

Events of the World.

CANADIAN.

The Winnipeg Street Railway employees have gone on strike.

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Judge Fraser, ex-M.P. for Guysboro, has been chosen to fill the position left vacant by the late Lieutenant-Governor Jones of Nova Scotia.

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A party of Canadian Northwest farmers who went to Australia some months ago are returning home. They say the cold of the Canadian winter is preferable to the heat of the Australian summer.

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The Secretary of the Pillsbury Land Co. has offered apologies for the misapprehension caused by the company's advertisement of fruit lands in Nelson. He will refund money already paid in, and alter the advertisement to read "wild" instead of "fruit" lands.

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F. W. Jackson B.A. has received word that he has been appointed supervisor of nature study in the public schools of the Auckland district, New Zealand. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Queen's University, and has been demonstrator in botany and geology at the Ontario Agricultural College.

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A most enthusiastic meeting was held in Winnipeg during the last week in March for the purpose of forming the Alpine Club of Canada. The whole of Canada, from Halifax to the Pacific coast, was represented in the gathering, by ardent mountain-climbers. The object of the club is primarily to acquaint Canadians with the grandeur of the mountain scenery of their own land, and to instruct them in the geology, botany and zoology of the Highlands; and secondarily to put a means of healthful exercise and enjoyment within the reach of many Canadians.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A despatch from Alaska says that the town of Wrangel has been almost wiped out by fire.

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Lord Carrington, the British Minister of Agriculture, made the statement, before the Farmer's Club that his income is derived exclusively from agriculture, and that he does not own a single bond or share of stock of any kind whatever.

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The Australian Liberal Union is reported to have adopted the following resolution: That the marriage ceremony should constitute the wife the joint owner of her husband's property and income, he to be the administrator of her share, but without the right of disposing of it without her written consent; and that each should have a right to draw an equal sum for personal wants.

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The elections for the first Russian national assembly which meets on May 10th, are, in many cases mere farces, owing to alleged governmental interference, and the people's distrust of the authorities. In many of the districts, not more than one or two out of a hundred electors voted. At Odessa, in the labor elections, only forty out of two thousand voted at Kadins-Kood less than one per cent. of the possible votes were recorded. The peasants, who are voting more freely than the workingmen of the cities, are instructing their delegates to vote for the taking over of the lands belonging to the State and the nobility, and their division among the peasantry.

A Non-Smoker at the Brandon Conventions.

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

We are well aware that it is not good taste to criticize one's host, and while I must say, that we as Grain Growers received nothing but kindness from the good people of Brandon during our late convention, yet to my mind there was one thing that was mistaken kindness.

While I suppose that fifty per cent of our delegates enjoyed the "Smoker" the other half (or as many of them as were present) were punished.

I am pleased to know that out of ten officers and directors but one uses tobacco. If I were that one I would "fire" the stuff.

From the above it would appear that there is not much smoke in the front rank. GRAIN GROWER.

S. Man.

(The objection is well taken, as what ever one's personal ideas re the use of the weed may be, an entertainment to fill the bill should afford enjoyment, at least to the great majority. Second hand smoke is not pleasant or healthful or brain quickening to anyone. A smoker is of course a cheap way of entertaining one's friends.)

Some Alfalfa Advice Gleaned From Experience.

To the Editor:

In the spring of 1904 I sowed two plots of alfalfa clover as an experiment for the territorial department of agriculture, Regina, and one plot was sown with common seed, and one with Utah alfalfa. Both came up well and made a good growth the first season. I mowed both plots twice, leaving the growing plants about six inches high. Both plots were inoculated

with soil sent from Mr. Fairfield's farm at Lethbridge at the rate of about seventy-five pounds per acre. This soil was taken from an old thriving field of alfalfa.

In the spring of 1905 both pieces came up good, and made a good growth for a dry summer; the clover was on an average from twenty-six to twenty-eight inches high when cut for hay July 10th. I allowed the second crop to ripen for seed and it was plump and ripe before frost came.

From my experience with this small piece, 132 by 200 feet, I have no doubt that alfalfa will do well in this country without irrigation, and produce one heavy crop in a dry year, and more in a fairly wet season.

But the seed must be sown on land in good tilth, very clear of weed seeds, and absolutely free of grass, and the deeper the land has been cultivated the better.

Alta.

J. G. Vosburgh.

Some Advice to Alberta Farmers.

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Farmers in this section of the country should be able to profit by putting into practice something similar to what is practised by the three speakers who discussed the question of "The most profitable way of handling store cattle", an account of which appeared in the Advocate of January 3rd. under the heading of "Beef Raising in Ontario". To me it was very interesting. Here, in this part of Alberta it looks as if farming along the lines practised by those speakers would be of great financial benefit to the farmers at the present time, and his land would respond more readily in the future than under the system of farming at present pursued here. A great deal has been said and written about sunny Alberta, her fertile fields that yield so abundantly, her fine climate, the most of which is true, and we want to see it remain true.

Horace Greely wrote in reference to agriculture "Anyone may reap an ample harvest from a fertile, virgin soil, the good farmer alone grows good crops at first and better and better ever afterwards." The good farmer is what we should all aspire to be, but exclusive grain growing is not the object of selling that grain as it comes from the farmer will not make good farmers. The farm is or should be the farmer's bank, and continually taking from and adding nothing to will in time prove disastrous.

The pioneers of this country who came in and took up homesteads, the little land they cultivated yielded handsome crops, their stock had unlimited range, timber for building, fencing and fuel was near at hand and cost was almost nothing outside of their own labor. The same in regard to hay. But during the last few years quite a change has taken place. The remaining lands are fast going into the hands of incoming settlers, and farmers have to confine themselves to their own holdings. Consequently they have to think and plan differently.

Some system of farming should be pursued in which a great deal of the surplus crop should be put on the market in as concentrated a form as possible. In most of the country adjacent to the City of Edmonton, dairying with the raising and fattening of hogs in conjunction, and the raising and feeding of cattle for beef could be carried on as successfully as in any part of the Dominion. For those who took an interest in that kind of work, either or both of these would afford a profitable market for the coarser grains. Roots, corn etc., so easily grown and which yield so well would be a good change and a benefit to land that had become weedy through continued cropping to grain. We in Alberta should profit by the experience of those in Manitoba. They are getting their experience at a great cost by the reports of this year's crop. The Seed Selection Special is preaching good sermons. If the hearers would put them into practice, great good would be the result. More intensive and less extensive farming is what is needed; fewer acres and more on each acre; more land to roots and well cultivated; keep stock and keep them good by providing comfortable winter quarters with plenty of water convenient, and plenty of good feed of a more evenly balanced kind than is to be had by wintering at a straw stack.

The history of the Government assisted creameries or butter factory in Edmonton district is not one to be proud of especially in a district where a creamery should have done as well as in any part of the then Northwest. Supt. Bedford in his remarks in reference to weeds said, "You cannot clean farms by legislation." The same applies to the running of creameries. If the farmers do not take a live interest no amount of Government assistance is going to amount to much.

East Clover Bar, Alta.

GEO. A. CLAPP.

St. Anne's Gets a Poultryman.

That agricultural colleges of the present day are wide awake to the importance of their work is evidenced by the calibre of the men employed. The latest appointment to the big agricultural college started by Prof. Robertson at Ste. Anne's, Quebec, is that of F. C. Elford, chief of the poultry division at Ottawa, to the manership of the poultry department at the college. Mr. Elford created a very good impression when in the West recently and helped remove the impression that the poultry industry

was not entitled to consideration equal to that accorded to the other sections of live stock husbandry. We regret the loss to the Dominion Department of Agriculture, his place will be hard to fill.

Dates Claimed for Sales.

Mani. Provincial, Winnipeg, Purebred cattle. May 30
A. R. Ibbotson, Beresford, Man., Herefords. June 5
R. McLennan, Holmfield, Man., Shorthorns. June 7
Jno. G. Barron, Carberry, Shorthorns. June ..
Hon. Thos. Greenway, Shorthorns. June ..

Things to Remember.

Entries close, Stallion and Foal Show, Calgary, Apr. 5
" " Alberta Fat-stock Show. Apr. 5
" " Saskatchewan Fat-stock Show. Apr. 16
" " Horse Show. Apr. 16
B. C. Pure-bred Sale. Mar. 21-22
Alberta Stallion and Foal Show. May 7-8
Pure-bred Cattle Show, Calgary. May 7-8
Fat-stock Show, Calgary. May 8-10
Horse-breeders' Association, Calgary. May 7
Cattle-breeders' Association. May 8
Saskatchewan Pure-bred Cattle Sale, Horse and Fat-stock Show. May 16, 17-18
Winnipeg Horse Show. May 23-25
Inter-Western Exhibition, Calgary. July 10-12
Birtle Fair. Aug. 9
N. W. Agricultural A. Ass'n, Neepawa July 4, 5-6
Winnipeg Industrial. July 23-28
W. Agricultural A. Ass'n, Brandon. July 31-Aug 3

Edward Dunlap artist, man of letters and professional burglar has willed his body to Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, and his brain to Wister Institute, Penn. He says:—"Is there a subtle bacillus of evil, a germ of crime that causes the ferment of the underworld? I do not know. Perhaps my brain will tell. I have left it for the men of science to ponder over, to dissect, to examine microscopically. Perhaps they can find that germ of crime. So I, who was all my life an enemy of society, may by my death become its benefactor."

MARKETS

WHEAT.—The featureless condition of the market is only to be expected this time of the year, prices have been rather on the down grade, but may be expected to stay about where they are, as navigation will soon open. The bearish news has been plentiful. Weather fine and seasonable, temperatures relatively higher northwest than elsewhere. Predictions are of seeding northwest, North Dakota next week, while the southwest says plant in Oklahoma six inches high. Export demand for wheat indifferent and flour trade rather slow. Prices have held well on distinctly better tone to cash demand, though chiefly from millers. Prices are: 1 Nor., 74½c.; 2 Nor., 73½c.; 3 Nor., 72½c.

MILLFEED, per ton—

Bran 16 00
Shorts. 16 00
OATS—No. 1 white. 33
No. 2 white. 32
Feed oats. 30
BARLEY—Malting barley 38
No. 3. 38
No. 4. 34
FLAX. 1 10

HAY, per ton (cars on track),

Winnipeg 5 00 @ 6 00
Loose loads. 6 00 @ 7 00

PRODUCE—Prices of creamery and dairy butter, cheese, eggs and potatoes are jobbers' prices to retail dealers.

BUTTER—

Manitoba creamery bricks,
Winnipeg 27
Creamery, in boxes. 20

DAIRY BUTTER—

Tubs, choicest. 20
Second grade, ground lots. 12 @ 15

CHEESE—

Manitoba. 14
Ontario. 13½

EGGS—

Fresh gathered, Winnipeg. 15
POTATOES, (farmers' loads), 55 @ 57

LIVE STOCK—

(Off cars, Winnipeg)—

Steers, tops. 3½ @ 4½
Heifers and cows. 3½ @ 4
Bulls. 2 @ 3
Veal calves. 5
Sheep. 5½ @ 6
Lambs. 5½
Hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. 7
Hogs, 250 to 300 lbs. 6
Stags. 3 @ 3½
HIDES—
Green hides. 8 @ 8½