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Improvement In Manitoba

Winnipeg.—Manitoba's farm picture is definitely brighter than for several years past, says the Winnipeg Tribune in a newspage story. Basing the statement on opinions obtained from bankers and mortgage officials the paper says the farmers have regained faith and confidence in the future.

Demand for Manitoba Durum wheat and malting barley has lifted the farmer out of the slough. Prices for grain were better this year, the paper says and threshing was finished early.

A mortgage company official said scores of farmers were paying off interest and principal whereas in former years they had been unable to pay anything.

A branch bank in a large rural town banked $91,000 of farmers' money one day this fall, the Tribune adds. All implement company officials said farmers were buying repairs again and paying cash. Many of them were paying something on old outstanding accounts.

A general storekeeper in a small municipality said for three days in a row his business was better than for any day last year.

Farmers added their voice to the cheerful chorus. Things were bound to be better where there have been crops, they said. "We expect this year's debts to be paid and believe there will be a reduction on old notes," one said.

An insurance company executive said conditions were definitely better. "It is not legislation that will help the farmer," he declared. "All he wants is a reasonable production and a chance to market it."

Only the drought-harried southwest section of Manitoba gave a sombre touch to the picture.

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Farmer Hiram—What was your plum crop like?

Farmer Silas—Well, a heavy storm blew down 50 per cent. of it, and we'd hardly gathered that when another wind blew down the rest.

Farmer Hiram—Bad luck! Could you do anything with them?

Farmer Silas—Well, my wife ate one and I ate the other.

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The women are more interested in what a bride is married in than what she is married to.

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Man—How long have you been married?

Friend—Let's see—I bought this overcoat I'm wearing six years ago.

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You have got to practice a thing to be any good at it. If cuspidors ever come back nobody'll hit 'em.

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Son—Day, Daddy, what does it mean when the paper says some man went to a convention as a delegate-at-large?

Dad—It means his wife didn't go with him, son.

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ANOTHER LIBEL

Babel: "Doesn't that Scotch boy take you to the cinema now?"

Phyllis: "No, I think he must have found a girl who can see pictures in the fire!"

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Man—A certain person is trying to make a caveman out of me?

Friend—A girl friend.

Man—No, my landlord.

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"The only time I've had any peace since my marriage," she said was the interm between when I murdered my husband and the police arrived."

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Man—My case has got the doctors guessing.

Friend—Why I thought you had a simple case of appendicitis?

Man—It was, but they're guessing whether or not they're going to get paid for it.

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When a girl finds that she is not the only pebble on the beach, she becomes a little bolder.

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Joe—Is von Scribbler's wife of much help to him in his writings?

Sam—Not much, she gets mad and leaves him occasionally, but never stays away for over a week.

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Mrs. Snapper—How did you know I was here?

Mrs. Rapper—I saw my umbrella in the hall.

FINANCIAL FLASHES

Mining Development and Prospects Great Bear Lake Area

A keen international interest is being evidenced in regard to the silver producers and prospects created by favorable markets with rising price levels for the white metal.

Since Cobalt, thirty years ago, the silver discoveries of the Great Bear area have outranked, in tonnage and contained values, any other new silver camp in any part of the world. This area has been frequently likened to a great treasure chest of rare minerals by reliable, seasoned miners who are not given to a superlative use of descriptive adjectives. Old Cobalters compare that "wonder camp" as a poor second to probabilities of the Great Bear area. Where Cobalt's veins, averaged inches in width, with comparatively short lengths, and where shallow seated, Great Bear's will show feet in width, great continuous vein lengths with acknowledged indications that the veins will experience great depths. The mine run of ore contains high silver values sufficient to provide great net profits above the unusual high mining transportation and ore treatment costs. Ore chutes of phenomenally rich ore are encountered with a silver content as high as 10,000 ounces per ton. Cobalt's best hardly equalled this.

Supplementing the silver, the Great Bear ores contain a rich pitchblende carrying a radium content, the equal of any radium ore being mined today.

On account of geographical location the transportation costs are excessive. With expanding mine operations these costs have already, in three years' time, been cut in two and will be further reduced to a point in line with normal production costs.

Great Bear is rapidly progressing from the 'pioneer discovery phase" of a new camp to that of a camp with at least three properties in or nearing the productive stage. A source of electric power available locally has been surveyed, possibilities estimated ad plans are being prepared to utilize this power in the near future. Transportation problems will be solved with railroad construction just as soon as the camp demonstrates that there is sufficent income to warrant the expenditures of construction and operation. Reliable engineers and executives predict that this will be taken care of in the near future. The Great Bear area has positively passed the initial hazardous pioneer period, always experienced by new mining camps, and will, without doubt, progress rapidly to the position of an established community.

Complement to the main Great Bear silver area, the Yellowknife, a new discovery of rich gold has been partially developed, and the Hottah Lake area, a rich uranium oxide and pitchblende discovery (ores of radium) both located south of Great Bear and on the probable railroad line to be constructed.

Among the several properties being worked three have reached an advanced stage of mining development. The Eldorado Mine has erected a modern mining plant and mill, the latter supplemented by a refininfi plant for radium and silver ore at Port Colborne, Ont. Underground development has put quite a tonnage of high grade ore in sight besides providing for all mill requirements. Exploratory mining work has indicated new and greater bodies of rich ores which will provide ore tonnage for expanding mine operations and definitely establishing the permanency of Eldorado as a profitable producer.

The White Eagle Silver Mine has erected a mining plant and has definitely established a tonnage of ore reserves which warrant the construction of a mill, the installation of which is planned for the immediate future.

The B.E.A.R. Mine at Contact Lake has installed a mining plant following a considerable amount of surface exploration work, supplemented by several thousand feet of diamond drilling. Under-ground development work by means of a 500-foot adit tunnel and a two compartment winze sunk 100 feet below the adit level floor with lateral workings from this horizon, has established a tonnage of high-grade silver and radium ore that warrants a greatly expanded underground mining development campaign and the construction of a mill. The Mine Manager is at present in Toronto in consultation with the management in regard to plans for enlarged mine operations and mill construction. B.E.A.R. holds a 50% equity in the Yellowknife Gold Mines where surface mining exploratiing work has resulted in discoveries of gold-bearing veins which systematic sampling has given gold values and width of veins which make the Yellowknife a discovery of major importance—as illustrative: Trail sampling provides the following:

Sample A—Across 6 feet gave $51.80 gold per ton.

Sample B—Across 6 feet gave $47.25 gold per ton.

Sample C—Across 36½ feet gave $9.70 per ton.

The Great Bear area holds every promise of equalling and perhaps surpassing "Cobalt" as a "Wonder" silver producer. It may appear to be a distant pioneer today, but events move quickly. Such worth-while merits in profitable mine possibilities make the present handicaps but incidental and they will soon belong to the limbo of the past.

Another Staking Rush

Paul Michell, an Indian, is reported to have brought in rich samples from a find made on the west side of Lake Nipigon, about in line with the new Sturgeon River field. A new staking rush has started to the area, which lies about 65 miles north of Port Arthur. All available planes have been chartered for trips into the field and many prospectors are also going in by boat across Lake Nipigon.

In the meantime, reports from the Sturgeon River field continue to bring news of strikes on the various properties and enthusiasm runs high.

Building Contracts Increase

According to figures compiled by Maclean Building Reports, Ltd., contracts awarded for the month of September amounted to $12,494,000, as compared with $8,386,900 for the same month in 1933, or an increase of 49%. The total for the first nine months of the current year was $98,145,100, which is an increase over the same period last year of 54%, when the figures were $63,430,700. According to the report there is more work now under way than at any time in the past two years.

Siscoe Gold Mines Ltd.

For the nine months ending September 30th this company is reported to have earned net profit, after all charges, of $903,048, equal to about 19 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock.

Total bullion produced for the period amounted to $1,552,370.

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Silver Holds Attention

Keen interest is still evident in the price for the "white metal" and earlier forecasts of higher prices seem to be materializing. The price in both London and New York has hit a new high point for over five years, and further advances are being anticipated by producers and economists. Buying by the United States government is undoubtedly the main factor in the present advance and as they have only purchased a comparatively small proportion of the amount necessary to bring their currency backing up to the 25-75% ratio as authorized by President Roosevelt earlier in the year. The President's recent speech did not make mention of either gold or silver so that the way appears to be left clear for further inflation. At present the government bond problem has been the chief barrier against fore positive silver or gold inflation, but it is expected that this situation will be clarified ere long after which it seems to be likely that further inflationary steps will be taken. At least that seems to be the concensus of opinion among leading financiers and economists. The United States situation is of distinct importance to Canada, particularly as it applies to silver and gold, as any further tinkering along the lines taken earlier in the year, will react to the benefit of our mining industry. It will be interesting to note what action is eventually taken in view of the forecasts which have been made by some of the world's leading economists.

Rail Revenues Higher

Combined gross revenue of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways for the month of September amounted to $26,992,269, which compares with $25,256,057 for the same month last year, or an increase of approximately 6.8%. C. P. R.'s increase was equal to about 7.7% and that of Canadian National 6.2%. With the exception of the final period, when C.P.R. reported a decrease, both roads showed an increase each week when compared with the same period last year.

Yellowknife Gold Mines

Major L. T. Burwash, former government geologist and president of this company, in a wire to local officials states, that he has staked 24 claims situated on Yellowknife Bay on which a quartz vein varying in width from one to twenty-four inches, has been uncovered with free gold visible at points along a length of 180 feet. Major Burwash adds that he is staking more claims to cover the area, which will bring the total number of claims staked up to 80.

The company has already made substantial progress with surface exploration on its original holdings in the Great Slave Area, and has traced a vein on this holding for some distance with high grade values being obtained over good widths.

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Russian Harvest Averages Normal, Soviets Declare

Collectivization Credited With Offsetting Bad Weather

Moscow — Russia's harvest this year will approximate last year's good crop yield, despite spring droughts, according to first government reports issued here and confirmed by impartial agricultural experts.

Preliminary reports indicate the average yield is about 10 bushels per acre which is considered a normal crop in Russia.

The autonomous Caucasian Republics reaped the richest harvest, averaging about 40 bushels. North Caucasus and Volga grain regions averaged about 15 bushels. Eastern Ukraine, which the Monitor correspondent has just toured, was the hardest hit by the drought. Kiev district, however, profited by the late rains and expects a harvest in excess of last year's.

Superior organization of collectivized agriculture and various concessions to idividual peasants this spring are credited with accomplishing the unexpectedly good harvest despite unfavorable weather. Particular credit is due to the so-called "Politotdels" or political sections of the Communist Party consisting of carefully selected groups of urban Communists who have worked in agricultural villages.

These men and women, working directly under the Kremlin, were instructed to win the peasants' confidence and guard against previous abuses. By instituting new humane methods in the villages and convincing the peasants they now have "friends at court," these political sections have accomplished more toward voluntary collectivization than all their more ruthless predecessors, it is said.

The Government considers this year's harvest successes as final proof that complete collectivization will be possible by 1837 as stipulated in the second five-year plan. Partly through a new spirit of confidence in the Government's intentions, and artly through pressure exerted by tax advantages which are given to collectivized peasants, many hesitant individual peasants undoubtedly will be induced to join the collectives during the coming months. The Monitor correspondent discovered many evidences of this in touring the Ukrainan villages.

An optimist is a husband who thinks he is going to finish an argument started by his wife.

Doubled Up With Rheumatism

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Fingerprints

Montreal—Dr. Rosario Fontaine has raised the ante in this matter of the probability of two persons having identical fingerprints.

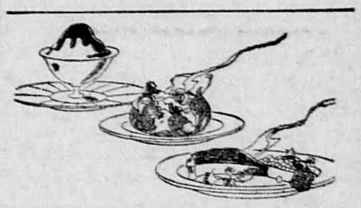
Smiling to reporters and quoting a textbook written by Dr. V. Balthazard, dean of the University of Paris and founder of the ballistic system. Dr. Fontaine said:

"The sun has time to become frigid and the world in general to pass away, or to be more exact, it would take 2,000,000,000,000,000,000 centuries before your fingerprint will be similar to those of somebody else.

"Within this trifling number of years," said Dr. Fontaine, who is regarded as perhaps Canada's most distinguished criminologist, "it would be impossible to meet identical fingerprints.

"The average lifetime of a generation is one-half century and, in consequence, it is possible to calculate that approximately 5,000,000,000 human beings live throughout a century. Each individual provides the world with 10 personal fingerprints, thus making it possible for scientists or experts to secure, if necessary, 50,000,000,000 fingerprints in 100 years."

Testifying in court, Dr. Fontaine gave the conservative estimate that the odds against similar fingerprints were 64,000,000,000 to one.



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