WITH THE FARMERS

AN ANXIOUS WEEK OVER.

Winnipeg, May 26.—Inclement weather with cold rains and some snow has been prevalent throughout the spring wheat belt of the prairie west during the past week, putting a stop to seeding operations and checking the growth of grain already above the ground. In addition, heavy frosts, especially on the night of May 19-20, have visited some parts of the country, the southern and well settled part of Saskatchewan, being the area most affected. On these heavy lands, however, wheat was comparatively backward and does not appear to have suffered any damage beyond the check to the growth, which in the upshot should prove beneficial as causing the grain to stool out into sturdier plants. In one or two rare cases the more tender oats are reported to have been cut down by the frost, but as a rule where the frost was heavy the oats had not showed above ground. Frosts were heaviest along the main line of the C.P.R. between Moosomin and Moose Jaw, and south on the Arcola and Soo branches and anxiety was naturally felt as this is the oldest cultivated section of Saskatchewan.

No Damage Reported.

Asked by the Western Associated Press for a statement as to any damage done, A. P. Ketchen, deputy commissioner of agriculture for that province, said no damage to the growing crops in Saskatchewan has been reported. Wet and cool weather following the heavy frost probably averted the danger. Superintendent McKay, of the Indian Head experimental farm, informed the Regina department that the crops there are growing splendidly with no evidence of injury, and as the temperatures were probably as low at Indian Head as anywhere else in the province, it may be assumed that a rather anxious week has passed without any material damage to the growing crop.

Finished Before the Rains.

Available reports indicate that the oat seeding was practically finished in all but the very late districts before the rains came, and a good start had been made with barley and flax. Without a doubt there is a very considerable increase in the total crop seeded, and men in a position to know are claiming that the increased acreage in prime cereal will amount to twenty-five per cent., with at least a proportionate increase in the coarse grains and flax.

As to quality of the seed, reports differ according to locality, but there is no doubt that in districts where the crop was badly frozen last year, a good deal of damaged wheat has been seeded. Fortunately germination conditions could not have been better, but the experiment was certainly not justified. A good many farmers in such districts have taken advantage of aid offered them by Federal and provincial authorities and have sown magnificent seed imported specially. This applies more particularly to oats, which suffered last harvest far more extensively than wheat. Where farmers have been unable or unwilling to use government seed, 1906 oats have been drawn on wherever there happened to be a reserve.

NEW WHEAT SOWING SCHEME.

Mr. Robert Blunhuber, of Marquette, Michigan, who is a tiller of the soil with many years' experience, took up a homestead in the province of Saskatchewan three years ago, and since that time has been an attentive student of conditions in this great wheat region of the west. Bringing to his subject a comprehensive knowledge of scientific husbandry, he is convinced that he has discovered how to farm the Canadian west with the best results.

According to a recent article in an agricultural journal, Mr. Blemhuber proposes to plant the spring wheat crop in the fall of the year after the last rains and before the freeze-up, instead of planting it in the spring of the year, as is now the general practice. By so doing he will gain a full three weeks over the crops that are planted in the spring. This will insure the maturing of a fine crop in ample early season to avoid the danger of the killing frosts which are the great menaces to wheat in the Canadian West, and which last year caused the farmers enormous loss.

It was evident to Mr. Blemhuber that the conservation of the supply of moisture in the fullest possible measure for the nourishment of the crops is one of the greatest problems to be solved in successful farming. The present system of farming is wasteful of moisture. By closely watching conditions, Mr. Blemhuber found that on his homestead two miles southwest of Battleford during the three autumns that he has been there no rain has fallen after September, and the first frosts find the dust, covering the surface of the ground quite dry. It is so dry it does not freeze even in the severest weather, and it can be kicked up under the snow all through the winter.

The scheme, then, is to plant the wheat in the fall in the dry dust. There being no moisture present in it, the seed cannot sprout, but lies dormant the entire winter. In the spring the melting snows pack the earth about the grain, creating the proper conditions for growing. The only thing necessary to protect the crop is to harrow it. Mr. Blemhuber advocates four harrowings at different angles with a listing harrow that will not disturb the seed. The harrowing is important to preserve the moisture in the ground during the dry period between March, when the snow leaves the ground, and the latter part of May, when the rainfall begins. The dust mulch made by the harrowing of the soil prevents evaporation and ensures that practically all the moisture will be used by the grain.

The present system is one of an entirely different nature, one that puts the season back three weeks and is wasteful of the highly-prized moisture. Under it the ground must, as a rule, be prepared for the crops in the spring. Here, the very first thing is a condition that encourages evaporation. Then after the seed is sown the ground must be packed about the grain artificially, instead of having that work done by the melting of the snow, as is the case when fall planting is practised. The item of extra labor is a big one, and the work cannot be done as well as nature does it.

BIG STOCK FARM SOLD.

Regina, May 26.—Mutch Brothers have sold Craigie Mains stock farm to James Reid, who some time ago bought the farm of James Mutch, across the road from Craigie Mains. This is one of the best known Clydesdale and Shorthorn farms of Western Canada.

WHOLESALE FRUIT PRICES.

The Edmonton Fruit & Produce Co. report oranges up 50c per case. Lemons are steady, but prices will rise with the advance of warm weather. Pineapples are as cheap now as they will be, so now is the time to preserve them. Tomatoes and rhubarb are very scarce. Quotations are:

Fresh California Oranges—$5.25 to $5.50 per case.
Lemons—$6 per case.
Apples—$2.25 per box.
Pineapples—$6.25 per crate.
Tomatoes—$5 per crate.
Rhubarb—$2.50 per box.
Australian onions—$5.50 per crate.

FARM NOTES.

With the Swift packing plant nearing completion and a government commission about to investigate the advisability of erecting a plant to develop chilled meat trade with Great Britain, it is about time that every farmer raises a few hogs.

The Central Alberta Stock Growers' association will hold their annual meeting at Erskine, Alta., on June 10th and 11th.

While a herd of bulls were being driven from the ranch near Tees station to be loaded at the siding for transportation to the provincial stock show at Calgary, one of the animals played out so that he could not proceed. The owner left him behind with instructions to his man that in case the bull recovered he should be shipped on the next train via Lacombe, where the animals from Tees are billed through to Calgary. The animal recovered sufficiently to be shipped as directed. Sometime after the shipment the Lacombe agent was called up over the telephone from Calgary by someone who inquired if the bull had been shipped. An affirmative reply was sent, but apparently was misunderstood. At all events the bull was imprisoned in the box car at Calgary for three days without food or water, and when some of the yard men approached the car to clean it out the animal was found crazed with hunger and thirst.

STAY WITH THE HOG BUSINESS.

At the meeting of the Alberta Swine Breeders' association, held in Calgary last week, Mr. Duncan Anderson, of Rigby, Ont., advised Alberta breeders to go slowly into the hog industry, but to stay with it regardless of the fluctuating condition of the market. The wisdom of this remark is being demonstrated by the situation in the hog market at the present time.

Hog prices have been advancing steadily in Winnipeg for the past fortnight and it is expected that they will reach the seven cent mark before the middle of June. The fact is that hogs are remarkably scarce in Western Canada this spring and while the advancing prices have tended somewhat to increase receipts in the market, buyers have rapidly absorbed all offerings and the demand seems unabated. The situation in Chicago and Toronto is much the same. Hogs towards the close of last year slumped off so badly in both markets and grain al olver the country went up so high that no feeder could afford or thought he could afford to turn his high priced grain into pork. In Ontario at one time, young stock could not be given away. The result is that supplies ahe low and likely to be lower before farmers can get back into the business again. This turn in the market emphasizes the importance and advantage of farmers staying with the hogs and not rushing out of the business every time a little slump occurs. The man who has hogs at present stands in a good way to make a good profit.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, May 26.—The cattle trade was slow today, with the exception of yearling stuff, which sold to good advantage, the prices being 10 to 15 cents higher. The quality was poor. Wool lambs were unpopular and were 10 cents lower, but shorn lambs and sheep held steady. The cattle trade was full of sinuosities. In spits it was 10 to 15 cents higher. Some places actually showed declines and the bulk of the stuff moved at steady prices. Steers were of common quality. The bulk of the steers sold $5.50 to $5.60, top notchers being very scarce.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, May 25.—Receipts at the live stock at the Union yards, West Toronto to day were 53 carloads, composed of 1,017 cattle, 22 hogs, 41 sheep, 48 calves and about 75 horses. The quality of fat cattle was fairly good. The trade was slow for butcher cattle. Exporters were in fair demand. Export steers sold $5.75 to $6.25; bulk around $5.90 to $6.00. Export bulls sold $4.50 to $5.00. Butchers' prime picked lots sold $5.50 to $5.75, loads good $5.40 to $5.60; mediums, $5.10 to $5.30; common, $4.75 to $5.10; cows $3.00 to $5.00 per cwt.; veal calves sold $4.00 to $4.50; sheep sold at $5.50 and spring lambs $4.00 to $6.50 each; hogs, selects $6.00, fed and watered at the market, and $5.75 f.o.b. cars country points.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal, May 26.—100 head of butchers' cattle, 24 calves, 118 sheep and lambs and 760 fat hogs were offered for sale at Montreal live stock market today. Trade was fair, but the prices of cattle had a downward tendency, excepting for the best animals. Prime beeves sold from 5¾ to little over 6¼ cents per pound, pretty good cattle 4¾ to 5¼ cents and common stock 3 to 4 cents per pound.

Calves sold $3.00 to $8.00 each, or 4 to 6 cents per pound.

Sheep that were shorn sold at 5 to 6 cents per pound. A lot of good yearlings not shorn were held at 6¾c per pound, while 6½ was offered. Spring lambs sold from $4.50 to $6.00 each. Good lots of fat hogs sold 6½ to 6¾ cents per pound.

WINNIPEG LIVE STOCK.

Winnipeg, May 26.—The following are the ruling live stock quotations on this market:

Cattle.			
Export steers, 1,200 and over, Winnipeg	5¼	to	5½
Steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,100 Winnipeg	4¾	to	5¾
Fat cows	4	to	4½
Half fat butchers' stock	3	to	3¼
Veal calves	4½	to	5
Sheep.			
Spring lambs (each)	4.00	to	5.00
Sheep, per lb.	7		
Yearlings, per lb.	7	to	7½
Hogs.			
125 to 250 lbs.	5¾		
250 to 325 lbs.	4¾		

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, May 26.—The cattle supply is meagre, not enough stuff arriving to make a market. Butcher stuff composed bulk of the offerings. Prices are about steady. In the sheep house, conditions are unchanged. Stuff wearing fleeces was about 10 cents lower.

Export steers are selling at $5.50 to $6.25, with the top price at $7.25.

Heavy packing hogs, weighing 260 lbs. to 400 lbs., are selling at $5.30 to $5.82½.

Sheep are quoted at $4 to $5 for the bulk, with top price at $5.25. Lambs are selling at $5.65 to $6.75.

SATURDAY'S GRAIN MARKET.

Winnipeg, Man., May 23. — The wheat market, all things considered, held very strong, though the advance at the close was not exceptional. News, when sifted, rather indicated that winter wheat conditions were not quite so favorable as they have been, although there is still every indication of a big crop. The available wheat in site for the next two or three months consumption is small, and though spring wheat conditions are nearly ideal, that crop is only in the making. Probably in view of holidays, the Winnipeg market was more active than for some time, July and October showing a fair bunch of trade. Conditions as to export were practically unchanged from Friday, and offerings were very light. The gain of this morning was ⅞ for May, ⅞ for July and 1⅛ for October. American markets showed a narrow range and ultimately gains of ⅛ for May, ¼ for July and ½ for September in Minneapolis and ¾ for May, ¼ for July and ½ for September in Chicago. American markets will be open as usual on Monday. Winnipeg cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, 1.11⅛; No. 2 Northern, 1.08¼; No. 3 Northern, 1.04¼; No. 4, 97½; No. 5, 90; No. 6, 75¼; No. 1 feed, 62; No. 2 feed, 57. Oats—No. 2 white, 44¾; No. 3 white, 42¾; rejected, 41¾. Barley—Rejected, 44½; feed, 45. Flax—No. 1, Northwestern, 1.17; No. 1 Manitoba, 1.15; rejected, 1.06; July, 1.18½. American options—Chicago: May open 1.01½, close 1.01⅞; July open 90, close 90⅜; September open 86⅞, close 86⅞. Minneapolis—May open 1.07¾, close 1.07½; July open 1.04⅞, close 1.05⅞; September open 91½, close 91⅞. Liverpool prices—July wheat, 1.08¼; September wheat, 1.03¾. May, corn, 79½.

Winnipeg, May 26.—Since our last report the wheat markets have been quite strong, due to more rain in the southwest, and further reports about Hessian fly damage in Kansas. Statistics also keep bullish, receipts are running light and the American and Canadian visible supply decreased 2,415,000 bushels for the week, which brings teh total down to 24,072,000 bushels, compared to 26,487,000 last week and 50,797,000 a year ago. The Liverpool market closed ¾ to ⅞ lower, but this is due to reports that the drouth has been broken in Roumania and Bulgaria. The Minneapolis market shows an advance of 1½ to 2¼ over Saturday's figures, and Chicago 2¼ to 3 cents. The Winnipeg market the American markets to a certain extent, but trading was not as lively as it should have been under the circumstances. Little or no export business is being done in the higher grades, and, of course, the Northwest crop conditions are ideal. Winnipeg prices are: No. 1 Northern, 1.13; No. 2 Northern, 1.10; No. 3 Northern, 1.05⅛; No. 4, 98½; No. 5, 91; No. 6, 76½; No. 1 feed, 62½; No. 2 feed, 57½. Futures—May closed 1.13, July 1.14⅜, October 90. Oats—No. 2 white, 45; rejected, 42½. Flax stronger—No. 1 Northwestern, 1.18.

TUESDAY'S GRAIN MARKET.

Winnipeg, May 26.—Cables were lower at early opening, and on this American markets opened a shade easier, but very soon stiffened as day advanced; cables closed higher. Foreign crop summary was bullish; there was big increase in visible, and floods and Hessian fly in southwest had their effect. Chicago really developed runaway market in May, range of morning being 3¼ and close was 2⅝ up for Monday. July range was 2¼ and advance 2 to 2¼ cents; September range of 3⅛ and close 2⅞ over Monday. Minneapolis May showed range of ⅞ and closed 1½ higher; July range was 1⅞ and closed 2¼ higher, while September showed range of 2¼ and closed 2¼ to 2½ higher. There was some stampede to cover by pit short as purchasers, though small apparently and much scattered, very soon drained market. In Winnipeg, offerings were very light and there was some buying by old country millers, market responded readily and advance was marked, being 1⅞ for May, 1½ for July and 1 cent for October over Saturday close. Weather map showed considerable rain in Red River valley but Saskatchewan and Alberta generally fine, with rain at Lethbridge and Calgary.

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American options: Chicago—May open 1.02⅝, close 1.04¾; July open 90⅞, close 92½; September open 87½, close 89½. Minneapolis—May open 1.08⅝, close 1.09; July open 1.06½, close 1.07¾; September open 91¼, close 93¾.

CANADIAN CATTLE AT CHICAGO.

The comment which was created last year by Alberta and Saskatchewan stockmen sending two hundred cars of Canadian beeves to the Chicago market is beng revived by Clay, Robinson & Co., commission men, of Chicago, who have prepared an article on the subject which appeared in the Weekly Live Stock Report. They say the experiment demonstrated that the Chicago market is in a position to absorb any quantity of steers weighing from 1,250 upwards and the better grade cows, as these are the kind of cattle that come sparingly from the range districts of the United States and that are in large supply when the native offerings are moderate.

This year it is estimated that there will be a decrease of 25 per cent. in both native and western receipts on the Chicago market, that is to say, of both corn-fed and grass-fed cattle, and if the present condition of the trade be any criterion, the better and heavier weight of Canadian steers are going to be in strong demand at good rates.

The above firm figures that on a car shipment from Calgary to Chicago, via Portal, the cost of 1,400 lb. four year old steers will be freight 86c per cwt., duty 80c, shrinkage in weight 25c, feed en route and on the market, yardage and commission 10c, making a total of $2.01 per cwt. In other words, $28 for a 1,400 lb. four year old steer is not exceptional.

In the past three weeks there have been some shipments of Canadian hay-feds at Chicago. For their weight and quality it will be seen that they realized generally satisfactory rates. Some of these sales were as follows:

No.	Description	Av.	Price.
153	steers	1,313	$6.20
64	steers	1,122	6.20
78	steers	1,334	6.15
19	steers	1,248	5.90
11	tailings	1,199	5.45
20	tailings	1,164	5.40
21	tailings	1,050	5.40
67	cows and heifers	920	5.20
59	cows and heifers	901	5.20
12	cows	1,083	5.20
9	cows	1,164	5.15
1	bull	1,640	4.00

A distinct triumph for the Canadian cattle grower was the extension of the grazing limit on American cattle in Canada from six months to two years. In other words, American raised cattle can be grazed in Canada for as long as two years and returned duty free.

Canadian exporters have been losing money in shipping high-priced beeves abroad and are turning to satisfy the demand on the Chicago markets. There the prospect of continued moderate runs indicates a good active trade. During the second week in May notive American beeves sold in Chicago up to $7.40. A herd of 1,630 lb. branded Kansas beeves sold at $7.25. These sales are thought by Clay Robinson & Co. to indicate the strength of the demand on local, that is to say, packing and eastern shipping account, and that good cattle of practically all weights are selling at most excellent figures. They are of the opinion that Canadian cattle men should study the situation and "keep their eye on Chicago."

WEDNESDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, May 27.—The market for wheat broke from the high point of yesterday and developed considerable weakness for a time, but ultimately advanced in Chicago on the price of corn and reports of further damage in the southwest. Considerable July was changed over to September. The advance of the morning was 1¾ for May on a range of 2¾ and 2½ for July and September ⅞ lower. Though damage to winter wheat was given as cause of advance, there was every indication of manipulation and stocks in Chicago are all in the hands of a few big houses that are at their old game as it nears the end of the month, "if you take delivery we will give you rubbish and if you don't take it you must pay our storage charges." In Minneapolis the market was weaker all morning and closed lower on all quotations, May being off ¼, July ⅞ and September ⅞. The Winnipeg market was very dull, in fact one broker remarked he had hardly ever seen it duller. Very little inquiry for export and very light local trade. Patten ran riot in corn, which again sold higher, May touching 80½ and closed 80. About all shorts must be squeezed out by this time and a good many non-professionals are going back to their legitimate business better and wiser men. This day last year May corn closed at 54⅞.

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CROP REPORTS ARE OF BANNER PROSPECTS

Snow and Cool Weather in Saskatchewan Has Done No Damage—In Alberta Growth of Grains Has Been All That Could Be Desired.

Bulletin Special.

Calgary, May 26.—Following is a report of crop conditions along the line of the western division of the Canadian Pacific railway compiled by General Superintendent Price, from reports received from the different station agents.

Grenfell—Oats seeding finished; barley ninety percent.; wheat four inches high; weather favorable with rain.

Summerberry—Oats seeding finished; wheat up three to five inches; weather favorable with showers.

Wolsley—Oats and other grains finished seeding by end of week; no damage done by cool weather with rain.

Sintaluta—Wheat two to five inches high; some oats two inches high; some rain and snow, but no damage reported.

Indian Head—All grains seeded; plenty of rain and prospects never brighter.

Qu'Appelle—Weather past week cold with snow; no damage done to crops.

Macleod—All grains seeded and fine; good growth; snow fall did good; weather now warm.

Balgonie — Wheat about four inches high; weather cool during the last few days.

Pilot Butte—Wheat three inches high; oats and barley seeding nearly finished; weather has been cool but now fine for growing.

Regina—Wheat about four inches high; oats all seeded; weather cool but now fine for growing.

Grand Coulee—Wheat from three to four inches high; slight snow with no damage; weather during last three days very favorable.

Pence—Crops looking well; weather cool and wet; growth slow.

Bell Plains—Wheat up four to six inches; weather during the past week favorable for crops.

Pasqua — All grains seeded; weather good and grain doing fine.

Moose Jaw—Crops in good condition; weather cool and wet.

Forget—Wheat all in and mostly above ground; oats and barley fifty per cent. sown; weather fair and cool.

Stoughton—Wheat four to six inches high; weather fair with rain and snow.

Heward — Wheat all in and above ground; eighty percent. other grains sown; abundance rain and some snow; ground in good condition for growing.

Creelman—All grains sown and coming on fine; rain during past week with snow; no damage done.

Fillmore—All seeding done and grain coming up fine; every indication for good crop.

Francis—Seeding completed; crop advancing rapidly; some snow which is considered as great benefit.

Tyvan — Wheat six to eight inches growth; other grains fine; prospects never better.

Kronau—Wheat up five to seven inches good prospects; weather favorable.

Drinkwater—Wheat and oats up and doing well; about sixty percent. flax sown; weather during past week partly favorable.

Wilcox—Wheat and other early sown grain about two to six inches high; weather past week favorable.

Milestone—About eighty percent. oats and seventy percent. flax seeded; growth is good and strong; weather favorable.

Langs—Wheat looking fine about three to four inches high; sixty per cent. oats sown; thirty percent. flax; heavy rains and some snow.

McTaggart—Wheat three to four inches above ground; thirty percent. oats, flax and barley sown; heavy rains and some snow.

Weyburn — All grains sown; wheat three to six inches high; other grains coming up fine; weather cool with rain and snow.

Midale—Wheat growing fine and several inches above ground; eighty per cent. oats seeded; weather changeable with rain and snow.

Macoun—All Grain up; weather cool with rains and snow falls.

Estevan — Ninety-five percent. oats sown and fifty percent. of barley; heavy rains and snow.

Roche Percee—Sixty percent. oats sown weather cool with rain and snow.

North Portal—Wheat and other grains one to three inches high; weather cool with rain and snow;

Verwin—Good growth of grains during the past week; weather favorable with rain.

Mortlach—Wheat about four inches high; weather was cool and wet but is now fine.

Parkbeg—All grains up and doing well; weather favorable with rains.

Chaplin—Grain up about five inches; rain during the past week has given fine growth.

Morse—Most all Grain in and coming up fine; first part of week cool; latter part warm and favorable.

Herbert—Weather favorable; wheat up four inches; prospects bright.

Rushlake—Grain all seeded and looking fine; weather showery and cool.

Swift Current—Wheat about four inches high; weather favorable with light rains.

Seward—Grain coming up slowly as ground is quite dry.

Gull Lake—Wheat up about three inches; oats two inches and all looking well.

Maple Creek—Grain growing heavy; prospects better than in any previous year.

Walsh—Grain growing well but rain is needed.

Medicine Hat — Heavy rains today, which will help crops splendidly

Strathmore—Crops in fine condition; twenty-five percent. flax sown.

Airdrie—Weather past week cool and showery; fine growth in all crops.

Crossfield—Recent rains have brought up grain in fine shape.

Carstairs—Fall wheat and other grains in excellent shape; plenty of rains.

Didsbury—Weather warm with plenty of rain and all farmers are satisfied with good growth.

Olds—Considerable rain, but all crops are doing splendidly.

Bowden—Grain making good progress; weather fine with showers.

Red Deer—Crops doing fine; had several showers of rain.

Blackfalds—Crops looking good; weather fine with showers.

Lacombe — Crops doing fine; several showers of rain; weather fine and warm.

Ponoka—Crops looking fine with plenty of rain.

Wetaskiwin—Crops doing well; weather warm and showery.

Leduc—Crop prospects good; weather could not be better.

Strathcona — All crops looking fine; plenty of rain; about ten percent. increase in acreage over last year.

Alix—Fall wheat five inches high; all other grains showing above ground.

Stettler—Wheat and Oats up two and three inches; plenty of rain; prospects fine.

Daysland—Crops looking very good; a few scattered showers.

Killam— Grains three to five inches high; weather favorable with rains.

Hardisty—All grains looking fine; plenty of rain and rapid growth.

High River—Spring crop all up and looking fine; weather favorable and plenty of rains.

Cayley—Fall wheat about eighteen inches high; oats nearly all up; weather fine and rainy.

Nanton—All grains looking splendid; weather all that could be desired.

Stavely—Grain about one month ahead of last year; weather fine with rains.

Claresholm—Grains all looking fine; fall wheat about fourteen inches high; weather fine with heavy rains.

Granum—Crops looking fine; weather very favorable.

Taber—Crops looking good; no rains last week; everything favorable.

Macleod — Seeding finished, weather during past week very best, everything in good shape.

Pincher—Wheat from eight to ten inches high; very little seeding since last report; weather favorable.

Cowley—About ninety percent. seeding done; fall wheat up seven inches; good rains and everything favorable.

VERMILION MARKETS.

Vermilion, May 26.—The following are the prevailing market prices:

Grain.

Oats	40c. to 45c.
Wheat	55c. to 65c.
Bran, per sack	$1.15
Shorts, per sack	$1.25
Hay, per ton	$5.00

Dressed Meats.

Fowl	15c. to 17 1-2c.
Pork	7 1-2c.
Beef	6c.
Fish	10c.
Veal	8c.
Mutton	15c.

Butter and Eggs.

Butter	20c. to 25c.
Eggs	15c. to 20c.

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bushel	60c. to 65c.
Beets	$1.00
Turnips	50c.
Carrots	$1.00
Onions, per lb.	8c.
Cabbage, per lb.	5c.

Live Stock.

Cattle	3c. to 4c.
Hogs	5c. to 5 1-2c.

RED DEER MARKETS.

Red Deer, May 27.—The following are ing are the prevailing market prices:

Grain.

Wheat, per bu.	82c.
Barley per bu.	25 to 45c.
Oats, feed, per bu.	28c.
Oats, car lots	34c.
Shorts, per sack	$1.50
Bran, per sack	$1.40
Flour, patent	$3.60 to $3.75
Flour, second grade	$3.50

A CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. J. B. Beauchamp, of Mundare, extends her heartfelt thanks to the friends whose sympathy in her recent bereavement was of such a character as to make lighter the burden of grief.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

God in His Wisdom has recalled
The boon His love has given.
And though the body moulders here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

LIVE HOGS WANTED.

"We wish to inform live stock raisers in and about Edmonton that our new packing plant at Edmonton will be completed about September 1st, and we shall immediately be in the market for large quantities of live hogs. Would suggest that stockmen tributary make arrangements for raising hogs in increased quantities as they are sure to find a market every day at full value at our plant.

J. Y. GRIFFIN & Co., Ltd."

TO RENT.

GULL LAKE COTTAGES TO RENT—One story and a half cottage at South Gull Lake to rent at $40 for the season; also two cottages at Brighton Beach, Gull Lake for months of July and August. Address Major McPherson, Bentley, Alberta.

JUDICIAL SALE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to an order dated the 21st day of April, 1908, the Northeast quarter of Section Ten (10) Township Fifty-six (56), Range Twenty-six (26) West of the Fourth Meridian, will be sold by public auction at the office of Walter Scott Robertson, Sheriff of the Edmonton Judicial District on Saturday, the 13th day of June, A.D. 1908, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. The said property will be sold subject to a first mortgage to Alex. Fraser.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 21st day of April, 1908.

SHORT, CROSS & BIGGAR,
Solicitors for Plaintiff.

FOR SALE.

TENDERS for the purchase of the property of the Stony Plain Creamery Association will be received by the undersigned up to June 10. The property consists of a building 30x60, 14 feet posts and engine room 17x22. Also a plot of ground 150x150 feet situated in the corporation of Stony Plain. The building was formerly used as a Government Creamery.

Tenders received for the building with or without the land.

By order of the Directors,
T. P. LINDLEY,
Secy.-Treas.
Stony Plain, Alta.

Put it to the test, let your tea-pot prove to you that for purity, flavor, quality and reliability "Salada" is supreme. 34

FOUND.

FOUND — ON CLOVER BAR TRAIL near Horton's store, on Sunday, May 24th, gentleman's watch. Owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply Bulletin Office.

STRAYED.

LOST—NEAR NAMAO POST OFFICE about a month ago pair gold rimmed spectacles and case. Return to Jas. R. Bell, Fairview, Edmonton and receive reward.

STRAYED TO MY PREMISES ON May the 6th, one ewe, branded V on tip of right ear. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. Sec. 21, Township 59, Range 24. Irenu Trottier, Jeffrey P.O.

STRAYED—SUNDAY, 10th, A BLACK team, gelding and mare; weight about eleven hundred each. Both carry a bell. Apply J. Smith, S.W. qt. 4-57, Range 27.

STRAYED TO MY PREMISES—ONE Grey mare branded on right shoulder; M on hip; has been with my stock for 2 months. Owner please pay expenses and take away; will keep for one month more, and then dispose of as per Ordinance. J. S. Sior, DeLores, Goose Encampment, Township 50, R 4, W 5, Lac Ste Anne.

STRAYED—TO THE PREMISES OF the undersigned about May 1st a small sorrel pony, white strip on face, one hind and one front foot white, no brand. Owner by paying expenses can have animal. W. J. H. Plumley, Horse Hills.

LOST—ON MAY 17, ON ATHABASCA trail six miles north of Battenburg, black tipped dark sable collie dog; medium size, brass plate on collar marked "W. F. Brown, Edmonton, Alberta." Parties finding same will be liberally rewarded by leaving same at 647 Clara Street, Edmonton or with P.O. Box 1001.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

WANTED—A TEACHER FOR LYMberg School District 1564, holding first or second class certificate (yearly school); duties to commence at once. Apply stating experience, age, references and salary required to William Mason, Sec.-Treas., Bon Accord, Alta.

SITUATION WANTED — BY FARM hand from Manitoba on ranch or mixed farm. Apply Box 47 Bulletin.

BUTCHERS — WANTED POSITION as Buyer, manage shop or any capacity; six years' experience in the West. Address Box 18 Bulletin.

FOR SALE

MR. C. VILLENEUVE, OF LAMOUREux, Alta., has sold his farm and has 125 sheep for sale.

WILL OFFER FOR 30 DAYS, EXTRA good 1-4 section of land, half mile from railroad, 3 miles from Killam, Alta. 25 acres under cultivation, balance prairie. All fenced; good well; house 12x16. Sod barn; at $11 per acre, $1,160 cash, balance to suit. Apply The Coles & Jeffer Home Land Co., Strome, Alta.

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Deliberate Obstruction by of Effort to Pass Sup Customs Officials' Sal

Ottawa, May 27.—The planned obstruction to supply, which commenced ginning of the session yes maintained up to 4.25 by the Opposition. The under consideration were Minister of Customs, who his desire at midnight to them through, urging that were passed some 2,000 the department, scattered Atlantic to the Pacific, wo able to draw the pay had earned. Hon. George and his colleagues, who draw their sessional indem the men on whom the carry the business of the country cannot get their money. are entitled to carry on the campaign with less regard than irresponsible school after time they asked que which answers had been gi minutes before, and they time claimed, in the face of they were entitled to mor tion. At intervals they their assurances and threat effect that unless clauses the Election Bill were withd ply would not be passed. Taylor, chief Conservative it this way: "Withdraw yo 1 and 17 and we will give y immediately."

Punishing Country, Not Go

Hon. Mr. Fieldings as he minister had done on previ sions, during the morning that the Election Bill was discussion and that the were not, as they seemed punishing the government were punishing the "mu the length and breadth who had done this work and waiting for their money. of these men was the questi moment and the country understand it clearly that which meant hard-ship to was due to the Opposition, them alone.

Haughton Lennox, of Sim sided in blowing the Opposi lows, found fault with a rem the government side as to H Rogers having been in Ottaw Lennox said he knew that Roblin, of Manitoba, had b and that negotiations and di had taken place between hin Wilfrid. Mr. Roblin had go on the understanding announ the public press, and it had denied that the objectionable of the Election Bill were to drawn. At this point Mr. was called to order and told back to the question under sion.

Customs Officials Would Un

At 4.15, when it was appa the criticisms and obstructio Opposition were to be maind definitely, Hon. Mr. Field gested that Hon. Mr. Patterso consider whether it was wor trying to press the estimates now. Hon. Mr. Patterson that he was sincerely desi getting the men paid. He told by the hon. gentlemen o position that there was no criticize in these parties bill they would be passed in two providing a certain bill wa drawn. The bill was not u cussion and the whole pro during the night and morn been with a view to stopping of these 2,000 men, who had their salaries. There was no be gained by opposing th there were many other items a fight could be made if the tics desired it. He had tri pay for the men, and he they would understand why not succeeded. Hon. Mr. Fo ed what would be taken up w House resumed today. - H Fielding: "Supply."

Hon. Mr. Foster: "I wish notice that when we go into again I will take up the ma cold storage. It affects the ment of militia and defence. ter and cries of "Oh', oh." Hon. Mr. Fielding: "If th gentleman thinks that the ma cold storage is more importan the passing of the civil servi ply, is it right to discuss it?"

At the opening of the Hou Borden read a telegram stati the government steamer Cha was being used by Quebec for election purposes. The said he had no knowledge of t ter, and in the absence of the ter of Marine could give no answer. If he found it was t usual he would stop it. Mr. asked if it were true that at a government emigration ag was endeavoring to divert em from their intended destination Mr. Oliver said he had no i tion of the matter, which he terized as highly improper.

Foster's Civil Service Resolu

On motion to go into suppl Mr. Foster moved: "That the service should be based on m character alone, and that a ments thereto shall be made on candidates whose competency is lished through open competit examinations conducted under partisan commission." He poi English and United States ex In England the employees are special board or permanent ment chief and are removabl for cause, and that stated in Politics or religion is not a ca the United States there are c tive examination and a commis three nominates the three hig order merit, from whom the ment head selects. Chare partisanship among employe tried by an independent civil commission. After citing At where similar conditions ex