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WE note the assignment of Jennie A. Liberman, general dealer at Yarmouth, N.S. The business was started by her husband, Abraham Liberman, in 1891. He was burned out a few years later and resumed but was not successful. Getting into difficulties in the beginning of 1897, he made an offer of 25 per cent., which was refused, and he assigned in March that year, owing \$6,600. He then registered consent for his wife to transact business in her own name, but they lacked capital, and it has been a struggle for them to keep afloat of late.

Not so many harvest hands from Ontario are expected in Manitoba this year, although excursions will be run as usual when the harvest of the latter province comes on. Commissioner McCreary has explained that the harvest in Ontario, especially north and east, is expected to be almost contemporaneous with Manitoba's. Last year the excursion was well patronized, but on account of the rain there were a great many young men who did not get in a day's work when they reached Manitoba. In the third place the wages in Ontario (\$20 to \$26 per month, and board), are too good this year to induce harvesters to leave for Manitoba. He thinks that all the available help that can possibly be got by farmers in Manitoba will be required to harvest the present crop.

THIS month and next a number of conventions of railway men are to be held. The Railway and Engineering Review says there is on August 10th the National Convention of Railroad Commissioners, at Denver, Colorado. September 12th.—Roadmasters' Association of America, Detroit, Mich.; secretary, J. B. Dickson, Sterling, Ill. September 20th.—Canadian Roadmasters' Association, Toronto, Canada; secretary, J. Drinkwater, Winchester, Ont., Canada. September 20th.—American Society of Railway Superintendents, Detroit; secretary, C. A. Hammond, Asbury Park, N.J. September 25th.—American Institute of Mining Engineers, San Francisco, Cal.; secretary, R. W. Raymond, 99 John street, New York; P.O. address, Box 223. October 13th.—Canadian Ticket Agents' Association, Winnipeg; secretary, E. de la Hooke, London, Ont., Canada.

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