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Summary of The Week's News of The World

HOMESTEADS IN DEMAND

An Ottawa wire of Oct. 17 said:—The annual report of the interior department, covering the last fiscal year, gives some illuminative statistics of Western development. During the twelve months 41,568 settlers, representing 102,286 souls, took up free homesteads in the Prairie Provinces as compared with a total of 39,081 homestead entries, representing 93,852 souls, in 1908-09. Of the new settlers who took up homesteads last year 3,953 came from Ontario, 964 from Quebec, 188 from Nova Scotia, 130 from New Brunswick, 94 from Prince Edward Island and 182 from British Columbia. Canadians returned from United States numbered 753, Americans 12,813, English 5,439, Scotch 1,326, Irish 546, Germans 688, Austro-Hungarians 2,361, Swedes 818, Norwegians 843 and Russians 1,061.

In the list of American settlers every state and territory in the union is represented.

Since September 1, 1908, when provision was made for the granting of pre-emption and purchased homestead entries, and July 31, last, 40,844 pre-emptions and 2,926 purchased homesteads were recorded, which represents a prospective revenue of \$81,009,600, exclusive of the interest which will be accruing to the government during the time that entrants are earning the title to their holdings.

The gross cash revenue of the department during the year was \$4,709,014.42, which is an increase of \$1,480,109.46 as compared with the previous year.

The growing magnitude of the department's work is evidenced by the fact that correspondence handled during the year totalled 2,109,763 letters.

The steady rise in Western land values is shown by the fact that the average per acre realized on sales of railway and Hudson's Bay company lands was \$13.36 as compared with \$11.08 in 1908-9, and \$8.78 in 1907-8.

Of the 45,296 immigrants last year from European countries exclusive of Great Britain, 38 per cent made entries for homesteads in Western Canada and a large proportion of the remainder engaged with farmers or in domestic service.

TO TAX ELEVATOR

A Fort William wire of Oct. 14 said:—Charging that the G. T. P. elevator here, one of the largest in the world, does not

belong to and is not being operated by the G. T. P. railway, but a district firm, the city of Fort William will refuse to exempt the plant from taxation. Under the original agreement with the city, the G. T. P.'s terminals, including the elevator, were to be exempted for a period of 20 years. The city finds, according to the city assessor, that the elevator is G. T. P. property in name only. As the rate is 25 mills, the new ruling will mean \$23,000 a year in taxes to owners of the elevator.

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

An Ottawa wire of Oct. 14 said:—Increasing activity in railway development is evidenced by the large number of applications to parliament for legislation which will appear in to-day's Canada Gazette.

The C. P. R. wants authority to construct five branch lines in the northwest, from Conquest, Sask., to Asquith or Dunfermline, on the Pheasant Hills branch; from Wilkie, Sask., southerly to the Moose Jaw branch; from Wilkie,

lower in condition than a year ago but nearly ten per cent. higher than in 1908. Buckwheat is about the same as last year and 12 per cent. better than in 1908, while mixed grains are better by five per cent. than last year and by 19.47 per cent over two years ago. Corn for husking compared for three years, 1910, 1909, and 1908, shows a percentage of 85.12, 86.77 and 82, and corn for fodder of 89.82, 87.18 and 82 for the respective years.

Potatoes Poorer

The condition of potatoes is 76.08 at the end of September compared with 90.37 last year, of turnips 82.09 to 83.34, and of sugar beets 83.15 to 71.02 while in 1908 their condition ranged from 68 to 74.

Alfalfa has a condition of 83.30 for the end of September and it exceeds 90 in the Maritime provinces and Ontario. In Quebec and the Northwest provinces it is not more than 70 per cent. and in British Columbia it is 88.33.

All field grains in the province last named exceed 82 per cent. in quality.

The estimate yield of rye this year of Canada is 1,634,000 bushels; of peas,

turns show a big increase in the Labor vote and indicate the election of 46 Laborites and 44 Liberals. There are 90 seats in the house.

BIG PRAIRIE FIRE

A Grenfell wire of Oct. 16 said:—A prairie fire started yesterday afternoon about five miles east of here on the north side of the track, and with a stiff breeze blowing it spread with great rapidity. A large number of farmers turned out to fight the fire, which lasted all night, and has been burning fiercely today. The loss to farmers will be heavy, especially in the matter of feed, as many stacks of hay were destroyed.

AUSTRALIAN CO-OPERATION

The men on the land in Australia are appreciating the benefits of co-operation and are extending the principle in directions at one time thought to be impracticable. Ninety per cent. of the butter raised is thus handled, while much of it is sold co-operatively. The great losses sustained this year through the slump in wheat have impressed farmers with the disadvantages of having all information in regard to markets and the prospects of supply and demand provided by the sellers and speculators. It is being recognized that through co-operation alone it is possible for farmers to receive reliable reports and forecasts from thoroughly independent sources. In many places, too, the farmers are establishing their own butcheries, bakeries and stores. —Breder's Gazette.

The first game in the world's championship baseball series between Philadelphia and Chicago was won by the former, the score being four to one. The series is for the best four games out of seven.

It has been announced that the Alberta legislature would open Nov. 10. One of the first matters of business taken up will be the report on the Alberta Great Waterways railway.

Walter Wellman, famous for his unsuccessful attempt to reach the pole in a dirigible balloon, has started on a trip across the Atlantic in the same outfit.

Five men and three women were killed in a Mexican election riot.

Delegation for Ottawa

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has notified Mr. E. C. Drury, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, that he will be pleased to receive the delegation of Canadian farmers at any time it may suit their convenience, but suggested that the delegation come to Ottawa as early as possible and that Friday would be the most convenient day of the week for parliament to meet them. It is expected that the date set for the meeting at Ottawa will be December 9. A definite date will probably be announced in the next issue of THE GUIDE. It is the intention to hold a conference of the farmers from all the provinces in Ottawa the day before meeting parliament in order that full plans may be made for the presentation of the farmers' case. The Canadian Pacific Railway has agreed to furnish a special train (or two if necessary) to Ottawa, with either Pullman or tourist sleepers. All delegates will be able to secure special excursion rates to the meeting at Ottawa.

south-westerly and southerly to the Moose Jaw branch; from Boissevain, Man., to Lauder, Man.; from the Crow's Nest branch along the Old Man river, about 55 miles.

An extension of time is asked by the C. P. R. for the construction of the following railways:—

From Lanigan to Prince Albert.

From Wilkie northerly and westerly to the Lacombe branch.

From Outlook to the Lacombe branch.

From Estevan to Forward on the Weyburn branch.

From a point in townships 6, 7, 8, or 9, westerly to Lethbridge.

From Teulon to Marsh Point.

Authority is also asked by the C. P. R. to make the terminus of its Lauder branch at Weyburn and to increase its bonding power in respect to its Toronto-Sudbury branch.

The Manitoba and North-western railway desires an extension of time for the construction of the following lines:—From Yorkton to Prince Albert; from Russell to the northern or western boundary of Manitoba; from a point between Portage la Prairie and Arden to the northern or western boundary of Manitoba; from between Westbourne and Beautiful Plains to Lake Dauphin or Duck Mountains; from between Theodore and Isinger to township 32, range 18 or 19; from Bredenbury to Kamsack.

CROP CONDITIONS

The Ottawa census office publishes a bulletin on the condition of the crops in Canada at the end of September. The reports show lower averages of condition for the whole of Canada than those of a year ago, but the reduction applies chiefly to the Northwest provinces. In the Eastern provinces a high percentage is maintained for nearly all crops, and the quantity and quality are better than a year ago and still better than two years ago.

In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, there is a drop of about twenty per cent. in quality of grain and roots, but threshing indicates that the yield will be larger for wheat, oats and barley than was promised at the end of August. For the whole of Canada the condition of rye at the end of September was 85.59 which is ten per cent. better than two years ago and 2.59 better than last year. Peas and beans are nearly eight per cent.

6,444,500 bushels; of beans, 1,089,600 bushels; of buckwheat, 7,302,000 bushels; of oats and mixed grains, 20,103,000 bushels; of flax, 4,314,000 bushels, and of corn for husking 17,682,000 bushels.

NEW FOOD STANDARDS

An Ottawa wire of Oct. 11 said:—The new food standards prepared during the past year by Anthony McGill, chief analyst of the inland revenue department, assisted by experts working under him, are now before the cabinet council and will probably be promulgated by an order-in-council this autumn.

The new standards so far prepared cover milk and its products, meat and meat products, and grain and grain products. After a month's advertisement the new standards will become law, and as a result of clearer and more adequate definition of food standards, the department will be in a much better position than heretofore to enforce the law respecting adulteration of foodstuffs and the sale of unwholesome or impure food products.

UNIQUE CONFERENCE CALLED

A London cable of Oct. 16 said:—One of the most remarkable congresses ever held in London will take place next year soon after the coronation. It will be a meeting of the east and west, and will be known as the "First universal races congress." It was originated as far back as 1906 by Dr. Felix Adler, professor of social ethics of Columbia University, and the responses to the appeal have been so numerous that up to the present more than fifty nations have intimated their intention of being represented.

There are thirty presidents of parliament, a dozen British governors, nearly the same number of prime ministers, 130 professors of international law, more than forty overseas bishops, and 120 members of the permanent court of arbitration of the second Hague conference. The general secretary is Mr. Spiller of Hampstead, who has gone to America to make fuller arrangements there.

SOUTH WALES VOTE

A Sydney, Australia, cable of Oct. 16 said:—Returns for the general election for the lower assembly for the province of New South Wales indicate the defeat of the Wade Liberal government by a majority of two. The re-

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