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RICHARD F. HARRIS, of Guelph, Ontario, has married Miss Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher, to Mr. Fred. Hyder, of Woodstock.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1902.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The papers have been devoting column upon column to the magnificient harvest in the West this year, and drawing to our attention the great prospects which lie before that portion of Canada. While this is true and right, yet in the consideration of greatness afar, we are apt to lose sight of the greatness which lies around us. We are inclined to forget the fact that Ontario is a great grain-producing province herself. This year Ontario's wheat crop is valued at \$10,000,000, and the oat crop at over \$20,000,000, while the hay crop, without including the value of the seed crop, will bring the farmers \$10,000,000, and taking the figures of the Department of Agriculture, when we include all the export and import, the dairy and live stock industries, we must fix the total agricultural product of Ontario for 1902 at about \$30,000,000. Ontario should be proud of such a showing.

The directorate of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, report this year's fair to be probably the most successful in the history of the fair. The weather although better than had been expected from the experience of the past few months, was not altogether kindly to the institution. Wednesday and Saturday of the first week and Tuesday and Friday of the second week, were attended by smaller crowds on account of inclemency of weather. The total attendance of all fair amounted to about 400,000 people. Wednesday, had the largest attendance ever on the Fair grounds, 82,657 persons visiting the exhibition. The receipts will be about \$20,000 in advance of last year, and possibly equal to those of 1898, which was the big year of the fair, cut rates then being given by the railway companies, who were quarreling at that time.

The fiscal statement of the Dominion for July and August, the first two months of the fiscal year, gives substantial evidence of the continued prosperity of the country. Our aggregate foreign trade, the basis of imports for consumption and exports of all kinds amounted to \$57,411,163, a gain of \$1,055,000 as compared with the same two months of the previous year. For August alone the figure was \$10,007,828, a betterment of \$1,423,720 over the same month of 1901. The fiscal statement evidences a most buoyant revenue, the receipts on consolidated fund account amounting to \$29,752,927 for July and August. With respect to our foreign trade, the imports for consumption for the two months aggregated \$32,451,839, an increase of \$1,078,811 over the same period of last year. The exports of domestic merchandise totalled \$36,740,824, showing a gain of \$1,012,561. Compared with 1901 our exports of foreign goods for the two months show a decline of \$2,145,222. The notable feature of our domestic exports abroad were a diminution of over \$2,000,000 in the value of mineral products, and the following gains in other classes—agricultural products \$1,055,287; agricultural products \$1,310,821; fisheries, \$301,224, and manuf. products, \$182,120.

STEEL RAIL COMBINE

LONDON, Tuesday, Sept. 16.—The Daily Mail this morning declares that after many months of secret negotiations there has been formed an association of leading British steel rail manufacturers, for the purpose of controlling prices and the regulation of the output. The capital is estimated at \$60,000,000.

RAILWAY DISASTER IN INDIA.

MADRAS, India, Sept. 13.—An English rail train, yesterday, 35 miles from the city, derailed over a bridge, which had been undermined by flood. Fifty passengers included among whom were eight Europeans and four soldiers, were drowned. Twenty-five persons were saved from the wreck.

STORMS IN GERMANY.

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Interesting Incidents, Scenes and Experiences of the Delightful Visit to the Prairie Province Capital.

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The Love-Fest in Grace church on Sunday morning was a most interesting and impressive service. The audience was large, and the interest great. The relaying of Christian love by means of an act of parts of the Dominion was a feature of the festival.

A trip to old Fort Garry and the Hudson Bay stores this morning was a great treat of interest. The old Fort Garry gables are still intact and are now surrounded by an attractive and well-preserved enclosure. A visit to this historic fort recalls many points of historical import. The Red Rebellion, the murder of Scott, the protection of early settlers, the fort itself, and the prairie trails concentrating here come vividly in mental review for the visitor. The Hudson Bay store is by far the most popular, and is now a great attraction and a large number of people. The damage is estimated at millions of marks. A very severe northwest storm visited the cities on the North sea.

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Shot at a Farm Hand, Who was Jealous of his Advantages.

Fatal Proof of the sad death of James William Freeman, adopted son of Mr. O. O. Freeman, of West Lorne, and nephew of Mr. James Brown, of Acton. Death was supposed to have been the result of an accidental discharge while loading a gun, but upon investigation at the instant upon the following day, it was found that the boy had been murdered by Charles Kling, a man employed on the farm.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1st, about 10:30 a.m., Mr. Freeman was about to leave for West Lorne with a load of peaches, when he was heard in the drivehouse, in which Kling, a native of Wilmot district, and one of the deportments from this country from that section, who worked on the farm with Mr. Freeman for the past six years, reported to Mr. Freeman, who was in the house, that Kling had shot himself.

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