

BARRY MADE COMMISSIONER

R. L. Barry, of Minneapolis, formerly manager of the Tri-State Telephone company, has been appointed telephone commissioner of Manitoba by the Roblin Government, to succeed Commissioners Paterson and Hayes, who resigned. Following the report of the royal commission appointed to investigate the system recently the Government decided to put one man in charge of all departments. Mr. Barry rendered good service during the recent investigation, his expert knowledge of telephone workings being of great assistance to his fellow members.

HALF MILLION BUSHELS IN DANGER

"There is more than 500,000 bushels of off-grade grain, wheat, flax and oats, that has passed inspection, and is now between Winnipeg and Fort William, and in danger from heating," stated James Massie, an expert of the Grain Growers' Grain company, after a trip to the twin cities to investigate the likelihood of loss on account of cars of damp wheat standing in the heat waiting to be dried. "On account of the great variety of the grades it is impossible for the drying plants at the head of the Lakes to handle more than 40 cars per day, and tough grain is pouring in from the country daily. Undoubtedly a considerable portion of this grain will be ruined, as its value, even after being dried, would not pay freight and expenses."

Bringing Drier

Mr. Massie further stated that he had discussed the matter with the Grain Commission while at Fort William, and that the commissioners were already endeavoring to have a big portable drying plant owned by Armour and company brought to Fort William. This plant has a capacity of 50,000 bushels per day. Under the conditions now obtaining at Fort William, it is of the utmost importance that further drying facilities be provided immediately. Some criticism is also due to the railway companies from the manner in which cars are selected; precedence not being given in order of arrival or shipment.

Danger in Advances

Another serious matter which Mr. Massie pointed out, and which will affect all grain companies is that the present situation renders it extremely precarious for any company to make any advances on grain until such time as it is unloaded, as 15 per cent. of the grain which has passed inspection as straight grade would be out of condition when it reaches the terminals.

NE TEMERE DECISION

Ottawa, July 9.—A cable from London received here this afternoon from Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, states that the privy council has granted leave to hear the appeal case in connection with the Ne Temere decree and the Lancaster marriage bill reference on July 22. This means that the final decision of the case will be given much sooner than was expected, and the last doubt as to the legal effect of the Ne Temere decree will probably be removed by August next.

FARMERS CRY FOR HELP

Farmers in Western Canada are crying out for help and so far there appears no possibility of their cries being answered. Applications are pouring into the immigration hall daily, and although there is an enormous rush of immigrants to the prairie provinces there are not nearly sufficient to meet the demand.

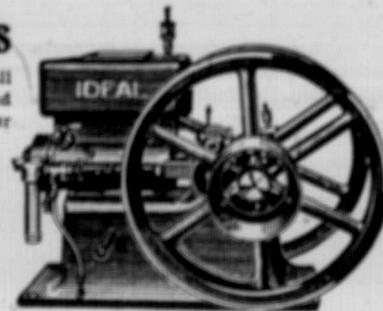
J. Bruce Walker, immigration commissioner, says that at the present time there are something like 5,000 applications on the books which cannot be filled. The wages this year are very much higher than they have ever been before, but even this will not draw the number of men required. In the prairie provinces, farmers are offering \$30 to \$35 per month for experienced men for the summer months, and in many cases they will go so far as paying the fare. Inexperienced men can obtain from \$15 to \$20 per month, and the farmers are only too glad to teach them what to do as long as they are willing to learn.

HON. C. H. MACINTOSH APPOINTED

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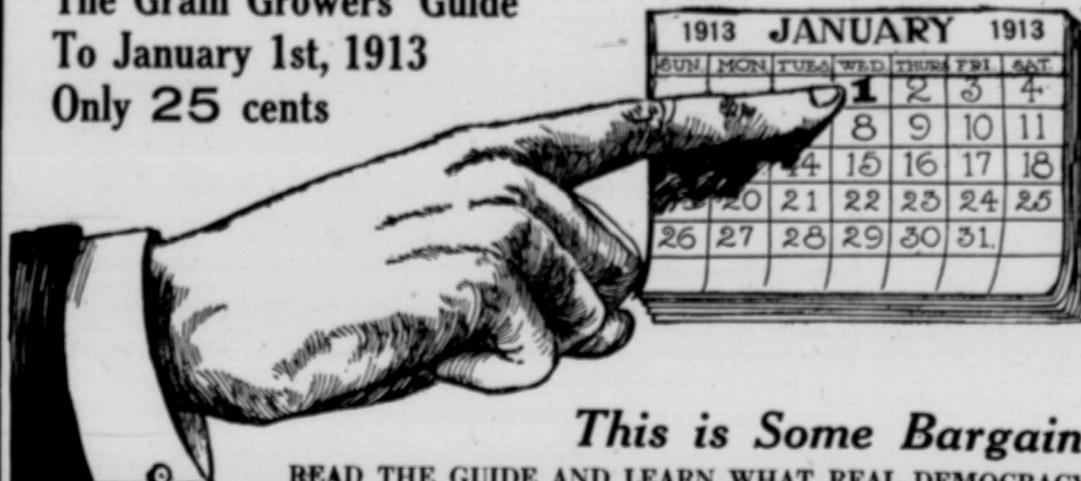
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H.B. RAILWAY WILL PAY

Ottawa, Ont., July 9.—That the Hudson Bay railway when completed will

pay not only expenses, but dividends, is a prediction ventured in a report issued by the commission of conservation. The prediction is based upon the belief that great mineral wealth would be developed along the line of railway. In this connection the report states: "It is perhaps not common knowledge that the northern portion of Keewatin is rich in minerals, especially copper. It has even been stated that in all there is approximately 250 square miles of such prospects on the mainland southwest of Baffin Island."

BORDEN'S WELCOME IN ENGLAND

London, July 8.—Premier Borden and the visiting Canadian ministers, Hon. G. E. Foster, C. J. Doherty and J. D. Hazen, have been tendered such a welcome as was never before given colonial statesmen. One constant round of banquets and other social functions has been arranged in their honor. The chief interest, from the Imperial standpoint, centres in the proposals which shall finally be made as to Canada's contribution towards Britain's naval supremacy.

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