THE KING AND QUEEN IN THEIR CORONATION ROBES

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP

Increased Area of Spring Wheat in the Dominion a Feature

A despatch from Washington says: A bumper harvest of wheat in British India, estimated at 369,000,000 bushels, surpassing all previous yields, and a record area sown to Spring wheat in Western Canada, where 90 per cent. of the Dominion wheat is grown, giving rise to seemingly extravagant estimates of probable yield, are the features of the world's review of May agricultural news announced by the United States Department of Agriculture on Thursday. In other respects foreign agriculture in general made average seasonable progress.

In Argentina, the great wheat and flax seed exporter of the southern hemisphere, the Autumn sown crops have entered their first month of the trans-equatorial Winter in vigorous condition and on probably largely increased areas. The recently gathered corn crop there turned out badly and little or no surplus will be available for export. The corn crop of South Africa also is reported damaged by drought and there probably will be none for export.

GREAT PAGEANT OF THE EMPIRE

The Most Wonderful Spectacle Ever Witnessed on the Streets of Old London.

An annex to the main entrance to Westminster Abbey is in course of erection. In the seating arrangements the plan is the same as that which was adopted at King Edward's Coronation in 1902. There will therefore be no fixed seats, but the nave of the Abbey will be furnished with new chairs of Chippendale pattern upholstered in silk. These the users of them will be given the opportunity of purchasing as mementoes. The Earl Marshal's Office has been besieged with applications for permission to be present from all sorts and conditions of people. Peers and Peeresses have a prescriptive right to attend, but even these will be excluded if they have not asked for and received permission to attend..

The Earl Marshal has received applications for permission to be present at the Coronation next June from over 100 Peers and Peeresses who had no legal claim to be present at the ceremony in 1902. There are no fewer than 38 new Earls and Countesses, and the remainder is made up of Peers and Peeresses who have succeeded to the family title, and of those who have had new Peerages conferred upon them.

It is the desire of his Majesty that the overseas dominions should take a prominent and distinguished part in the great State pageant, and at the present time the question is being considered whether some special act in the consecratory ceremony cannot be entrusted to the representatives of Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. Every one of the countries mentioned, as well as India, Newfoundland, and practically every portion of the Empire, will be more adequately represented both in Westminster Abbey and in the royal procession through the streets of London than has ever been the case before. The officers of the Home District Command, who have been made responsible for the military arrangements, are making provision for the accommodation of some 3,000 soldiers, representing every part of the King's dominions abroad. Five hundred officers and men are going from India, 600 from Canada, over 300 from Australia and other parts of the Southern Hemisphere, while such places as Nigeria, Uganda, Borneo, Hong Kong and other far-away outposts of civilization will be fittingly represented. It is to be the greatest pageant of Empire yet seen in London. The navy, the home army and the Territorials are also to be represented by the biggest force ever concentrated in the Metropolis, and for their accommodation the Royal Parks will be covered with military encampments. In addition to carrying out the internal arrangements at the Abbey, the Office of Works has the task before it of erecting stands along the line of route of the Coronation procession between Buckingham Palace and Parliament square.

CONCERT HALLS HONORED

An unprecedented feature of the Coronation year will be the introduction of concert hall performances by Royal command. Male Royalties have visited London music halls privately, but the hall-mark of Royal patronage has never yet been bestowed upon the vaudeville stage.

In response to a petition signed by leading vaudeville managers the King and Queen will "command" a performance when they visit Edinburgh after the Coronation ceremonies. It is stated that other engagements preclude a similar act on their part so far as London is concerned.

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PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

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

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, June 20.—Oats—Canadian western oats, No. 2, 39 3-4c; No. 3, 39 1-4c, lake ports; Ontario No. 2, 37c; No. 3, 36c, outside.

Wheat—No. 2 red, white or mixed, 80c outside points.

Rye—No. 2, 68c to 70c, outside.

Barley—For feed, 50 to 56c; for malting, 67 to 68c, outside.

Buckwheat—51 to 53c, outside.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, $1; No. 2 northern, 98c; No. 3 northern, 95c, track, lake ports.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.10; second patents, $4.60; strong bakers', $4.40.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 57c, c.i.f., bay ports.

Peas—No. 2, 78 to 80c, outside.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, $3.40 to $3.45, seaboard.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $21 per ton; shorts, $23; Ontario bran, $22 in bags; shorts, $24, car lots, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Car lots are quoted at $1.70 to $1.75, and small lots, $1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11c per lb; No. 1 comb, wholesale, $2 to $2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, $1.75 per dozen.

Baled hay—No. 1 is quoted at $12 to $13, on track, and No. 2 at $9 to $10.

Baled straw—$6 to $6.50 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 85 to 90c per bag.

Poultry—Yearling chickens, 15 to 16c, and turkeys, 19 to 20c per lb.

LOCAL DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 17 to 19c; inferior, 15 to 16c. Creamery, 21 to 23c per lb for rolls, 19 to 21c for solids, and 19 to 20c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots, 18 to 19c per dozen.

Cheese—11 3-4 to 12c in a jobbing way.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long, clear, 11c per lb in case lots; mess pork, $19 to $20; do., short cut, $22 to $23.

Hams—Medium to light, 15 to 16c; do., heavy, 12 to 13c; rolls, 11 to 11 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 17c; backs, 18 to 18 1-2c.

Lard—Tierces, 10 1-4c; tubs, 10 1-2c; pails, 10 3-4c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, June 20. — Oats — Canadian Western, No. 2, 41 1-2 to 42c, car lots, ex store; extra No. 1 feed, 41 to 41 1-4c; No. 3 C.W., 40 1-2 to 40 3-4c; No. 2 local white, 40 to 40 1-2c; No. 3 local white, 39 1-2 to 39 3-4c; No. 4 local white, 38 1-2 to 39c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.30; seconds, $4.80; Winter wheat patents, $4.60 to $4.75; strong bakers', $4.60; straight rollers, $4.10 to $4.25; in bags, $1.85 to $2. Rolled oats—Per barrel, $4.55; bag of 90 lbs, $2.15. Feed barley—Car lots, ex store, 51 to 52c. Corn—American, No. 3 yellow, 61 to 61 1-2c. Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, $22; Manitoba, $21; middlings, Ontario, $22.50 to $23; shorts, Manitoba, $23; mouille, $25 to $30. Eggs—Fresh, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2c. Cheese—Westerns, 11 1-4 to 11 1-2c; Easterns, 11 to 11 1-8c. Butter—Choicest, 22 to 22 1-4c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, June 20.—Wheat—July, 93 1-4c; September, 92 1-8c; December, 92 1-2 to 92 5-8c; No. 1 hard, 95 3-4c; No. 1 Northern, 93 3-4 to 95 1-4; No. 2 Northern, 92 3-4 to 93 3-4c; No. 3 wheat, 88 3-4 to 91 3-4c; No. 1 durum, 84 1-4c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 51 3-4c. Oats—No. 3 white, 36 1-2 to 36 3-4c. Rye—No. 2, 87c. Bran—$19.50 to $19.75. Flour—First patents, $4.70 to $4.90; second patents, $4.50 to $4.70; first clears, $3.25 to $3.35; second clears, $2 to $2.[illegible]

Buffalo, N.Y., June 20.—Spring wheat—Firm; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, 99 1-2c; Winter, dull; No. 2 red, 91c; No. 2 white, 90c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 58 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 56 3-4c; No. 3 corn, 55 1-4c; No. 4 corn, 52 3-4c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 41 3-4c; No. 3 white, 41c; No. 4 white, 4 01-4c. Barley—Malting, $1 to $1.03.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, June 20.—Sales of choice steers at $6.65 to $6.75; good, at $6.35 to $6.50; fairly good, at $6.15 to $6.25; fair, at $5.90 to $6; and the lower grades at from $5 to $5.70 per cwt. Cows brought from $4.25 to $5.50, and bulls from $4.50 to $5.25 per cwt., as to quality. Sales of lambs made at from $4.25 to $6.25 each. Prices for old sheep, $4.50 to $6 each. The demand for calves was good at from $2 to $8 each, as to size and quality.

Toronto, June 20.—Prices for fat cattle ranged all the way from $5.60 to $6.30 for steers and heifers and one lot of 12 sold at $6.35; cows, $4 to $5.25; bulls, $4.60 to $5.15. Feeders, 900 lbs each, sold at $5.40; stockers sold at $5 to $5.35. The bulk of milkers and springers sold from $40 to $65 each, and one extra choice cow brought $75. Veal calves sold at $4.50 to $7.50 per cwt., and in a few instances $8 was paid for choice new milk fed veals. Sheep, ewes, sold at $3.50 to $4.50; rams, $3 to $3.50 per cwt.; spring lambs, $8 to $9 per cwt., or in other words, 8c to 9c per lb; yearling lambs, $5.50 to $6.50 per cwt. Hogs, fed and watered, sold at $7.30 per cwt.

ROBES AT AUCTION

Those of George IV. Were Once Sold at Phillips' Rooms

It is a fact, generally forgotten, that the Coronation robes of George IV., which, it has been suggested, his Majesty King George V. may wear at the coming ceremony, were once sold at auction. With other official costumes of George IV. they were "put up" at Phillips' auction rooms in Bond street in 1831.

The magnificent Coronation mantle of purple velvet was sold as "Lot 95" for a paltry $275, though it was probably worth $1,500 at least. Another splendid crimson velvet Coronation mantle, which, according to the auctioneer, cost $2,500, brought on the same occasion $235.

Other items on the catalogue were "the Coronation ruff of superb Mechlin" and the Coronation coat, waistcoat, and trunk hose.

And these sumptuous vestments—or most of them—passed into the hands of Madame Tussaud, though it is extremely doubtful if they were ever allowed to grace a wax figure.

A "Coronation" Engine.

To mark the completion of the 5,000th engine constructed at the London and North-Western Crewe works, a leviathan locomotive is being built, to be christened "Coronation." It is to cost over $20,000 to build, and its horse power will be about 1,300. It is expected that the engine will be ready in June, and will be used for the train by which the King and Queen are to travel by the West Coast route on their visit to Wales.

Windsor may establish an auto fire department, and get class A insurance rates.

GREATEST SHOW IN THE WORLD

Mr. Frank Lacelles Tells of the Organization of the Grand Pageant at Crystal Palace.

A colossal task is nearing completion at the Crystal Palace, London. Within a space of 250 acres the whole of the British Empire is being represented by hundreds of buildings, scenery, and exhibits. The Festival of Empire, as the great exhibition which will be opened from May to October has been called, is the most ambitious effort which has ever been made to demonstrate to us the vastness and possibilities of our overseas dominions. In addition there will be a great pageant, in which 15,000 performers will take part, illustrating the Empire's history and development from the very earliest down to the present time. Our colonies have subscribed thousands of pounds towards the expenses, and thousands of men have been employed on a patriotic project in every way worthy of the Coronation year of His Majesty King George V.

"The public," said Mr. Frank Lacelles, Master of the Festival—who is famed all the world over for the magnificence of the pageants he has organized—to Tit-Bits the other day, "have little idea of the enormous work which has been involved in producing this great Festival of Empire. Our colonies have been ransacked for ideas and for many months past we have been co-operating with the various colonial Governments in order to make the Festival thoroughly representative in every way. And it is really surprising how people in this country have entered into the idea with zest and enthusiasm. Take the 15,000 amateur performers, for instance, who are to take part in the great pageant. Not only are they buying their costumes and paying for their railway fares during the run of the Festival, but they are willingly bearing the expenses entailed by six or seven weeks' rehearsals. It is a splendid illustration, is it not, of the patriotism which has been instilled by this great idea?"

Amazing Figures.

And the gigantic scale and thoroughness with which this pageant is being carried out is strikingly illustrated by the facts and figures which Mr. Lascelles kindly provided. An amphitheatre for 10,000 spectators has been erected, and for considerably over a year hundreds of skilled workmen have been engaged in preparing costumes and properties; and in every case the utmost care has been taken to ensure historical correctness, even to the minutest details. By loan and purchase Mr. Lascelles has secured twenty historical State coaches, including one which belonged to Queen Victoria, and another which was the property of Napoleon III. A thousand horses and cattle, 400 complete suits of armour, nearly 7,000 weapons, and close upon 10,000 helmets and shields—these are a few of the properties which will be used during the great pageant of the Festival of Empire.

"But, of course," said Mr. Lascelles, "whilst the pageant is one of the central features of the Festival it by no means stands alone. In the grounds there will be some 300 buildings, ranging from the $200,000 reproduction of the Parliament Buildings of Ottawa, Canada, to decorative kiosks. All the colonial buildings will be exact reproductions of the Parliament Houses of the respective colonies, and in each case will be two-thirds of the size of the originals. Altogether these various Government buildings cost well over $500,000, and I might mention that Canada alone is spending no less than $350,000 on the various projects for representing that vast colony at the Crystal Palace.

The All-Red Route.

"What is the total cost? Well, it is difficult to say at the present time. The Committee of the Festival of Empire has spent over $1,500,000 already, and this is quite apart from the money expended by the various colonies themselves."

"In the first place," said Mr. Lascelles, "we are paying close upon 6,000 workpeople engaged on the preparations for the Festival. Then there is some $150,000 worth of machinery, and $300,000 expended on the erection of a mile and a half of electric railway, which we have termed the All-Red Route, and which will run through the various scenes of the Empire, as depicted in the grounds of the Crystal Palace. A two-minute service will be maintained throughout the day by ten cars, and on each train guides will explain details and objects of interest en route as the train takes the visitors on a tour embracing Newfoundland, Canada, Jamaica, Malay States, India, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

Diamonds Galore.

"Perhaps one of the most interesting facts regarding the realistic representation of South Africa on the All-Red Route is that, at a cost of many thousands of pounds, visitors will be able to see gold and diamond mines in full operation. The De Beers Company are spending $10,000 on the representation of a South African diamond mine, and, I might mention, are actually showing $10,000,000 worth of real diamonds."

"And what of the inside of the Palace, Mr. Lascelles?"

"Ah! that will be no less interesting, for we intend to hold an All-British Exhibition. Six hundred stands are being erected, and there will be an unrivalled collection of British arts and industries. By the way, I might mention that one of the largest statues in the world will be erected in the centre of the Crystal Palace terrace—namely, a statue of the King, 60ft. high, dominating, as it were, His Majesty's Empire in miniature."

London will be the holiday city of the world this year, and it is safe to affirm that millions of visitors will find their way to the Crystal Palace to witness the wonders of this great Festival of Empire.

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A DESCRIPTION OF CORONETS

Many of Those Used at the Edward Coronation in 1902 will be Worn in June

"Numbers of persons," declared a London jeweler and silversmith, "imagine coronets to be composed of 24-carat gold, and studded with priceless gems.

"Well, the fact is, we often supply peers or peeresses with beautifully finished, light-weight coronets in silver gilt for less than twenty pounds. A peer's coronet must fit him like a hat; but those for peeresses are half the size. Peeresses, thus having plenty of room on their heads—happily for us—wear tiaras as well as coronets. In this way:

"The tiara, high in front, sloping down each side, is placed well forward on the noble brow. With hair bunched on top of the head, puffed out at the sides, the coronet rests on top of the hair, behind the tiara. Plenty of work there will be at the last moment, of course, altering tiaras for the Coronation, so that they may be worn in this way, for many of them are of the 'all round' pattern.

"Most of the coronets donned in June next will be those used for the last Coronation. I estimate that two thousand new coronets were then turned out, at an average of $90 apiece—$180,000 in all.

"One peer told me of the rescue of his coronet for the 1902 ceremony.

"His lordship's plate-chest was crammed. To make room, odds and ends were cleared out. Sorting these, he encountered his coronet. The butler, fairly staggered, said he had been pushing it into one odd corner and another for years past, till he could come across the other part of "the old cruet."

"The most gorgeous Coronation item, though that comes the way of workers in precious metals, is the pallium, or Royal mantle of the King. It is of English cloth of gold—remember the 'Field' of it in history?—woven from finest gold thread, gold as pure as will stand the strain of being so used, almost without alloy.

"There are very few skilled weavers capable of making cloth of gold. It is exceedingly slow work, and as each inch of the material is formed, it is carefully wrapped up, so that it shall retain its glorious flood of color. Such new, absolutely unsoiled cloth of gold looks more like a blaze of brilliant sunshine than anything you ever saw.

"Many of the State robes will have Indian embroidery—gold and silver thread on silk.

"An ounce of the pure metal is drawn out into a thread half a mile long for the embroiderers to use. The pattern is always original, the embroiderers, trained from childhood, 'making it up' as they go along. Thus no two existing patterns are alike, and one robe can always be distinguished from another, which saves marking. The work is usually done in India, but for the Coronation some of the most expert craftsmen of Delhi, where the best come from, are being brought over here.

"The famous crimson velvet, with which Westminster Abbey will be ablaze, I find on inquiry costs about a pound a yard, bought by the piece. A piece measures some forty yards, and though the velvet is quite plain, without any pattern, such a length takes four months to make.

"British-spun pure silk linings are used, the proper lining for the crimson—really almost purple—velvet being white corded silk, costing about eight shillings a yard.

"So, although coronets themselves are not exactly pure gold jewels, one way and another the little bill tops up."

RITES AND CEREMONIES

Many Chief Actors in Edward's Coronation Have Passed Away

As far as the rites and ceremonies of the Coronation are concerned, the precedent of 1902 will be strictly followed. In that particular respect the duties of the Earl Marshal and the Lord Chamberlain have proved much lighter than they were eight years ago. The greatest changes that will be noted in the pageant that attends the Coronation of King George and Queen Mary will be in the dramatic personae. Of the chief actors in the last great historic event of the crowning of a great historic event of the crowning of a British King and then Primate and the then Archbishop of York are no more. Lord Salisbury and the Duke of Devonshire have been gathered to their fathers, and among others who figured largely in the brilliant spectacle of eight years ago, and who have gone over to the majority, are the late Lord Derby and the late Earl Spencer—two of the four Knights of the Garter who held the canopy for the King's annointing. Many others who played a prominent part in the public life of a decade ago will next June be found absent, and the exigencies of political life will have forced many others into the background.

Roses for the Coronation.

One firm in Hertfordshire planted 50,000 Coronation rose trees, all timed to bloom in June.. They are being grown in all sorts of designs. One of these is a statute of the King, consisting of about 1,500 roses.

A GREAT FEAST FOR CHI[illegible]

Preparations for the Coro[illegible] tertainment to 100 [illegible] Youngsters

The work of preparing fo[illegible] nation entertainment which will give to 100,000 poor [illegible] London at the Crystal Pala[illegible] 30th, is well under way.

Sir William Carrington [illegible] the committee entrusted to [illegible] the King's wishes, declare[illegible] impartiality is to be show[illegible] schoolchildren of every de[illegible] should be properly represe[illegible]

Although not officially st[illegible] is every reason to believe [illegible] King and Queen will be pre[illegible] course of the afternoon at [illegible] tainment at the Crystal Pal[illegible] probably they will be accom[illegible] Princess Mary and one or [illegible] brothers.

It is assumed that t[illegible] 100,000 will be marshalle[illegible] army and converge upon Sy[illegible] various routes. Probably [illegible] railways for a certain time [illegible] will concentrate their ener[illegible] transport of this army. E[illegible] will bear his or her own [illegible] address in writing, and will [illegible] a distinguishing ticket or ro[illegible] cating by color and by nu[illegible] particular school and loca[illegible] hoped, also, that each girl [illegible] white dress or sash and e[illegible] white tie. Once within th[illegible] the Crystal Palace, there [illegible] little difficulty. The staff t[illegible] customed to invasions of f[illegible] thusiasts for the Cup Final [illegible] from 100,000 to 140,000, a[illegible] summer various organizat[illegible] to Sydenham many thousan[illegible] dren.

The King's guests will [illegible] tween 11 and 12.30 and sta[illegible] tween 6 and 7 o'clock. [illegible] tea will be served, if fine, at [illegible] tle tables on the grass, but [illegible] meals will be served in rel[illegible] the Palace. For dinner th[illegible] will have cold meats, ple[illegible] with lemonade; and at tea [illegible] butter, jam and cakes.

Each of the favored child[illegible] given from the King a sp[illegible] signed Coronation beaker [illegible] Doulton ware. They are to [illegible] same shape as those made [illegible] Edward, and on the occasi[illegible] Jubilees of Queen Victoria. [illegible] jesty has supplied a speci[illegible] of himself in the uniform [illegible] miral of the fleet for repro[illegible] the beaker.

Apart from a generous p[illegible] of amusements and a monst[illegible] children will be given prol[illegible] first glimpse of the greatn[illegible] British Empire. The King [illegible] the Crystal Palace, with [illegible] of Empire, as the venue fo[illegible] son—to impress on the juv[illegible] some understanding of the [illegible] munity of English-speakin[illegible] of which they form no ina[illegible] part.

Mr. Frank Lascelles wi[illegible] tend the direction of a s[illegible] formance of the Pageant [illegible] lasting half an hour. A R[illegible] to be erected for Their M[illegible]

Subsequently the children [illegible] taken in batches for a trip [illegible] Empire on the "All-Red R[illegible] way. This will enable them [illegible] Parliament buildings of [illegible] land, Britain's oldest colon[illegible] papermaking and whaling [illegible] industries, together with [illegible] of St. John's; the great whe[illegible] and cattle ranges of Canad[illegible] Parliament buildings at Ot[illegible] ious Crown colonies, with a [illegible] lage and a sugar plantati[illegible] maica.

India will be visited, a[illegible] where the King is to be [illegible] person Emperor of India. [illegible] dia the young voyagers wi[illegible] Australia and New Zealan[illegible] ally to South Africa, wher[illegible] and diamond mines will b[illegible] operation.

CORONATION DR[illegible]

The Names of the Seven R[illegible] bearers

The Queen having decide[illegible] train at her Coronation sha[illegible] by seven daughters of Ea[illegible] considering what their cost[illegible] be. According to preceden[illegible] all wear white, and will [illegible] precisely alike. Her Majes[illegible] sent to each of her att[illegible] handsome souvenir of th[illegible] and this will probably be t[illegible] nament they will be pe[illegible] wear. The pages who [illegible] King wear a quaint unifor[illegible] let, white and gold, and [illegible] fashioned three-cornered [illegible] plumes under their arms.

The following are the [illegible] ers:

Lady Eileen Butler, daug[illegible] Earl of Lanesborough.

Lady Mary Dawson, d[illegible] the Earl of Dartrey.

Lady Mabell Ogilvy, d[illegible] the late Earl of Airlie and [illegible] tess of Aarlie.

Lady Victoria Carringto[illegible] of Earl Carrington.

Lady Jean Coch[illegible] the Earl of Dun[illegible]nald.

Lady Eileen Knox, daug[illegible] Earl and Countess of Bant[illegible]

Lady Adelaide Spencer, [illegible] Earl Spencer.

It is probable that furth[illegible] ments will be made, nece[illegible] the weight and length of he[illegible] train.