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about that Great Country.

JUST RETURNED FROM A THREE- farmers were busy backsetting the land OF WHEAT AND BARLEY-PEOPLE ARE HCPEFUL - AN ELECTION NEAR - PEOPLE FROM VICTORIA PROSPERING.

Mr. William Lownsbrough the genial keeper of Her Majesty's customs returned on Monday morning from a trip to Mani- ing the cutting of weeds. Inspectors are toba and the territories. He was away three weeks. In a brief talk with a Watchman-Warder representative Mr. Lownsbrough said some interesting things about that part of our great Dominion whose resources and rapid development are attracting the attention of the world. Mr. Lownsbrough said: I went on the 18th of July by excursion train over the C.P.R. When we reached North Bay there were so many going that the train was made up in two sections to make plenty ,of room. We were very comfortable; everything was convenient and there was plenty of good company. The run to Winnipeg was made between Tuesday and Thursday mornings. On the way I noticed that some villages that had been quite prosperous with lumber mills when I was up in '90 were almost deserted. The supply of raw material has disappeared. Port Arthur has gone back a good deal, but Fort William, to which the elevators were removed, has prospered to the same extent that its rival has decreased. Arrived at Winnipeg I was powerfully struck election up there shortly and the prospects with the vast development of that great city. It has gone ahead as if by magic in the last ten years. Everything is stir and activity. The merchants are hopeful and there is a general feeling of assured prosperity among the people. When I was it pays to look about for a year at least. there great gangs of men were busy putting down asphalt pavement. That city is an index of the whole region to which it is the gateway.

SPLENDID CROPS.

The crops in the west are simply immense. Perhaps I have seen them in their two best years. There were wonderful crops in '90 when I was there before and now they are just as good. The difference is in the amount growing. Miles and miles in every direction that was unbroken prairie then are now thriving farms with magnificent crops of barley and wheat. Of course the harvest has not been reached yet. The crop is about a week behind and there is a good deal of anxiety about early frosts in most sections. These have done harm in the past and there is danger this year, but the people are hoping for the best. Near Manitou a hail-storm that passed over a week before I got there cut the grain down and I saw farmers plowing down the remnants of their hopes. noticed between Napinka and Brandon the land seems lighter, and it was in that district that I saw the only rather poor crops in the whole country.

SOME MARIPOSA PEOPLE.

Down at the South Antler, right in the centre of the finest district in southern Manitoba, I came across the Burks who went out a few years ago from Mariposa. They have 2200 acres among them and hundreds of acres of their wheat this year will average thirty bushels to the acre.

They have prospered wonderfully. But most people do out there. The Ray boys from Oak wood have 70 acres of good wheat and broke 60 acres more this year. Wm. Woodward has done the same. "Johnnie" Hooper is worth \$5000. Around Carman and Roland there are regular settlements of people from this county. I did not visit these places, but a man from there told me they are all prospering. The Swains, Websters, Emallwoods and others are there. A good many of them are bachelors and are making their money alone. A man and a boy can do as much work out there as three men here. A double gang plow with six horses or a single gang with three horses and a boy to drive can turn over a lot of prairie in a day. That is the Way they plow. Other work is done on

the same scale. In reply to a question Mr. Lowns- Morrates.

brough said: I think not; at least I did not hear a word of it. Things BEST MARKET IN ONTARIO are better now now. Government has obtained some alterations and competing lines under construction and in operation are putting an end to extortion in rates. A SUMMER RESORT.

They have lake Killarney out there too. It is a beautiful body of water surrounded by wooded hills, and will be an immensely popular summer resort. It is 165 miles from Winnipeg. Already numerous cottages have been built and occupied. The government has built a new road

If I can satisfy you that any suit I around the lake and throughout the entire province people are looking to Killarney as the place to go for an outing. It is a prize in that great prairie land. AMERICAN HORSES horses. They had been brought over the price is a good one, and is not war-

horses.

THE TUMBLING MUSTARD The cultivation of the land in the west

will not always be so. In fact it already after a few years. When I was there WEEKS' TRIP-SPLENDID CROPS they had broken and working in their summer-fallows. After the sod has been broken a great crop of weeds spring up, and after being plowed down in backsetting make a good dressing of manure, That does not end them however. So bad have they become that the government has had to pass strict legislation regardappointed, and if a farmer leaves weeds growing in his fields these men notify him to cut them, and if he does not they are cut at his expense. Municipalities have the power to send men onto any farm to cut weeds and charge up the cost in the farmer's taxes. The tumbling mustard is the worst enemy. It grows several feet high and then the heavy branches droop and break off. These go spinning across the country before the wind in great balls scattering seed as they go.

MIXED FARMING

Farmers are going into mixed farming gradually. They have not had the outbuildings to do it on a large scale, but now there are some fine herds and the dairy industry is springing up. Premier Green. way has the best catttle in the country at his farm near Crystal C ty. He does not exhibit at the fairs any more for it was scarcely giving ordinary exhibitors a chance. I saw an 18-months animal from his stables that was better than any I ever saw here. By the way they will have an are that Greenway will be sustained.

REFLECTIONS I would not advise a man to move up there and buy land at once unless he has friends to advise him as to a situation, for Any young man who wants to farm certainly ought to go to the west. When I saw the great prosperity and advance. ment of that country I thoroughly re gretted not buying land there when I was up in '90, but there is a great future for

the people that are now going in. Friendship Insurance.

That there may be such a thing as carrying insurance too far is indicated by the case of Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. Mulhooly, two Irish gentlemen. Though they were known to be great friends, they were one day observed to pass each other in the street without a greeting.

"Why, Mulcahy," a friend asked in astonishment, "have you and Mulhooly "That we have not!" said Mr. Mul-

cahy, with earnestness. "There seemed to be a coolness between you when you passed just now."

"That's the insurance of our friend-

"I don't understand." "Whoy, thin, it's this way: Mulhooly and I are that devoted to wan another that we can't bear the idea of a quarrel,

and as we are both moighty quick temper-

ed we've resolved not to shpake to wan

another at al!!"-London Tit-Bits. Could Not Fool Gladstone.

"The keenness of Gladstone's collecting eye, even in old age," The Athenaeum says, "may be inferred from the story told us by a bookseller in Brighton. On one of his last visits Mr. Gladstone paid a visit to our informant and took up a nice book in an old French binding. 'What's this?' he said.

"'Oh, it's a book from the library of Catherine de Medici,' "'But there's no fleur de lis in the top lozenge,' retorted Mr. Gladstone without

a second glance at it." A Lightning Flash.

By means of a photograph made with a vibrating lens scientists have calculated the time of a lightning flash. It comes out or,e-nineteenth of a second. The calculation is based upon the multiple image in the photograph and the rate of vibration of the lens. The time applies, of course, only to the particular flash that was photographed.

The shortest and surest way to live | That makes strawberries and the like to me of with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be, and if we observe we shall find that all human virtures increase and strengthen hemselves by the practice and experience of them .-

Victoria County Cheese Sells for 10 38c. Per Pound.

BUYERS ARE OUT AFTER THE RIGHT KIND OF CHEESE-EIGHTEEN FAC-TORIES BOARD 1800 BOXES.

A sensational meeting of the Victoria County Cheese Board was held in the council chamber on Monday last. It was sensational from the fact that the buyers were all out for cheese, and stood ready to secure it at any price. The result was a lively time when the bidding commenced, and the price realized is away ahead of any board in the province this season. I saw at one point two large herds of Buyers and salesmen mutually agree that from Manitoba by American dealers and ranted by the Liverpool cables. That were being bought at good prices. They makes no difference to the salesmen, howwere a good stamp of the Percheron breed. ever, and if they are fortunate for once in They brought from \$90 to \$130. Seventy getting perhaps just a little more than of those I saw had been picked from a their goods are really worth, it will in a herd of 7,000 animals. An Ontario dealer small way make up for times when the told me that he was offered a half interest shoe was on the other foot. There is a in this herd at \$40 a head, but refused to point or two that the Watchman-Warder take it. There is a duty of 20 per cent on would impress upon the salesmen, makers and patrons as well. The cheese has been purchased as first-class goods, and every The country is opening so fast that effort should be put forth to see that there is a great demand for agricultural nothing is left undone in the curing proimplements and carriages. I found that cess in order that it may be marketed as no other seeder in the west is so popular such. Every factory should have a supply as Sylvester's. It sells everywhere, and of ice, in order to regulate the temperature suits the soil up there perfectly. All the of the curing rooms during the hot months. Sylvester implements are very popular. To those factories which are minus ice, we A good many wagons come in from the would strongly advise the adoption of States, but several Ontario firms have artificial means in the way of hanging up good markets there. Spaight of Markham | heavy cloths that have been dipped in cold is a favorite; Mr. Hamilton of our own spring water and kept moist therewith. town makes a good many sales and sells A little care and a little extra effort before a wagon that gives complete satisfaction. inspection may mean dollars in the patrons PROSPERITY IN THE WEST A wagon sells for from \$50 to \$55 without pocket. It must not be forgotten that the price is a "tip-topper," but if the market price is a "tip-topper," but if the market should "slump" then a mighty close inspection would be sure to follow, and Mr. William Lownsbrough talks is an easy matter to begin with, but it what is known as the "bad market flavor" may be detected. Mr. Rollins, a real, live has its problems. Noxious weeds abound buyer, in course of conversation condemned the prevailing practice in this section of drawing whey home in milk cans. He states that this is a dangerous practice and liable to cause a faulty flavor at any time that the greatest care is not observed in cleaning the cans. No cheese-maker can remedy this evil, and any objectionable flavor means ruin in the British market. The buyers present were Messrs. Rollins and Whitton, Belleville, Fitzgerald of Peterboro, and Flavelle of Lindsay.

> The following factories were represented: Star......122 Lorneville..... Cameron ..... 87 Mariposa...... 80 Derryville ..... Cambray..... 69 Janetville..... 60 Fenelon Falls..... 95 Minden..... 26 North Ops...... 75 Pine Grove..... 50 Reaboro......134 Maple Leaf......140 Palestine ...... 80 Red Rock......162 Little Britain..... 45 1,795

> > SENSATIONAL BIDDING.

On invitation of President Robertson the bidding was commenced with an offer of 94c by Mr. Whitton. Fitzgerald went an eighth better, and Mr. Flavelle raised to the half. Rollins came up with 9gc, which Fitzgerald raised to 93c. Whitton made it a 16th harder, and Flavelle followed with 95c, when Whitton thought he had the call with 10c straight. But such was not to be, for Fitzgerald took up the runn ing with an offer of 103-16c. Rollins placed it at 10tc and was followed by Fitzgerald with 10 5-16c, and Mr. Rollins captured the race with an offer of 10gc, and secured Star, Cameron, Dunsford, North Ops, Pine Grove and Bobcaygeon.

For second selections Fitzgerald bid 10c flat, which Mr. Flavelle increased a 16th. Fitzgerald responded with another 16th, and Rollins made it 103-16c. Fitzgerald went to the 1 and Whitton raised him 16th, when Fitzgerald secured the call at 10% and got Mariposa, Cambray, Fenelon Falls, North Verulam and Reaboro factor-

Whitton then bid 10%c, and took Maple Leaf, Red Rock and Omemee.

Mr. Flavelle then cleared the board at 10tc, securing Little Britain, Palestine, Minden and Janetville.

On motion the board adjourned for three weeks, to meet on Monday, Aug. 28th.

# MERRY MOMENTS.

A Song of Prunes. Throughout the drift of centuries, since first th

world was young, The bards have tuned their lyres up and cleare their throats and sung Glad songs of fruits and flowers, of the orchard

And puffed up nearly everything the soil has And so I crave attention while your humb His lyre to the topmost pitch and sings a son

Oh, prunes! though thou art fit to grace the banquet of a king, Yet dost thou to the lowly board of humble peas-

Thy pulpy fatness full of joy and flavors rich and Oh, is there aught on earth so rare and yet so

good and-cheap! And could I twang a thousand harps through centuries of Junes. My one and all triumphant theme would be a

But, oh, the hidebound, sorry prune, with visage pinched and lean, We meet in boarding house resorts is not the sort I mean! Give me instead the puffy prune, inflated with its juice,

little use, For did I own a thousand mouths and twice I'd still employ them, every one, to get my fill

....PURCHASED BY....

Lindsay's King Clothier.

At Public Auction on Thursday last, the Mullett of GENTS' FURNISHINGS, HATS AND CAPS Was offered for and after some lively bidding was secured at 60 cent the dollar by A. J. Graham, Lindsay's King Clothier,

The goods are all this season's make, The goods now being removed to his New Store, Two Doors East the Benson House, and on Saturday next a big sale as of a C take place, as the goods must be cleared out at once to way for fall stock. We are so busy marking off goods we have not time to make out a price list this week.

The One Price King Clothier

2 Doors East Benson

VERDANT, BUT OBEDIENT.

Took the Signs on the Water Pails Literally and Kept Warm.

"We see lots of strange things," said the talkative hotel clerk, "but one of the strangest that ever happened along this way came in one day last March-an old man with a carpetbag and an old umbrella, who wanted to know if this was a tavern. I assured him it was, and he said he guessed he would hang up with us a bit if we didn't mind. He looked so green and innocent that I congratulated | 250,000 square miles, or nearly the size myself that the house used electricity for lighting purposes and that there was no gas for him to blow out.

"I handed him over to a bellboy, with instructions to see him safely to his room and to carefully explain all the mysteries of a modern hotel. It wasn't two hours lation. before a chambermaid sent down word that the old man was gathering up all the fire buckets on the floor and burning them up in the grate in his room.

"I charged up to his room to find out what he meant by such conduct. I found him in his room calmly smashing up the buckets by bringing his No. 14 cowhide boots down upon them. The buckets were some that we had placed in the halls a number of years ago to be used in case of | iness. fire. But as we had lately placed fire hydrants on every floor, with reels of hose at every point, we had allowed the buckets to go into disuse.

"'See here!' I yelled as I took in the situation. 'What in the name of heaven do you mean by burning up those buck-

"'Why,' answered the innocent old longer. codger as he picked up one of the buckets, 'doesn't it say right here on them, "To be used for fire only?"' "I wilted and told him to go ahead.

They were not worth much, anyway, and I was afraid if I didn't allow him to go ahead that he might break out at some other spot that would cost us more."-Detroit Free Press.

Graphite, of which lead penchs are made, was first discovered in Siberia in 1842, where one mine has since 1856 yielded 33,000 hundredweight of graphite.

A British antiquarian has discovered that Shakespeare was of Welsh descent. He Did.

"Did you ever laugh until you cried,

"Yes, only this morning." "What at?"

"Well, pa stepped on a tack, and I laughed. Then pa caught me laughing, and I cried."

Siam has a population variously estimated from 7,000,000 to 10,000,000, but the true figures are probably about 8,000,000. Its area, which approximates of Texas, could easily support 40,000,000.

Between Madagascar and the coast of India there are about 16,000 islands, only 600 of which are inhabited, but most of which are capable of supporting a popu-

Cheap Gas. The gas war in Niew York profoundly

w Out the Gas'

affects many relations of life. For instance, the conventional farmer of the humorous prints, upon entering his room at a New 1 the hotel, starts vio-

sign," he falter. ing much uneas-The bellboy "No: gas h cheap in New York that we don't any more."-Detroit

"I see no 'D

Journal. A Pointer.

Little Willie-I guess sister Grace won't want to go ridin on your tandem much Mr. Simperling-Why?

Little Willie-They was a feller with a nottomobile here last night, and I heard her say today that she thought the horseless carriage had come to stay .- Chicago Times-Herald.

TO THE DEAF .- A rich lady, cured f her Deafness and Noises in the Head by D Nicholson's Artifical Ear Drums, nas sent £ 1,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums ma ha ve them free. Apply to Department A.T.E. The Institute. "Longcott." Gunnersbury, London, W., England.—22-1yr.



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