

WESTERN PROVINCES EXHIBIT BRIGHTEST CROP PROSPECTS

Agricultural Expert Declares Alberta and Saskatchewan Will Lead America in Production of Grain This Year.

THE CROP OUTLOOK IN ONTARIO POOREST SINCE EARLY SEVENTIES

After Tour in Ontario, the West and West Growing States He Finds Finest Crops in North Battleford District.

F. W. Hodson, of Toronto, Expresses Well Considered Opinion that Western Crop Will Be Eminent Satisfaction. He Declares Saskatchewan and Alberta are the Coming Agricultural Provinces of America. The need is Men Who Know Their Business and Have Some Capital.

F. W. Hodson, of Toronto, for 25 years prominent in Canadian agricultural life, for many years connected with the departments of agriculture for Ontario and the Dominion, and at one time editor and secretary-treasurer of the Farmers' Advocate, is in Edmonton today after an extensive trip through the Canadian west. Since June 7th Mr. Hodson has been travelling and inspecting crops in Canada and the United States, and has been able to form a very close estimate as to what the prospect is for the west this year and how conditions here compare with other parts of the continent.

"In Ontario and the New England States the spring was late and cold," said Mr. Hodson to a Bulletin representative this morning. "The crop was sown late and in many instances

was put in the ground in poor condition. Generally speaking, the outlook in Ontario is poor, in fact poorer than that province has seen since the early seventies. The Ontario and New England farmers, however, are not dependent on cereal crops now, as they were at one time. Dairying and stock raising have acquired an important place. Wheat, oats and barley may be scanty, but the farmers' eggs are not all in one basket. The cow and the hog make up for the shortage in other lines of agriculture."

Western Crops, Good.

"The crop throughout the west I found to be very promising. It is true that from 60 to 70 per cent. of the winter wheat crop in Southern Alberta was injured, but the land on which the injury by frost was done, was reseeded with spring grains. The growing season has been favorable and a prosperous year is assured in the south country."

"North from Calgary fall wheat appears and promises a splendid crop to be seen. Where farming is well done by experienced and trained farmers excellent crops are found. This applies to the country from Calgary to Edmonton and from Edmonton as far east as Winnipeg. The only section of the country which I have not inspected is that from Winnipeg to Winnipeg."

"The poorest crops that I have seen are from 40 to 50 miles west of Lloydminster on the C. N. R. The country here is good rolling prairie and adapted to oats, coarse grains, and dairy products. Better dairy and mixed farming cannot be found in America. Many of the farmers in this section of the country have very little money and lack help and either have no power, with the result that the land is in poorer cultivation than it should receive to insure a good crop."

"From Lloydminster east, the crops generally improve as far as Battleford, where the best spring crops in the Canadian west can be found. Columbia.

The land is well cultivated, by experienced farmers and the wheat, oats and barley are all heavy in yield and well advanced. Mrs. Bachlor, a lady farmer, three miles southeast of North Battleford, has the finest and earliest field of spring wheat that I have seen in the west. The grain fields are clean, the plow is well done, and all the buildings are comfortable and remarkably well kept."

None Better Than the West.

"I have recently returned from a trip through Arkansas, Texas, Missouri and North and South Dakota," continued Mr. Hodson, "and nowhere have I seen as good agricultural prospects for the present or the future, as in Saskatchewan and Alberta. These are the coming agricultural provinces of America. The need of agriculture in Western Canada today is men who know their business and have capital enough to carry on farming properly. The country is wonderfully well suited to dairying and kindred industries, and nowhere on the continent is there a country which offers greater inducements for general agriculture and stock raising. The factors which go to support this are the certain increase in land values and the comparative cheapness with which grain and live stock may be produced. There is no land in any good district within 25 miles of a railroad which is not worth \$25 per acre. Estimating on the basis of present land values, Ontario this land will acquire producing ability equal to \$50 per acre in a very short time. Many eastern people and residents of the west are here to see the western climate, but my experience from visiting here and from extensive enquiries, is that the climate is just what they are here to see. It is desirable as Ontario and more desirable than Quebec and the Maritime provinces."

Mr. Hodson leaves this afternoon for Calgary and from there will shortly make a tour of Southern British Columbia.

24 YEARS AGO

From the Files of the Edmonton Bulletin of Saturday, August 1st, 1885.

Hamelin, trader of Lac la Biche, is in town. Peter Pruden left for Lac la Biche on Wednesday. Colin Fraser arrived from Calgary on Wednesday.

Samuel Cunningham, of St. Albert, has been appointed a justice of the peace.

Three cents a pound is the rate being paid by the H. B. Co. on freight to the Athabasca Landing.

R. Hardisty, Jr., son of Chief Factor Hardisty, has gone to the Landings, Scotland, to attend college.

A train of five wagons and eight carts arrived this morning from Calgary with freight for A. McDonald & Co.

D. M. McDougall has fitted up a building on Main street, next James McDonald's carpenter shop, for a butcher stand.

Rev. C. Scollen, Roman Catholic missionary at Battle River, has abandoned his mission and priestly office and at last account was living with the Indians.

Boiler for the H. B. Co. McKenney river steamer left for the Landings on Tuesday per M. McCarley's team.

J. A. McDougall is erecting a stable 15x24 story and 2 1/2 half high, dressed lumber with rustic siding, in rear of his new dwelling on the H. B. Co.'s reserve.

Corporal Walwyn, of the police force at Fort Saskatchewan, has been reduced to a private and is undergoing three months imprisonment for tampering with a note of P. Brunette.

The numerous prayers and petitions of Edmonton people for a weekly mail to the west, have been answered every Tuesday evening hereafter until further notice will see a mail from the east arrive in Edmonton.

A heavy hail storm passed across the city on Thursday, with freight for Ross Bros. ten days out; roads good. A heavy hail storm passed across the trail at Seagrave's while they were lying at Calgary, taking a strip a couple of miles wide. When they came there on the way back the grass was flattened and partly torn up, dead geese were lying on the prairie and dead ducks lying on the ponds. The storm is described as a regular terror.

Edmonton people should feel complimented by the confidence in their country and ability to protect themselves, displayed by the Canadian government. While at Prince Albert and Battleford large garrisons are kept and all the forts are garrisoned, at Edmonton there is not a soldier nor policeman, while the Edmonton home guard and the St. Albert Rifles are still in existence and well armed, with any amount of government rifles and ammunition stored in the fort without a guard. The confidence is not misplaced and it is to be hoped

FACING STARVATION IN STRICKEN DISTRICT

Thousands in Mexico Are in Pitiful Condition—Crops Destroyed by Earthquakes—People are Without Food and Shelter—Rain Adds to Distress.

Mexico City, Aug. 2.—With all crops destroyed by the terrific heat following 75 distinct shocks, thousands of persons in the district of Acapulco and elsewhere in the State of Guerrero are starving to death. Heavy demands have been made up on the rural districts by persons living in the open in the stricken district, but those in the once fertile farms are as badly in need of foods as the refugees in the cities, where the suffering is reported to be terrible. Heavy rains are falling and soaking them to the skins. Raids have been made by the famished throng on supplies that were buried in the ruins when the buildings crashed to the ground, and with the water supply greatly curtailed, the condition of the people is pitiful. Relief trains have been made up in the capital and are being rushed with supplies to the stricken districts, but in reaching Acapulco supplies will have to be carried overland or by water from Santa Cruz districts. Officials are doing their best to relieve the suffering while women and children are fighting for places in the lines of the commissary. The damage in and around the capital is the heaviest in years.

Capt. Sheets, of the Northwest, who was with Capt. Segers, of the Northcoast, in running the gauntlet at Battleford, gives a vivid description of the affair. Only 30 volunteers were aboard, belonging to O school of infantry, and the rebels on both banks made it decidedly interesting for all hands for an hour and ten minutes. A dropping fire was kept up on the rebels all the time until the end of the battle at Battleford. The object in sending the steamer down was doubtless to draw the attention of the rebels to the river while the volunteers attacked by land, but the boat was too previous or the soldiers too slow and the boat went through at a great risk of loss and with no advantage gained.

FARMER KILLED.

Mangled by Mower Knife and Further Injured in Runaway.

Kinardine, Aug. 3.—Samuel Irwin, a farmer on the Sixth concession of the township of Kinardine, was being thrown in front of the mower knives when the team started. He was terribly injured and was being taken to his home when the team driven by his son, ran away, smashing his shoulder and he died from cumulative injuries.

LYNCHED NEGRO MURDERER.

Platt City Mob Took Long Standing Revenge.

Platt City, Mo., July 2.—Brought back from Kansas City, where he had been taken for safe keeping from mob violence, Geo. Johnson, who ambushed and murdered John W. Moore, a wealthy farmer near Smithville, this county on June 20, was taken from the county jail at 2 o'clock this morning by an armed mob and hanged in Platt City's main street.

The sheriff says he believed public sentiment against Johnson had died down and that he would be safe in the steel cell. Johnson's trial was set for today.

Early this morning a mob arrived and entered the jail, while the sheriff was absent. Upon the refusal of the sheriff's wife to surrender the keys the mob secured a sledge hammer and broke into Johnson's cell, took him into the street and hanged him. The coroner's jury found Johnson came to his death by parties unknown.

TAFI ACCEPTS SCHEDULE.

Payne, Aldrich Tariff Bill Successfully Amended in Conference.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The Payne-Aldrich tariff bill as amended in conference and approved by President Taft passed the house at 8:10 o'clock last night by a majority of 19 votes. The total vote was 195 to 183. Twenty Republicans voted against the bill, and the Democrats for it. The senate will take it up at 10 o'clock Monday morning. There are indications that it will have passed the senate and be in the President's hands by the middle of next week.

Soldier's Accidental Death.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 1.—Burton McCleary, a former American soldier, who served in the Red Cross department of the United States army medical corps, while out hunting, accidentally shot and killed himself at Jones Creek on the St. John River on Sunday morning.

NEW LAND AGENCY AT LESSER SLAVE LAKE

Dominion Lands in Athabasca and Peace River Placed Under Jurisdiction of Agency at This Point Land Agency Chief Martin Returns From North.

The administration of the land in the north country will be conducted in the future from Lesser Slave Lake, the sub-agency having been erected to an agency. Up to the present, two land of the north has been included in the Edmonton Land District. It will now be under the jurisdiction of the Lesser Slave Lake agency. The erection of the sub-agency into a full-fledged agency will very greatly facilitate the settlement of the country. The agency will have under its control all the lands in the constituency of Athabasca and Peace River and in addition the 3,500,000 acres tract in British Columbia, of which Fort St. John is the centre, which the Dominion government purchased from the British Columbia government for \$1 an acre.

J. W. Martin, of Medicine Hat, inspector of land agencies, returned Saturday from Lesser Slave Lake after having started the new office on its way. The agent Lesser Slave Lake is Peter Tompkins. His assistants are Gordon Butler, formerly of Fort Saskatchewan, and N. M. Plummer, formerly of Edmonton.

Mr. Martin had an interesting trip. On his return to Edmonton, the party of which he was a member and which included J. L. Cote, M.P.P. for Athabasca, W. M. Bernard, of Grand Prairie, Peter Tompkins, Lesser Slave Lake, and a number of other notable men, down the Athabasca river in a scow from the mouth of the Little Slave river to Athabasca Landing, making the 70 miles in 18 hours, the scow leaving the up river point at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening last, and arriving at the Landing at noon the next day, having floated throughout the entire night.

LYNCH LAW INTERCEPTED.

Mob of Whites and Blacks Make Effort to Lynch Human Fiends.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 1.—Jails at Barbourville and London are being guarded tonight to prevent a mob storming them and lynching. Four men accused of assaulting two little girls, James White a negro is causing most apprehension. He is at Barbourville having been removed from Pineville where he assaulted eight-year-old Mossie Woodward. A mob of 300 men stormed the Pineville jail but had been removed. Blacks are siding with White and they fired on the mob, whose members returned the fire. A hundred shots were exchanged but no one was hurt. Both parties then left the scene. The mob members declared they would get White but it is believed that if he gets away safely tonight no further attempt will be made to lynch him. At London three young white men are held and two others are being searched.

Wireless Reports Wreck.

Lynn, Mass., Aug. 3.—A wireless telegraph operator here says that he has just heard a message sent by wireless stating that a torpedo boat and her crew had been lost about 12 miles from Provincetown. He did not hear the name of the ship, but the cause of the accident, it there really has been one. No confirmation and no details have been received here.

ZEPPELIN MAKES LONG FLIGHT

Most Successful in Experience of German Aeronaut.

Frankfurt, Aug. 3.—The dirigible balloon Zeppelin II steered by Count Zeppelin himself descended here this afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock having sailed from Friedrichshafen, a distance of about 220 miles, at an average speed of 21 miles an hour. Half of the time the flight was made against strong head winds.

Almost the whole population of the city, on the air navigation exposition grounds to receive Count Zeppelin and loud cheering, band playing and factory whistles began when the dirigible was sighted at a height of 900 yards, coming at a forty mile an hour rate.

The balloon circled about the city, displaying the ease with which she answered her rudders, and then descended lightly into an enclosure made by wire and two regiments of infantry alighted on the four sides of the square 100,000 people or more outside the barriers yelling like mad, and two batteries of artillery saluted with a salvo.

The performance today while not so far as the trip from Friedrichshafen to Bitterfeld and return, which the count made a couple of months ago, was the most successful flight yet made as no accident happened and the craft overcame the strong wind which prevented progress at one time for 25 minutes although the propellers were going at a rate which otherwise would have driven the vessel 40 miles an hour.

OPEN BETTING AT RACE TRACK.

Montreal Police Permit Bookies to Have Their Fling.

Montreal, August 2.—Utterly disregarding the municipal law, as laid down by the Montreal city charter, 10 able bodied policemen, under supervision of Lieut. Turner, allowed bookies to conduct a flourishing business at the opening of the outlaw race meet at Delorimier track. An enormous amount of betting took place in a tent to the left of the grand stand, where odds, on one of the races at least, was quoted in a manner, at variance with the recognized code of horse racing. It happened that Pointer won the first heat of a trotting race. In the second heat, however, Alotta was made favorite over Pointer, even though the latter horse had gone so well in the first heat. Alotta won, but the judges called all bets off, believing that Pointer had not been driven to win. The first move by the police is to be made today, when they will "report" to the city attorneys. While bets are being going on, the bookies singing out in their professional way. Lieutenant Turner was swinging his stick near the tent, apparently satisfied that his duty was being done thoroughly and gracefully.

Seminary for Priests in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 2.—La Cliche the official organ of Archbishop Langevin announced at the expressed desire of Pope Pius the Tenth that a seminary for the training of young men for the Canadian priesthood will be opened in September. Owing to the expense involved in connection with a new cathedral it is impossible to erect a large building for some time and the old Provancher Academy will be used. Studies will be conducted in St. Boniface College.

Young Belleville Matron Drowned.

Belleville, Aug. 3.—A. A. Bellingham, Washington, Mrs. Guy Higgins aged 24, was drowned while bathing. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stainton, of Deseronto. The fatality occurred on the first anniversary of her wedding. Mr. Higgins is well known in Belleville.

ANOTHER PATCH FOR PAYNE'S TARIFF BILL

Western Senators Discover an Alleged Mistake in Crazy Quilt Bill, and Revolt. Work Off Only After Strenuous Struggle.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 2.—Once more the unexpected happened today and the patch work tariff bill again came to the edge of defeat. A large sized "snake," which wriggled out of the leather schedule caused the scare. Discovery was made that in mollifying the western senators, who had insisted on reduced duties on boots and shoes, in return for free hides, the canny Aldrich phalanx from New England had handed the insurgents a ten-cent cut on shoes from leather which is no longer used in the making of shoes, such as the work worn by the inmates of penal institutions.

The explosion split wide open the plan to rush the conference report through the senate. In a twinkling the insurgents had re-formed their lines and with a round dozen of new recruits they faced Aldrich with a majority of six votes against the bill. A conference was hastily called, explanations made and before the day ended assurances were given to the insurgents that the "mistake" would be corrected by some sort of a joint or concurrent resolution, and tonight all is quiet along the Potomac again.

SEVEN VOTES AGAINST AGGRAVATION.

If there are no further hitches the bill will go through. Aldrich makes the announcement that only seven Republican votes will be cast against the measure and that it will put it through tomorrow, he hopes, not certainly by Wednesday or Thursday. To accomplish this a continuous session of the senate will be demanded and tomorrow and the opposition will be held in the chair those forward until a final vote is had. To quell the new revolt it would not only be necessary to reassemble the conference committee, but to invoke the assistance of President Taft. As many of the insurgents as could be corralled were rounded up at the White House to listen to straight talk. There was tremendous pulling and hauling with much pooh-hooing about the "trifling errors," and assurances of that objectionable paragraph in the leather schedule was the result of the parliamentary hiatus that the conference would be called to correct.

WINNIPEG TERMINALS.

Union Station Will Be Used By Four Roads.

Winnipeg, Aug. 3.—Officials of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific confirmed today the report that they would not use the Ross street property as passenger terminals but had made arrangements with the Canadian Northern and G.T.P. to use the new Union station.

English Emigrant Drowned.

Napanea, Ont., Aug. 2.—Tommy Crowe, an English emigrant lad of 11 years, was drowned in the Napanea river, while getting into a row boat.

Cholera Scourge in India.

Calcutta, Aug. 3.—Six English nurses and two English patients have died from cholera in a hospital here.

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