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 of the dominions over seas, 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."

CANADA TO BUILD CRUISERS

Announcement Regarding Navy for Canada ---Vessels for Pacific and Atlantic.

A despatch from London says: The Canadian Associated Press learns on high authority that the vessels to be loaned to the Canadian Government by the British Admiralty will be two third-class cruisers, one for the Pacific and the other for the Atlantic. These ships will require refitting and alteration, which will be done on this side at the expense of the Canadian Government. The officers of these ships will also be loaned to Canada, and be paid by Canada.

When Canada starts to build warships, which the Canadian Associated Press understands will be of the Bristol type of cruiser, they will be built in Canada. A representative of a leading firm of shipbuilders will shortly proceed to the Dominion to select a site for a shipyard. Regarding the site of a shipyard on the Pacific, a prominent naval expert was asked his opinion by a Canadian official and he replied: "Vancouver is more suitable than Esquimault, though it might also be necessary to have a dock at the latter."

The Canadian Associated Press further understands that the idea of having submarines on the St. Lawrence River and the Pacific coast has been suggested, and the suggestion has been received with some favor.

The Bristol type of cruiser, which it is understood Canada will build, establishing a shipyard for the purpose, is a second-class protected vessel, being of 4,800 tons burden, and capable of developing a speed of 26 knots an hour. Britain is at present building five such vessels herself, to be completed next year. They will have turbine engines. The third-class cruisers Canada will borrow will probably have a speed of from 20 to 22 knots and be of from 2,000 to 3,000 tonnage.

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 tobacconist. 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.

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

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 situation, rain commenced to fall and caused untold suffering to the thousands of homeless peons 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.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

Rev. Dean Egan died at Barrie, on Sunday morning.

Applications for the Ontario loan continue to come in rapidly.

A new pest has been found in the spruce forests of Ontario.

William Smith committed suicide in a Kingston hotel, on Thursday.

Pidhoney, the Galician murderer, was hanged at Winnipeg on Friday.

The R. & O. steamer Prescott was burned at Montreal on Friday.

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

Earl and Countess Grey will spend a couple of weeks in Winnipeg in October.

The Government has let the contract for a new steamer for the hydrographic survey service.

Magistrate Denison, of Toronto, has decided that hotel proprietors can sell cigars on Sunday.

C. G. Henley, a postoffice clerk, was arrested at Lindsay on a charge of robbing the mails.

A magistrate at St. Thomas dismissed the charge against a restaurant-keeper accused of selling cigars on Sunday.

M. Busson of St. Constant, Que., who was on his way west on a harvesters' excursion train, was killed at Ridout, west of North Bay, on Thursday.

The Molsons Bank has decided to allow none of its clerks to marry unless in receipt of an income of twelve hundred dollars.

Charles O'Shaughnessy, ledger-keeper in the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Vancouver, was drowned while swimming on Saturday.

Lieut.-Col. Crowe of the Royal Field Artillery will succeed Col. Taylor as Commandant of the Royal Military College, the latter's term being up on October 12.

GREAT BRITAIN.

G. Manville Fenn, the novelist, is dead.

Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons on Thursday that Canada would build a fleet of her own.

Sir Edward Seymour will command the squadron which is to represent Britain at the Hudson-Fulton celebration at New York.

UNITED STATES.

Great forest fires are raging in Idaho, near the Canadian border.

A locomotive ran over an automobile at Kankakee, Ill., killing two women.

Trot McCauley, a sailor, was beaten to death in Detroit on Saturday night.

The Grand Trunk Railway shops at Port Huron are to be enlarged fifty per cent.

A Unitarian minister in Massachusetts claims to have grown a bug-proof potato.

A negro ballplayer was killed by lightning during a ball game at Cairo, Ill., on Friday.

J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan may acquire a controlling interest in the G. T. P., it is said.

Twenty-five persons have been arrested at McKee's Rocks, Pa., following the murderous riots on Sunday night.

An insane negro who had wounded twenty-one citizens of Monroe, Ga., in a mad rush through the town, was killed, and his body burned in a public square.

GENERAL.

Bombs have again made their appearance in Barcelona.

A new glacier was discovered by a touring party in Alaska.

The first aeroplane flight in Russia was made at Odessa on Tuesday.

Latham, the French aviator, covered ninety-five miles in about two hours.

Revolutionists in Yemen, a province of Arabia, are massacring and pillaging.

Fire in the Russian town of Krementchug, Russia, has rendered a thousand families homeless.

Over a hundred persons have died of the plague in Amoy in the last fortnight.

Henry Farman flew over 118 miles in his aeroplane at Rheims, on Friday, breaking all time and distance records.

A BLAZE OF LIGHT.

Night Scene at Canadian National Exhibition.

The "Electric City" is a fitting name for the Canadian National Exhition 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.

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 12¾c 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, 14¾c.

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, 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, $33 to $34; 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, 76¼c; No. 3 white, 75½c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 39¾c; No. 3 white, 38¾c; 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, 35¼c; No. 3 white, 35¾ to 37½c; No. 4 white, 35½ to 36c; standard, 37 to 37¾c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—Prime beeves sold at from 4⅞ to 5¼c per lb; pretty good animals, 3½ to 4¾c; common stock, 2¼ to 3¼c per lb. Milch cows, $25 to $55 each; grass fed calves $3.50 to $8 each, or 3c to 5c per lb.; young veals, $3 to $5 each. Sheep, 3½ to 4c per lb.; lambs 5½ to 6¼c 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. Milkers 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.

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, anl 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, 2,695,585 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, 800,228; sheep, 333,441; swine, 1,986,432; poultry, 4,177,503.

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.

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.

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.

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

STORM AT STRATHROY.

Lightning Played Havoc With 'Phones and Electric Lights.

A despatch from Strathroy says: The worst storm of the season visitted 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 barns and crops; Dan Ward, on the fourth line, had ten hogs killed by lightning.

DIED 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."

DYING MAN DROVE RIG.

Had Nearly Reached Destination When He Died.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Anthony Dacey, of Cantley, Que., on Friday started alone to drive 20 miles to a hospital in Ottawa, as he was ill. When he reached Hull he found himself unable to drive and turned into a garage, where he died. At the time he was carrying $2,500.

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?"

"Decidedly yes. 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.