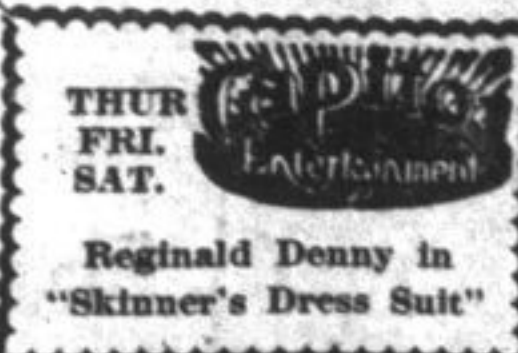




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## ENCOURAGING REPORT ON CANADA'S WHEAT CROP FOR 1926

### GOOD MAJORITY FOR KING ON THE PRAIRIES

Winnipeg Thinks Vote in Next House Will Be 137 to 98.

### CRERAR TO DROP OUT

Stated That Business Interests Prevent Him From Accepting the Nomination.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—This capital of the prairies is in the geographical centre of the dominion, and its political prophets claim to be in the best position to summarize the present national situation. After discussing the matter with a number of outstanding public men in Manitoba, The Toronto Star summarizes their opinions:

The positions of the parties in the next house will be a reversal of the numerical strength of the Liberal and Conservative membership in the last, with slight accretions to the Progressive ranks at the expense of the Conservatives.

In other words Mr. King is given 115 seats, Mr. Meighen 98, with the Progressives, Independents and Labor the balance of the 245, or 32 seats. Giving the United Farmers of Alberta ten seats, this leaves the consistently anti-Meighen vote at 137, a clear majority over the Tories without the fluctuating Alberta vote.

The Alberta vote generally will tag along with the anti-Meighen forces. Mr. Meighen's legislative programme being almost entirely opposed to the platform of the U. F. A. on which the Alberta members will be elected. Leading Progressive in the west believe Mr. Meighen will endeavor to form a coalition government, which will have a consistent majority and re-organize the house of the uncertainties of the last session.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, former Progressive leader, will not run as a candidate in the present election. Requests from all parts of his old riding in upon him, but owing to the exigencies of business he had been unable to accept the proffered nomination. As a lead to Progressives throughout the west and Ontario he will however, support the Liberal-Progressive candidate, in Marquette, who is J. Allison Glenn Marquette, a Conservative. With Harry Mullins, a Conservative. With Allison Glenn running under Mr. Crerar's wing it is said that the defeat of the Conservative is assured. In Neepawa another seat won by the Conservatives in 1922. Robert Milne, the Progressive, will win it back easily with the third candidate eliminated. Mr. Milne has already received the joint nomination in Springfield and the Selkirk, the remaining two rural Manitoba seats held by the Conservatives, joint conventions are under way and single anti-Meighen candidates will enter the field.

### Canadian Exchange Is At a Premium

New York, Aug. 4.—Shipments of two millions in gold to Canada by the Bank of Montreal is announced. The gold is consigned to the bank's head office in Montreal, and the shipment is the result of the advance in Canadian exchange to the gold shipping point, which is calculated at a premium of eleven-sixty-fourths of one per cent. The gold movement started last week and the shipments so far have reached four and a half millions.

### NO SERIOUS DAMAGE.

Earthquake Was Heaviest Since that of 1924.

Tokyo, Aug. 4.—Several persons were injured, but none seriously, in the earthquake last night. Although it was the heaviest earth disturbance since 1924 no serious property damage was done.

### Plunged Down Sixty Foot Embankment

Auburn, Aug. 4.—One woman passenger and three mail clerks were the only ones badly injured when the Bar Harbor express parted on a bridge in this city today, and two cars plunged down a sixty-foot embankment. The roadbed was torn for three hundred yards, and six cars were derailed.

### THE OLDEST MON IN SERVICE OF R.C.H.A.

Mr. James Richardson, mail carrier at Tete de Pont Barracks, at present on two months' leave, pending his discharge on pension, is one of the oldest in the service of the R.C.H.A.

### The Political Field

North York Liberal. Toronto, Aug. 4.—A. J. H. Eckardt, for many years intimately associated with agricultural pursuits in the province, has announced his intention of contesting the Liberal nomination in North York, the riding represented by former Premier King from 1921 to 1925, and in which he was defeated last October.

Ottawa and District. Ottawa, Aug. 4.—Candidates of both parties are lining up in the Ottawa district and by next week it is expected the list will be complete. Apart from the nomination for the two Ottawa seats, for which Conservatives have chosen anew Hon. J. L. Chabot and Stewart McClenaghan, and the Liberals E. R. E. Chevrier and Gordon Edwards, selections have been made in many of the surrounding counties.

In Carleton, Liberals have chosen M. N. Cummings, and it is expected W. F. Garland, ex-M.P., will again be the Conservative candidate, although M. J. O'Brien is bound to make a strong run against him.

In Lanark, Hon. R. F. Preston has been nominated by Conservatives, but the Liberal convention has not been held. In South Renfrew, Joseph L. Murray, Liberal, is pitted against Dr. Maloney, ex-M.P., Conservative, while Progressives have chosen John F. Gibbons.

In North Renfrew, Progressives will likely run a candidate in addition to Dr. Cotnam, Conservative, and Dr. McKay, Liberal.

In Russell county, Alfred Gault, ex-M.P., and in Prescott, Gustave Evans, ex-M.P., have been chosen by Liberals, but Conservatives are not yet in the field.

In Glengarry, the Liberal candidate is J. A. Macdonald, ex-M.P., and the Conservative, D. D. McCuaig.

Liberals have not yet selected a standard-bearer against Dr. Hamilton, ex-M.P., in Stormont.

### Simcoe Candidates.

Simcoe, Ont., Aug. 4.—With the selection of J. Alex. Wallace, Simcoe, who was the Progressive member for Norfolk from 1921 to 1925 as Progressive candidate for the coming election, Norfolk-Elgin will see a three-cornered fight, it is expected. John L. Stansell, who sat in the last House, is already in the field for the Conservatives, while the Liberals state they will name a man also.

### MCPHERSON CASE NOW AT A STANDSTILL

Jurymen Voted to Wait for More Conclusive Evidence.

Los Angeles, Aug. 4.—Investigation of the Almses Temple McPherson kidnaping case was at a standstill today, as a result of the grand jury's refusal to take action. The jurors voted to do nothing more until more conclusive evidence is obtained. They instructed District Attorney Keyes, however, to continue "secret and efficient" investigation into all phases of the case.

### There Is Talk of a Deal in the Mount Royal Riding

Hon. E. L. Patenaude did not give a definite answer when offered the Conservative nomination in Jacques Cartier constituency. It is understood that a deal is on whereby R. S. White and his rival, General Smart, may step aside in Mount Royal and so give Mr. Patenaude a chance to contest the only seat considered safe by the Tory chiefs.

### May Settle Question.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Controversy over diversion of water from Lake Michigan, seems reasonably certain to be settled in due time. Chicago is now engaged in building a great system of sewage disposal plant, and much progress has already been made. With these in operation, large part of reason why Chicago diverts water, will have been removed. Considerable flow will still be wanted for lakes to gulf waterway, but will be much less than at present in use.

### Settle in the West.

Winnipeg, Aug. 3.—One thousand and sixty-nine settlers entered Winnipeg yesterday on three trains. They came from the Old Country and from the continent.

### Liberal Leader Warns Meighen To Keep Hands Off the C.N.R.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—"I want to tell Mr. Meighen that the people of Canada want him and every one about him to keep their hands off the National Railways," declared Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Leader of the Liberal party in Canada, in an address here last night, opening his tour of the Western Provinces.

Thousands attended the meeting, while thousands of others were given the opportunity of listening to the Liberal chieftain's address over the radio.

Mr. King made his reference to the Canadian National Railway following a declaration in which he stated:

"Mr. Meighen had hardly been in office an hour before he was telling the people of the Maritimes how the National Railways should be adjusted."

The Liberal Leader declared his Administration had aided the west

"when he saw that the Crow's Nest Pass rates were restored."

Mr. King dealt at great length with the constitutional question and particularly as to Premier Meighen's attitude, as made known in his Hamilton address, to participation in foreign wars. "I have taken the position that Parliament is supreme," he added, "and I hope when Mr. Meighen comes here he will tell you about the participation in foreign wars." He wondered what would happen if Mr. Meighen, while a war was on, was refused dissolution. He would not be able to hold the election on the war issue. He reiterated that his Government had not resigned to escape a censure vote; and that all charges in the Customs Department should be investigated.

Mr. King was the only speaker at the rally, an early conclusion being necessary to permit the Liberal Leader to make train connections for Regina, where he arrived this morning.

### Escaped From the Police And Was Killed By Train

Oshawa, Aug 4.—Fong Din, a Chinaman, died in the Oshawa General Hospital yesterday morning from injuries received when he jumped from an east-bound Canadian National train at Newtonville, Sunday afternoon. Fong Din was being taken from Toronto to Montreal, where he was wanted on a charge of illegally dealing in drugs, and was in charge of Dominion Police Officer Noel Courtois.

The man was found by Conductor Baird, of a west-bound freight, and was brought to Oshawa. An inquest will be held.

### Boy Hit By Car Taken to Hospital

Horseshoe, Del., Aug. 4.—A boy, aged fifteen, was struck by an automobile, on Wednesday while in front of the Dominion Textile Works, and his left leg was fractured below the knee. The car stopped and picked up the boy and asked him to the General Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Austin and Dr. Angrove.

The young lad, who lives at 257 Rideau street, is employed in the Textile Work, and was coming out at noon hour when he was struck. He is reported as resting very easily.

Sterling exchange in Toronto closed Tuesday at \$4.85 3/16, an increase of 3/16c., and in New York at \$4.85 1/2.

North York Liberals, in convention, selected Harry Sifton as candidate in Federal election.

Huge ocean liner is to be built for Atlantic run.

### Situation in Mexico City Has Now Reached the Stage of Marking Time

Mexico City, Aug. 4.—Acute situation growing out of the putting into effect by the Government of new religious regulations, has reached the stage of marking time. Prospects of any immediate settlement are apparently falling off. General conviction is that it is most improbable that there will be a widespread violence or armed rebellion. Great uneasiness, however, exists over the outcome of the economic boycott, called by the National League for the Defense of Religious Liberty, in protest against regulations. Boycott may yet be determining factor in dispute, though the extent of its effect on business is not yet known.

### At Meeting of the Portsmouth Council Tax Rate Was Struck at 48 Mills

The Portsmouth Council met Tuesday evening, being their regular meeting. A number of accounts were ordered to be paid, and orders given for two new concrete sidewalks to be built. The fact that there was a large amount of unpaid taxes to be collected, the collector was given authority to use legal proceedings to collect the same at once. The rate of taxation was then taken up, and owing to the heavy debt upon the village, it was decided to raise the rate to 48 mills. The public school requisition was presented, and some opposition was made against it. The chairman of the school board being present, said there was \$1,500 school funds uncollected during the past two years. The school laws have become very strict in regard to collecting school money. The Council has no option but to collect the amount asked for, and any individual member of the Council refusing may be held responsible for the amount. The trustees are responsible to the ratepayer the same as the councillor. An order was given to cut down the weeds on the highway, and to clear the harbor of the dead shad.

### HAZARDS MET BY AVIATORS

Explorers for Quebec Government Without Food for Days.

Quebec, Aug. 4.—Thrilling hazards met by a party of aviators exploring great unguava territory for the Quebec government, were learned from meagre story which filtered into Quebec to-day. Three hydroplanes were engaged in expedition. One of the planes crashed on uncharted waterway, but the crew luckily escaped. They had no provisions, however, and were lost. For six days they were practically without food, when they were sighted by one of the planes that had accompanied them, and rescued. Though in greatly weakened condition, the crew of the plane which crashed will in all probability recover at base, where they were taken.

### Lacking One Arm and Leg, Youth Swims St. Lawrence

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Aug. 4.—With but one arm and one leg, and fighting a stiff current, Joe Broomley, aged seventeen years, Tuesday, swam the St. Lawrence River, a distance of one and a half miles. The boy lost his arm and leg in a trolley accident several years ago.

Lord Willingdon was guest of honor at dinner by Overseas Educational League.

### Horde of Caterpillars Are Menacing London Park

London, Aug. 4.—Hordes of caterpillars recently have taken possession of Hyde Park in what an official describes as "the worst plague of its kind for years." Whenever a breeze blows great showers of caterpillars drop on passersby from the park trees. Men are forced to turn up their coat collars, while women find their sunshades the only effective way of keeping the pests off. An army of caretakers armed with pails of paraffin and brushes, have been battling with the swarms.

### An Appetite for Nails Led to Cow's Undoing

Cobourg, Aug. 4.—A few days ago a valuable cow belonging to William Stevenson, Cobourg, died from some cause which could not be determined by its owner. A veterinary examination of the cow's stomach, and found in it, it is said, a piece of wire about two inches long and a piece of nail and two smaller pieces of slate or nail. Evidently this hard diet proved to be too much for the bovine, although where she found it all remains a mystery.

### New York Divorced.

New York, Aug. 4.—It was reported today that Mrs. Alma Osborne Yoelson had divorced her husband, Asa Yoelson, better known as Al. Yoelson, in Paris. The report occasioned little surprise among intimate friends of the Yoelsons, who said that it was pretty generally understood that they had gone abroad to be divorced because of incompatibility.

### Toronto's Debt.

Toronto, Aug. 4.—The net general debt of Toronto after making allowance for the sinking fund of \$24,536,823 and debt on self-sustaining public utilities of \$99,135,882, is \$51,417,702, according to a statement of the city treasurer issued yesterday.

Premier Meighen declared at Midland meeting that he will put tariff on sound basis, and will then leave it unchanged for long period. District attorney at Buffalo and Ontario officials conferred, with view to co-operation against liquor offenders.

### ESTIMATE ON WHEAT CROP LOOKS GOOD

Official Report Places Yield at 348,526,000 Bushels.

### SHOWS AN INCREASE

Expected That the Export Demand Will Be Great Owing to Shortage in Other Lands.

Ottawa, August 4.—Canada's wheat crop for 1926 is estimated at 348,526,000 bushels. Last year it was 411,376,000 bushels. The federal Government today issued a crop report on conditions in Canada. It adds that production estimates from eighteen countries show that this year's total world crop will probably be 2,175,700,000 bushels, compared with 2,201,500,000 last year. Judging by general conditions in other countries, the report says that "the general outlook appears to be for a strong demand for the Canadian crop, now in its critical stages, so that the Canadian yield will again be a very important factor."

There is an increase this year in sown acreage of one and a half per cent. In countries other than Canada and the United States the sown acreage is less, but the increase of 699,000 acres sown in Canada, and 5,487,000 acres sown in the United States recovers the balance.

Commenting on world conditions, and leading up to the prediction that there will be a strong demand for the Canadian crop, the report says that "it does not appear likely that Russia will figure largely as a wheat exporter this year, although exports from the Soviet republics are expected to be equal to last year's (30,512,000 from August 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926), and, therefore, "indicates the possible reappearance of the Russian countries as a definite factor in the world's wheat trade."

The French crop is reported unofficially as below the 1925 yield, and France probably will be an importer this year. Foods are exported from Germany. "India," adds the report, "is not expected to be able to spare any appreciable quantity of wheat for export."

### Billions in Gold Hidden in France

Paris, Aug. 4.—According to figures L'Intransigeant publishes today, there still remains hidden safely in French savings "stockpiles" gold and silver coins totalling more than two and one-half billion francs of pre-war value. That makes, roughly, half a billion dollars. The figures are calculated as follows (all figures pre-war gold): Bank of France statistics show in 1914 six billion francs gold disappeared from circulation into hidden, secret hoarding places, chiefly among the French peasantry. Two and one-half billion was produced between 1915 and 1918 in response to patriotic appeals by the Government for help during the war. This left about three and a half billions hidden.

Careful investigation of gold movements justifies the supposition that, roughly, one and a half billion were collected secretly by profiteers, exported or melted into ingots. Therefore, there remains two billion to-day, to which must be added over a billion in silver coins.

Are this huge gold reserve produced and added to the present reserves of the Bank of France, it would go towards stabilization of the currency.

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Leader, Sask., Aug. 4.—What constitutes a record in Saskatchewan was the threshing of some of the 1926 grain crop by Michael Hill, farmer of this district, Monday, July 26. Mr. Hill cut the wheat and threshed it at the same time. The first day he harvested 239 bushels.

### BAN WAR CANOES.

Lindsay, Aug. 4.—Jury at coroner's inquest found that war canoes should not have been used in Balsam Lake tragedy and recommend prohibition of such in camps.

### LARGE INCREASE SHOWN.

The Immigration Returns Show a Healthy Increase. Ottawa, Ont., August 4.—A statement made public by the Department of Immigration and Colonization today shows that there was an increase of sixty-five per cent. in immigration to Canada during the first five months of the calendar year, 1926, compared with the same period a year ago. The actual immigration was 58,062 in 1926 and 35,114 for the same five months in 1925. For this period British immigration increased from 15,878 to 21,909, immigration from U.S.A., increased from 6,535 to 7,860, and from other countries increased from 12,701 to 28,293.

### "CONFESSION" DISCOUNTED.

Tom Smith, Who Admits Murders, Not Wanted in B.C. Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 4.—Inspector Forbes Cruickshank of the British Columbia Provincial Police declared that he discounted the "confession" of slayings in British Columbia made by Tom Smith over the week-end to Seattle police. "There is not a double unsolved murder in the province and I do not recall any shooting affray at Hazelton at the time Smith speaks of," he told the Canadian Press. He added that the man was not on the "wanted list" of the provincial police.

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### LINER SWEEP BY TERRIBLE HURRICANE

Twenty-Four Injured on Orizaba in West Indies.

### CAPTAIN TELLS STORY

Waves Were High Enough to Sweep the Bridge and Wind Was 100 Miles an Hour.

New York, Aug. 4.—Thrilling stories of the recent hurricane which swept the West Indies were told yesterday by Captain J. E. Jones, his officers, and six round trip passengers aboard the Ward liner Orizaba, which docked yesterday from Havana. On her way south she spent more than sixty hours in the centre of the storm, and was the first ship to arrive in New York with first hand accounts of it.

"It was a typical West Indian hurricane," said Captain Jones, "but it came at least three weeks ahead of time. I got into it by going to the aid of the Ansaldo San Gidoglio. I would have been able to run out of it if it had not been for the Italian ship."

According to the captain the waves were high enough to sweep the bridge, which is 53 feet above the water, and the wind had a velocity of at least 100 miles per hour.

"One sea rolled us 45 degrees," he said. "It caught us forward and then amidships and spun us like a pin wheel."

Other officers called the captain's estimate of 100 miles an hour too conservative.

"When the wind starts whistling," said one of them, "you're in a hurricane. It is then 90 miles an hour. When it starts grunting, you know something is happening. That wind was grunting already. It must have had a velocity of at least 125 miles an hour."

Although the Orizaba's hull was undamaged, she lost forty feet of railing. Nine members of her crew were injured when a wave smashed in a hatch cover and flooded her "glory hole." One hundred and fifty drums of compressed ammonia lashed on C deck broke loose, and six of them went overboard. Fortunately none of them exploded, or every person aboard the vessel might have suffocated. Twelve barrels of oil stored abaft the engine room were smashed to pieces. According to one of the officers, "A Ford car broke loose from its moorings, and chocked up at least 200 barrels of potatoes."

In addition to the nine sailors, eight-passengers, six waiters, and the ship's barber were injured. Eighty-four Chinese passengers in a forward hold were paralyzed with fright. They lay huddled together too miserable to pray.

The vessel entered the storm at 10.30 p.m. on July 26th, and did not leave it until 10 a.m. on July 28th. During that whole time, according to the passengers, the officers and crew carried out their duties as if nothing was happening. When regular meals could not be prepared the stewards brought the passengers cake and coffee.

Another ship to arrive from the storm area was the Munson liner Munmar. She received warning of the storm, and lay hove to off Ellbow Key, 125 miles from Nassau during the worst of it.

"When we reached Nassau we found the harbor strewn with wreckage," said Chief Officer Gavin, "Every tree on the island seemed to be down and there was not a boat left in the harbor. The lighthouse keeper told me that he saw forty-seven sponge boats blown past him to sea. He said that the negroes on board these could be seen waving goodbye and singing or praying. In the harbor a steamer had been lifted ashore, its bow smashing a five foot concrete wall. It ended in a shed filled with cases of whiskey. These were strewn all over the water front."

According to one witness, the inhabitants of Grandtown, a colored section, had been convinced that the world was ending. One passenger said that a colored man cried to him that he had seen the graves ripped open by the wind.

"It's the great day of the Lord," he told the passenger.

At Winnipeg Hon. Mackenzie King warned Premier Meighen and Conservatives to keep their hands off the Canadian National Railways. Grave result of economic boycott by Roman Catholics is foreseen by Mexican bankers and industrialists. Senate approves of Premier Folcare's finance measures.