

RECENT HAPPENINGS

MORE MEN FOR ALBERTA

A numerous acquisition to the population of Alberta arrived in Calgary the other morning at six o'clock. There were 56 men, 39 women and 78 children in the party—total 173. They were Germans from Wells county, North Dakota, who have sold their farms over there and are going to establish a colony south-east of Carstairs in the Rosebud district, 46 miles northeast of Calgary. They have purchased 49 sections of land from the Calgary Colonization company.

They have brought with them 1,149 head of horses and cattle. The men of the party went north immediately. They will begin building at once, and will have shelter for themselves and families as well as corrals for their stock immediately. The immigrants are a thrifty looking lot, and neat and tidy in their appearance. They are of splendid physique. The children are fat and robust and there does not seem to be anyone of weak constitution among the whole party. In religion these people are Seventh Day Adventists. They have brought their own minister with them, Rev. Mr. Himann. It is characteristic of German Adventists that they are sober and industrious citizens. They do not use tobacco and profanity is an unheard thing among them. Another party of land seekers from the same district has been in the city this week and have bought five or six sections of land adjoining that of the larger party. They have left for home, and may arrange to bring out their families also this fall.

SOME NOTABLE GRAIN YIELDS

The Journal is publishing below a list of some of the yields of grain in the Carstairs district this season. The Carstairs district will include the country for 40 miles, 35 miles west and 15 miles north and south. We invite reports from all farmers.

WHEAT.

Bushels per acre.

Ezra Shantz, soft	42
Henry Weber, soft	40
Fred. Budgeon, soft	50
Dan Fry, soft	40
S. Scowns, soft	46
S. Downie, soft	40
A. L. Dorsch, hard	50
A. L. Dorsch, soft	40
P. A. McAnally, hard	66½
Ben Good	46
W. H. Hays & Sons	45
C. S. James	45
Tighe Bros.	42
John Troyer	47

OATS.

Mr. Bales	75
Dorsey McDaniel	75
John Troyer, machine measure	85
W. E. Rider	88

BARLEY.

Mr. Granger	77
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RYE.

Dorsey McDaniel	30
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—From The Journal, Carstairs.

Secretary E. M. Tousley, of the Right Relationship League, and N. O. Nelson, the veteran co-operator of Le Clair, Ill., have been swinging around the circle of co-operative stores in Minnesota and Wisconsin, holding some very enthusiastic meetings.

THE SPREAD BETWEEN STREET AND TRACK

We noticed the following item in the March issue of the "American Elevator and Grain Trade":—

It sometimes occurs to one who notes the spread in the Canadian North-West, between track prices and street prices for grain, that therein lies the cause of a good deal of the friction that undoubtedly exists between the farmers and the regular grain buyers. When there are cars at hand for shippers, and the farmer can get his share, the spread is very narrow—just enough to pay the cost of running through the house. But when cars are scarce it is often as great as 6 to 7 cents. One wonders how long an elevator man in the corn belt would continue in business if he carried on his business in the same way—milked his customers for the privilege of selling to him when they themselves could not unload into cars directly—milked them when they must sell or haul their grain back home and wait until they could get cars, or else make them pay the storage from the time they sold their grain until the delivery month in which the grain may reasonably be expected to arrive at the delivery point, and also, 'such expenses and profits as are agreed upon from time to time by the members of the North-West Grain Dealers' Association.' That sort of thing may go in a new country where the line elevator interests control almost absolutely, but we are quite sure the methods of the Winnipeg Grain Men, if put to use in the corn belt, would make Rome howl in just about two days, and the howl would be heard too, you bet."

HOME BANK AT LYLETON

Mr. John Kennedy, western director of the Home Bank, was in Lyleton, in south-western Manitoba last week, arranging for a building in which to open a branch of the Home Bank.

Mr. Kennedy reports a number of points in Manitoba and Saskatchewan which are endeavoring to secure a branch of the Home Bank by disposing of sufficient stock in the vicinity to warrant the bank in opening a branch.

The Grain Growers of Rapid City held a meeting on the 31st October and arranged for a banquet to be held in Rapid City on the 18th of November.

Mr. R. McKenzie, secretary of the M.G.G.A., addressed a meeting of the farmers of Meadow Lea on the evening of Nov. 12, in the interest of the movement.

The Grain Growers of Somerset held a meeting on the 13th at Somerset. They are making a move to secure a branch of the Home Bank in that district.

Mr. W. J. Powell, of Durban, called at our office a few days ago while in the city. Mr. Powell is all enthusiasm over the growing interest in the co-operative movement among farmers and business men, and reports many sales of Home Bank stock and shares in the Grain Growers' Grain Co., many farmers taking the limit of four shares in the latter concern. While in Dundurn, Sask., a few days ago, a wealthy farmer gave him his check for four shares each for himself and wife and son; another his check for eight bank shares and four G.G.G. Co. shares.

Once our wealthy and progressive grain growers are fully seized of the possibilities involved in the co-operative movement and the advantages that will accrue to the producer from the general adoption of the principle, there can be no doubt as to the ultimate result.

J. W. Donnelly, secretary of Foxwarren branch, writes that they are arranging for a concert for Nov. 20th, at which R. McKenzie and other prominent members of the Grain Growers Association will deliver addresses. The Foxwarren branch held a very successful concert last year.

The Roblin branch is preparing for a big rally at their annual meeting, and is arranging for prominent workers to be present.