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# Editorial Comment

Ontario's Premier Back Home

Premier Hepburn has so far recovered as to be ableto return to his home in Yarmouth County, after having to spend some weeks in a sanitarium. Everybody will hope for the premier a speedy recovery.

#### Things That Shock Us '

What seemed to be a justified criticism was raised in the House of Commons the other day, when it was protested that work on a new fifteen million dollar railway station at Montreal should be abandoned. We feel impelled to add our protest to those already made. We know that Montreal now has a large and commodious station; not modern, but quite good enough, and the spending of such a huge sum will sap up much of the hard-earned funds which men in the average walk of life have to put up by way of Defense and Income Tax. This station has been on the program in a political way for a long time, but it ought to be dropped because such an undertaking will cause the average citizen to arrive at a conclusion where he will say in respect to sacrifice, "what's the use."

Canadian-Sent to Jail, German let Off.

The Financial Post listed a number of penalties handed out across Canada to persons who uttered words against this country in favor of Germany; and in almost every case a jail term or a fine was imposed. There was one chap, a British Columbia youth who boasted of his German heritage let off with a scoulding. This is in striking comparison to a Stouffville youth who was given 30 days in jail for saying that Canadians were not worth fighting for. Why should a youth with German background be let off while an inoffensive Canadian of Canadian parentage be sent to jail? At the time the sentence was passed on the local boy, son of reliable farmers, this paper suggested that a scolding or a talking too would have been in keeping with the case as we know it. A little more uniformity in the law would be appreciated.

Crop Conditions Excellent

Very frequent rains during June, combined with fairly low temperatures, resulted in excellent development of over winter crops. At July 1st, the condition of fall wheat for the province was estimated at 95.3 per cent of normal, while hay and clover was reported at 103.5 p.c. alfalfa at 104.5 p.c. and pastures at 107.1 p.c. The figures for pasture and hay and clovers represents the best condition in years for these crops at July 1st. Fall wheat promises a good yield, but with the heavy growth quite a few fields have lodged. Cutting of wheat will be under way in the earlier counties the week of July 15th. Curing of hay was practically impossible during June, and considerable spoilage occurred in the early cut fields. Generally, however, the cutting of hay crops was delayed until July when the weather cleared up.

The cool wet weather delayed the completion of seeding of spring grains to the extent that a considerable acreage intended to be planted to these crops had to be seeded to buckwheat and other late crops or summer fallowed. Early seeded fields of spring grains show very heavy growth, however, and the average condition of the seeded acreage of oats at July 1st, was, placed at 95.3, or only 4.7 p.c. below normal, while spring wheat was placed at 94.7, and barley, which suffered more from the heavy rainfall, was 92.6. Since the end of June warmer and dryer weather has improved spring grain prospects.

## Can The Farmers Merge?

The new proposed Federation of Agriculture that is taking form throughout the country has great possibilities of becoming a powerful and influential organization. Just what their duties are we are not quite clear on. Of course such an organization will be more than useful for placing the demands of agriculture before the governments and demanding the recognition the industry is entitled to. Something it seldom ever got.

A secretary, James Rennie, reeve of Markham observes it would seem that the farmers' organizations are wholly behind the government. This means Junior Farmers, Calf Clubs, Plowing Associations, and every other organization of farmers.

It is proposed to set up a provisional board of directors to further develop the organization and make arrangements for a general meeting at a later date. The guest speaker, H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, was attending meetings of the Federation in the prairie provinces, but flew back to be at Newmarket for the York County meeting last Monday. The attempt to merge the farmers will be watched with interest

## The Hog and The Farmer

An editorial published in the Bowmanville Statesman and reprinted in the Newmarket Era, discussing farm problems hits the spot in these few words about the hog industry: "Then we have that unholy alliance of the bacon board and the wealthy packers. These two entities split the hog profits; have rolled up, recently, hundreds of thousands of dollars which rightly belong to the farmers."

# With the Press at Calgary

By CHAS. H. NOLAN

might say to the many who like ranchers. myself had only heard of the great west from others privileged to visit there and who may have been as 1 was probably a little dubious of the tales of its magic scenery, unsurpassed in the world, its uncaluable distances and, open-house hospitality, that all this is true and more. The West is just as beautiful, just as magical and just depth of 5000 ft is supplied by as hospitable as its best boosters natural gas which comes from 84 have portrayed.

weeks ceased immediately and the mighty panorama of mountain shores of lovely Lac Beauvert. sun shone forth.

ample accommodation, the meals best. throughout the trip.

of Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

shores, not so many years ago.

Roused at an early hour on Monday morning we set foot on Port the lakes port, but we must hurry this world-famous spot. on and also miss the Kakabeka Falls, a tumbling waterfall of 115 hotel entrance promptly at 2.30 and

publishers group who did not wish Louise the queen of C.P.R. beauty that the boat might have continued spots. Over 5,000 feet above sea on to our destination but for the level this palatial hotel stands on next two days we made our home in the edge of Lake Louise nestled the air-conditioned coaches of the high up in the mountains and fed C.N.R.

Ontario region is a veritable maze of ground. This body of water was the lakes, rivers and wooded slopes, most beautiful sight I had ever and there a lake of logs could be color one can imagine. Our short Indian log cabins with the men and in the memories of the press party. women working small cleared plots.

Making a short stop at Winnipeg, metropolitan gateway to the West, our train speeded westward, and the farms became larger with grain elevators dotting the landscape. Fields through the grain\_growing region are as large as a single farm that I am accustomed to. I did not see as many tractors as I expected although possibly more would appear in the harvest time than just now when only plowing is being done. Teams of 6 and 8 horses were quite a common sight.

It is 903 miles by rail from Winnipeg to Calgary and when you realize that the number of hills l saw in that distance of nearly a thousand miles could be limited to a mere half dozen, one can well understand that I felt a real easterner's thrill at these vaste level stretches.

Arriving at Calgary we registered at the palatial Palliser Hotel and prepared to attend the sessions of the Twenty-first annual Convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper

Association. This business end of the Convention, described as one of the best in years, was one filled with interest. ing and educational features for your local representative. Many fine speakers addressed the delegates during the two days, including H. A. Nicholson of MacClean's Publications, Mayor Andrew Davison of Calgary, G. H. Lash, director of Public Information at Ottawa, Ven. Archdeacon Cecil Swanson and W. Frank Prendergast of Toronto, assistant to the Pres., of Imperial Oil Co., Ltd.

During the course of the first afternoon we were transported in cars supplied by the citizens of Calgary to the Turner Valley Oil Fields. For one who has never visited an oil field I was immediately struck by the heavy odour which seemed to hang over the level valley stretching for many miles, and which was reminiscent of the "nose twister" which pervades Toronto's eastern waterfront. Many of these oil sites were originally crown lands owned by the C.P.R. while some

At the outset of this travelogue of course were the property of

ing a daily production of 35,000 Rockies. barrels. The power for the machinery to drive these shafts down to a fuel wells right in the valley.

scenery spread in a most beautiful It was easy to see why this C.N.R. Aboard this C.N.R. ship we were picture before us. As a companion Lodge has grown to become the treated royally and it was with remarked to me, this was certainly world's largest and most outstanddeepest regrets that we boarded the a notable achievement of C.P.R. ing summer bungalow resort. It train at Port Arthur for the 400 engineers, when they visualized this can accommodate more than 600 mile trip to Winnipeg. However the magnificent hotel with its 100-ft. guests while tennis, golf and swimshort voyage was all that could be heated swimming pool, its most ming facilities rank among the best.

desired. Lake Huron and Lake famous 18-hole golf course at the As we passed through one of the

interesting and varied. Group sing- they are at the end of the world, or to us by our driver, in their shed. ing, horse-racing, shuffle board and the beginning of a new one, ding time. Different from the anithat mile stroll around the deck | when they arrive at Banff with mals which we had seen during our opened the way for all to become the awe inspiring towering snow train journey from Port Arthur, down into the town, yet Stouffville not the slightest fear at our pre-There is an amazing amount, ot is right there. Thus were we im- sence. traffic on the Great Lakes and long pressed as we steamed into Banff During our stay at the Lodge I low freighters could be seen plying from the 80-mile trip on leaving strolled along the edge of the lovely to and fro at almost any hour which Calgary. Just as we were leaving the golf course and came suddenly upprovided a never failing interest as train with its customary bustle of on a group of nine black bears did also the passage through the traffic, the conductor caught by ad-mauling over a pile of refuse. They "Soo" locks where boats are raised dess on the press badge I was wear- paid little attention and I was able 21 feet, the difference in the height ing, "I see you're from Stouffville," to get within only a foot or two of said he. "I lived there myself forty them. The whole upper lake region is years ago," he explained and gave reminiscent of the early French his name as Conductor McComb. He several of our party made while missionaries and the Algonquin worked under McCluk, engineer at guests at this fine resort was a look braves who roamed the rugged that time between Stouffville and through the cabin occupied by the crew was stationed at Stouffville. E. ed Canada a year ago. The cabin J. Davey, Frank Rae, and possibly furnishings we were told were un-Arthur's busy wharf and hurried to. others recall the name of McComb changed for the royal couple and wards our waiting C.N.R. train with and McCluk. Our conversation was are the same to-day. There are four side glances at the huge piles of short, as the train was pulling to a bedrooms, complete kitchen, dinpulpwood and the immense grain stop, and Banff is a busy station for ing room, den, two rustic living elevators. I was sorry we could not the train crew, as it is for the pass- rooms with huge stone fireplace and pause longer at this famous head of engers, especially on their arrival at a sun-room overlooking the lake.

we divided into parties of some There were few in this Ontario twenty each to proceed to Lake by the great glacier which stretches The landscape in this Western down some 9,000 feet in the backcovering thousands of acres. Here seen being the most delicate blue seen as we approached some saw-mill stay of one night will remain long

Some fear had been experienced during our stay in Calgary that this motor trip might be curtailed owing raging near the new highway over which we were to be the first convention party to travel, but the much to our relief.

We covered some 80 miles during the Sunday morning on this marvellous new roadway one of the most scenic drives in the world. Some sections of the drive are blasted through sheer rock. At one moment we would be coasting along near the river bed with the giant peaks towering overhead and the next we would be turning and twisting on the mountain side only to descend on a narrow ledge at the other side.

With our glasses we could pick out wild flowers showing their bright heads from between patches of snow and during one rest stop nearly a dozen horn sheep or mountain goats' were spotted hundreds of feet below us on the edge of a lake.

At the Columbia Icefield I had the thrill of watching a party of six skiers begin a great downward 'run on the snow of Mount Athabaska. These sportmen who were enjoying a winter sport in July were barely discernable without glasses at a height of 9,000 feet. The Columbia Icefield is a mile-wide river of ice, hundreds of feet deep which slopes up some five miles towards the horizon and forms the head.

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waters of the Athabaska River. Following a delightful luncheon

at the Icefield Chalet provided by the Imperial Oil Company we continued our drive towards Jasper Park. Passing the Chalet the road leaves the course of the Sunwapta River and follows the Athabaska Valley through stately avenues of I climbed the rocky slopes at one evergreen. A few of the more wellpoint and watched as a great shaft known mountains upon which. we was driven deeper and deeper into gazed from this wonderful roadway the oil soaked soil. This particular were Mount Edith Cavell, Mount well was one of the 16 new sinkings Hector, Cathedral, Fortress Mounbeing made to add to the total of rain and Pyramid Mountain, one of 234 already in the Valley product the most richly colored peaks in the

Crossing the Athabaska River our busses drew up to the site of Henry House, a former North West Com, pany trading post, and also old Fort Point from whose top lookouts used As if by magic, when some fifteen | On Saturday morning our party to watch the progress of fur brig. editors their wives and others in- nearly 200 strong climbed aboard ades in their passage. Just as the cluding yours truly, boarded the the C.P.R. for Banff and our first sun was beginning to turn the Canadian Steamship "Noronic" at glimpse of the Rockies. Here at the snowy peaks into great chalky cliffs, Sarnia, the dull drizzling weather beautiful Banff Springs Hotel we we wound into the spacious court which had persisted for several stood in groups and took in the yard of Jasper Park Lodge on the

Superior noted on occasion for their very foot of the great peaks and all parks of the town of Jasper, our bus "bad tempers" were as calm as mill its other modern facilities surround- suddenly drew up to roadside and ponds. The fine staterooms supply ed on every hand by nature at her there nibbling grass not ten feet away was a fine buck deer, with are excellent and the entertainment While one gets the impression horns in velvet, or as was explained acquainted and kept one amused clad mountain peaks reaching right these members of wild life showed

One of the most interesting visits Lindsay. In those early days one King and Queen when they visit\_ This is the finest cabin in the entire Busses drew up to the large park and although it rents for \$125 (Continued on page six)

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