

## Crops in Northern Manitoba.

The Manitoba & Northwest railway company issued on Tuesday last, a crop report for the two weeks ending with Monday from points along that line. The reports are more favorable than from most other districts in Manitoba.

Westbourne—Grain of all kinds out in head; oats and barley expected to be a very good crop; wheat reported as not doing very well and not expected to be up to an average crop on account of too much rain. All grain about ten days later than at this date last year.

Gladsstone—The crops in this vicinity continue to look well although considerable rust has appeared on stalk and farmers express fear that grain will not fill. However if the present fine weather continues prospects may brighten considerably. The crop at present is about four or five days behind last year. Harvesting will probably be from four days to a week later than last year.

Arden—Wheat mostly headed out, in some places rust has appeared, but not heavy enough to discolor it much. Oats a good yield and partly headed out and barley in good shape. Grain not very high in stalk. Potatoes will be a light crop, not so large as last year. Crop in general will not be so large as last year, and harvesting will be a week or so later.

Neepawa—Crops during the last two weeks have made wonderful progress, all looking well and heading out fine. Some little complaint of rust in a few districts but it is not at all general. Harvest will be one week later than last year.

Minnedosa—For the last fortnight all grains have been forging ahead very rapidly and are undoubtedly ahead of last year, wheat is all headed out, oats and barley nearly so. Some very heavy grain is lodged but not anything like as badly as last year. We have had no hail, no bad winds, no rain storms and with continued favorable conditions some wheat cutting will be commenced about the tenth, barley a little earlier.

Rapid City—Crops still continue to look fine and have made rapid progress during the past two weeks, being now in most instances fully as far advanced as at this time last year. There are some reports of rust on blade, but in no case has the rust reached the stalk nor done any damage.

Newdale—Last two weeks dry weather causing rapid growth in all kinds of grain; wheat, oats and barley are headed out and filling nicely, promising good sample and yield. Harvesting should start about one week earlier than last year.

Strathclair—The crops in this vicinity are doing remarkably well; cutting will commence the first part of the month; oats and barley will be ready as soon as the wheat; no more rain is required at present; rust is doing very little damage. If fine weather continues, grain of all kinds will be about ten days ahead of last year.

Shoal Lake—Crops are advancing rapidly, and grain of all kinds well headed out. If weather continues favorable, cutting will be ahead of last year. The yield of grain will average about the same as last year.

Birtle—The favorable weather since last report has caused a rapid growth in all kinds of grain; wheat in most places is about a week ahead of last year; oats and barley about the same as last year. Vegetables of all kinds will be a heavy crop.

Russell—The crop continues to look fine. Wheat and oats well headed out. With the present warm weather harvesting will be a week or ten days earlier than last year.

Binscarth—All kinds of grain and root crops doing well. Farmers say wheat harvest will start in about three weeks, in some few cases a little earlier. Oats are well headed out, the straw is shorter than was at first

expected but will be a good average crop. With favorable weather harvest generally will start about a week earlier than last year.

Langenburg—Wheat looking fine and fully ten days ahead of last year this date. If weather continues fine harvest will commence in three weeks time. Oats are all headed out and a good crop expected; they are five days ahead of last year, also barley. No damage done by frost yet.

Silcoates—All grain has advanced rapidly since last report, the rains last week doing good. Wheat and oats are fully ten days in advance of last year, but straw is shorter and the oat crop will not be so good as last year. On light ground, wheat will probably be ready to cut by 20th August; on heavy ground probably be ten days later if weather continues favorable. Hay is now being cut and is in abundance. Potatoes and vegetables doing well.

Yorkton—Wheat crop coming on very fast, straw not as heavy as last year, but grain filling very plump and will be better sample. Oat crop about the same in proportion as wheat. Weather keeps very hot and dry.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

About 10,000 boxes of finest full cream Canadian cheese, August and September makes, were offered at auction in London, England, on July 7th, but the prices realized were very low. First Ingersoll sold at 21s to 27s 6d. Prince Edward Island fall cheese went under the hammer at 20s to 25s 6d, and finest Listowell at 22s to 26s. There were also about 1,000 boxes of new white Canadian cheese offered at auction at the same time, sales of which took place at 33s 6d to 36s. New York State new make were also offered at the same time, and sold at 33s 6d to 36s. The Prince Edward Island cheese netted about 4c per lb. for whom it might concern—the late Government or the farmers of Prince Edward Island. The cheese were supposed to have been sold in this market at 8½c last fall, and if the farmers got that price they should have been well satisfied; while the government of course ought to be commiserated for making such a big loss.

At Brockville, Ontario, on July 23 the sales at the cheese board were nothing in comparison to the stroke of business transacted after the adjournment. The offerings were 429 white and 1,255 colored. Of these 265 colored sold at 6 15-16; 75 white at 6 13-16; 83 colored at 7c; 50 colored at 7c. Salesmen generally wanted 6½c for white and 7c for colored, though many refused the latter bid. Including the majority of last week's cheese, which was held with to-day's, fully 10,000 boxes were placed on the market after the Board adjourned. The factorymen's demands were acceded to, and nearly all of the big offering was transferred into the hands of the buyers at 7c for colored, 6½c for white. Two lots, aggregating about 450 boxes, brought 7½c.

At Woodstock, Ontario, on July 22 at the cheese market sixteen factories offered 3,311 boxes June and July cheese. Sales, 70 at 6½c, 2,105 at 6 13-16c.

At Peterboro, Ontario, on July 22 the fortnightly meeting of the Cheese Board was held, 4,530 boxes were boarded, which sold as follows: 535 at 7 1-16c, 2,172 at 7c, 733 at 6 15-16c, 530 at 6½c.

At Brantford, Ontario, on July 24 at the cheese market sixteen factories offered 2,005 boxes last June and first ten July. Sales, 160 boxes, at 6½c, and 1,420 boxes at 6 13-16c.

At London, Ontario, on July 25, at the cheese market 30 factories boarded 8,717 boxes of July and 933 boxes of June; 110 boxes sold at 6½c, 835 at 6 11-16c, 685 at 6½c, 535 at 6 13-16c.

"There has been a good demand for butter during the past few days," says the Montreal Gazette, of July 25, "and it is now learned that quite a quantity of creamery has changed hands. On Thursday we noted a sale at 17c, and it now transpires that this figure has been made in several instances since for strictly fresh creamery. We quote finest 16½c to 17c, and seconds 15½ to 16½c. The shipments this week, which are heavy indicate that business has been better especially for Bristol."

J. Bousfield, proprietor of the Hamiota creamery, and operator of the McGregor creamery which took first and second prizes respectively at the recent exhibition, attributes his success to the fact that he visits his patrons giving instructions as to the proper care of the milk and cream. He finds it requires great patience and persistence on his part to get farmers to adopt new methods and his whole time, winter and summer, is spent in the work.

## The Duluth and Winnipeg.

It is understood from an authentic source that the Duluth and Winnipeg Railroad Co. will take no steps of an active nature this year toward the extension of the line, says the Duluth News-Tribune. It will take at least sixty days yet to get the road out of the courts, and by that time it will be too late to extend the road to any point this year that would be of any object in the operation of the line. Had the sale come off earlier in the season, the result would have been different. The dirt would now be flying along 200 miles of new extensions. It was the plan in the spring to extend the road 200 miles this season, but the tedious delays with which every one is familiar, had the effect of delaying the project for another year. There have been two surveys made northwest from the present terminus of the line, but neither of them is entirely satisfactory and another will be made.

## Outlook for Oats.

A Minneapolis dealer writes as follows regarding oats: "The weather has done a great deal of injury to the crop; in many sections it is almost entirely ruined and this year's oat crop is liable from present indications to be very small and much lower than the average. The small demand for oats is the only thing that would keep oats from showing a good advance and the market for this grain will be a scalping one for some time to come with a range of a cent or two."

## Grain and Milling.

The construction of a new elevator at Napinka, Man., has been commenced.

T. W. Prout, near Portage la Prairie, Man., cut barley on July 29.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., has returned from a trip to Ontario and Montreal.

The first harvesting of the season was reported from Indian Head, on July 27, when rye was cut, and it was said barley would be ready by the end of the month.

## Silver.

The silver market has been dull and steady, and no features of interest have developed in the market either here or in London. Quotations for bar silver have been practically unchanged throughout. Dealing in silver bullion certificates on the Stock Exchange were 292,000 ounces in amount, at from 69½c to 69½c. Silver prices on July 24 were: London, 81½d; New York, 68½c.