

Summary of The Week's News of The World

Manitoba Commission Busy

The Manitoba elevator commission has gotten away to a good start and is busy taking the initial steps toward the establishment of a government owned system of elevators. The few days which have elapsed since their appointment have been busy ones for the members of the commission and each day they have held sessions putting in their time working out their preliminary moves; drawing up forms, receiving requests, and the numerous little details necessary.

From present prospects it seems that the sixty per cent. clause of the elevator act will exert no insurmountable influence against the establishment of a complete system. The members of the commission state that requests for petition blanks are coming in by every mail and most are accompanied by the assurance that not only sixty per cent., but ninety and ninety-five per cent. of the farmers in the districts tributary to the points have expressed themselves as favoring the immediate establishment of a government elevator.

Results show that the farmers are taking hold in great shape. St. Claude has the honor of being the first district to present a petition with the requisite number of signatures. They forestalled the appointment of the commission by several days and sent the petition direct to Premier Roblin, who has turned it over to the commission. Saturday morning the regular printed petition forms were received and that day the blanks were sent to seven points from which requests had been received. These points were: Cartwright, Elkhorn, Kenville, Binscarth, Cardinal, Dalney, and Moore Park.

At the time the commission re-convened Monday several more requests for blanks were on hand. The members urge that districts act quickly and send in their requests as soon as possible. This will greatly facilitate the work. With a view of hurrying things along they have issued the following letter:

"To the Farmers of Manitoba:

"The Manitoba Elevator Commission desire by this circular to announce that they have opened offices at 279 Garry Street, Winnipeg, immediately south of the Manitoba Free Press building.

"Petition forms have been prepared in accordance with the Act, of two kinds; one to be used where the farmers desire the commission to purchase existing elevators, or the necessary storage requirements, the other for the erection of new ones where none now exist. In each case the petitions must be signed by 60 per cent. of the farmers tributary to the point where elevator, or elevators, are required.

"A staff of elevator experts are being sent out at once to investigate the conditions, and requirements of the farmers as to elevator capacity, etc. Two of the commissioners will visit various points in the province, particularly where their services may be required.

"As the time is short between now and the movement of this year's crop, whatever is done in the way of erecting elevators must be done quickly.

"We are anxious to do everything possible to assist the farmers to a better condition of affairs in the handling of their crop, and to this end we solicit the active co-operation of the farmers of the province, in order that the commission may make a success of this new, public owned system of storage elevators.

"As we have already a large number of requests for the establishment of the system at various points, we would like to have requests from all remaining points at once, so as to enable the commission to establish the whole system as expeditiously as possible.

MANITOBA ELEVATOR COMMISSION,

The commission requests that all correspondence be sent to post office box 2971, Winnipeg.

They will work out the plans of standard elevators, complete with cleaning apparatus, etc., of various capacities according to the needs of the different districts. When petitions are received the experts referred to in the above letter will be sent out to ascertain the requirements at the

shipping point. If there is no elevator at the point they will determine what size is needed and the commission will proceed with the erection with all possible speed. If there is already an elevator they will ascertain if it can be made to meet requirements. These experts are practical men, entirely familiar with every phase of the handling of grain.

While most of the work of the commission will be in Winnipeg, the members will hold themselves in readiness to visit any points where their presence is requested and explain all phases of the system and the methods of installing the same.

KING'S BIRTHDAY

Unless an order-in-council is passed declaring that King George's birthday will not be officially recognized this year, Friday, June 3, will become automatically a public holiday. Under the bill of exchange act the king's birthday is ordained a public holiday. A cabinet council will consider the question of the desirability of issuing a proclamation.

It is recalled that the first birthday of King Edward, after his accession on November 9, 1910, was observed as a bank holiday, but the following year it was declared that it should be observed on May 24 following. This story will probably repeat itself.

CANADA GOOD CUSTOMER

A Washington wire of May 27 said: "Canada is becoming one of the best customers of the United States. Exports of domestic merchandise from the United States to Canada in the first ten months of the current fiscal year were greater by \$43,000,000 than in the corresponding period of the previous year, while the total increase in exports to all parts in the same period was only \$35,000,000. The increase in exports to Canada was 35 per cent. for April, 1910, the increase over the preceding April being 47 per cent. The value of the exports to Canada in the first ten months of the present fiscal year was \$174,500,000. The increase largely was in manufactured articles, although there was an increase of \$200,000 in coal, as also in cotton, and an increase in wheat from 724,671 to 2,022,675 bushels.

In agricultural implements the increase was \$1,569,831 to \$2,409,772 and in automobiles from \$1,123,273 to \$3,057,456."

DRASTIC ACTION LIKELY

"A crisis involving dramatic and drastic action by the United States in the apparently endless and intolerable situation in Nicaragua is momentarily expected in official circles in Washington," says a dispatch of May 27. "Intervention by the United States seems to be the only solution of the continuing grave conditions which rulers like Madraz and Zelaya present to this government.

It has cost \$600,000 already to protect American lives and property in a Central American republic, which is catalogued as a civilized state. Despite this there is a condition of anarchy with warring factions, and none of these factions are able to guarantee safety to an American citizen personally or to redress any grievance against American persons or property. The impression is growing hourly that Nicaragua must be restored to the category of civilized nations by the armed hand of the United States. This disgraceful Nicaraguan affair has become by long odds the most serious international problem on the business calendar of the administration. It was discussed in all its phases today by the cabinet. There was development in detail also of the story that specific charges of bad faith involving Madraz and the ship Venus were about to be made public.

"Great Britain has joined the United States in the warning to both factions that peace must be preserved in Greytown. This circumstance, which seems to be overlooked, showed that the United States does not regard either of the

actions in Nicaragua as entitled to belligerent rights. Both of them are treated as entirely subjected to the discipline of the forces of the United States.

"Events within the past two days have indicated to the state department that it is perhaps premature to have withdrawn the greater part of the force of investment of Nicaragua."

C. N. R. TENDERS

Mackenzie, Mann & Co. are calling for tenders for the building of the first 60 miles of their road in British Columbia from the coast eastward, and also for a railway between Virginia and Duluth in Minnesota, a distance of about 75 miles. This latter line will give the C. N. R. close connections with the Chicago and Northwestern railway at Chicago and will also give a through line from Duluth to Winnipeg and the West. Asked when work on these extensions would go on Mr. Mann said as soon as contractors could be got to do it. Construction on both extensions will be pushed as rapidly as conditions permit.

CALGARY EXHIBITION

The provincial exhibition to be held at Calgary, June 30th to July 7th, is going to excel any previous effort made in Canada west of Winnipeg. Some of the prominent features will be:

A mechanical milking machine demonstration with instructive lectures.

An acre yield competition in which all the grain grown on an acre must be shown, and for which practically \$1000 is offered in prizes. This feature promises to be a great success.

An exhibit showing the different grades of commercial steers.

An exhibit illustrating the process of grading up by the use of purebred stallions.

Actual forestry demonstration by the Dominion Tree Planting Division on a large plot on the grounds.

An art and china loan exhibit composed of the best pictures and china from the homes of residents of Western Canada. Many families have articles of great value brought from their former homes, and you will be surprised at the magnificence of the display. If you have any articles of merit that you are willing to exhibit the manager of the exhibition will appreciate it if you will let him know.

All freight rates are refunded on exhibits originating in Alberta.

The best music and attractions that can be secured including the famous Navassars Ladies' Band.

Entries for the exhibition will close June 18th at Calgary.

IRISH PARTY RIOTS

A Cork, Ireland, dispatch of May 27 said: "The followers of John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, and Wm. O'Brien, leader of the Irish United League, who have been hard at it with shillelagh on each others' heads for several days during the meetings in this county, had the most serious scrimmage yet at Newmarket, a small town in this county. Newmarket is an O'Brien stronghold and when the latter's followers heard that Redmond was to hold a meeting there they decided to break it up.

The fighting began early in the morning and continued throughout the day. It culminated in a fierce fight at night. Bottles, stones and revolvers were used. There was much incendiarism and the main street of the town was at one time ablaze. The din was terrific, with the cracking of revolvers, the smashing of windows and fierce party cries.

One man was killed and several others injured. A number of arrests were made.

The Royal Commission which is investigating the Great Waterways deal with the Alberta government, which deal has already shattered one administration, has adjourned indefinitely, but will probably resume hearings in early July after the supreme court sittings.

CURTISS BREAKS RECORD

Glenn H. Curtiss, the famous aviator, flew Sunday in an aeroplane from Albany to New York, a distance of 137 miles, in 134 minutes. Never before had this trip been made by man in the air. The flight of Curtiss broke the world's record for speed in a long distance test. He maintained an average of 54.78 miles an hour and in spurts frequently exceeded the rate of a mile a minute.

EMBARGO MUST GO

F. A. Bickerdike, Canadian trade commissioner at Belfast, in a report to the department of trade and commerce says that there is a growing belief in Ireland that the embargo which the British government imposes on Canadian cattle cannot much longer be maintained, and that its removal is certain to be attended by serious consequences for the Irish cattle trade.

As a consequence of this belief the establishment of the dead meat trade is being advocated in both Belfast and Dublin. It is urged that in addition to putting the Irish cattle trade in a better position to compete with Canadian cattle in event of the embargo being removed the establishment of a dead meat trade would mean better prices for cattle and would give additional employment to the people of Ireland.

TO FIND COOK'S RECORDS

Captain Beecroft, of Pelham Manor, will sail for Etah, June 15, with Captain Bernier's expedition for the purpose of finding the records Dr. Cook says he left in the north: Captain's Bernier ship, the Arctic, which sails for a three year's cruise, is sent out by the Canadian government.

At Etah Mr. Beecroft will organize a sledge expedition. Dr. and Mrs. Cook have financed Beecroft's expedition, which if he recovers the records and articles Cook claims to have left in Bradley Land, will settle the controversy, they assert.

CHAMBERLAIN IS FRAIL

A London dispatch of May 29 said: "Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, with his wife, arrived from Cannes on Saturday evening. Mr. Chamberlain looked frail and only with the assistance of his wife and another member of the party was he able to make his way from the train to his carriage. He was somewhat tanned by his stay at Cannes, and it appears to have benefitted him. As he drove away he raised his hat to the salutations of sympathetic onlookers."

Rev. Alexander Fraser Munro, known as "The Preaching Printer," whose work in the interests of workingmen, temperance, and Sabbath observance, was praised by Queen Victoria, is dead at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. Born in Scotland ninety-four years ago he learned the printing trade and became active in the formation of the printer's union. In 1839 he presided at a meeting which established the first national typographical union in the British Isles. A few years later he came to this country. Shortly after his arrival, having studied for the ministry, he was licensed to preach for the Methodist church. He had practical ideas about religion, one of which found expression in the establishment of a Sunday breakfast association, where the homeless received a good breakfast and later were asked to attend services.

John T. Lithgow, formerly comptroller of the Yukon, has been appointed Canadian trade commissioner at Glasgow, Scotland, in succession to W. G. Fischer, who goes to Germany. Mr. Lithgow is 54 years of age, and entered the civil service in 1880. He was comptroller of the Yukon from 1898 until last year, when there was a re-organization of officials there. Prior to that time he was employed in the receiver general's office at Halifax.

Orville Wright beat all records for high flying at Cincinnati.