

Northwestern Crops.

Barley was cut at Medicine Hat on July 20th.

Barley and oats will be ready to cut about August 1st at Pilot Mound, Man.

A report from Emerson says: From all quarters most glowing accounts continue to come in of the growing crops. The harvest in southern Manitoba for 1887 evidently will go far above the average yield.

Heavy local showers, accompanied with hail in some instances, were reported from points throughout the province and territories within the last ten days. So far as learned, no serious damage to crops has resulted.

Manitou Mercury: The harvest promises to be an unusually heavy one, and farmers are beginning to look around for extra help. Some farmers are making preparations for commencing their oat and barley harvest.

A Moosejaw, Assa., correspondent writes on July 20th: Albert Potter will commence cutting barley this week. Crops are looking fairly well but need more rain. Some heavy crops will be harvested in this district.

Ed. Carss, of Qu'Appelle Valley, has just returned from a trip to Prince Albert. He reports crops looking very promising en route, and says the same evidences of a prosperous season are visible all the way to Prince Albert and beyond.

Emerson International, July 22nd: Wm. Brown, of the Central Farm, Mennonite Reserve, was in town lately on business. He reported his 500 acres of grain as looking fine, and anticipates a yield of 40 bushels to the acre. He has commenced cutting barley.

Battleford Herald, July 16th: Three good falls of rain since our last issue have given the country all it needed and kept the crops bounding along. Some fields of barley will soon be ready to cut, and potatoes and other vegetables are lightening up the calls of the housewife upon the flour barrel.

Emerson Times: The most cheering accounts come from every part in relation to the present crop prospect. Never was a more abundant harvest promised in this vicinity. A drive north, east or west of Emerson is taken through heavy fields of grain overtopping the carriage wheels, as far on either side as the eye can reach.

Alberta Stock Journal: The crops throughout the country are in a flourishing condition and the farmers are very cheerful. We are informed that the grain crop will be large, and that the yield of potatoes and other roots will be abundant. The hay crop promises well, and we will, no doubt, have plenty of feed for next winter.

Minnedosa Tribune: The growing crops in their present stage delight the eyes and cheer the hearts of all. In no other part of the world can such a magnificent spectacle be seen. It is not as though it were an acre or two, or ten or even one hundred, in a block, with an even growth, long straw, long heads, no thin spots that one sees, but it is one continuation of the same thing as far as the eye can reach.

Rapid City, Man., *Spectator*: A gentleman of this town who has had occasion this week to

travel the municipality of Saskatchewan and part of Daly, reports the appearance of the crops to be something extraordinary. They are not, as in some years, here and there a good field and here and there a bad one; but every field seems to vie with the other as to which will produce the biggest crop.

Northwest Trade and General News.

The Port Arthur board of trade is interesting itself in the commercial union agitation.

The hay contracts for the Mounted Police at Regina were tendered for at from \$10 to \$15 per ton.

Mining operations at Port Arthur are said to be looking up. A new and valuable find of iron is reported.

Hull, Trownce & Co., of Calgary, are bringing in beef cattle from British Columbia for the Calgary market.

The open season for snipe commences on Monday next, ducks come in on August 15th, and chickens on 1st September.

Wheat is worth, at the Rapid City mill, from 57c. to 60c. a bushel. Wool is being bought at the woolen mill department at 9c. to 12c. per pound.

Farmers are looking around anxiously for harvest help. For the next couple of months no man need be idle who is willing to work at fair wages.

The *Medicine Hat Times* says: Thynne & Hole will purchase 2,000 sheep in Montana and put them on their ranche on the Saskatchewan river, in September.

Twenty thoroughbred shorthorn bulls arrived at Calgary by C. P. R. lately for the Powder River Cattle Co. They were from the Binscarth stock farm, Manitoba.

The *Alberta Stock Journal* says: British Columbia stock still keeps rolling in, four carloads of cattle and seven of horses arrived recently, consigned to various parties.

Laniel Sissons is taking a barge load of merchandise down the Saskatchewan from Medicine Hat to Carlton, where the firm of Hargrave & Sissons has a trading post.

The town of Morris is again troubled over municipal government. Three of the councillors have always refused to act, and now the Mayor has resigned, leaving the council headless and without a quorum.

Mr. Stewart, government engineer, is preparing station plans in connection with the R. R. V. railway. The same plans will be applied to the stations at St. Agathe, St. Norbert, Aubigny, St. Jean Baptiste and Gauthier.

The North Saskatchewan telegraph line is completed to a point seven miles west of Moose Hill creek, or about forty miles west of Onion lake. The contract for re-poling the section between Humboldt and Qu'Appelle has been let.

The contract for supplying the Mounted Police with the 400 tons of hay required for Battleford was awarded to Mahaffy & Clinkskill at \$8.95 a ton. The price paid last year was \$14.75, but this season several times the quantity required could have been secured at prices ranging under \$10.

Eight hundred Icelandic immigrants have arrived at Quebec en route for Manitoba. The Icelanders are an industrious and law abiding people, and as a rule make good settlers. They are destined to form an important element in the population of this province.

The contract price of the extension to the provincial asylum at Selkirk, awarded Mr. Soucisse, is \$30,000, and the nature of the work is a building 40x54 feet to be erected in rear of the present structure. A large staff of men commenced work there this morning, and it is intended to complete the addition ere the cold weather sets in.

The tax sale of the Municipality of Rhineland, held at Schanzenfeld on Tuesday last, was not a success, there being no attendance. In consequence, the treasurer adjourned the sale till Friday, August 5th, to be then held in Dufferin Hall, Morden. About 20 parcels are to be sold, including some of the choicest lands in the district.

According to the *Manitou Mercury*, the Louise tax sale held at Crystal City lately was a big success. Bidding was lively from the start. Several capitalists from Winnipeg were in attendance. There were about 170 parcels advertised, and about two-thirds of these had been redeemed previous to the sale. Nearly all the lots put up were knocked down at prices ranging from \$200 to \$800. The sum due for taxes amounted to between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and the parcels were bid up in excess of the taxes to about \$14,000.

It is most likely that an agricultural convention will take place in Regina early in autumn. It is proposed to have representatives from all the provincial districts in the territory, including Athabasca. The object of the convention is to secure an interchange of ideas from practical agriculturists actually engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in the Northwest Territories. Of course, it will include stockmen, whose interests, instead of clashing with the farmer, are found by enlightened experience to go hand in hand. —*Regina Leader*.

Emerson International: Messrs. Patton and Howell, Q. C., representing the Merchants Bank, are expected up from Winnipeg Saturday to interview the councils of Emerson and West Lynne re settlement of financial difficulties. Some consternation was created in town by the report that a writ had been served by Bailiff Williams upon Clerk Fairbanks, giving notice of a special levy to meet the judgement of the Federal Bank for \$108,000. It transpired, upon enquiry, that the paper served was simply a notice of the amount of the Federal Bank's judgment in the hands of the Sheriff, and was served by the Sheriff without instructions from the bank or its agents. The bank has no idea of proceeding against the town, and is anxious to compromise its claim against the town, its agents stating that they will take any rate upon the dollar that the Commissioners to be appointed under the Involved Municipalities Act may decide, providing that the other creditors of the town will do likewise. The Federal Bank is prepared to settle with the town on a generous basis. Its agents have expressed a willingness to take 40 cents on the dollar if the other creditors will.