

GOVERNMENT REPORT ON CROPS THROUGHOUT CANADA

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uneven and the seed was bad; pasture grasses fairly good.

In the West

Manitoba—Brandon: Rain in last week came too late to save wheat, which will be less than half a normal crop. Hay crop a failure from drought oats and barley very light, but late crops greatly helped by recent rains.

Morden: Weather conditions have much improved; rainfall has been quite ample during the latter half of July temperatures are low for the most part, especially at night; no frost, no hail. Wheat promises fair crop, not greater than 15 bushels per acre. Perhaps ten per cent blown out in early season and reseeded in some instances oats and barley promise fair crop. Barley promises well, no rust in sight. Hay prospects decidedly poor. Potatoes promise big crop; flax not generally grown, uneven.

Saskatchewan—The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture telegraphs as follows: South Eastern Districts: Weyburn and South Central Districts: Heavy rains during past week have greatly improved crop outlook; in some places crops are reported as equal to last year. South western District: Crop will average from fair in north to total failure in south. East Central, Northeastern and Northwest-ern Districts: Heavy frosts 24th and 25th, too early to estimate damage, but afraid it will be very serious as some wheat in blossom stage. Central and West Central Districts: Heavy rains have greatly improved conditions especially north of Regina and

Moosejaw: In Western part of district crops are reported almost total failure. In all southern parts of province many farmers are selling stock as no feed is available.

Indian Head: July warm with heavy showers from 18th to 29th, crop outlook greatly improved; from 18 to 29th, crop outlook greatly improved; from 1 to 8 degrees frost reported on 24th; corn potatoes and garden crops slightly damaged in this district; no damage to grain yet apparent, fallow wheat promises good average crop, stubble wheat and early sown oats will be short, late sown oats and barley greatly improved, hoed crops coming along rapidly. No damage from hail reported during month.

Damage by Frost

Alberta—The Alberta Department of Agriculture telegraphs as follows: "Considerable damage has been done by frost throughout the central and northern portions of the province during the past week, the full extent of which cannot be ascertained at present, but the indications are that it is not general but more or less irregular. A large portion of the southern part of the province was visited by heavy rains during the past few days which will do much to revive late crops and pasture lands. Sufficient hay and pasture lands have been located in the northern districts to take care of the applications from the south."

Lacombe: First ten days of July hot and dry; rains from 12th proved sufficient to carry crops and improve pastures; frost night of 23rd damaged crops in many points. From Wetask-

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kiwin north and east and from Stettler east crop outlook poor to fair.

Lethbridge: Drought in southern Alberta partly broken by rains which were general during week beginning 21st, but as less than an inch fell more must come at once to improve conditions much, though it will aid in filling of grain; everything failure except that sown on summer fallow; cutting commenced.

British Columbia—Agassiz: Weather conditions during July hot and comparatively dry; crop prospects somewhat improved over June; harvesting of cereals just started; fall wheat promises good crop.

Invermere: Crops under irrigation very good, dry farming a failure. Alfalfa first cutting particularly good, second crop promises well; clover, peas, potatoes very good, roots and wheat good, oats and barley fair.

Sydney: Autumn cereals cut, will thresh an average yield. Spring cereals short and ripening fast; corn and root crops below average; stock seeds very short; live stock at present in good condition.

PORTFOLIO OFFERED TO DR. BELAND

Ottawa, Aug. 5—Hon. Dr. Beland, M. P., has \$10,000 waiting for him at the capital. During his absence of four years on active service and as prisoner of war his sessional indemnity of \$2,500 has been voted by parliament each session. Compensation from his country for his service and sacrifice. Furthermore, if Dr. Beland will accept a position in the cabinet as a much needed representative from Quebec the prime minister and his colleagues will welcome him to the government.

It is understood that Dr. Beland who met Sir Robert Borden in England has already been asked to enter the government but as yet he has not given any definite answer pending consultation with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and his former political associates here. Should Hon. Dr. Beland be induced to enter the cabinet he would probably be given his old portfolio of postmaster-general now being held by Senator Blondin. The latter would be transferred to some other department or else just kept in the government for the present as a minister without portfolio.

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EVIDENCE COMPLETED

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county councillor, had worked hard to elect him but would not say that he had spent money to do so.

This concluded the witnesses who were ready and the court took recess for lunch.

Afternoon Session

When the court resumed in the afternoon Charles McPhee of Belledune took the stand and was examined by Mr. Copp. He said he was a lumber scaler working for J. & A. Culligan. He scaled the lumber in the district covered by Joseph Hachey, government scaler. He did not have anything to do with the lumber Murchie scaled. He kept no records of his work.

Company's Statement

Charles Purvis was recalled by Mr. LeBlanc and gave evidence that he had prepared a statement of the actual amount of lumber sawn by the Continental Company in the spring of 1917 from logs cut on crown lands.

In a dispute between counsel Mr. LeBlanc said that Colonel Loggie had said that what the department wanted to charge stumpage on was the actual run of merchantable lumber turned out by the saw mills. Mr. Baxter denied this interpretation.

Witness gave figures as follows for the Continental Company cut in 1916-17; total cut, 5,610,491 feet, side boards 319,753 feet; the boards deducted leaving 5,290,738 feet. The cedar was 836,500 feet, leaving 4,454,238 feet of merchantable lumber. The statement was put in evidence.

To Mr. Baxter witness said that the total number of pieces shown were taken from his record book without deduction or discount. There were 2763 logs not accounted for and witness said he supposed they were held up along the banks.

Mr. Baxter then said that their contents, about 83,650 feet should be added.

Witness agreed that eight and nine-inch logs would saw their scaled contents and also yield the side boards.

Make All He Could

James Wood, sworn, told of meeting Murchie in the winter of 1917 and talking with him about the scale. Murchie told witness that Richards would settle the scale. He said it would be his last year and he was going to make all he could out of it. He said he and Richards always settled the stumpage every year for the Continental company.

To Mr. Baxter, witness said the conversation took place in March, 1917. After the election Murchie told him that since it was his last year he was going to make all he could and he hoped to make it \$500.

Henry W. Tapley, next called, and examined by Mr. LeBlanc said that he had been a lumber scaler for the last forty years. He was at the Continental mill at Charlo last week for five days scaling and surveying the logs as they entered the mill. The results were as follows: Spruce, pine and fir, 5,458 pieces, 199,160 feet; cedar, 86,275 pieces, 25,210 feet. The averages were: Spruce 36.49 feet per log, and 27.6 pieces per thousand, and cedar 2.08 per piece and 34.4 pieces per thousand. Applying this average to Mr. Purvis' count the results would be: Spruce, pine and fir, 134,732 pieces, 4,916,390 superficial feet; cedar, 28,297 pieces, 822,876 feet total 163,029 pieces, 5,739,266 feet.

Mr. LeBlanc announced that he had no more witnesses available, as four others had not responded, neither had Mr. Culligan produced his books, and he expressed his disappointment that he should take it upon himself to refuse to obey the instructions of the court. He did not wish to ask for an adjournment and so would close his case.



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PROCLAMATION

GEORGE the FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may in any wise concern,—GREETING :

A Proclamation of conditional amnesty respecting men belonging to Class 1 under the Military Service Act, 1917, who have disobeyed our Proclamation of 13th October, 1917, or their orders to report for duty, or are deserters or absent without leave from the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

E. L. NEWCOMBE, } WHEREAS consider-
Deputy Minister of Justice, } able numbers of men
Canada. } belonging to Class 1 under our Military Service Act, 1917, called out on active service in our Canadian Expeditionary Force for the defence of Canada under Our Proclamation of 13th October, 1917, although they have thus become by law soldiers enlisted in the Military Service of Canada,

Have failed to report for duty as lawfully required of them under the said Military Service Act and the regulations thereunder, including the Order in Council duly passed on April 20 last,

Or have deserted,

Or absented themselves without leave from our Canadian Expeditionary Force,

And it is represented that the very serious and unfortunate situation in which these men find themselves is due in many cases to the fact that, notwithstanding the information and warning contained in Our Proclamation aforesaid, they have misunderstood their duty or obligation, or have been misled by the advice of ill-disposed, disloyal or seditious persons.

AND WHEREAS we desire, if possible, to avoid the infliction of the heavy penalties which the law imposes for the offences of which these soldiers have thus been guilty, and to afford them an opportunity within a limited time to report and make their services available in Our Canadian Expeditionary Force as is by law their bounden duty, and as is necessary for the defence of Our Dominion of Canada.

NOW KNOW YE that we in the exercise of Our powers, and of Our good will and pleasure in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare and cause to be published and made known THAT THE PENALTIES OF THE LAW WILL NOT BE IMPOSED OR EXACTED as against the men who belong to Class 1 under Our Military Service Act, 1917, and who have disobeyed Our Proclamation aforesaid; or who have received notice from any of Our registrars or deputy registrars to report for duty on a day now past and have failed so to report; or who, having reported and obtained leave of absence, have failed to report at the expiry of their leave, or have become deserters from Our Expeditionary Force, PROVIDED THEY REPORT FOR DUTY ON OR BEFORE THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST 1918.

AND WE DO HEREBY STRICTLY WARN AND SOLEMNLY IMPRESS UPON ALL SUCH MEN, and as well those who employ, harbour, conceal or assist them in their disobedience, that, if they persist in their failure to report, absence or desertion until the expiry of the last mentioned day, they will be pursued and punished with all the rigour and severity of the law, SUBJECT TO THE JUDGMENT OF OUR COURTS MARTIAL WHICH WILL BE CONVENED TO TRY SUCH CASES or other competent tribunals: and also that those who employ, harbour, conceal or assist such men will be held strictly accountable as offenders and subject to the pains, penalties and forfeitures in that behalf by law provided for their said offence.

Provided however that nothing contained in this Our Proclamation is intended to release the men aforesaid from their obligation to report for duty as soon as possible or to grant them immunity from arrest or detention in the meantime for the purpose of compelling them to perform their military duty; Our intention being merely to forego or remit the penalties heretofore incurred for failure to report, absence without leave or desertion incurred by those men of the description aforesaid who shall be in the proper discharge of their military duties on or before the said twenty-fourth day of August, 1918.

Of all of which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness: Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington, Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish of Keighley, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter: One of Our Most Honourable Privy Council; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order; Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of OTTAWA, this FIRST day of AUGUST, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

Thomas Mulvey

Under-Secretary of State.