

THE WEST, PAST AND FUTURE

Addresses by Lord Strathcona and J. J. Hill to Winnipeg Canadian Club.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Lord Strathcona and James J. Hill spoke before the Canadian Club on Wednesday to a record crowd. "The West: Its Past and Its Future," was the theme of the addresses.

His Lordship referred eloquently to the great influence of the Canadian clubs throughout the Dominion in strengthening the feeling of loyalty to the dominions overseas, of which Canada was the first, to the Old Country. They who had endeavored to do their duty in the past looked with assurance toward the young men of Canada, feeling that they would do their utmost toward conserving and strengthening the tie which bound, and, he trusted, would always bind, the dominions to the Mother Country.

Turning to Mr. Hill, the venerable Commissioner expressed his conviction that his friend would not forget that day, some time in April, 1870, when they met for the first time in St. Paul, somewhere near the river. Things were at that day in a similar pioneer stage to that prevailing in and around Winnipeg.

His Lordship then dwelt on the Fort Garry days, when the population of Winnipeg was perhaps 120, or at the outside, 200, and contrasted those early conditions with the thousands and thousands of people who now throng the streets of Winnipeg. Looking back those forty years at the change of conditions, he felt no hesitation whatever in

predicting that the next fifty years would see an even infinitely greater change than that upon which he looked back.

Mr. Hill said:—"I go back for 53 years, when I came West from Canada. At that time Canada had no North-West. A young boy or man who desired to carve his own way had to cross the line, and today—it may surprise you—one out of every five children born in Canada lives in the United States. Now you are playing the return match, and the North-West is getting people from the United States very rapidly. We brought 100 land-seekers, mainly from Iowa and Southern Minnesota last night out of St. Paul, going to the North-West. Now, these people have all the way from five, ten to twenty thousand dollars each, and they will make as much progress on the land in one year as any one man coming from the Continent of Europe can make, doing the best he can do, in ten, fifteen or twenty years. (Applause.)

"The great stream of population that has settled in the 53 years I have lived in the States has settled in the country west of Chicago. When I came through Chicago had 90,000 people, or claimed to have within 100 miles of the city it was wild, unoccupied prairie. Today Chicago claims three millions of people. Think of it! Nearly half of the population of the Dominion! Now, Chicago was years older than Winnipeg before she had the population you have."

SUSPICIOUS DEATH.

Toronto Young Man Died at Chemong Park.

A despatch from Peterboro' says: Residents of Chemong Park are shocked and appalled by the death of Arthur Bollard, the nineteen-year-old son of "Alive" Bollard, the Toronto tobaccoist. His death was apparently due to injuries received in an attack made upon him on Monday night. Mr. G. E. McPherson of Toronto, the brother-in-law of the deceased youth, says that Bollard was returning from a dance at the pavilion of the Chemong Park Hotel, when he was pounced upon by several young fellows, who were alongside the road that Bollard had to take to get back to the cottage where he was staying. This information is said to have been obtained from Bollard after the alleged assault took place.

DIND LIKE HEROES.

Six Men Were Drowned in a Steamer Wreck in Alaska.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says: The passenger steamer Ohio, Seattle to Alaska, crashed on the rocks off Steep Point, near Ketchikan, Alaska, at 1 o'clock on Friday morning and is a total loss. Six are dead: Purser Stephens of Seattle; George Eccles, wireless operator, of Winnipeg, and four

others, and a number are missing. M. J. Heney, a prominent railroad contractor, connected with the Guggenheim interests, who escaped from the doomed ship, wired the following:—"Stephens and the others went down while trying to save the lives of the passengers, instead of looking to their own safety. Stephens could easily have saved his own life if he had given a thought to his own safety."

YOUNG MAN KILLED.

Another is Unconscious and May Not Recover.

A despatch from Streetsville says: The level and unprotected crossing has claimed another victim. While driving over the level crossing out of Streetsville, on Friday, Thomas Gaunt, aged 21, and only son of John Gaunt of this town, was killed instantly by the C. P. R. Chicago flyer. In the rig with him were Fred Swithenbank, 15-year-old son of John Swithenbank, who received a severe fracture of the skull, and John Ward, also of Streetsville, who escaped. The horse was almost cut to pieces and the rig was smashed into kindling wood.

Pidhoney, the Galician murderer, was hanged at Winnipeg on Friday. The R. & O. steamer Prescott was burned at Montreal on Friday.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—Flour—Ontario flour new Winter wheat patents, \$4.15 to \$4.20 in buyers' bags on track, Toronto; new wheat flour for export, \$3.95 to \$4 outside in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$5.80 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.30, and strong bakers', \$5.10 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.21½, Georgian Bay ports. Ontario Wheat—New No. 2, 97 to 98c at outside points.

Barley—New, 55c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 47½c on track, Toronto, and 47 to 47½c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats 43½ to 44c and No. 3 42c Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2, 90 to 92c outside, nominal.

Buckwheat—Prices purely nominal.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 79½c on track, lake ports. Canadian, 75c on track, Toronto.

Bran—\$22 for Ontario bran outside in bulk. Manitoba, \$21 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, \$24 Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Prime, \$2.10 to \$2.25, and hand-picked, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bush.

Hay—No. 1 timothy new \$13.50 to \$14.50 a ton on track here, and lower grades \$13 to \$13.50.

Straw—\$9 to \$9.50.

Potatoes—New Canadian, 75 to 85c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 14 to 16c per lb.; fowl, 13 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 20c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 23c; tubs and large rolls, 18 to 19c; inferior, 15 to 17c; creamery, 23 to 24c, and separator, 22½ to 23½c per lb.

Eggs—New laid, 23 to 24c.

Cheese—12½c for large, and at 12½c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13½ to 14c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24 to \$25; short cut, \$24 to \$25.

Hams—Light to medium, 14½ to 16c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 13½ to 14c; shoulders, 12c; backs, 17½ to 18c; breakfast bacon, 16½ to 17c.

Lard—Tierces, 14½c; tubs, 14½c; pails, 14½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 44 to 44½c; No. 1 extra feed, 43½ to 44c; No. 1 feed, 43 to 43½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 43½c; barley, No. 2, 66 to 67c; Manitoba feed barley, 64 to 65c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.90; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.40; Winter wheat patents, \$6; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.20; straight rollers, \$5.75; straight rollers in bags, \$2.65 to \$2.75; extras in bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, \$22 to \$23; Ontario middlings, \$23.50 to \$24.50; Manitoba bran, \$22; Manitoba shorts, \$24; pure grain mouille, \$23 to \$24; mixed mouille, \$25 to \$27. Cheese—Finest creamery, 23 to 23½c. Eggs—Selected stock, 25½ to 26c; No. 1 candled 22½ to 23c; No. 2 at 16 to 19c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Aug. 31.—Wheat—Spring wheat dull; Winter easier; No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 2 white, \$1.09½. Corn—Firm; No. 3 yellow, 76½c; No. 3 white, 75½c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 39½c; No. 3 white, 38½c; No. 4 white, 37½ to 38c. Rye—No. 2 on track, 73c.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Wheat—Cash—No. 2 red, \$1.03½ to \$1.05; No. 3 red, 93c to \$1.02½; No. 2 hard, 99½c to \$1.02; No. 3 hard, 92c to \$1; No. 2 Northern, \$1 to \$1.02; No. 3 Spring, 93c to \$1. Corn—No. 2, 68½ to 69c; No. 2 white, 70 to 70½c; No. 2 yellow, 71½ to 72c; No. 3, 68½ to 69c; No. 2 white oats, 35½c; No. 3 white, 35½ to 37½c; No. 4 white, 35½ to 36c; standard, 37 to 37½c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—Prime beefs sold at from 4½ to 5½c per lb.; pretty good animals, 3½ to 4½c; common stock, 2½ to 3½c per lb. Milch cows, \$25 to \$35 each; grass fed calves \$3.50 to \$8 each, or 25

ESTIMATE OF ONTARIO CROPS

Statistics Prepared by the Agricultural Department.

Statistics forecasting the yields of the various crops grown in Ontario have been prepared by the Department of Agriculture from the reports of correspondents in every part of the province. To the production of Fall wheat it is estimated 663,275 acres of land were devoted, and the probable yield is fixed at 15,996,562 bushels, as compared with 679,642 acres and 16,430,476 bushels in 1908. Other estimates are as follows:—

Spring wheat—135,161 acres, yielding 2,215,314 bushels, as compared with 142,124 acres and 2,197,716 bushels in 1908; barley, 695,262, yielding 18,273,285 bushels, as compared with 734,029 acres and 20,888,569 bushels in 1908; oats, 2,095,585 acres, yielding 87,966,527 bushels, as compared with 2,774,259 acres and 96,626,419 bushels in 1908; peas, 381,609 acres, yielding 7,842,927 bushels, as compared with 396,642 acres and 7,401,336 bushels

in 1908; beans, 45,029 acres, yielding 857,663 bushels, as compared with 46,477 acres and 783,757 bushels in 1908; rye, 94,661 acres, yielding 1,594,868 bushels, as compared with 87,908 acres and 1,453,616 bushels in 1908; hay and clover, 3,228,445 acres, yielding 3,885,145 tons, as compared with 3,253,141 acres and 4,635,287 tons in 1908.

The yields of the following have not yet been estimated:—Buckwheat, mixed grains, potatoes, mangel-wurzels, carrots, sugar beets, turnips and fruits.

The numbers of live stock on hand on July 1st were:—Horses, 728,308; milch cows, 1,075,496; other cattle, 1,593,088; sheep and lambs, 1,130,667; swine, 1,551,187; poultry, 12,086,580.

Live stock sold or slaughtered in year ending June 30, 1909:—Horses, 78,461; cattle, 800,223; sheep, 333,441; swine, 1,986,432; poultry, 4,177,503.

to 5c per lb.; young veals, \$3 to \$5 each. Sheep, 3½ to 4c per lb.; lambs 5½ to 6½c per lb.; good lots of fat hogs, 8½ to 8¾c per lb.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—The stocker trade was quiet, but two loads of Manitoba stock sold at \$4. Milk and springers—Firm demand for good stock. Sheep and lambs—Spring lambs selling up to \$6.50. Calves—\$5.50 to \$7. Hogs—Selects \$7.65 f.o.b., and \$8 fed and watered.

STORM AT STRATHROY.

Lightning Played Havoc With Phones and Electric Lights.

A despatch from Strathroy says: The worst storm of the season visited Strathroy and vicinity on Saturday night. The storm came up with awful suddenness, and the lightning and thunder were terrific. The Baptist Church was struck, part of the roof being torn off, but the firemen extinguished the flames before much damage was done. The fuses at the electric light works were burned out, and half the town was left in darkness. The telephone service was put out of business for a time, no less than 25 'phones being burned out. The barns of William P. Morgan, on the fourth line, Adelaide, were struck, and completely destroyed, with full season's crops; his loss will be heavy. Austin Carrothers, of the second line south, son-in-law of Mr. Morgan, met the same fate, and lost barn and crops; Dan Ward, on the fourth line, had ten hogs killed by lightning.

THE GREATEST EVER.

What the Canadian National Exhibition Looks Like.

The greatest year in the history of the Canadian National Exhibition is assured. There are horses from across the ocean as well as from across the line, Jerseys from the Street Railway King of Toronto and horses from Sir William Van Horne's Manitoba farm. There are sheep from Canada and from the

United States. There are manufactures finished and manufactures in the making. There's everything and an abundance of it. Add all this to the greatest bill of special attractions the Canadian National Exhibition ever offered and you have all the elements of a world's fair—and a few things thrown in besides.

WINNIPEG FACTORY BURNED

Western Plant of McClary & Co., of London, Destroyed.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Fire on Saturday night practically destroyed the big Winnipeg branch of McClary and Co., of London, Ont. The total loss is well on to \$175,000. There was a stock on hand to the value of \$135,000, and it is almost a total loss. The building, which was a six-storey brick one, was valued at \$60,000, and the loss will be about \$40,000, as the foundation and a couple of storeys are still good. The insurance on the stock was \$83,000, and on the building \$33,000.

A BLAZE OF LIGHT.

Night Scene at Canadian National Exhibition.

The "Electric City" is a fitting name for the Canadian National Exhibition grounds at Toronto this year. All the big buildings are fitted with exterior decorations of electric light and they turn the Exhibition nights into the whitest kind of days. This brilliancy added to the martial music, the movements of troops and all the panoply of display makes the night scene at the Canadian National one never to be forgotten.

A mutiny of a section of the army at Athens has resulted in the overthrow of the Grecian Ministry.

Estimates have been asked for the construction of an Imperial Assembly Hall at Pekin.

Strathcona Hall, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, was destroyed by fire on Thursday.

1,500 PERSONS DROWNED

Floods Occasion Immense Damage at Monterey, Mexico.

A despatch from Matamoros, Mexico, says: A West Indies hurricane, which spent itself on Saturday along the stretch of the Gulf of Mexico coast, between the mouth of the Rio Grande and Vera Cruz, produced meteorological conditions which are unprecedented in this part of northern Mexico. Rain had been falling in torrents for three days over a scope of territory extending west from Matamoros to Torreon, a distance of three hundred miles, and south nearly four hundred miles. Many thousands of square miles of territory are under water. The rivers and smaller streams are all far out of their banks, and a low estimate places the number of people drowned at 1,500, and the number rendered homeless at 20,000.

Saturday night in Monterey was one of death, desolation and darkness. The flood waters of the Santa Catarina River continued on their rapid course throughout the night, and to add to the horror of the sit-

uation, rain commenced to fall and caused untold suffering to the thousands of homeless persons who had congregated on the various plazas.

The destructive flood, due to the continued fall of rain, swept everything before it, and hardly a vestige is left of what was a few days ago a conglomeration of small huts, swarming with families belonging to the poorer classes. The number of dead is variously placed at from 400 to 1,000. The victims were from the poorer classes. The flood reached its crest between 1 and 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Many families were swept to death with hardly a chance for their lives. Victims were swept from their homes, on the tops of which many had sought shelter.

It is thought that the damage will be far in excess of the first estimates sent out in Saturday night's report. Monterey smelter, one of the largest in Mexico, suffered loss variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

TREK TO CANADIAN WEST

Settlers Are Still Pouring in From the United States.

A despatch from Ottawa says: W. J. White, superintendent of Canadian immigration agencies in the United States, returned to Ottawa on Wednesday morning from a long trip through Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, the Dakotas and Minnesota. He reports the great trek into the Canadian West as showing no signs of abatement.

"As many people are coming per week in August as there were in May," Mr. White declared. "Last week the biggest trainload of Canadian settlers left St. Paul in the history of the station. We had estimated from 70,000 to 75,000 United States immigrants for this calendar year, but the number will reach 80,000. They are mostly desirable settlers, and will make good Canadians."

"Do you look for this movement to continue, and even to increase?" "I believe these immigrants will soon be numbered

by the hundred thousand. There are to-day 200 firms in Minneapolis dealing in Canadian lands. Last year there were 50. We are exhibiting at all the State fairs in the Western States, and this year's harvest should be a big advertisement."

"Do you find any opposition to your propaganda in the United States?"

"Not from the Federal Government. We have some competition from the Southern States, who are after immigration, however, but it is all friendly."

In this connection it is interesting to note that Western homestead entries during June, the last month for which figures have been completed, totalled 4,205, an increase of 958 as compared with June, 1908. For the first six months of the calendar the entries totalled 17,314, an increase of 3,565, compared with the corresponding period of last year.