

COLIN FRASER IS DOWN FROM NORTH WITH FUR

Veteran Fur Trader Has Large Catch This Season of Any of the Fur Traders—Worst Year in His Experience—Beaver Kept Natives From Starving.

"Beaver and rats have kept the fur business going in the north country this year," said Colin Fraser to a Bulletin representative this morning when asked about the fur catch. "From January 15 on the Indians have been permitted to trap beaver and these skins will form the bulk of the furs brought down from the north this year. If this privilege had not been given many of the Indians would have starved to death. Besides beaver, the rats have been quite plentiful but apart from these the fur bearing animals have been very scarce in the north this year."

It is understood that the catch of the veteran trader will be by far the most important that will be brought down this year. Mr. Fraser and his party arrived yesterday with the season's catch, and to say the least it was very disappointing. Mr. Fraser showed his list of furs and pointed out everything as "away down," except beaver and ratskins. As an indication of the scarcity of fur bearing animals in the north the list showed that the Indians trading with Mr. Fraser at Fort Chipewyan succeeded in catching only nine lynx and five silver foxes. Four hundred lynx would only be a usual catch.

"I have not seen such a year during the quarter century in which I have been trading in the north," said Mr. Fraser. "Not only was the winter very severe and fur trading very dull, but we had a most exciting time in bringing the cargo of furs up the Athabasca River to Athabasca Landing. The water in the river was very high and several times during the passage of the ninety miles of rapids above Fort McMurray we thought we were going to be wrecked. The water rose six feet in one hour and brought down at it a great mass of floating timber, rafts, bridges and skids. At times the river was with drift wood and watchmen had to be stationed all night to keep the scow free from the floating logs."

The scow is 48 feet long, 8 feet wide and has a twelve foot drop. It ordinarily takes twelve men to haul it along the river bank but when the river was the highest I had 27 people, men and women, holding on to the scow to keep it from going down instead of making fur. Every man and woman on the scow whether riverman or passenger had to get out and help with the exception of the two men on the bow and the other at the stern of the scow. Portages had to be made to get over the rapids and even then the scow was pulling on the empty scow the progress made was very slow."

The Bulletin made inquiries today at the head office of the Hudson's Bay Co. and Revillon Bros., but could get few particulars from them as to what their fur catch has been. The fur catch from the Hudson's Bay posts on the Mackenzie River and from both companies along the Peace River and Lesser Slave Lake will not arrive until about the first of next month and no expression of opinion is as yet available. It is understood that the catch in the Peace River country has been less than the Mackenzie, owing to the greater security of rabbits, consequently no one is expecting anything like the normal fur receipts this year.

STRIKERS FACE BAYONETS

Glacé Bay Miners Attempting Procession Confronted by Soldiers.

Glacé Bay, Aug. 1.—Saturday's proceedings proved to be the most striking event of the trouble at Glacé Bay. The programme of the U.M.W. was published for some days and on Friday steps were taken at Dominion and at Glacé Bay to prevent the procession from taking place, the reason offered being that Saturday was pay day and that a large public gathering on that day would be dangerous to the peace. The U.M.W. were at first inclined to consider this objection and consider a modification of their plans, but later they alleged that it had been discovered that the draft of the bylaws passed at the emergency meeting of the Dominion council and the requisition sent to Mayor Douglas were both prepared in the office of the Dominion Coal Company, so they decided to proceed with the programme as announced. About 2,000 were in the procession and as they neared the Dominion pallovers were sent ahead and came back with the report that the troops were drawn up at various points with machine guns trained on the road. Rounding a bend in the road coming into Bridge the first troops were drawn up under the arms in front of their tents. They were standing at ease with bayonets fixed. As soon as the first glimpse of steel was seen the procession halted. There was a little deliberation, then the 2,000 or so miners counter-marched and started back to Glacé Bay. Returning to Glacé Bay a meeting was held at the rear of the rink on an open site.

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BUILDING PERMITS LARGE

During the month of July, despite the carpenter strike, that greatly interfered with business in Edmonton, the building permits for the month reached a total of \$274,000, a far larger amount than that of any other city in Alberta. Practically all the work for which permits were issued is now in progress. During the month there were issued in all 83 permits as compared with 63 in the same month last year. Had the strike not been on the record would probably have been as large again as many buildings were postponed.

MEAT DEAR IN CALGARY

Dealers Look for a Reduction in Short Time.

Calgary, Aug. 2.—Butcher meat is selling at from 4 to 5 cent per pound more this summer than last. It is selling at what could be termed spring prices and according to the city butchers the trouble is that the spring grassed cattle have not come into the market yet.

Mr. Stoecke, manager of the retail department of the P. Burns Co., in this city, stated to a representative of the Daily News yesterday that the demand for prime cuts of beef had never been so great as this summer. He attributed the cause to the summer tourist traffic. "The hotels all along the line are filled up and are all going at full swing, and they take all the good cuts of beef that we can supply them with," he said.

Speaking of the supplying of the hotels along the various lines in the southern part of the province, he said that they nearly all depended on the Calgary markets for their meat. This, he said, had a little to do with the price having remained high all summer.

"As soon as the grassed spring cattle commence to come freely to the markets, we will likely drop the retail price of our meat proportionately with the decrease in price of cattle on the hoof," said Mr. Stoecke.

The spring cattle are late this year, according to Mr. Stoecke, and will not be on the market in large numbers for about three weeks. They are quite quiet in condition, not having quite recovered the effects of the new grass which has a tendency to reduce weight at first and later to build flesh.

Mr. Stoecke has just returned from a tour of the different towns in this district and the various summer resorts with which his company does business, and says that he never saw the summer tourist traffic so heavy as at present. This, he says, will soon be over, though, and then the market will be more normal and the price difference which would bring it to last year's level.

That the farmers who are engaged in mixed farming must be making fortunes was the opinion of Mr. Stoecke who spoke of the price of hogs, sheep, etc., paid at the present time compared with what a farmer really required to get to make money.

"If a farmer gets an average of 5 cents per pound for his hogs, he should be making a good profit, but last year he got an average of 3 cents for his pork and this year he may possibly average 7 cents, which certainly gives him a fat profit," he commented.

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FINAL VOTE CLOSES U. S. TARIFF SCRAMBLE

Both Houses Instructing Clerks to Kill Leather "Snake"—Taff Will Sign Tariff Bill and Leave Washington Until November—President Feels Relieved After Tariff Discussion.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 3.—With the final vote on the tariff bill fixed for Thursday at two o'clock, the end of the tariff scramble seems to be at hand. As a last desperate effort, a resolution will be put through both houses instructing the clerks to kill the leather "Snake" that created such consternation.

By Saturday night most of the Congressmen will be with their constituents and their consciences. At the White House it is announced that President Taft will leave Washington at 5:30 Friday afternoon for Beverly, not to return until the completion of his western-southern trip in the latter part of November. The president will go to the capital on Thursday afternoon to sign the tariff bill as well as the Philippines bill and the urgent defense bill, as they are called through the last hopper of the legislative machine.

It is understood that the president feels relieved over the arrangement that has been made to kill the leather "Snake" but he is in common with all others, will not feel wholly out of the legislative woods until the bill is actually in his hands for executive action.

POLICY KING CORNERED

Strong Arm of the Law Closed on the Operations of John Darley.

Montreal, Aug. 3.—John Darley, 40 fine or two months. This sentence was pronounced by Judge Choquet upon the policy gang's chief expert today. In addition, a solemn promise was given by Darley that he would forego the occupation of "stealing" the public by this method for the future. It was the first time that Darley was ever in the hands of the law. Previously he had "bossed the job" in such a way that his subordinates, two of whom are Geoffroy and Gervais, were chopping the block when the legal axe descended. Previously when the law's finger pointed in Darley's direction he was able to get away with a uniform report which did not have any appreciable effect, however, as into the consciousness of the administrator of the law. Geoffroy was told that he must go to prison finally. Add at that stage, confessed, he was employed and Darley was the employer. So the police raided the Maisonnette establishment at the corner of LaSalle avenue and Ontario street. John Williams and Darley were taken into custody. The former pleaded guilty, but Darley was committed by Judge Lett. Then he threw up his hands and asked for a speedy trial, which was granted. Judge Choquet has a binding promise from Darley that he is finally out of business and for the first time the "policy king" has been entered in the record as a transgressor of the law.

HARVESTING AT LETHBRIDGE

First Cutting of Winter Wheat in South Monday.

Lethbridge, Aug. 2.—The barley harvest is under way in this district. Cutting winter wheat will start this week. A. L. Foster, 10 miles south, is cutting today. This will be general by the end of the week. The land office was busy during July. There were 438 entries for homesteads, 202 for pre-emptions, and eight for purchased homesteads, totaling 708. For July of last year there were 301 homesteads. Customs receipts for July were \$286, an increase of 30 per cent, over July of last year. Building permits for the month amounted to \$78,577, making \$725,472 this year. The city council, Hon. Sydney Fisher will visit the experimental farm and address the Canadian Club here on August 18th.

FIREMEN MAKE PROPOSALS

Plea for Provincial Home for Infirmed and Disabled and Government Assistance.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 1.—Important changes in the organization of the provincial firemen's association will come before the association in Paris tomorrow. The most important proposed is the consolidation of all the firemen in Toronto into one association, the erection of a provincial home for disabled and infirmed firemen and the petition of the Ontario government for a yearly grant of \$5,000 towards the maintenance of the home. For some years' volunteer firemen have agitated for recognition of their claims by the government. They required provincial aid and a bill to put two per cent tax on all premiums of foreign insurance companies doing business in Ontario was introduced and thrown out by the Ontario government. This two per cent was to be given to firemen and with it they proposed to erect a provincial home. A similar tax exists in New York state.

Immigration Law a Hardship

St. John, N.B., Aug. 3.—Through the action of United States immigration officials here Mrs. Gallant, an elderly woman, a native of Sumner, side, P.E.I., but for twenty-four years resident in Boston, may be prevented from returning to her relatives in Boston. Through an attack of rheumatism she is now helpless and the United States officials refuse to allow her to proceed till relatives file a \$500 bond that she will not become a public charge. This, she claims, they have no right to do as a result she may be detained here indefinitely in the municipal home.

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REVOLUTION IN SPAIN COMPLETELY CRUSHED

Life in the Capital and in Barcelona Most Disturbed Centre, is Again Normal—Proposed General Strike Fails.

Madrid, Aug. 2.—Because of the rumors that a general strike would be called today the government made extensive preparations to meet any emergency, including the throwing of the Hundreds of men are offering their country houses for the use of the wounded. The Larlos family have decided to draw a uniform report. Practically there was no cessation of work. The printers and compositors were the most irascible of the workers, but they followed patriotic advice and returned to work. Ninety-three per cent of the men called to there. The sedition was a failure. King Alfonso is walking about as usual and is leading a normal life.

TO SHOOT INSURGENTS

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CROPS ALONG C.P.R.

Calgary, August 3.—The following report of the crop conditions along the line of the C.P.R. in Alberta has been compiled from information received from agents:

Airdrie—No damage from frost or hail; crops looking good.

Crossed—No hail, grain all headed; no damage. Weather warm.

Carstairs—Expect to begin cutting about August 10th; no damage, bumper crop.

Didsbury—All crops looking well; fall wheat and barley expected to be ready to cut by the 20th, other grains at end of month.

Olds—All crops looking good, no damage from hail or frost.

Bowden—Spring wheat cut 30th, fall wheat 26th; no damage, grain looking fine.

Innisfail—Light rain, no damage from any cause; grain in excellent condition.

Penhold—Forty inches, all fully headed out; no damage.

Red Deer—Grain heading fast, warm and showery.

Blackfalds—No hail, all grain never looked better.

Lacombe—All grain headed out, some damage by hail; warm and showery.

Wetaskiwin—Oats 50 inches, barley 45, spring wheat 45; weather favorable.

Millet—All grain in good condition; slight hail, no damage.

Leduc—All grain doing well, barley almost ripe, wheat will be ready about 20th. Estimate yield: Oats 55, barley 38, wheat 30; light showers.

Strathcona—Weather fine; all grain promise good yield.

Camrose—Crops in perfect condition; no hail or frost.

Bawlf—Grain ripening fast. Daysland—Slight damage reported from hail, otherwise all fine; past week fine and showery.

Stedwick—No damage reported by hail; very warm showers.

Killam—Some wheat will be cut in a few days, frequent showers.

Sedgewick—No damage reported by hail; very warm showers.

Hardisty—Expect to commence cutting next week; no damage, warm and showery.

Stettler—Crops making good progress, no damage from any cause last week. Very hot with showers.

Erskine—No damage, average 36 to 40; warm and showery.

High River—Fine, no hail or rust. Gleichen—All grain advancing fast; no damage from hail or rust; fine and warm.

Langdon—All grains progressing rapidly; no hail.

Cayley—Expect to cut in 10 days; hot with rain; crops looking well.

Nanton—Crops in first class condition.

Staveland—Crops in favorable condition.

Claro—Wheat ripening and in good condition.

Taber—Wheat 40 inches, headed out; weather fine.

Granum—Wheat ripening and in good condition.

Lethbridge—Heavy rains this week, no damage by hail to date.

Pincher Creek—Weather conditions fine, wheat harvest commences in 10 days.

Cowley—Grain ripening fast; unable to estimate yield yet; no damage.

Coadvale—Winter wheat 40, spring wheat 35; favorable.

Stamford—Cannot give estimate of yield; no damage from hail or rust; favorable.

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THE RUSH OF RAILWAY BUILDING IN ALBERTA

What the Canadian Pacific is Doing in Different Lines in the Province of Alberta—Everything Now Ready for the Harvest.

Calgary, August 2.—It is doubtful if there has ever been so much railway building in Alberta as at the present time. The C.P.R. is exceedingly active, and its crews of men are dotted all over the province.

In an interview with Mr. A. Price, general superintendent, a glance was given yesterday of the activity throughout the province.

The work on the cut-off between Macleod and Lethbridge is nearing the completed stage. Laying steel has been started, and the work will be completed before the end of September. This new line will pass through a very excellent country.

The road from Kipp to Aldersyde, which means the short line from Calgary to Lethbridge, is progressing very nicely. The road is to run to Aldersyde, at least the C.P.R. has received no other information.

The road will be to Camargue by the middle of September. It will not come any further this season.

The branch from Langdon north is progressing favorably, and the road has been graded some distance north.

On the Wetaskiwin branch the road has been graded to Wikie, which is the next divisional point east. That will complete this Wetaskiwin branch, which runs from Wetaskiwin to Saskatoon. That will cut the Edmonton business off from the main line, and will give a short line from Edmonton to Wetaskiwin.

Grading is completed from Stettler to Castor, and the road will be completed in about six weeks' time.

That is the record of one road, and shows something of the great activity in this part of the country.

Mr. Price informed our correspondent that the road would be well equipped to handle the crop, and conditions would be much more satisfactory because of increased elevator accommodation.



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SPORTING NEWS

WORLD RECORD BASEBALL

New Orleans, La., Aug. 4.—Today broke the world record for the longest home run, 133 yards, 2 feet, 2 inches, by a player named Earl Browning, who hit the ball at 133 yards, 2 feet, 2 inches, and it landed at 133 yards, 2 feet, 2 inches.

American Association

Tuesday's Game

Columbus 7, St. Paul 1.

Tokio 5, Milwaukee 2.

Indianapolis 2, Kansas 0.

Louisville 3, Minneapolis 1.

American League

Tuesday's Game

Cincinnati 6, New York 1.

Pittsburgh 9, Brooklyn 1.

Chicago 7, Boston 1.

St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1.

National League

Tuesday's Game

New York 3, St. Paul 1.

Boston 2, Detroit 1.

Second game:

Boston 8, Detroit 7.

Philadelphia 2, Chicago 0.

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Philadelphia 10, Chicago 1.

Washington 4, Cleveland 2.

Second game:

Washington 1, Cleveland 0.

Eastern League

Yesterday's Game

Jersey City 1, Montreal 2.

Providence 1, Toronto 3.

Baltimore 1, Rochester 3.

Western Canada Star

Medicine Hat 4, Winnipeg 3.

Calgary 4, Regina 3.

Moose Jaw 4, Lethbridge 3.

Regina 4, Brandon 3.

Edmonton 1, Vancouver 18.

Big League Stand

National

Pittsburgh 65.

Chicago 63.

New York 62.

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