

# SASKATCHEWAN VILLAGES SUFFER CROPS DESTROYED BY WIND AND HAIL

Moose Jaw, Sask.—A cyclone accompanied by hail, which struck the village of Expanse, 34 miles southwest of Moose Jaw, demolished buildings in the village and surrounding territory and destroyed or damaged 7,000 acres of crops. Damage to property is estimated at many thousands of dollars.

Wire communication with the village was suddenly cut and it was 24 hours later when wires had been restored, that news of the storm was received here. Telephone poles were leveled and scattered over the streets of Expanse, no reports of deaths or injuries have been received.

The path of the storm extended from nearly Weyburn as far north as Balton.

At Eastman, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Company wheat elevator was damaged to the extent of \$3,000. Small buildings were completely demolished, while many residences reported damages to the extent of over

\$200 each. Practically every building in the village was damaged. The curing rink, two barns and six garages were among the buildings destroyed.

Six miles west of Weyburn 20 telephone poles were blown down. Balton reported considerable damage from hail. At Crestwynd a strip of territory 50 miles long and five miles wide was swept by the cyclone, and 3,000 acres of grain damaged. The damage to grain is estimated at from 30 per cent. to 100 per cent. A total of 1,000 acres of the crop was completely destroyed. At Old Wives a residence and barn on the farm of George Dukes were completely demolished. The buildings were scattered into small pieces, which were strewn over a large area. Telephone poles were blown down in this district.

Hail accompanied the cyclonic wind and most of the windows in the affected areas were smashed.



Carl Gustaf Ekman  
Once a stone cutter, is now prime minister of Sweden.

# REVISING OFFICERS VESTED WITH POWERS OF JUDGE

Hamilton.—Judge W. T. Evans, Chief Revision Officer for East and West Hamilton and Westworth County, received instructions from O. M. Biggar, Chief Federal Election Officer, Ottawa, to the effect that revision officers in the forthcoming Dominion elections will be vested with wider discretionary powers as regards the striking off from, and the adding of names to the voters' lists.

Revision officers, it was stated in the communication from Mr. Biggar, will have the powers of a Judge of a Court of Record. Where a voter's name is to be struck off the lists, two days' notice shall be required.

When a name is added, a revision officer need not insist upon the attendance of the person in question; his relatives or employer, so long as the officer satisfies himself that such a person is entitled to have his name added to the voters' lists. Such applicants, however, must provide satisfactory reasons for non-attendance before a revision officer. These reasons may be given by an agent.

This, it was explained, is a revision to the former custom, whereby political parties or candidates could instruct their agents to add the names to the lists of all such persons; the agents swear are entitled to vote.

The municipal lists used in the last civic election of 1925 will be the basis for the voters' lists in the coming Federal elections, Judge Evans stated. Part 3 of the 1924 lists will also be used. Persons whose names do not appear on Parts 1 and 2 of the 1925 lists, or Part 3 of the 1924 lists, will be obliged to register if they wish to vote.

# BANK DEPOSITOR SHOT BY BANDIT

## Painter Saves Cash of Winnipeg Bank—Robbers Make Escape

Winnipeg, Man.—The three heavily armed robbers who attempted to rob a Portage Avenue branch of the Royal Bank of Canada are still at large, while John Matheson, a customer of the bank, hovers between life and death at the General Hospital. Matheson received a bullet in the abdomen when he grappled with one of the robbers.

City and provincial police combined to comb the city and surrounding district for the robbers, who fled in an automobile after the shooting. Matheson's attack upon the robber trio caused them to flee without any loot.

The gunmen chose one of the busiest hours of the day for the attempted robbery. The bank is situated a short distance from the heart of the city's business district; and, while the mid-morning traffic streamed past the doors, the three men uncouth and rough in appearance, walked in and waved heavy revolvers in the faces of the startled staff and two customers who were in the bank at the time.

The manager of the bank, J. H. Fraser, admonished his staff to keep cool. He asked the robbers to avoid bloodshed and not to begin shooting, that they could help themselves.

His remarks diverted the attention of the robber trio from John Matheson, a painter, who was standing near the teller cage, and he chose the moment to grapple with the man standing in front of the teller. Without any hesitation the robber fired a shot into Matheson's body, and as he crumpled to the floor the three men made a dash for the door.

# THE MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.70; No. 2 North, \$1.65; No. 3 North, \$1.60.

Man. oats—No. 2 CW, nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 48c; No. 2 feed, 45c; Western grain quotations in c.i.f. ports.

Am. corn, track—Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 92c; No. 3 yellow, 90c.

Millfeed—Del.—Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$27.25; shorts, per ton, \$29.25; middlings, \$38.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.80.

Ont. oats—44 to 46c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.28 to \$1.30, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malt, 60 to 62c.

Buckwheat—Nominal.

Rye—No. 2, 85c.

Man. flour—First pat., \$8.70, Toronto; do, 2nd pat., \$8.20.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. patent, per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.90; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.90.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

Cheese—New, large, 20c; twins, 21c; triplets, 22c. Stiltons, 25c. Old, large, 28c; twins, 29c; triplets, 30c.

Butter—Finest—Creamery prints, 37c; No. 1 creamery, 35 to 36c; No. 2, 34 to 35c. Dairy prints, 27 1/2 to 29 1/2c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 38 to 40c; fresh extras, loose, 36c; fresh firsts, 32c; fresh seconds, 29c.

Live poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 30c; hens, over 5 lbs., 24c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 24c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 20c; roasters, 20c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 30c; turkeys, 30c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 40c; chickens, storage, 35c; hens, over 5 lbs., 27c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 27c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 26c; roasters, 25c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35c; turkeys, 40c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$2.40 per bushel; primes, \$2.40 per bushel.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.30 to \$2.40; sugar, 5 gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c; maple syrup, new per gal., \$2.40.

Honey—50-lb. tins, 11 1/2 to 12c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11 1/2 to 12c; 5-lb. tins, 11 to 12 1/2c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 14 to 14 1/2c. (Smoked meats)—Hams, med., 34 to 36c; cooked hams, 32 to 35c; smoked hams, 32c; cottage, 31 to 32c; breakfast bacon, 35 to 40c; special brand breakfast bacon, 39 to 42c; backs, boneless, 42 to 47c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 60 to 70 lbs., \$24.25; 70 to 90 lbs., \$23.75; 80 lbs. and up, \$22.34; lightweight rolls, 10 lbs., \$42.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per lb.

Lard—Purest, 18 to 18 1/2c; tubs, 18 1/2 to 19c; pails, 19 to 19 1/2c; prints, 20 1/2 to 21c; shortening, hams, 14 1/2 to 15c; tubs, 15 to 15 1/2c; pails, 16 to 16 1/2c; blocks, 17 to 17 1/2c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8; do, good, \$7.25 to \$7.50; butcher steers, choice, \$7.25 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6.85 to \$7; com., \$4.50 to \$7.75; butcher heifers, choice, \$7 to \$7.75; do, good, \$6.75 to \$7; butcher cows, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.50; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$5.25; butcher bulls, good, \$5.50 to \$6; bologna, \$3.50 to \$4; canned corn, \$2.50 to \$4; good milk cows, \$85 to \$95; springs, choice, \$95.00 to \$115.00; med. cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair, \$5.50 to \$6; calves, choice, \$11 to \$12; do, good, \$9.50 to \$10.50; do, light, \$8.50 to \$9; good lambs, \$15.50 to \$16; do, med., \$13 to \$14; do, culls, \$13 to \$14; good light sheep, \$8 to \$7; heavy sheep, \$4 and lucks, \$4 to \$5.50; age, thick smooth, fed and watered, \$14.35; do, f.o.b., \$13.75; do, country points, \$13.50; do, on cars, \$14.75; do, thick fats, f.o.b., \$13.25; select premium, \$2.81.

# KING ALBERT APPOINTED DICTATOR TO SAVE FRANC

Brussels.—King Albert by virtue of an overwhelming majority in the Chamber, and a unanimous vote in the Senate, in which Socialist Deputies and Senators concurred, has become the financial dictator of his own kingdom for a period of six months. Premier Jaspar put the Full Powers Bill, granting the King authority to institute by decree measures to save the franc, through both Houses inside of an hour.

During the short debate on the bill, the exchange market was highly nervous and showed fluctuations. The official closing figure of the franc was 211 to the pound sterling, and 43.50 to the dollar.

A decree will be issued within a few days providing for the use of bread very similar to that used in wartime. The railways, telephones and telegraphs will be turned over to private companies for operation.

King Albert is expected to be a good-natured dictator, and M. Theunis and M. Franquini, both of whom are very prominent financiers of Belgium, will be the real powers behind the throne.

Some idea of the crisis which the country has passed through, and the lack of confidence among small investors and workmen is to be found in the announcement that between July 1 and 13, while the franc was tumbling rapidly, more than five million francs were withdrawn from the public savings bank in Antwerp alone.

The foreign exchange market will be one of the first features of the present situation to be attended by the Royal dictator. In the future, in order to obtain foreign currency for imports, bills of lading, as well as invoices, must be presented.

# SOO VISITED BY SPECTACULAR STORM

## Trees in Peterboro Damaged by High Winds—Electrical Storm Destroys Barn

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., July 18.—One of the most spectacular electrical storms that ever visited the Sault area did thousands of dollars' damage early yesterday morning. It is impossible as yet to place an estimate of the losses incurred by private citizens and concerns in the area affected, but the figure will be heavy.

During the first half-hour of the storm, about one-sixth of an inch of rain fell, and the electrical display was awesome. In the early stages of the storm the roof of St. John's Memorial Hall, John Street, was struck by lightning and practically removed by the wind. The church was also damaged, and the chimney was blown from the rectory. This is about the largest individual loss reported in the city. Roads in the area near the city were blocked by fallen trees.

Milverton, Ont., July 18.—A severe electrical storm passing a few miles north of here yesterday afternoon, destroyed the barn of Allen Cook, one mile east of Peffers, and did other damage in that locality. R. W. Hannah, Hydro lineman, of Listowel, while working on the line five miles north of Milverton, received a severe shock while using the phone immediately following the storm. He was rendered unconscious and suffered burns on the legs and arms. He was resuscitated with difficulty and was taken to Stratford for treatment. It is thought the Hydro line and telephone wire became crossed.

Peterboro, Ont., July 18.—The high winds of yesterday afternoon did a lot of damage to trees in the city. One immense maple at the corner of Monaghan Road and Charlotte Street, lost a limb as large as an ordinary tree, blocking traffic in and out of the highway for an hour or more. Another tree opposite St. Mary's convent, one on Hunter Street near the Conservatory of Music, and one back of the Charlabond Apartments all suffered.

# No Peace in Sight in British Strike

London.—Peace in the coal fields is not yet in sight. The Government and mine owners have been confident that after the eight hours' bill was enacted the miners would flock to work. This confidence has not been realized, for there is no sign of the men resuming, except in very small numbers.

The feature of the day was the announcement that the Trades Union Congress has agreed to give all possible assistance to the striking miners. The Congress will raise funds to support the miners, in their struggle against longer hours and reduced wages.

Religious and other bodies have been endeavoring to find some new way out of the deadlock. A suggestion advanced by several Bishops was that of a truce of four months be declared, during which the miners would work at the old wages and hours while new terms were being negotiated. This plan, however, would have involved continuance of the subsidy by the Government, costing about \$2,000,000 per month, and was, therefore, not acceptable to the Government.

From the side of the mine owners clearly no concession is coming. Sir Adam Nimmo, prominent coal owner and vice-president of the Mining Association, which represents the owners, in a public speech, insisted there were only two alternatives—either reduced wages or increased hours.

# Canadian 'Agnes' Rose Wins International Medal

Ottawa.—The Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa has added another achievement in plant breeding. The 'Agnes' rose, bred at the farm, has brought the honor of the first award of the Walter Van Fleet Gold Medal, offered by the American Rose Society for an outdoor rose of highest excellence originated on this continent. The 'Agnes' is a beautiful pale yellow flower with outer petals of a delicate creamy salmon hue. The flowers are borne singly, and in great profusion. They are fragrant and bloom early, but only once in the season. The distinction of breeding the rose goes to the late Dr. William Saunders. The cross which produced the rose was made in 1900, between Rosa Rugosa and Persian Yellow.

# Orillia Takes Lead in Plans for Jubilee

Orillia.—Organization is completed of a general committee to promote a national and suitable celebration of Canada's diamond jubilee, July 1, 1927. This movement to promote a fitting celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of Confederation is fostered by the executives of all the service clubs and organizations in Orillia, including the Town Council and Board of Trade. Steps will be taken immediately to interest every city, town and village from coast to coast in the project.

W. C. George is Chairman of the committee, and T. G. King Secretary-Treasurer.

# FOREST FIRES BURST INTO FRESH ACTIVITY

## Banff-Windermere Highway is Closed to Tourist-Traffic

Calgary, July 18.—Roaring into action again after a comparative period of inactivity, forest fires in the vicinity of Wardle Creek jumped from the Southwest side last Saturday and last night were tearing into the dense timber areas lying towards Vermilion Crossing on the Banff-Windermere Highway. Late Saturday and all Sunday traffic over the highway was prohibited.

Fires which were three miles south of Vermilion Crossing, mostly spurt fires, but which for a time were extremely dangerous, were quelled on Saturday and at that time fire-fighting authorities believed the crisis had been passed. During Saturday night strong winds blew up and put the firefighters hurriedly into action in the Wardle Creek vicinity, situated midway between Kootenay and Vermilion. At Kootenay Crossing the fire is under full control, and most of the men have rushed to Wardle Creek.

They fought Saturday night and all Sunday as the flames ripped down the mountain sides to the roads, and then started to eat toward Vermilion. From a quiet and seemingly small fire, the flames changed within a few hours to a roaring mass. Efforts are being directed to saving the bridges and roads.

# Farmers Discover Losses When Thief Returns Goods

Ottawa.—Ottawa police have an unusual prisoner, in fact, they are wondering if they should not page Diogenes. Jimmie Henson is the man in question, and is on remand on a theft charge. Henson had taken some second-hand goods, and was summoned on a minor charge. Police, however, gasped when Jimmie confessed that he was the man who had been carrying on a series of thefts which have puzzled them for months, and offered to take them to a spot where goods lay hidden. True to his word, he led them to a right of way along the railway in Nepean Township, also to farms. To cap the whole affair, several farmers did not know they had been robbed until the police and Jimmie brought back their stolen property.

# BUILDING PERMITS SHOW AN INCREASE

## Seven Per Cent. Advance in Sixty-three Cities During June

Ottawa, Ont., July 18.—An increase of seven per cent. in the value of building permits issued by sixty-three Canadian cities is shown for last month, as compared with May. The total building authorized in June was \$18,572,238, while in the previous month the value of building permits stood at \$18,537,932. Last month's authorizations also show a gain of 25.2 per cent. over June, 1925.

Some forty-five cities, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, reported that they had issued over 1,800 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$8,000,000, and more than 3,100 permits for other buildings valued at over \$9,800,000.

Permits issued in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. British Columbia's gain was the most pronounced, registering 34.8 per cent. or \$859,055. Of the remaining Provinces, that of 10.1 per cent. or \$855,479 in Quebec was the largest, but the loss of 47.8 per cent. in Nova Scotia was proportionately greater.

As compared with June of last year, New Brunswick and Quebec registered reductions in the value of buildings authorized. The other Provinces recorded increases. In Ontario the gain was 23.8 per cent., or \$1,899,256. But Alberta showed the greatest proportionate increase of 125.3 per cent., or \$446,280.

# Camouflaged Hosiery Graces Milady's Ankle

London.—Camouflage, such as was used during the war, is being utilized in the make-up of hosiery for fat ankles.

Silk hose have been introduced which are guaranteed to make the fattest ankle look slim. The effect is produced by means of hand-painted shadows which appear on either side of the ankle, giving the plumpiest ankle an apparently graceful arch and the plumpiest leg a slim outline.

# \$1,781,281 Was Expended for Mothers' Allowances

During 1925 the sum of \$1,781,281 was expended under the Mother's Allowance Act in Ontario, this being an increase of \$73,387 over the previous year. At the end of the year there were 4,185 beneficiaries; the number of beneficiaries cut off during the twelve months through children reaching earning age or widows remarriage, being 828.

# MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher

