

Peach, Pear and Cherry Trees.

Peach trees, pear trees and cherry trees in various stages of growth are making hopeful progress. They have still a long and dangerous road to travel before they reach the point of comparative security attained by the apple and plum trees. Some could not attack them, or any of the hundred and one plant diseases to which imported plants are subject in a strange soil.

A Great Crop of Currants.

The currant and gooseberry bushes are the most practical producing plants on the Easton nursery. There two thousand five-year-old currant bushes of the red, white and black varieties are now in full bearing. The branches of the bushes hang low with their weight of berries. Mr. Easton estimates his currant crop this year at sixty bushels to the acre.

Oaks Bearing Acorns.

Mr. Easton has succeeded in acclimating many varieties of trees. It is his ambition to acclimate some of the mighty giants of the forest, such as the oak. Half a thousand young burr-oak trees are now bearing acorns on the Clover Bar Nursery.

Lost Four of Ten Thousand.

Ten years ago Mr. Easton put out ten thousand box elders or Manitoba maples. Today they stand a big grove of trees. "Out of the lot I have lost but three or four," are the words in which Mr. Easton describes the hardiness of this species of tree.

Experimenting with trees is a costly business. As an example, a couple of years ago Mr. Easton purchased in Illinois a dozen Siberian maples at a cost of a dollar each. Today but one of these trees is standing, representing in itself the aggregate value of the other eleven. The same is true of many varieties of trees, even those which are ultimately acclimated.

Ornamental Trees.

A beautiful new set of spruce trees, eight years old, is an object of interest on the Nursery Farm. Russian poplars standing ten feet high spread their luxuriant foliage abroad. These are four years old and were raised from parent trees.

The Caragana, or Siberian pear tree, has done remarkably well. It is an ornamental, flowering tree, a beautiful golden yellow in spring. There are thousands of these trees on the nursery farm, all grown from seed.

White Elm trees are growing plentifully, as are pine trees of the Pinus ponderosa family, natives of the Sierra Nevada. Mugho Pines, dwarf trees, (Continued on Page Two.)