

Turn on the Heat.

We hope the man who got off the following last winter is satisfied now:

Backward, turn backward, oh time, in your flight,
Give me July again just for to night;
Soft on the soul where the frost king has lain,
Oh let me hear one musquito again;
I am so weary of snow-drifts and ice,
Weary of paying the coal trust its price;
Weary, so weary, of frost-bitten pie—
Bring me a slice of the First of July.

Backward, swing backward, oh season of snow,
Mercury fifteen to twenty below—
Turn on the heat of the tropical zone,
Roast me until I am cooked to the bone;
I am so tired of freezing my nose,
Weary of chilblains and corns on my toes,
Weary of trying to sleep with cold feet—
Turn on the heat, mister, turn on the heat.

A Bow of White Ribbon.

Through the days of the past Conventions this little badge has come to mean more than ever it did before to the women of Winnipeg and Manitoba at large. All of the women of Manitoba are not yet White Ribboners, and all White Ribboners were not so fortunate as to be present at the conventions. I have thought a short account might interest the readers of THE COLONIST. Winnipeg has been especially blest, in having, first the Provincial Convention of the W.C.T.U., and following closely upon that—the Dominion Convention of the same body. The Provincial Convention opened on Wednesday, the 14th of June. There was a very fair representation of delegates from all parts of the Province. Mrs. McLaren, of Morden, Provincial President, presided with grace and dignity. There is always a keynote at every convention. I am glad to state that at our Provincial Convention it was the urgent need of bending all our powers to securing the full franchise for women, as the best means of promoting the objects of our union. The Provincial Convention was brought to a close by a pleasant lecture from Mrs. E. Norine Law, National Lecturer and Organizer, for the State of Michigan. Many new friendships sprang up, during the two days of this Convention, many old friendships were cemented. On Friday morning, June the 16th, the Dominion Convention of the Womens' Christian Temperance Union opened. Manitoba, as a Province, has never lacked confidence in herself, and this was once more exemplified by her inviting the Dominion Convention to meet here. When you grasp the fact that, with the exception of the four officers—President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, every delegate must pay her own expenses, you better realize the courage of Manitoba in inviting them here. Of course only a very small number of delegates came. These delegates were, however, very representative. Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, St. Stephens, New Brunswick, represented the Maritime Provinces; Mrs. Sanderson, President, for Province of Quebec; Mrs. Cavers, President, for Province of Ontario, and Miss Bowes representing British Columbia, in the absence of the President, Mrs. Cunningham. In addition we had Mrs.

Ella F. Williams, the honored President of the Dominion Union; Miss Tilley, daughter of Sir Leonard Tilley, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. O. Rathford, Toronto, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Scott, representing The Womens' Journal, Ottawa; Miss Fanny Bryson, Superintendent of Work among railway employees, and quite a number of others. It is of course, impossible in one article to tell of all the good and useful things heard and seen at the Convention. Not the least of the advantages was the meeting on intimate terms, these women who have been long in the work. The President was an inspiration in herself. None who saw her sweet, bright face, heard her clear toned voice and felt the cordial grasp of her hand, will readily lose the impression made upon them. In fact, as Miss Scott said, to one of our city reporters, "she is second only to Miss Willard." Perhaps the two features of the Convention from which I learned the most, were the Parliamentary drill and the answers to questions. The Parliamentary drill taught the full meaning and beauty of "Let everything be done decently and in order."

Of the many questions asked and answered, this one interested me more than any other.

"How can a woman, with a large family, and doing her own work, help the W.C.T.U.?"

The President called on the members of the Convention for answers to this question and here are some of those given.

1. She can join the nearest Union and pay her membership fee.
2. She can faithfully and prayerfully wear her white ribbon.
3. She can send to Miss Mary Scott, 26 Albert street, Ottawa, for some Union Leaflets, read them in her leisure moments, and pass them to some of her neighbors.
4. She can faithfully train the large family to be loyal temperance men and women.

It is impossible to give even a faint idea of the work done during the year. The reports of the various departments may, however, be summed up in one sentence. Progress all along the line.

The closing session, on Tuesday evening, the 20th of June, was especially interesting.

The Dominion Union is now 10 years old and as a birth day gift the President offered a banner as a prize to the Province showing the largest percentage of increase during the year. This banner was presented at the closing session, the Province of Quebec being the fortunate winner. The banner is an exceedingly handsome one and especially appropriate to the Dominion. The material is ruby plush, finished with gold bullion fringe. In the upper left hand corner is the date 1883 and on the upper right hand corner the date 1893. Below this, in gold letters, comes the name of the Union, and across the centre of the banner is a large spray of maple leaves painted in exquisite autumnal tints. Manitoba intends to capture that banner next year or perish in the attempt.

After the presentation of this banner. Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, of St. Stephens, sang for us. I wish every tired woman in Manitoba's prairie homes could have heard her sing: "In the Palace of the King," and "God be with you till we meet again." It will rest me many a time during the coming year only to remember those full ringing notes.

And now what does our badge stand for. It stands for 8,000 women in the Dominion of Canada, for 150,000 in the United States, banded together under the motto: "For God and Home and Every Land." It stands for Ubiquitous in every part of the civilized world. For equal rights for men and women. For the teaching of temperance principles in our Public Schools. For such workers as Miss Willard, Lady Henry Somerset and Susan B. Anthony. For an equal moral code for men and women. All this and much more is indicated by "A Bow of White Ribbon."

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Manitoba Crops

An official crop bulletin for Manitoba, dated June 1, has been issued as follows:

	1891	1892	1893
Acres under Wheat	916,604	875,929	1,003,040
" Oats	305,644	332,074	388,629
" Barley	59,823	97,614	114,762
" Potatoes	13,705	10,000	12,887
" Rye	9,301	17,478	20,910
Acres fallowed for crop of ...	205,232	250,255	274,533
Acres Fall plowed for crop of	109,133	325,717	473,410

AREA UNDER CROP BY DISTRICTS.

District.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
North Western	37,696 acs.	60,762 acs.	22,040 acs.
South Western	405,000	132,425	27,900
North Central	291,150	80,736	26,345
South Central	161,023	77,383	29,080
Eastern	55,766	31,223	8,896

Province ... 1,003,040 acs. 383,529 acs. 114,762 acs.

This shows by comparison with the June bulletin of 1892 that the principal increase has been in the South Western district. This is no doubt owing to the impetus given by the extension of branch railroads during the past year in that section.

The potato and root crops are only given as approximate for in many cases they were not all planted or sown when the reports were sent in. A fair increase is noted in these crops.

The following table gives the acreage of potatoes and roots in the different districts:—

N. W. District.....	2,329 acres.	8,581 acres.
S. W. "	3,825 "	6,450 "
N. C. "	742 "	2,882 "
S. C. "	3,601 "	1,338 "
Eastern.....	1,999 "	1,133 "

Total for Province 12,337 acres. 20,919 acres.

The following summary shows the total acreage of rye, flax, &c:—

Area under Rye	2,329 acres.
" Flax	9,737 "
" Pease, Corn & Buckwheat	1,059 "

The total area under all crops is 1,533,262 acres, while that of last year was 1,341,270 acres, showing an increase of 211,992 acres.

Fallowing and Fall plowing.—It is pleasing to notice that there is a decided increase in the number of acres fallowed, while special attention was given to fall plowing. So much land being prepared for the seed last fall has enabled farmers to put in seed this spring in a very short period of time.

Hired Help.—Over 5,000 men are now employed as hired help and reports indicate that about 2,000 extra men will be required to assist in taking off the harvest. It is a mistake to rush these men from Ontario before they are actually needed, as farmers will not engage them at high wages until the harvest is on. The wages paid for men varies all the way from \$10 to \$25 a month and board. As in the past, there is a great scarcity of female help, which it is impossible to supply. The average wages of female help is \$10 a month.

Farm Rentals.—The price paid per acre for cultivated lands varies from \$1 to \$2.50.

To question 23. "What is the condition of live stock, horses, cattle, sheep, pigs?" Over one-half the correspondents report the condition "good" or "very good." About one third