CANADIAN VS. U. S. RAIL RATES ON WHEAT

"In January, 1924, the Omaha Bee

published the results of an exhaustive study it had made with reference to

he cost of producing and marketing

wheat in this country, as compared with the cost of producing and mar-keting wheat in Canada. One of the

most significant features of this re-

port was the difference in cost of transportation to the Canadian wheat

dred weight. The same rate prevails to hie wheat grower in the Calgary

Canada district. But the American

wheat grower who ships to Chicago from American Falls, Idaho, must pay

a rate of 63½ cents per hundred weight to get his grain delivered in

Chicago, or more than twice what it costs his Canadian competitor to

reach the same American market

The rate from Billings, Montana, to

Chicago, is 521/2 cents per hundred

weight; from Cheyenne, Wyoming

501/2 cents; From Denver, Colorado

501/2 cents; from Grand Island, Neb raska, 37 cents; from Mitchell, South

"For export purposes the Edmonton

wheat grower can lay his wheat down

in New York using a lake and rail laul, at a rate of 47.17 cents per hun-

ired weight. The same is true of the

wheat grower in the Calgary dis-

trict. The wheat producers who ship from American Falls, Idaho, for ex-

port to New York, must pay a rate of 83.17 cents per hundred weight, us-ing lake and rail hauls. From Billings

Montana, the rate is 72.17 cents; from

Denver, Colorado, it is 70.17 cents. from Grand Island, Nebraska, it is

56.17 cents; from Mitchell, South Da-

"From this it will be seen that the

cost of transportation is much less in

Canada than in the United States.

The difference is so great that it

amounts to many cents per bushel.

The cost of railroading is about the same in both countries. If any difer-

ence exists in the cost of operating

the railroads, the lower cost should be in the United States, where clima

tic conditions are more favorable. If there is no loss to the railroads from

this low rate in Canada, then, surely the railroads in the United States are making immense profits from the

"It has been charged that the rail-

roads in Canada have been losing

money. That may be very true. It has not been charged that this loss can be traced to the low rate charg-

ed for hauling wheat. If the loss now suffered by the Canadian rail-

oads could be turned into profit, would it be necessary to increase

the rate there to the same rate charged in the United States? The loss

suffered by those railreads may not

be a result of too low grain rates!

The loss may be incurred from too ow rates on other commodities. The

rate on each commodity should be a compensatory rate. No commodity

should be favored with a rate so

low that it is carried at a loss, and

then have the rate on another com-

modity boosted high enough to cov-

"Anyway, the freight rates on wheat here in the United States seem to need revision." —The Press Minot, N. D.

KILBURN

(Crowded out last week.)

Mrs. John Ogilvy returned home on

Saturday, after spending six weeks visiting relatives in Dixon, Illinois.

John Ogilvy returned home on Sat-

Mrs. T. D. Vandine entertained a

few of her friends at a 5 o'clock tea on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Her guests were Mrs. Alice Kilburn Mrs. J. W. Grant, Mrs. Isabel Bishop

Mrs. Edward Cox and Mrs. H. Mc-

Laughlin. She was assisted in serv-

ing by the Misses Amanda and Freda

The Red Cross Society will mee

with Mrs. T. O. Morehouse on Tuesday afternoon the 16th.

The Baptist Missionary Meeting was entertained by Mrs. Hanford

Grant on Wednesday, Dec. 10. A large number was in attendance and an in-teresting meeting held. January meet-ing will be with Mrs. H. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baird of Bairds-ville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grant on Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Smith of Bath spent the

veek-end with her sister, Mrs. C. R.

Ed. Drost visited Bath on Saturday.
Mrs. F. V. Bishop returned from
Robinson, Me., on Wednesday of last
week, being called there to attend the

funeral of her uncle, Mr. S. Rideout. Mrs. J. W. Jackson has been quite

ill, but is improving now.

Mrs. C. B. Inman took tea on Sun

day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Drost. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson have had a fine radio installed in their

nman of Linville.

urday from Gulquac.

rate they are getting.

kota, it is 52.17 cents.

Dakota, 321/2 cents.

It' showed that the Edmon ton, Canada wheat grower can reach the Chicago market by lake and rail



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They speak the summer gone.

Hark! Listen to the warning voice, Wilt thou be left alone.

Companions of thy youthful days Hark! As they pass they see Wilt thou be left alone?

The world with all its joys must fade The curtain must be drawn. And thou upon a dying bed

Then if no ray of hope apears. No bright immortal dawn, How will thy trembling spirit fear, To pass the vale alone.

When the last trumpet shall sound How can'st thou bear to hear him say Depart with friends alone MRS. CECELIA R. LLOYD.

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SERIOUS FIRES

(Edmundston Observer)

At about 12.30 a.m. Thursday the house of Arthur Soucy in Martin Settlement was damaged by fire and water to the extent of about \$1.500. The Edmundston Fire Department was at the scene of the fire before the alarm sounded, a telephone call having been received, and did magnificent work in checking the progress of the blaze. Another big fire broke out about 11.30 Wednesday evening in St. Basil when the house and contents of George Lee were totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated between \$6000 and \$7000. We understand there is no insurance. At about 12.30 a. m. Thursday

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