

WESTERN WHEAT ACREAGE

Report Shows That Conditions on the Whole are Very Satisfactory

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The second fortnightly crop report, published by The Free Press on Thursday, covers 215 points in the three western Provinces and shows that conditions on the whole are decidedly satisfactory. One hundred and forty-six points report conditions excellent, 59 report good and only 10 report conditions poor. Wheat seeding was generally completed by May 20, and it is estimated but 5 per cent. of the wheat acreage was not seeded owing to wet weather. This will still be used for coarse grains. In many places wheat is now up from three to six inches.

Only 27 points reported the acreage for wheat actually curtailed by wet weather, and the percentages were small. Still there are a sufficient number of these acreages to reduce the tentative estimate of the last report by 5 per cent. This would bring the total area in wheat to 11,542,500 acres.

The least satisfactory feature of the whole report is the large amount of wheat which has been disced in on the stubble. Planting by this method is very largely confined to the newer parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, where the land is new, and should the pre-

sent abundant moisture continue throughout the season no doubt large crops will be reaped, even from this indifferent seeding. Thirty-three points report acreage on stubble, running from 40 to as high as 85 cents. of the whole seeded area.

About 75 per cent. of the oats has been seeded, and 50 per cent. of the barley. Still it is impossible to form an intelligent estimate of the oat and barley acreage, for depending on the weather, considerable areas of these grains will still be seeded, though the men who seed are taking a very long chance.

Flax is very much in the same predicament, though there is a little doubt that this acreage, in spite of the weather which still may come, will be largely in excess of last year.

A very gratifying feature of the report is the large percentage of reports indicating that farmers stopped seeding wheat at or near the right time. There are still far too many points that report seeding wheat after May 20, but they are much less than they were last year.

Only two out of 215 points heard from report the need of rain, though a few state rain would be acceptable.

EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT MEN

Six Others Terribly Mangled on C.N.R. Construction.

A despatch from Kingston, Ont., says: Eight men killed and six others injured was the awful toll of a premature blast explosion at a Canadian Northern Railway construction camp at Lake Opinicon on Saturday afternoon. There were eighteen men in the rock cut at the time of the explosion. Only two of the number escaped without serious injury. Sunday afternoon six of the injured arrived at the General Hospital, and some of them may die, as the majority have broken arms or legs and internal injuries. The eighteen men were in the cut while Mr. Northup, the foreman, was preparing the blast, assisted by a Roumanian. There was a terrific explosion, and a great mass of earth shot up into the air, burying the men. The explosion blew the foreman to pieces, and only one of his hands with a glove on it and remnants of his clothing have since been found. The Roumanian who stood by him was blown quite a distance and his body hurled against a rock. Five other Roumanians were also instantly killed. One other died a quarter of an hour after he was pulled out, while six additional were released with terrible injuries.

FOR HUSBAND-BEATING.

Binghampton Woman Goes Down for Latest Suffrage Tactic.

A despatch from Binghampton, N.Y., says: Mrs. Mary Dubal is believed to be the first suffragist in the United States to be given a penitentiary sentence for husband beating. Dubal complained that, in a fit of rage, she gave him a sound beating. City Judge Hotchkiss declared that if women desired men's prerogatives they should also have men's punishment when found guilty of violation of the law. He always dealt severely with wife-beaters, he said, and, accordingly, he sentenced her to three months in the penitentiary.

SIX PERSONS DROWNED.

Terrible Accident on Lac le Grand, Quebec.

A despatch from Chenneville, Quebec, says: Six people were drowned in a boating accident on Friday while crossing Lac le Grand Poisson Blanc. There were thirteen in the boat when it was upset in a squall, and seven managed to save their lives.

HOMELESS FROM FIRES.

Several Lumber Mills Destroyed in Newfoundland.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says: Several lumber mills have been destroyed by fire and 175 persons are homeless as a result of the forest fires raging in the north of this island. The fire has been raging for the past two days.

TAR AND FEATHER A MORMON

Leader of Unpopular Sect Roughly Handled.

A despatch from London says: Anti-Mormon disturbances at Bristol and Nuneaton were followed on Thursday by Police Court proceedings. At the latter town, during the hearing, it transpired that Elder Smith had been seized and roughly handled, and afterwards tarred and feathered. He is now suing for damages on grounds of assault.

SHOT IN HAY MOW.

Wealthy Rancher Charges Neighbor With Attempted Murder.

A despatch from Medicine Hat, Alta., says: J. Lawson, a prominent rancher, is charged with attempted murder. B. Harpell, another wealthy gentleman, is in the hospital with a bullet in his head, and declares that his neighbor shot him. He went into his hay mow to feed his horses, and his assailant, who was hiding in the hay, it is said, fired.

PRINCE ARTHUR IS COMING.

Will Visit His Father, Duke of Connaught, in the Autumn.

A despatch from London says: Prince Arthur of Connaught is to be granted special leave from the army in order to pay a visit to his parents in Canada during the Autumn. He will join the King at Balmoral in September, and may go West afterwards, so as to get some sport during the fall. The expected presence of Princess Patricia in London for the midsummer season is now postponed until next year.

THIEF IN A CHURCH.

Made Off With Lady's Purse While She Was at Confession.

A despatch from St. Catharines says: While attending St. Catherine Catholic Church Saturday evening, Mrs. L. M. McCarron was robbed of a valuable silver purse containing a sum of money and other articles. Mrs. McCarron had left the purse in the pew while going to confession, and on her return it was gone. The police were notified, and are now on the track of a man who was seen acting suspiciously in the church.

FRENCH ARE DYING OFF.

An Increase in Mortality of 34,869 for Last Year Recorded.

A despatch from Paris says: The French Minister of Labor, in the report of the vital statistics of France for 1911, says the number of deaths was 34,869 more than the total of the year previous, thus continuing the unfavorable situation of France as compared with that of growing nations.

The new Grand Trunk hotel, the Chateau Laurier, was opened at Ottawa on Saturday.

G.T.R. WILL TAKE MEN BACK.

New President Loses No Time in Meeting Wishes of Government.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, has definite assurances that the new management of the Grand Trunk Railway will give employment to all men engaged in the strike of 1910, not heretofore taken back, whose case was favorably reported by Judge Barron, and who may apply to the local superintendent for work. While they may not be able at this late date to put all such men in their old places, the best possible will be done for them, as the new management is honestly disposed to establish the most friendly relations with their employees.

MONTREAL HARBOR PRAISED.

Engineer Cowie Says It is Not Equalled in the World.

A despatch from Montreal says: Mr. F. W. Cowie, chief engineer of the Harbor Commission, who has just returned from the twelfth International Navigation Congress at Philadelphia, said on Friday: "There is not a harbor in the world that equals ours in the economical handling of freight. Our most up-to-date freight handling facilities give us the most economical port handling in the world." Mr. Cowie continued: "My own personal impression of the Congress is, after listening to discussions by learned representatives from every civilized country in the world, that we, here in Montreal, have an initiative equal to that of any other port on the earth."

MEAT IN CHICAGO.

Six Cents a Pound Dearer Retail Than a Week Ago.

A despatch from Chicago says: Meat on Wednesday advanced to the highest price known since the Civil War. Retail butchers began charging from four to six cents a pound more for prime cuts of beef, veal and mutton than a week ago. An unusual feature of the soaring retail market is that, although Chicago is the meat producing centre of the country, the prices here on Wednesday for meats averaged from one to two cents higher than butchers are charging in New York City. No explanation of this startling condition was offered by packers. According to packers, the high prices will prevail many weeks, with a prospect of further increase. The packers blame the almost prohibitive cost of meat to the shortage of cattle, due to a scarcity of corn.

CANDY AS A FOOD.

But Medical Folk Says Children Shouldn't Eat Too Much.

A despatch from New York says: The increasing consumption of candy in this country has been the subject of considerable comment at medical meetings here recently. According to the New York Medical Journal, it is generally agreed that the food value of candy is beyond dispute, and that it has a therapeutic use in certain forms of heart disease. The absence of fat, it seems, is an indication that children should not partake of it in unlimited quantities, although the only danger from eating it lies in the fact that it is often adulterated.

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 4.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, \$4.10 to \$4.15 at sea board, and \$4.15 to \$4.25 for home consumption. Manitoba Flour—First patents, \$5.70; second patents, \$5.20, and strong bakers', \$5, on track, Toronto. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.10, Bay ports; No. 2 at \$1.07, and No. 3 at \$1.05, Bay ports. Feed wheat is quoted at 67-1-2c, Bay ports. Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, \$1.05 to \$1.06, outside. Peas—No. 2 shipping peas, \$1.25, outside. Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario 48 to 49c, and No. 3 at 47c, outside. No. 2 Ontario, 51c, on track, Toronto. No. 1 extra W. C. feed, 49c, Bay ports, and No. 1 at 48c, Bay ports. Barley—Prices nominal. Corn—No. 3 American yellow \$2.12c, Bay ports, and at 85-1-2c, on track, Toronto. Rye—Prices nominal. Buckwheat—Prices nominal. Brack—Manitoba bran, \$25, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$7.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—\$3 per bushel; primes, \$2.65 to \$2.75. Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Comb, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per dozen. Baled Hay—No. 2, \$19 to \$20 a ton. Clover, mixed, \$14 to \$15.50, on track. Baled Straw—\$11 to \$11.50, on track, Toronto. Maple Syrup—\$1.25 per gallon. Potatoes—Car lots of Ontarios, in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.80, and Delawares at \$1.85 to \$1.90. Out-of-store, \$1.95 to \$2. Imported potatoes, \$1.60, in car lots, and \$1.80, out-of-store. Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice dressed poultry—Chickens, 15 to 17c per lb.; fowl, 11 to 12c; ducks, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 20 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, 23 to 24c; bakers', inferior, 19 to 20c; creamery, 7c to 7c for rolls, and 25c for solids. Eggs—22 to 23c per dozen, in case lots. Cheese—New cheese, 14 to 14-1/2c per pound.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14 to 14-1/4c per lb. in case lots. Pork—Short cut, \$24 to \$25; do., mess, \$7. Hams—Medium to light 18 to 18-1/2c; heavy, 16-1/2 to 17c; rolls, 13 to 13-1/2c; breakfasts: bacon, 18c; backs, 20 to 21c. Lard—Tierces, 14c; tubs, 14-1/4c; pails, 14-1/2c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 4.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 55c to 55-1/2c; do., No. 3, 50-1/2 to 51c; do., extra No. 1 feed, 51-1/2 to 52c. Barley—Man. feed, 65 to 66c; do., malting, \$1.06 to \$1.07. Buckwheat—No. 2, 74 to 75c. Flour—Manitoba, Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; do., seconds, \$5.30; do., strong bakers', \$5.10; do., winter patents, choice, \$5.25 to \$5.35; do., straight rollers, \$4.90 to \$4.90; do., straight rollers, bags, \$2.30 to \$2.40. Rolled oats—Barrels, \$5.35; do., bags, 90 lbs., \$2.55. Bran—\$25. Shorts—\$27. Middlings—\$29. Moulins—\$30 to \$34. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$20.50 to \$21. Cheese—Finest westerns, 14 to 14-1/2c; do., finest easterns, 13-3/4 to 13-7/8c. Butter—Choice creamery, 27 to 27-1/4c; do., seconds, 25-3/4 to 26-1/2c. Eggs, selected, 25 to 26c; do., No. 2 stock, 18 to 19c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$1.70 to \$1.75.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, June 4.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads store, \$1.22-3-4 Winter, No. 2 red, \$1.20; No. 3 red, \$1.18; No. 2 white, \$1.19. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 65c; No. 4 yellow, 62c; No. 3 corn, 79-1/4 to 80-1/4c. New corn, 78-1/4 to 78-3/4c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 58c; No. 3 white, 57-1/2c; No. 4 white, 56-1/2c. Barley—Malting, \$1.16 to \$1.25. Minneapolis, June 4.—Wheat—May, \$1.12-3-4; July, \$1.13; September, \$1.05-3-4; No. 1 hard, \$1.14-1/4; No. 1 Northern, \$1.14-1/4 to \$1.14-3/4; No. 2 Northern, \$1.12-1/2 to \$1.13-1/4; No. 2 Northern, \$1.12-1/2 to \$1.12-3/4. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 74 to 75c. Oats—No. 3 white, 51c. Rye—No. 2, 83-1/2 to 84c. Bran—\$23.50 to \$24. Flour—First patents, \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., seconds, \$5.20 to \$5.45; first clear, \$5.30 to \$4.15; do., seconds, \$2.80 to \$3.10.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, June 4.—Choice steers sold at \$7.75 to \$8.00; good at \$7.25 to \$7.50, and the lower grades from that down to \$6.50 per cwt. Choice butchers' cows sold as high as \$6.75 to \$7.00, and good at \$6.25 to \$6.50, while the common sold down as low as \$4.25 per cwt. Choice bulls sold at \$6.75 to \$7.00, good at \$6.25 to \$6.50, and common from \$4.25 to \$5.50 per cwt. Spring lambs at \$3.00 to \$4.50 each. The demand for silver was good at prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$10.00 each as to size and quality. A weak feeling developed in the market for hogs owing to the increased supplies and prices declined 25 to 50c per cwt. with sales of selected lots at \$9.25 to \$9.50 per cwt., weighed off cars. Toronto, June 4.—Cattle—Extra choice heavy steers for butcher and export, \$7.60 to \$8; good medium to choice butcher loads, \$7.15 to \$7.80; common, \$5 to \$6; canners, \$3; choice butcher cows, firm, at \$6 to \$6.50; bulls, \$5 to \$6.25. Stockers—Steadily demanded at \$5.25 to \$6 for good quality; extra choice heavy feeders, \$6.25 to \$6.50. Calves—Good veal, \$4 to \$7.90; hobs, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Sheep—Market lower; choice ewes, \$5 to \$6.25; bucks and culls, \$4 to \$5; spring lambs, \$3.50 to \$6.25 each. Hogs—At \$8.40 f.o.b., \$8.75 fed and watered, and \$9.10 weighed off cars.

\$1,000 MEDAL FOR ROSTRON.

Captain of Carpathia to be Rewarded by Congress.

A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: The Senate on Tuesday passed a joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress, and appropriating \$1,000 for a medal to Captain Arthur H. Rostron, of the Carpathia, and also a vote of thanks to the Carpathia's crew.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES.

WHITELAW REID HONORED.

Receives Freedom of the City of Belfast.

A despatch from Belfast says: The freedom of this city was conferred on Whitelaw Reid, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, at a luncheon given on Thursday by the Lord Mayor. The function was attended by about 500 of the most prominent citizens. The resolution of the city corporation conferring the distinction on Mr. Reid concludes:—"In recognition of his distinguished services in promoting a peaceful understanding between Great Britain and the United States of America, and strengthening the bonds of friendship between their peoples."

NAVAL SCOUTING BASES.

Will Extend From Dover to the Orkneys.

A despatch from London says: The British Admiralty has planned a chain of naval scouting bases extending from Dover to as far north as the Orkneys as a sequel to the successful experiments with the waterplane at Weymouth last week. Harwich, which has been selected as one of the most important bases on the North Sea is to be immediately equipped with a naval scouting machine which underwent successful tests on Wednesday. This machine rose from the water after a "run" of only thirty yards and descended with complete ease after flights of considerable altitude.

The St. Lawrence Hotel at Faran's Point was destroyed by fire. Mr. John P. Casey, Industrial Commissioner at St. Catharines, is dead.

RECORD CUSTOMS INCREASE.

Nearly \$9,500,000 Revenue Reported at Ottawa for May

A despatch from Ottawa says: The promise of a record increase in the May customs receipts is amply fulfilled in a statement completed at the Department of Customs on Friday. The exact increase for the month reaches the substantial figure of \$2,531,956.37. The receipts for the month amounted to \$9,485,111.78, as compared with \$6,953,155.41 for the corresponding month of the previous fiscal year. This brings the increase for the two months of the current fiscal year up to \$5,098,776.04, the receipts being \$17,561,074.03 for the two months of 1912-13, and \$12,462,297.99 for the same period of 1911-12.

ATHEIST MUST TAKE OATH.

Decision in Peculiar Montreal Court Affair.

A despatch from Montreal says: The dispute which arose in the courts here as to the relative legal values of a witness' word of honor and his testimony on oath has been settled by Mr. Justice Laurendeau, to whom it was submitted. The judge has decided that a witness in a Quebec court in a civil suit must swear upon a Bible and accept the regular formula about telling the truth put to all who testify.

The Pekin correspondent of the London Telegraph says that a stringent anti-opium bill is now before the Advisory Council. It aims at the total suppression of the traffic before December 31.