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STURGEON RIVER DISTRICT IS CLOTHED IN LIVING GREEN

Fine Fields of Waving Grain Tell of Ample Rain Fall and Promise an Abundant Harvest

NO WILTED GRAIN AND NO SUN-BROWNED PASTURE

Fall Wheat Stands Shoulder High and Already Beautifully Headed Out—Oats, Barley and Rye Equally Good

Spring Wheat, Alfalfa and Timothy Coming Along Well—Moisture Sufficient to Mature Crops if no More Showers Occur.

Could a bird's eye view of the country surrounding Edmonton be obtained, the verdure to be seen everywhere would almost give one the assurance that no harm has come to the crops in this district from scarcity of rain in the early part of the growing season. A glimpse of the fresh green of the fields of waving grain is all that is necessary to know that the soil is now supplied with an abundance of moisture.

But actual crop conditions are not to be judged from an airship or from a higher tower in a city. To gain some positive, first-hand information concerning this year's growth of grain and crop prospects, a Bulletin representative Monday travelled the roads to the north of Edmonton as far as the Sturgeon river.

No Yellow Fields.

In this old-settled district where one is never out of sight of a big grain field, a day's drive failed to discover any grain touched with yellow, or any wilted pastures. Greenness and growth were everywhere. Barley, wheat, oats and rye raised their heads in defiance of drought in hundred acre fields on every side.

Alberta Red Shoulder High.

Just eight miles from Edmonton on the right hand side of the Fort Saskatchewan trail, is as fine a field of "Alberta Red" as one would wish to see. The wheat stands about eight feet high, heads full and ripe, and the wind in deep waves and the sight of its hundred acres and the sound of its rustling blades as the breeze sweeps the triumph of winter wheat in Alberta. This field of wheat is worth going to see. It is on the farm of A. Allan, one mile to the east of the Half-Way house. Further back from the road are other fields of winter wheat equally well. The grain stands nearly six inches high on the farm of Henry Beaufort, who has about thirty acres of winter wheat.

Oats Heading.

On the Fort trail ten miles from Jasper avenue, H. Vezne, whose place is known by the handsome brick residence which stands out by the road, has over two hundred acres in crop with oats and barley. The oats stand over two feet high and is heading out well. Mr. Vezne has been seventeen years on his present farm, section 18, township 54, range 24, and now farms three quarter sections. His oat crop last year averaged about seventy bushels to the acre. Mr. Vezne is confident that the yield this year from his field will be better than last year.

Better Than Last Year.

"The grain is looking far better this year than at the same time last year and is very much farther ahead," said Mr. Vezne to the Bulletin. "No grain that I know of has suffered from the lack of rain. The ground is now very wet and we will get a good crop even if it rains no more. Winter wheat has been a great success this year. Every one will be sowing it next. Crops hereabouts promise thirty-five bushels to the acre. You have seen Mr. Allan's field?"

Near Mr. Vezne's farm is that of Gilbert Charbonneau. Mr. Charbonneau has two hundred acres of oats on summer fallow now heading out at a good height. His fields promise ninety bushels to the acre, at a conservative estimate.

On the farm of Wm. Clark, near the river, just east of the Fort trail and about twelve miles from Edmonton, there is a field of fall wheat standing four feet high and promising a heavy yield.

Alfalfa and Timothy.

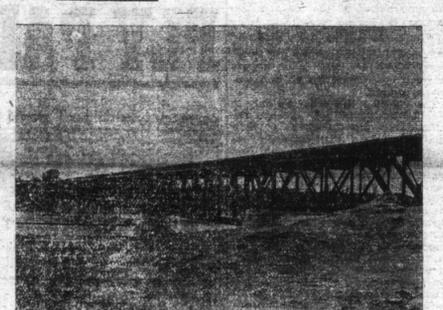
A fifty acre field of alfalfa on the Sieber farm, nearby, yielded three tons to the acre last year and promises as well again.

Since the rains of last week, the farmers have been surprised at the wonderful growth of timothy, which has backed during the dry weather. It now looks very well though not growing quite as thickly as it might. Spring wheat is flourishing on the farm of Charles Paradis, three miles beyond the Half-Way house. Mr. Paradis and two sons have nearly half a thousand acres of grain of kinds in crop. Oats sown on summer fallow stand thirty-six inches high.

Sunbaked and Namayo.

Over the Namayo in the Sunbaked and Namayo districts conditions are equally good.

A very fine field of winter wheat, one hundred acres more in area, is found on the farm of R. E. Williams, on the Hutton property. The grain has headed out full at a height



THE SASKATOON STEEL BRIDGE. This Splendid Steel Structure is the First of Three Bridges, All Constructed of Steel, Between Saskatoon and Edmonton—The Saskatoon Bridge is a Completely Low Structure Built on Nine Concrete Piers.

CONCILIATION WINS ANOTHER VICTORY

C. P. R. Officials and Employees Have Agreed on Main Issues and Now Working Out the Details.

Montreal, July 4.—There are indications that the long series of conferences between the Canadian Pacific Co. and the representatives of the Trainmen and Conductors' unions are coming to an end and that the dispute as to wages will be amicably settled. It is intimated that unless some unforeseen difficulties arise, the whole matter will be concluded tomorrow. The broad issues of the dispute have already been dealt with and the recent conference, so it is stated, have been devoted to settling details and working out the complex series of wage schedules. Very little remains to be talked of, and with the present good feeling between the company and the union, the conflict is expected to be settled in a few days. The Canadian Pacific will still have another wage dispute on their hands in the application of their commercial operators for a substantial increase in wages, which has been pending for some time. An application was made some days ago to a board of conciliation under the Lemieux act, which was rejected, and matters have been at a standstill awaiting the appointment of the board. It was expected that an announcement would have been received today from the department at Ottawa with the appointment of the board, nominations having been made by both sides to the dispute, but up to a late hour no word was received.

CLARESHOLM HAD DISASTROUS FIRE

Damage Estimated at \$16,000—Supposed to Have Been Started by Drunken Men Smoking in Livery Stable.

Clareholm, Alta., July 4.—Clareholm had a disastrous fire tonight. It started in F. E. Gibson's livery barn and did twenty thousand dollars damage. What saved the town was the absence of wind. The fire had apparently smoldered in the hay for a considerable time before being noticed, as the flames shot through the roof before the alarm was sounded. There were eighty tons of hay in the barn and it fell through on fourteen head of horses before the slightest effort could be made to save them. The town people turned out in force and did great work. The new water service did splendidly, several streams being available. J. M. Sobier's big department store was saved by a slight breeze blowing the opposite way. The buildings destroyed were the livery barn and dwellings owned by James Bailey, of Granum, valued at \$2,800; contents owned by E. Gibson, \$8,000; Crichton's woodwork shop, \$2,000; Giroux's livery store and a laundry slightly damaged. Several outbuildings were destroyed and probably half the total loss is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire was probably drunken smoking in the barn. Two or three citizens were overcome by suffocation, and Harry Corbett, of the Queen's Hotel, was injured by a falling ladder.

Of frost there is a minimum danger owing to the advanced state of the crop due to the early opening of spring and the early season.

Grain Stooled Out Well.

Because of the lack of rain last month the grain has in some localities headed out a little shorter than usual, but even in the plants which are no longer in the shoot-blade, the growth of stem has been very noticeable since the recent rains. A few clay spots which have been tardy of growth are now coming along excellently.

Last year the heavy rains coming all in the early part of the season, the grain did not get the chance to stool which it has had this year.

Crop Will be Above Average.

The farmers of the district believe that there is no land in Canada which can stand more drought or more moisture than that of the locality in which they live, because of the reservoir-like properties of the soil.

At any rate, the Sturgeon district north of Edmonton, has not suffered from drought this year and prospects there are for a crop above the average.

U. S. MIGHT RETALIATE

Ambassador Tells Austria What is Liable to Happen.

London, July 4.—A conference was held today between Count Aehrenthal and Ambassador Kerensky over the attempts of the Austrian government to freeze out the Vacuum Oil company. It is reported that the United States ambassador informed the Austrian ambassador that he would not permit American industry to remain unprotected and even went so far as to intimate that the United States would consider retaliatory measures even to the extent of prohibiting Austrian immigrants and establishing a special duty against Austrian goods.

Mr. Fisher in Liverpool.

Liverpool, July 4.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, Canadian minister of agriculture, opened a meeting of artists and painters in Walker's gallery yesterday. The convention and exhibition is expected to make Canada's resources better known.

THE H.B. RAILWAY FINISHED NEXT YEAR.

Contract Let for Bridge Over the North Saskatchewan River at Le Pas Mission.

Ottawa, Ont., July 4.—The initial step in the construction of the new government line to Hudson's Bay was made Tuesday night, when the contract was let for the construction of the superstructure of the bridge over the Saskatchewan river at Le Pas Junction, the present terminus of the Canadian Northern line. This bridge will admit the passage to the far north of the supplies for the Hudson's Bay line, for which the crossing of the river has hitherto been a stumbling block. The name of the contractors has not yet been announced, but it is stated that work will be started in the month of August and the bridge will be completed this fall, so that supplies may be taken in during the coming winter for an early start on the grading next spring.

The work will be rushed on the grade and it is expected steel will be laid to the bay by the fall of next year, making the new exit for the grain of Canada to the European markets. To Le Pas the Canadian Northern already has a line, which will shortly be put in operation. The C.P.R. is now engaged in the construction of a line from Melville to that point and is already in operation to Yorkton, while the grade is being rushed northwards already that town. The Canadian Pacific also has plans for a line to Le Pas, and the announcement of the awarding of the contract means that work on the line will start this summer.

James J. Hill, the ubiquitous, is building northwards from Portage la Prairie and he will have a line to Le Pas as soon as the government line from Le Pas to the Bay is completed.

MANITOBA POLITICS.

Accusations and Counter Accusations Continue.

Winnipeg, July 5.—With the provincial campaign entered on its last week there is no let up to the cross volleys of accusations, affidavits and scandals, though it is generally understood that these are for campaign purposes only. Horace Chevier is again the mark of the government satirists, being accused this morning of bribing a voter with a five dollar bill, reproduced in fac simile by the Telegram. The only feature of the nomination was at Neepawa, where the returning officer appears in doubt as to the regularity of the nomination of the opposition candidate to Hon. H. Howden, owing to the attestation having been made before a police magistrate instead of before a justice of the peace. He will announce his decision today.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Will Promote Industrial Development of Medicine Hat.

Medicine Hat, July 4.—On account of the large number of inquiries received from American industries desirous of locating here and taking advantage of the natural gas for manufacturing purposes, a commercial club has been formed among some of the moneyed citizens and options secured on some four hundred acres of land near the city which is to be given away as sites. A proposition has now been made that the city through the council take over the land, leaving the citizens the amount of money involved to take stock in several local manufacturing concerns in the industrial line which are about to be formed.

Lays New Cable to England.

London, Eng., July 5.—The commercial Cable Company laid a new cable from Waterville to England, and replaced the long sections from Waterville westward with heavier type cable.

ALBERTA'S FUTURE

DEPENDS UPON MIXED FARMING

Toronto, June 30.—The Hon. W. T. Finlay, formerly minister of agriculture for the Alberta government, who retired before the recent political upheaval in the province, is visiting Toronto. He is confident that the province will soon settle down to its wonted calm under the premiership of Hon. A. L. Sifton, whose aptitude for leadership is undoubted.

Mr. Finlay is greatly interested in the development of the irrigation projects in Southern Alberta, because in the long run, they will mean much to Medicine Hat, his home town, which, with natural gas at five cents a thousand feet, is beginning to manufacture things that the farmers need. One of the new industries is a sewer pipe and tile making concern that is building on a large scale.

The C. P. R. Ditch.

The great C. P. R. ditch from the Bow does not include Medicine Hat in its sphere of influence, but the McGregor syndicate, which will irrigate with the waters of the South Saskatchewan, brings water to the lands adjacent to the town. The arrival of many settlers accustomed to dry farming from the States is much more important to the Medicine Hat district than even irrigation. The dry farming operations are resulting in a great increase of the area under crop.

Mr. Finlay believes that Alberta will become a province of diversified agriculture. Dairying is taking a good grip, most of the surplus butter being sold in British Columbia, which should of itself be one of the best dairying regions in Canada. The use of alfalfa in cattle feeding is spreading, and the dairy business is being rapidly supplying a large part of the west with sugar.

Nothing But Prosperity.

Mr. Finlay sees nothing but prosperity ahead of Alberta. Soon, he believes, the manufacturers who send so great a part of their product to the west, will seek to establish branches there. He points out that Medicine Hat is on the spot with one of the chief needs of the factory owner, cheap power and light.

TWO COMMISSIONS TO WORK TOGETHER

Technical Education and Conservation Commissioners will Co-Operate.

Edmonton, July 5.—Prof. J. W. Robertson, chairman of the Royal Commission upon Technical Education, arrived today from London and had a conference with Hon. McKenzie King in reference to the operations of the Conservation Commission, which is meeting here tomorrow. It is understood that the Commissioners will work in co-operation with the Commission on Conservation and will make a tour of the whole Dominion enquiring into the subject of Industrial Technics. Education before proceeding to the United Kingdom and Europe next winter.

An order has been issued by the Railway Commission directing the Canadian Pacific Railway to revise and re-issue its special tariff rates on coke and coal from all shipping points on the Lehigh, Cow's Nest and Cranbrook section westerly. The Galbraith Coal company, whose collieries are at Lundbeck, Alberta, charges a discrimination in favor of Lehigh and the order follows as a result of the investigation.

Arranging Earl Grey's Trip.

Major Modie, superintendent of the R.N.W.M.P. in the Hudson Bay district, is here conferring with Colonel White, controller of the force. The arrangements for the trip of Earl Grey to Hudson Bay, but nothing very definite about it will be known until His Excellency returns.

The government has decided to call for tenders this summer for a big new block to be constructed on Mackenzie avenue being Major Hill Park. It is expected that the contract for the structure will be let this autumn and that active construction work will commence early next spring. The building will cost from two to three million dollars.

General Sir John French was in conference today with the military court. It was stated at the department that having completed his inspections he is getting general information here respecting establishments, equipment, etc., as a preliminary to making his report which will be done only after he returns to England.

NO SETTLEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED

Dispute Between Trainmen and Conductors Still Not Yet Closed—Details Proved Too Complex to Be Dealt With in One Day.

Montreal, July 5.—No conclusion of the dispute between the Trainmen and Conductors of the Canadian Pacific and the company has been reached today as had been hoped, not because any further disagreement had been encountered, but because the matter has proved too complex to be handled in one day.

In fact, it is stated that the conference may last a couple of days before the whole matter is concluded.

In Conference All Day.

All day a conference was engaged in between Messrs. J. W. Leonard, A. D. McTier and C. Murphy of the C.P.R., and Messrs. Kirkwood and Barry, and other members of the committee representing the men.

The discussion lasted until half-past twelve, when it adjourned, to resume tomorrow and carry on the talk until the whole matter has been closed.

On returning to the C.P.R. headquarters, Mr. Leonard stated that most of the time had been taken up with discussions of different rules and conditions which are to be included in the new agreement which is to be finally settled the terms of the agreement which is to be arrived at.

"These matters involve a great amount of details," said Mr. Leonard, "which naturally take a lot of time to discuss, and probably a day or two yet before they are definitely settled."

The discussions, however, are going on amicably, and there is not the slightest indication at present that there will be any trouble.

"Each point is being taken up and settled, the whole business being traversed in this way, and almost any time now should see the whole matter closed so far as the Canadian Pacific is concerned."

REDUCE CHARGE TO MANSLAUGHTER

Port Credit, July 5.—Coroner Dr. Sutton held an inquest this afternoon on the body of Michael Mangle, who met his death as a result of an altercation at the service Lawrence Starch Works on Thursday, June 30. The jury brought in a verdict of death resulting from a blow dealt by Wm. Berger, James Smith, a fellow employee of the two men, was an eye witness of the whole affair. He testified that the men got into a wrangle in which Mangle went down twice, the second blow resulting in his death. Barker, the assailant, will come up July 11 at Cookville. The charge of murder will probably be reduced to manslaughter.

RENTED CITY HALL FOR EIGHT MONTHS

Woodstock, Ont., July 5.—The Ministerial Association of the city today passed a strongly worded resolution condemning the city council for renting the city hall for the purpose of receiving the prize fight return, and thereby condoning the brutal exhibition. The council were asked to hold a special meeting and withdraw their consent, but the mayor took no action.

GLORIOUS 4TH RESULTS IN

28 KILLED, 1,788 INJURED.

Chicago, July 5.—Chicago contributed two deaths to a total of twenty-eight in the country for the fourth of July victims. One thousand, seven hundred and eighty-seven were injured, including 25 here.

FREWEN HAS LOST HIS SUIT AGAINST G. T. P.

Case Against G.T.P. for Damages of Several Millions Because of Failure to Deliver Lots of Prince Rupert Tonnage Lost.

Vancouver, B.C., July 4.—Chas. M. Hays and the Grand Trunk Pacific today, and Montreal Frewen lost in later's suit against the former for damages of several million dollars because of the failure of the railway company to deliver one thousand tons of Prince Rupert tonnage to the plaintiff. The case will probably be appealed to the privy council.

Chief Justice Hunter decided that there was no concluded agreement regarding the price and the case was dismissed with costs.

C.P.R. SHOWS INCREASE OF OVER \$18,000,000

Montreal, July 5.—Figures published today show the increase of the Canadian Pacific's fiscal year to June 30. Taking the company's approximate earnings for the year with the official statement for the previous eleven months, the gross earnings total \$44,685,000, an increase for the year of \$18,272,000. The net earnings total \$22,522,000, an increase of \$10,700,000. These results exceed anything in the history of the road in the way of gains for a single year.

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