

CROPS DEVASTATED BY HAIL

Great Storms, Traveling Erratically, Do Damage in the West.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The present are anxious days with the western farmer. Mid-August frequently sees night frosts, which occasionally do great damage, but so far the lowest temperatures have been well up in the forties. However, a danger peculiar to extremely high temperatures is violent rain, which is not infrequently preceded by hail. Manitoba and Saskatchewan are being daily visited by these storms, traveling erratically. The areas affected usually are small and individuals are sufferers rather than communities, and the aggregate will not materially suffer from this cause. Rosthern, in central Saskatchewan,

had 2,000 acres devastated by hail Wednesday, while on Thursday Langham, Yorkton and Hanley, in the same province, suffered, four townships in the latter and two in Langham being reported totally destroyed, Yorkton's loss being appraised at a thousand acres.

The rain will invigorate and help to fill the latter grains. It will delay the maturing of riper grains, giving rust and fungoids a chance to attack the grain, but this is not likely to affect anything seriously, and with the settling of the weather it is safe to say that better than an average crop will be garnered.

The heaviest rain of several seasons fell here on Thursday afternoon, preceded by hail.

KITCHENER'S NEW POST.

Is to be Inspector of all the Overseas Forces.

A despatch from London says: Lord Kitchener has been appointed to the Mediterranean command, recently vacated by the Duke of Connaught. He will first visit Australia, inspect the troops there, and advise on the best way of giving effect to certain proposals for developments which are being discussed at the Imperial Defence Conference. In some quarters it is believed that there is an intention to co-ordinate all the military forces of the empire and place Lord Kitchener at the head of the organization, which will have the Imperial army for its special care. Events would seem to be moving in this direction, says the Daily Graphic. There can be no question that Lord Kitchener is of all men the one best suited for a command of this kind. The Express declares that Lord Kitchener's new post is synonymous with the inspectorship of all the overseas forces.

SHOT WIFE AS SHE SLEPT.

Mrs. Joseph J. Hunter Murdered by Her Husband.

A despatch from Lindsay says: At Bobcaygeon on Saturday morning last Joseph J. Hunter, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, in the most deliberate and cold-blooded manner murdered his young wife while she slept. The crime was committed about the hour of 4:30 a.m., while the members of the household and the many guests slept soundly, with the exception of one or two attendants who were about early. A glance inside the bedroom told the deadly tale. There on the bed lay the prostrate form of the young wife, blood flowing from an ugly gunshot wound in her head. The servant rushed forward and wrested the gun from Hunter. County Constable James McMullen responded promptly. He immediately called on Mr. George Taylor, the village Magistrate, who in the regular way issued a warrant for Hunter's arrest. The prisoner was securely guarded and placed on board the early morning train for Lindsay, where he was lodged in the county jail.

BLOOD FLOWING IN SPAIN

There Is Wholesale Shooting of Prisoners in Barcelona.

The Barcelona correspondent of the London Telegraph says that for the present quiet is restored, yet there are certain doubts whether the revolution has received its death blow. Martial law is still in force. The civil guards and police, armed with rifles, still patrol the streets. The wholesale shooting of prisoners after court-martial still goes on at the Fortress of Montjuich. Rumor states that the revolutionists will recommence outrages unless the remaining prisoners are released. Arrests continue on a large scale. Prisoners are constantly seen with their hands tied behind their backs and escorted by civil guards. Two well known journalists of Anarchistic tendencies were arrested Monday. Many officers and soldiers are deserting and crossing the frontier. Many bodies have been found under the ruins of the convents. Members of the Red Cross can be still seen transporting charred remains.

Optimists should not omit to note the large bloodstains on the uniforms of the Red Cross men.

The correspondent, in a despatch dated Monday, describes children playing at revolution, shooting at each other with toy rifles, and crying "Viva la Republica." He declares it would take volumes to describe the desolation now spreading its cloak over Barcelona. In speaking of the convent Church of the Magdalen, he says: "The whole place is a heap of ruins, which are still smoking, although the place was set on fire five days ago. In the garden there were thirty vaults where dead sisters were buried. The coffins from these were pulled down and opened, and the corpses thrown about the garden. Then they were placed in sheets and heaped in a pile and set on fire. The rooms were pillaged. What walls are left are inscribed with drawings and writings too obscene to repeat."

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. 10.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents from old wheat, \$4.75 to \$4.80 in buyers' sacks outside for export, and at \$4.90 to \$5 on track, Toronto. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$6.10 to \$6.20 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.65 to \$5.75, and strong bakers', \$5.40 to \$5.50 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.22 Georgian Bay ports; No. 2 at \$1.19, and No. 3 at \$1.18.

Ontario Wheat—New, No. 2, \$1 a bushel.

Barley—Old No. 3 extra, 61 to 62c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 54½c to 55c on track, Toronto, and 52 to 52½c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats, 47c, and No. 3, 46c, Bay ports.

Peas—Prices nominal. Buckwheat—Prices nominal.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 77½ to 78c on track, Toronto. Canadian yellow, 75 to 76c on track, Toronto.

Bran—\$19.50 to \$20 for Ontario bran outside in bulk. Manitoba, \$22 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, \$24, Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Prime, \$2.20 to \$2.25, and hand-picked, \$2.40 to \$2.45 per bushel.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$13 to \$14 a ton on track here, and lower grades \$9 to \$10.50.

Straw—\$7 to \$7.50 on track.

Potatoes—United States new, \$3 per barrel; new Canadian, \$1-10 to \$1.15 per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 12 to 13c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10c; turkeys, 14 to 16c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 19 to 20c; tubs and large rolls, 18 to 19c; inferior, 15 to 16c; creamery, 23 to 23½c, and separator, 19 to 20c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots, 21½ to 22c per dozen.

Cheese—New, 12c for large and 12¼c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13½ to 14c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$23.50; short cut, \$25.50 to \$26.

Hams—Light to medium, 15½ to 16c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 12½ to 13c; shoulders, 12 to 12½c; backs, 18 to 18½c, and breakfast bacon, 16½ to 17c.

Lard—Tierces, 14½c; tubs, 14¼c; pails, 15c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 50 to 51c; No. 1 extra feed, 49½ to 50½c; No. 1 feed, 49½ to 50½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 49 to 50c. Barley—No. 2, 71 to 72c; Manitoba feed barley, 66 to 67c. Buckwheat—69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$6.30; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.80; Winter wheat patents, \$6.50; Manitoba strong bakers, \$5.60; straight rollers, \$6.25 to \$6.35; straight rollers in bags, \$2-9c to \$3; extras in bags, \$2.70 to \$2.80. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22; Manitoba shorts, \$24; pure grain mouille, \$33 to \$35; mixed mouille, \$23 to \$30. Cheese—Westerns, 11¼ to 11½c; eastern, 11¼ to 11½c. Butter—Finest creamery, 22c. Eggs—24c, and No. 1 candled at 30c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.02½ to \$1.05½; No. 3 red, 98c to \$1.02½; No. 2 hard, \$1.03 to \$1.09; No. 3 hard, \$1.00 to \$1.04½. Corn—No. 2, 66 to 67c; No. 2 yellow, 68 to 69c; No. 3, 66 to 66½c; No. 4, 62 to 64c. Oats—No. 2 white, 39c; No. 3 white, 37½ to 39½c, standard, 39½c.

Minneapolis, Aug. 10.—Wheat—Sept., \$1.00¾ to \$1.01; Dec., 99½ to 99¾c; cash, No. 1 Northern, \$1-25; No. 2 Northern, \$1.23; No. 3 Northern, \$1.19 to \$1.21; No. 1 Durum, \$1.05; No. 2 Durum, \$1-03½. Bran—In 100-lb. sacks, \$20-50. Flour—First patents, \$5.80 to \$6; second patents, \$5.70 to \$5.90; first clears, \$4.95 to \$5.25; second clears, \$3.35 to \$3.55.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—A few of the best cattle sold at about 5½c per lb.; pretty good animals sold at 4 to 5c per lb.; common stock at 2½ to 3¼c per lb.; milch cows sold at \$25 to \$50 each. Calves sold at

BOY MURDERS LITTLE GIRL

Six-Year-Old Child Tied to a Tree by Foster-Brother and Brains Beaten Out.

A despatch from Guysboro', N.S., says: A cold-blooded murder committed a week ago at Boyston, a few miles outside of this town, has just come to light. On Thursday afternoon the adopted thirteen-year-old son of Joseph Issert, a negro, living at Boyston, in the absence of his foster-parents, tied their six-year-old daughter to a tree and beat her brains out. The Isserts were away on a picnic, and returning home, found the child

tied up to a tree, dead. They applied to the overseers of the poor for assistance to bury the child, and this was granted. Later the suspicions of the authorities were aroused, and it was decided to exhumate the body and hold an autopsy. This was done, and then it was ascertained that the child had been murdered. The boy was arrested. An inquiry was held before Coroner Ewart and a verdict of murder returned. Two other boys are also held as accomplices.

REVENUE INCREASING.

A Handsome Gain for the First Four Months.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The revenue of Canada shows a handsome gain for the first four months of the present year. It totals \$30,030,311, an increase of four and a half million. During July alone the revenue was \$8,437,438, or a million and three-quarters more than during the previous July. The increase in revenue came chiefly from customs collections, which show a gain of three and a half millions during the four months. There was a decline of a hundred thousand dollars in excise collections, an increase of \$25,000 in the postal revenue, and an increase of \$338,000 from railways and public works. The expenditure on consolidated account for the four months, as far as returns are in, was twenty and three-quarter millions, which is an increase of about three millions. The expenditure on capital account, as far as returned for the four months, is six and a half millions, an increase of about a million.

THOUSANDS AT A LIFT.

Immense Run of Sockeyes Reported From the Pacific.

A despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: Trap tenders arriving on Sunday morning from fish traps report an immense run of sockeyes. The traps are taking from 20,000 to 50,000 fish each lift. No sooner were they empty than they began to fill up again.

WORK FOR MR. MCGUIGAN.

May Become President of Lake Superior Corporation.

A despatch from Montreal says: It is reported here that Mr. F. H. McGuigan, formerly of the Grand Trunk, and now building the Niagara power transmission lines, is to become President of the Lake Superior Corporation at the Soo. It is said that the salary of \$25,000 will be attached to the position which Mr. McGuigan is to occupy.

USED RAZOR ON HOTEL MAN.

George Gould Was Fined \$20 and Costs at Brantford.

A despatch from Brantford says: Twenty dollars and costs was the fine imposed by Police Magistrate Livingston on Wednesday morning on George Gould for slashing Wesley Scott, proprietor of the Langford Hotel, with a razor last week.

REACHED THE CENTURY.

Death of Alexander M. Scott at London, Ont.

A despatch from London says: Mr. Alex. M. Scott died here on Wednesday night, aged 100 years and 2 months. He served under Papineau in 1837, was in California during the gold rush, and was a veteran of the American Civil War. He lived here 40 years. His father lived to be 107, and a sister died in Scotland 3 years ago aged 102. Of a family of six the youngest to die was 96.

THE PEOPLE ARE ARMING

The Labor Trouble in Sweden Is Becoming More Acute.

A despatch from Stockholm says: The labor conflict in Sweden shows signs of becoming more acute and the ranks of the strikers are considerably swelled. But the general strike called for Wednesday has not yet become entirely effective. Many organizations, although sympathizing with the strikers, hesitate to join them actively.

The employees of the street car lines and the cab drivers stopped work and neither cabs nor street cars are available. The troops are protecting the gas works and the electric lighting plant, and this step has incensed the workmen, whose leader threatens to call a strike unless the soldiers are withdrawn.

A corps of workmen some thousand strong is being organized with the object of maintaining order, and the people generally, bankers, mer-

chants, etc., are arming themselves for self protection. The gun shops of the city are practically denuded of revolvers and small arms.

Although the railroad men have not decided to strike, the Government is taking the precaution to guard the tracks with troops, fearing attempts to blow up bridges or injure the permanent way. Quantities of dynamite are reported to have mysteriously disappeared recently from the Government stores. The leaders of the strikers claim that the end of the week will see a notable spread of the movement; that the railroad, postal, telegraph and telephone employees, and the printers will by that time have joined.

All milk supplies have been cut off and thousands of babies are suffering from lack of nourishment and change from cows' milk to canned milk.