

would have to be more paid officials than there were last year, and this constituted somewhat of a problem.

Manitoba

Similar organization work has been done in Manitoba. J. A. Thompson, of Winnipeg, who has undertaken the supervision of Districts Nos. 1 and 2 in connection with the loan, returned to the city a few days ago, after spending a week in the territory in which he will work. These districts cover an area of over five thousand square miles, and take in such important towns as Pilot Mound, Killarney, Boissevain, Deloraine, Napinka, Melita and Minto. Each one of these towns was visited, and while the crop is exceptionally light, the prospects for the reception of the loan are bright. A feeling amongst some people seems to be that the patriotic spirit has ceased to exist. This, however, is mostly imagination on the part of a few. The majority of the people feel that they have contracted an obligation which must be met, and they will, without question, invest in the loan this year in the same generous way as they did on the two previous occasions.

DANGER OF FREEZING OF SPRINKLERS

The National Fire Prevention Association has issued a pamphlet urging that vigilance be exercised to see that fire appliances do not suffer temporary disability from frost. Automatic sprinkler systems, hydrants and all appliances using water require special care and attention in winter.

WANTS TO TAX GOVERNMENT ROADS

The Alberta government has commenced legal action against the Canadian Northern Railway Co. and the Canadian National Railway Co., as co-defendants, to recover the amount of taxes under the Act to supplement the revenues of the Crown in the province of Alberta for the years 1913 to 1918, both inclusive, and amounting, with interest, approximately \$150,000. When this Act was passed exemption was made of lines of railway, whose bonds were guaranteed by the government of the province for a period of 15 years. The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have been paying taxes on their lines ever since the Act was passed, but the Canadian Northern Railway Co. claimed that it was not required to pay taxes upon the main line from Lloydminster to Edmonton, notwithstanding the fact that this line had never been assisted in any way by the province.

The Dominion Government was notified when taking over the Canadian Northern Railway of this claim for taxes by the province. The province has now commenced action to recover the money and writs have been issued against the Canadian Northern and Canadian National Railway companies.

MANITOBA TAXATION COMMISSION

The Manitoba Taxation Commission is now receiving evidence in various parts of the province, and in Winnipeg, on September 4th, it was urged before it that the provincial supplementary revenue tax of one and one-half mills on the dollar for all assessable property in Manitoba be repealed at the next session of the legislature. The recommendation was made by Reeve C. L. Richardson, as representative of the Winnipeg Suburban Municipal Association, consisting of the rural municipalities of Assiniboia, Charleswood, Fort Garry, East Kildonan, West Kildonan, East St. Vital and the town of Transcona. The association also demanded that the provincial amusements tax should be abolished. They point out that both these measures were adopted owing to the increased cost of operating the government owing to the war. With the greatly increased cost of municipal government they declare that such burdens should be lifted such as provincial supplementary tax.

CROP CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT CANADA

Early Harvest Throughout Canada—Returns in West are Better than Expected

THE detailed crop report of Canadian National Railways for the week ending September 6th, and covering areas served by its lines between Port Arthur and the Rocky Mountains, seem to confirm the more favorable crop reports that have been coming out from various sources in connection with the yield and quality of grain in the prairie provinces. In the central district, in the majority of cases, thrashing is half completed, the delay being due to rain, which covered wide areas. The yield of wheat is said to be higher than previously reported or expected. There seems to be plenty of car space available wherever grain is ready for shipment.

Rain has also delayed thrashing operations in the prairie district. The average yield is not as high as that in the central, but there appears to be generally a better outturn than was expected some weeks ago. Two instances of particularly high wheat yields are at Invermay, 35 to 40 bushels, and Arran, 35 bushels. In the western district farmers are still cutting, and thrashing in many cases has only been begun. There has been some frost, but little or no damage is reported. Where thrashing returns are given the yield runs from 2 to 40 bushels for wheat.

Good Feed Supply in Ontario

A report issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, under date of September 16th, says:—

"Fall work generally is still well advanced, although ploughing has slackened somewhat, especially on clay fields, as the land has been getting dry again. Some fall wheat is yet to be sown, but the bulk of the crop has been put in, and much of it is already showing up nicely. Early potatoes are being dug, but the yield is rather light. Late potatoes are still growing, and promise to do better. Roots are now doing fairly well, except turnips, which in several counties are suffering from the attacks of aphids. Corn-cutting is proceeding actively, and, generally speaking, the crop will be a fair one. Silo-filling has begun, and the indications are that nearly all the corn will be well matured and make good silage.

"Pastures generally are only fair, and many farmers are doing some feeding. Norfolk, however, claims that alfalfa is giving good pasture. Market offerings of cattle are about normal, but good, heavy animals are comparatively few. Co-operative shipments, however, show a steady increase. Grade dairy cows are selling at from \$110 to \$175. Eastern buyers in Peel are paying from \$200 to \$250 for good, heavy horses. According to the Wentworth representative, hogs have been rushed on the Hamilton market on account of the fall in values. Prices over the province vary from \$18 to \$19.75 a hundredweight. There is a good supply of hay on hand, but there will be less grain for feeding than last year, and straw will be relatively scarce. Haldimand states that co-operative clubs will engage in the sale of their hay, and are already looking to increasing their supply of concentrate stock feeds. Lincoln claims that more men are going on the farm for winter than in previous years."

CREDIT MEN'S TRUST ASSOCIATION

The fifth annual meeting of the National Council of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association was held in Montreal on September 8th. Delegates from all parts of Canada were present. The new Board of Commerce was discussed, and also the formation of a wholesale association, and the position of the middleman in the present system of distribution. The association approved of the Industrial Conference being held in Ottawa.