

PRAIRIE WHEAT GRADING WELL

Inspectors' Returns at Winnipeg Make Fairly Satisfactory Showing

LARGE PERCENTAGE GOOD

More Than Three-Fourths Found to Be No. 3 Northern or Better

Winnipeg, Sept. 30.—The pessimist who since the commencement of harvest has been devoting most of his energy to knocking the crop and generally decrying the country must have received a rude jolt last week if he devoted any time to the study of the inspection returns, showing the receipt of wheat having been grading to date.

During the past week the movement of grain, retarded by late cutting and threshing, became quite free, and for the first time the public has been given an idea of the quality of the crop just harvested. The returns of inspectors as far made were indicative that the pessimist's opinion is not being borne out by the results, as only a very small percentage of the wheat is grading low. The facts are that during the week commencing on Monday, Sept. 23, and ending yesterday, 851 cars of new wheat were inspected at Winnipeg. Of these no less than 712, or over 83 per cent., graded No. 3 northern or better, a splendid showing under which the great proportion of the crop was harvested. During each day of the week in question the percentage of No. 1 northern wheat inspected has been greater than any other grades, with No. 2 northern second, but always some distance away.

Saturday and Sunday were typical examples. On the former, out of 184 cars of new wheat inspected 157 went No. 3 northern or above, of which two cars were hard, 85 cars No. 1 northern, 55 cars No. 2 northern and 15 cars No. 3 northern. On Sunday 172 cars were inspected, of which 140 went No. 3 northern or better, as follows: One car No. 1 hard, 71 cars No. 1 northern, 57 cars No. 2 northern and 21 cars No. 3 northern.

Grain men unite in expressing the opinion that the showing so far made is a remarkably good one, and all are highly pleased at the results obtained.

EXPECTS A BALANCE ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Secretary Smart of Exhibition Expects That Receipts Will Be More Than Expenditure

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The exhibition offices were thronged all day yesterday with exhibitors awaiting the prizes won during last week's competition at the fair, and Secretary J. E. Smart was kept busy from the time he entered the office until he left, in a temporary lull he found time to say in conversation with a reporter for the Colonist that the exhibition had been the most successful in the history of the most successful. He believed it was very probable that when the accounts had all been straightened out that a balance would be found on the right side of the ledger—something unprecedented in the history of the local exhibition.

In past years the association has always been assisted in the holding of the fair by subscriptions solicited from the local merchants, and this year was the first time an attempt had been made to put it on a self-sustaining basis. No subscriptions at all had been asked for, and the association was making the experiment of running it on a business basis. The exceptional attendance, which has surpassed even the most sanguine expectations of the committee, had brought the receipts up to a point that made it possible to quit with a balance to the good.

It will take some weeks to straighten out matters and pay off outstanding accounts, but it is thought that the receipts will more than offset expenditures. It is not expected that there will be any large surplus, but if there is any at all the committee is of opinion that it will be a gratifying congratulation in view of past experiences.

BANK CLEARINGS MANY PEOPLE MEET PRESIDENT AT ROYAL CITY

Figures for Past Nine Months Show Big Increase Over Previous Year

(From Wednesday's Daily)

From January 1 up to and including September 30, the local bank clearings aggregated \$48,434,163, compared with \$31,370,852 for the corresponding period last year. Not a single month this year shows a retarding increase over the corresponding month in 1906, and in fact with three months left to go, the clearings up to date this year are but five millions behind those for the full twelve months. This steady increase in the bank figures, month after month, is a gratifying testimony to the progress which Victoria is making in a business way. Clearings have been termed the barometer of trade and as such indicate the commercial prosperity of a city. This growth in local bank clearings has been consistent. In 1904 the year's total was \$33,070,005; in 1905 they had increased to \$38,890,464, and in 1906 the total was \$45,715,615. This year it is safe to say that the figures will be well over the \$50,000,000 mark.

In September the clearings totalled \$4,422,859, compared with \$3,874,997 for the same month in 1906; \$3,472,563 in 1905, and \$2,684,172 in 1904. Clearings for each month of the present year as compared with the same month last year are given below:

1907	1906
January . . . \$ 2,809,609	\$ 3,516,424
February . . . 2,750,817	2,870,215
March . . . 4,069,607	3,872,215
April . . . 4,854,411	3,272,826
May . . . 4,232,411	3,232,411
June . . . 4,848,161	2,932,569
July . . . 5,208,523	3,845,657
August . . . 5,028,572	4,781,446
September . . . 4,422,859	3,874,997
Total (9 Mos.)	40,634,163
	\$1,370,852

MINING CO'S BIG PAY-ROLL

Consolidate of Canada, Ltd., Pays Annually for Wages About \$1,750,000

Phoenix, B.C., Oct. 1.—One of the great mining and smelting enterprises of British Columbia is the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd., owning and operating the extensive Trail smelter and refining works; the Center-Star War Eagle group of gold-copper mines at Rossland; the rich St. Eugene lead-silver mine at Moyie, some mines in the apparent at the Snowshoe, War Eagle and other groups in Phoenix camp in the Boundary.

Up to a little over a year ago this company had no interest whatever in the Boundary, confining its enterprise entirely to the Kootenays, where it has been signally successful—which is best shown by the fact that it is paying regular ten per cent. dividends on a capital of \$5,000,000, of which less than \$5,000,000 has been issued.

In the summer of 1906, however, control was obtained of the Snowshoe group in this camp, and Charles Biesel was placed in charge as superintendent. The greatest activity was at once apparent at the Snowshoe, and the mine was opened up in full blast, with R. A. Fraser as foreman. During the balance of the year 1906 the company shipped some 8,400 tons of ore, and

G.T.P. OFFICIALS AT VANCOUVER

President Hays' Statement—Activity of Asiatic Exclusion League

Vancouver, Sept. 30.—President Hays of the G. T. P., and party arrived from Prince Rupert this morning. When interviewed, Mr. Hays said his company would complete the construction of the G. T. P. transcontinental line by 1911, and afterwards proposed to build from Fort George to Vancouver. He said Prince Rupert lots would be placed on the market next summer.

President Hays, Vice-President Morse and party left for Seattle this afternoon. He did not go to Victoria as was expected, but stated that Mr. Bacon, harbor engineer, and Mr. Tart, assistant solicitor of the company, would go over and confer with the city council here tonight voted down a request of the Anti-Asiatic league to hold another meeting in the city hall on a division of the city. The league held a meeting tonight and appointed a deputation to go down to Victoria this week to interview the chief commissioner of lands and works on the enforcement of the condition that no Chinese be employed in the hold. It will hold another public meeting on Monday evening in some other place than the city hall. W. W. B. McNamee and George H. Cowan are announced to be among the speakers. He

this year thus far about 100,000 tons of ore have been sent out from the Snowshoe to the company's Trail smelter and to the smelter of the T. & C. Copper Co. at Greenwood. Regular shipments are now maintained at the rate of about 600 tons daily, which rate would be increased if the smelters could handle the ore.

No little amount of development has been done at the Snowshoe since Mr. Biesel took hold. The machinery plant was about doubled in capacity, and an electrical system was substituted. A trolley system was put in at the tunnel level, thereby reducing the cost of handling the ore. A complete water system was installed. On the surface extensive stripping was done, showing up much larger bodies of good copper ore, amounting to many thousands of tons, and the entire programme of development has been carried forward with an idea of permanency and economy, with many thousands of dollars spent in betterment of many kinds.

The New Acquisitions.

But the aggressive policy of the company did not stop with the Snowshoe. This summer the War Eagle group of some dozen claims, adjoining the Grand group on the south, was purchased from the Phoenix Amalgamated Copper Mines, Ltd., and in addition some twenty or thirty other claims were taken under option and bond. Thus the company showed that it was here to stay and proposed to secure some of the good things of the Phoenix camp while they could be had at anything like reasonable prices.

At the War Eagle, on purchasing, the company immediately set at work under Earl James, numbering from 30 to 50, as occasion required. Extensive surface prospecting was undertaken, the 100-foot shaft was unwatered, and an old shaft deepened.

A diamond drill was set to work, and it is expected that larger and better copper ore bodies have been disclosed by the operations. The War Eagle machinery plant has been greatly enlarged and will be operated by electricity, and a commodious bunkhouse was built there.

Altogether the company employs about 175 to 200 men in this camp, making a wage payroll alone of from \$17,500 to \$20,000 per month.

Showing the importance of the Consolidated company, it has been published that, at its various mines and reduction works, there are employed approximately 1,500 men, the annual expenditure for wages, including about \$1,750,000. The operation of the extensive surface prospecting, and the sums spent in purchase of ores. The annual tax bill of the company at full capacity is approximately \$57,000.

NEW FREIGHTER WILL BE BUILT

Leeming & Co. Will Build Vessel Larger Than Steamer Trader

Oscar Sold to Local Firm

Brackman & Ker Buy Freighter to Carry Produce From the Fraser

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The rapid growth of general freighting between British Columbia and adjacent ports has induced Leeming & Co. to decide upon the immediate construction of a new freighter, slightly larger than the steamer Oscar, built on similar lines for the general freighting business done by this firm. The steamer Oscar owned by Leeming & Co. which has been engaged for some years in general freighting, has been sold to Brackman & Ker and will carry produce and foodstuffs from the Fraser river to Victoria for this well known firm. The Oscar was built here about ten years ago by Capt. Stromgren and associates. The charter of the steamer Oscar to the Dominion government for the construction of the new lightships, and the sale of the steamer Oscar left the company without a vessel for its own freighting, and the steamer J. L. Card was taken on a time charter.

The J. L. Card is, however, too small to cover the expanding business, and it has been decided that a new steamer freighter will be built for the company. Plans for this new vessel are now being considered, and the vessel is now being invited within a few days for the construction of the vessel. The small freighters, which now make up a considerable fleet, have been enjoying a good carrying trade for some time past, and the growth of business it is being found that other vessels, of which that of Leeming & Co. will be the first.

MOROCCO ARRANGEMENTS.

France Makes a Number of Demands On the Sultan.

Paris, Oct. 1.—At his approaching interview with Sultan Abdel Aziz at Rabat, M. Regnaud, the French minister, will make the following demands on the Moroccan ruler:

- 1.—A settlement of all the back claims of France interior and posterior to the murder of Dr. Marchand.
- 2.—A definite arrangement for policing the Algerian frontier zone.
- 3.—A settlement of the Casbahian affair, including a contribution towards the war expenses and indemnity for the Algerian who suffered from the anti-foreign outbreaks there.
- 4.—The immediate execution of the reforms provided for by the Algerian convention, beginning with the installation at the ports of Franco-Spanish police.

The powers signatory of the Algiers convention, with the exception of Spain, have agreed to the measures formulated by France with the view of preventing the introduction of contraband into the ports of the Franco-Spanish reservations, the measures determined upon will be placed in operation.

The French foreign office has received complete proof that Mulai Hafid is not hostile to France, but simply desires French neutrality in his contest for the sultanship. A Tassal, brother of Mohammed Tassal, financial minister of Morocco, has arrived in Paris from Marrakesh and opened negotiations to pledge the sultan's jewels for money to meet the war expenditure.

ADMIRALTY DENIES.

London, Sept. 30.—Reports have been appearing in the London newspapers for the past week from Canada, that the British admiralty intended to re-equip the naval fleet at Esquimaut, B. C. Replying to an inquiry today, officials of the admiralty, who have no foundation for the rumors, adding that the navy has no intention either of resuming control of the fortifications at Esquimaut, which were taken over by the Canadian government, or of increasing the strength of the British fleet in Pacific waters.

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NEW BOUNDARY CAMP

Announced That a Minneapolis Syndicate Will Develop a Rich Property Near Grand Forks

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 1.—Sited at an elevation of 2,400 feet above sea level, and at the very threshold of the west of the city, is Eagle Hill mining camp, which is at present attracting considerable attention owing to the numerous showings of high grade copper ore found there. One of these showings is at present being traced over a distance of 1,500 feet in length and over 100 feet in width. Assays from this property run as high as 10 per cent. in copper. The gold mine is only one of the many showings in this camp which have big surface showings.

Probably the very first camp to be developed in this area is a Minneapolis syndicate, which is at present negotiating for a group in the very centre of the camp. The Great Northern railway passes close to this camp, making the transportation of ore and the importation of coke for smelting purposes simply a matter of detail.

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