

It will also be reduced. The trackage in Victoria and present is 22 miles.

Passenger Rates

Way freight and passenger rates in British Columbia used to engage the attention of the public. The complaint is that freight charges on goods are higher than in other provinces. It is higher per mile in eastern Canada. The rate charged in British Columbia is higher than in a number of other provinces. The rate charged in British Columbia is more costly to construct; more costly to maintain and the less favorable gradients, hauling is increased.

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Conditions in Prairie Province Are Described by Mr. Strong, Manager of Alberta Pacific Elevator Company

RAIN IS NEEDED IN SOUTHERN PART

Damage From Drought Not Serious So Far—Loss in Dakotas Caused by Hot Weather Will Be Great

VANCOUVER, July 8.—The present is the critical period for the grain crops of southern Alberta. To date there has been no actual damage to the grain by reason of lack of moisture, the absence of rain having only held back the growth so far. Today the wheat is good of color and strong of root. All that is needed is a rain of an inch or two to bring the grain to the yield. Until the weather conditions of the next month prove themselves, it is too early to attempt any definite prognosis of the yield per acre. In the north, the conditions of the province there has been plenty of rain, and the crops there are in excellent condition. On my way west I had a wife from my office in Calgary informing me that rain was falling there, and that is a healthy sign. These statements respecting crop conditions in Alberta were made today by L. P. Strong, manager of the Alberta Pacific Elevator Company, which owns or controls numerous elevators on the prairies. Mr. Strong arrived in Vancouver last night from Calgary. He has just returned from a business trip to Mexico. Returning north, he passed through the Dakotas, and he has this to say regarding crop conditions in Central and North Dakota.

"I found the grain crops all shot to pieces. The season in that part of the country is earlier than in Alberta, and the result was that the hot weather simply burned the grain up. This will mean a large decrease in the yield. The present crop conditions I expect that the grain yield of Alberta this year will average well as compared with the crops of the past four or five years, but as I say, it is a little too early yet to predict it. The results will actually be, I don't expect that the yield per acre will be as large as in previous years, which was a bumper year for us."

FATAL COLLISION OF TRAIN AND CAR

C. N. R. Train Strikes Loaded Trailer on Winnipeg Crossing—One Woman Killed, Several People Injured

WINNIPEG, July 8.—The Canadian Northern passenger train No. 45, which left the depot at 4:45 this afternoon for Oak Point, Lake Manitoba, ran into a crowded trailer on the Winnipeg Electric Street railway at the Pembina street crossing in Port Rouge, killing Mrs. J. J. McLeod, a seriously injured her husband and three-year-old son, who are in the hospital in a critical condition.

Mrs. James Lynn, of Meade, St. John River, a widow, and Mr. Martin street, and E. Jones, clerk, Spencer street, are also badly hurt and are in the hospital.

The train was running at about 25 miles an hour at the time of the accident, and the trailer was being pushed by a man named John McLeod, who was on duty claimed he signalled the train to stop but the engine was not stopped by the engineer. The flagman has been arrested.

The street car was bound for River Park, a summer resort about two miles from the city, and was crowded with passengers, many of whom received minor injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and family came from Toronto on a visit and were out eight feet in the air.

On account of many narrow escapes at this crossing, the railway commission last spring ordered a subway to be put under the railway tracks, and work on the subway is well under way.

Summer Hotel Burned

BLUEMONT, Va., July 8.—Blue Ridge Inn, the largest hotel at this summer resort, was totally destroyed by fire early today. Several scores of guests and servants who were sleeping when the fire was discovered, escaped without injury, although a number of persons had to jump from windows to get out of the burning building. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, only partly covered by insurance.

Noted Banker Dead

NEW LONDON, Conn., July 8.—The death of Elisha Francis Riggs, of Washington, D.C., at his summer residence in the Pequot section last night, removed a banker of international reputation. His father was the founder of the firm of Riggs and Company, Washington, lately changed to the Riggs National Bank, and Mr. Riggs succeeded his father as the head of the institution. Mr. Riggs was prominent in financial and charitable work in Washington. The cause of his death was angina pectoris.

Passed Examination

Mr. J. A. Nixon, son of Captain H. C. Nixon, of the steam yacht Mowat, has passed for a coasting mate's certificate after the usual course of study at the Victoria nautical school.

A Chinaman was crushed to death at the Deer Lake mill, Burnaby, on Thursday, by a falling tree.

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