

Western Crop Prospects Much Improved by Rains

Which Have Done a World of Good--Report of Improved Weather Causes Break in Winnipeg Market--Situation is Greatly Relieved, but Moisture Came too Late to Benefit Whole Grain-Raising Territory--Labor Problem will be Less Acute this Year, and the Other Advantages may Offset the Apparent Loss.

(Toronto Globe)

Winnipeg, July 25--Heavy rains in practically the whole of the grain-raising territory in the west have given encouragement to those who believe in the recuperative power of the crops and there is no doubt that the change in the attitude of the weather has exercised a highly favorable influence. A continuation of the drought meant a crop failure in several districts, and in many others it implied a seriously diminished yield. It is by no means certain that all is to be lovely from now on simply because a liberal supply of moisture for the parched grain has been furnished. But the precipitation of the past 24 hours has guaranteed at least a fair crop in some parts of the country where hope was rapidly fading away, and in others it has increased the probable yield as much as five bushels per acre. At a time when professional crop-killers in Chicago, Montreal, and a few other cities far removed from the scene are predicting an average yield of four bushels, a heavy precipitation has an augmented value. Indeed, the best indication of the value of the downpour was the action of October wheat in this market. It closed at a net loss of 2 1/2 cts. for the day in spite of the opinions of the gentlemen in Chicago, Montreal, and a few other places. The influence which forced down the price of the principal option was the state of the weather. A glance at the telegraph bulletin was sufficient to generate a more hopeful view of the whole crop outlook, and other conditions did not count. The traders on the Grain Exchange were estimating the effect of moisture on the growing grain in the west, and the heavy decline was the result of their meditations.

ALL IS NOT LOST

From nearly every station in the three Provinces the welcome news of soaking rains has been pouring in, and it is not a matter for surprise that a radical change in sentiment has taken place. All is not lost, even if the sun did shine a little too fiercely for a month. Rain is a great tonic for plant life, especially at this season of the year, when the growth is well advanced. Wheat, for instance, that has been drooping under the withering onslaught of hot winds and stifling temperatures can re-establish itself and make headway when it has the assistance and benefit of twelve hours' rain. Any of the grain that was "down and out" will stay in that unfortunate position, and a flood will not help it. But the great concern has revolved around the portion of the crop that was hesitating between two attitudes: The time of hesitation is at an end, and there is no longer any reason for concern with regard to it. In those fortunate districts where conditions have been favorable throughout the season, the rainfall will be welcomed because it will insure a continuance of healthy and vigorous growth down to the time of harvest. It is likely that announcements as to the date of cutting the wheat will be made during the coming week. The abundant moisture is the last constituent in many cases of crop-finishing, and the farmers will now hasten to prepare their binders for the work of laying low the golden stalks.

YIELD ESTIMATES GOING UP

The big "if" which is attached to

all reviews of the crop situation is not to be discarded. Many a slip must still be taken into consideration. The formidable enemies of the growing grain are drought, frost, flood, weeds and insects. The first-named has done its worst during the present season, and its havoc has been more serious than in any season since 1900. Conditions this year have in fact, been similar to those which prevailed ten years ago. The acreage was, of course, much smaller then, and the aggregate loss was proportionately lighter. The average yield of wheat in 1900 was about ten bushels to the acre within a limited area. With a decidedly greater territory the liability to general damage is lessened, and it would require a very serious loss from drought in particular districts to bring the average yield for this season down to ten bushels. Supposing that this loss had occurred, the aggregate production for 1910 would be about 83,000,000 bushels, and that total should not be regarded as unsatisfactory. The possible damage from floods is not a factor. A few floods in some of the sandy regions would, indeed, do a world of good, and they will be required if the crops there are to give a fair account of themselves.

FROST DAMAGE SMALL

The danger from frost is, happily, very small. The grain is well advanced, in comparison with other seasons, and harvesting should be finished long before the normal time for the coming of cold weather. With a continuation of moderately good weather conditions, the binders should be at work in all parts of the west by the middle of next month, and the cutting should be completed early in September. The part which weeds and insects may play in reducing the yield is not easily calculated. The bug pests have done little harm as yet, although they were in dry areas early in June. The ever-present weeds are more dangerous. These enemies of field crops seem to flourish under conditions that spell ruin to wheat, and they will assert their supremacy wherever care has not been taken to prevent their spread. The areas where they most do congregate are among those that have been the greatest sufferers from drought, and with a combination of these misfortunes a poor chance has been given to plants as delicate as wheat. On the whole, it is safe to assume that the principal cause of injury, as far as this year's crop is concerned, is the drought, and its havoc has been severe enough to make the other elements of misfortune look small.

CAN STAND A LEAN YEAR

It seems to be generally realized that the total production for 1910 is to be far below the amount anticipated from the reports of an early spring and a large increase in acreage. The output will be fair, and it will be large enough to make the average for the five years ending with this season a creditable one. The loss, large enough in the aggregate, is spread over an immense territory, and in most instances it falls upon men who are able to stand it. A succession of good crops, for which high prices have been realized, has fortified the western farmer against the possibility of ruin, and his plight does not call for any great amount of commiseration. The binder twine trade may suffer and there will be a

smaller demand for some lines of agricultural implements, but no one pretends that hardship will ensue from that state of affairs. The diminution in yield will postpone the inevitable crisis in the labor market, and a shortage of help is less likely to occur.

THE FARM HELP QUESTION

It may be that there will be less enthusiasm in connection with the harvesters' excursions from the east, and a smaller supply of sturdy young men from that part of Canada may take part in the gathering of the grain. A large army will be required, however, to look after the harvest, and if there is any falling off in the number through reports of unfavorable crops conditions the results may be most unfortunate for the farmers in the west. The greatest among the probable elements of advantage, due to the lack of moisture for the growing grain, is the fact that there is apt to be a marked improvement in the quality of the crop. The drought has stunted the growth of the plant, but its effects have been noticed chiefly in the withering of the straw. The straw is of little or no value, and if its bulk be reduced there is a possibility that more nourishment may go to the grain itself. This applies, of course, to those fields where there has been sufficient rain to insure the heading-out of the crop. All sections have not been fortunate in that respect. The range of prices for wheat will rule lower than that of last season, and in this connection the farmers who own grain do not stand to profit by the shortage in production. There is almost an even chance that the advantages flowing from this year's peculiar conditions may atone for the disadvantages.

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U. S. AND LIBERIA

Paris, July 29--The Matin under heading "Menaced by a diplomatic incident" declares that if the United States goes so far as to seek to establish a sort of protectorate over Liberia, the project would be well received by the European governments.

If a man begins by waiting for a woman he will be kept waiting all the rest of his life.

FIFTY LIVES WERE SAVED BY WIRELESS

C. Q. D. Signal Saves Passengers of Burning Vessel off Coast of Peru

Lima, Peru, July 29--Saved by wireless, fifty passengers and most of the crew of the new line Huallaga are today being brought to Port on the Ucayali. The Huallaga was burned to the water's edge yesterday off the Peruvian coast according to despatches received here and three of her crew were killed in fighting the fire and attempting to quell the panic which followed close on the discovery of the blaze. It is reported that 200 bags of mail from New York were destroyed. The Huallaga an oil burner of the Peruvian Line was bound for Panama. Only her wireless prevented a terrible disaster. The Ucayala is a sister ship hurrying to her aid in response to a "C.Q.D." message.

A NEW LOCOMOTIVE

Scottish Railway Has Electric Engine with Wires or Live Rails

A remarkable railway engine, with a saloon hatched on, has just made a very successful run from Glasgow to Gartsheir, on the Caledonian and North British Railways. The locomotive consists of three separate parts—a steam turbine, a dynamo for generating electricity, and electric motors for the actual driving. The boiler is fixed at one end of the engine, which is a very long one; the generator is situated in the centre, and consists of a Zoelly steam turbine working at 3,000 revolutions per minute, directly coupled to the dynamo, which supplies the electric current to four motors; these motors give a direct drive to four sets of heavy driving wheels. The nominal power of the locomotive is one thousand horse, and considerable economy in fuel is anticipated.

All the advantages of an electric engine are obtained without recourse to external wires, and it can therefore travel over any lines. The exhaust steam is also condensed, so that a very long run could be made. The current of air which passes through the cooler for the condensed steam is driven by a fan to the furnace of the boiler, which is thus under forced draught.

Extraordinary ingenuity has, in fact, been displayed in order to make the greatest use of every possible feature to increase the efficiency of the engine. The new locomotive is now having the finishing touches applied preparatory to being exhaustively tested at pulling heavy express trains.

TIMELY GIFT TO CAMPBELLTON

Campbellton, July 29--Mr. J. C. Baton of Toronto was among the leading contributors of clothing and provisions, having forwarded \$1,000 worth of goods, which came as a boon to the poor people, who have only their tents to shelter them from the daily rain.

BRITAIN REALISES TRINIDAD'S IMPORTANCE

London, July 29--In view of the recent discoveries of petroleum in Trinidad which might be useful to the navy and the importance which the island will acquire upon the completion of the Panama canal the British Government is considering the advisability of fortifying the entrance to the Gulf of Para.

NOTED GERMAN DOCTOR DEAD

New York, July 29--Dr. Frederick Lillenthal until a few years ago one of the leading German physicians of this city is dead at his country estate in the Gaskills aged 77 years. Dr. Lillenthal was one of the pioneers of the socialist party in this city.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 29--An ordinance prohibiting pool selling and booking making within the limits of this city was passed by the city council last night. The fair grounds and Ruenvista Race Tracks are both in the city limits.

GUIDE FOR TRAVELLERS

INTERCOLONIAL DEPARTURES.

No. 303--Mixed for Loggieville, 5.00
No. 317--Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 6.15.
No. 321--Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 11.15.
No. 323--Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 16.20.
No. 301--Express for Loggieville, Chatham, Campbellton, Quebec, Montreal, etc., 18.30.
No. 327--Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 18.40.
No. 329--Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 22.00.

ARRIVALS

No. 306--Suburban from Marysville 7.45.
No. 302--Express from Loggieville, Chatham Junction 11.25.
No. 308--Suburban from Marysville 13.30.
No. 304--Mixed from Loggieville and Chatham Junction, 16.00.
No. 310--Suburban from Marysville 19.15.
No. 316--Suburban from Marysville 21.55.

CANADIAN PACIFIC DEPARTURES

6.20 a.m.--Express for St. John, Portland, Boston, Woodstock, etc.
7.55 a.m.--Mixed for Woodstock and points North. Leaves St. Marys at 8.35.
9.45 a.m.--Express for St. John and points east.
4.45 p.m.--Mixed for Woodstock, via Gibson branch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
5.50 p.m.--Express for Montreal, and Boston, Woodstock, St. Stephen, etc.
9.05 p.m.--Express for St. John and points east.

ARRIVALS

9.10 a.m.--Express from St. John and points east.
11.20 a.m.--Mixed from Woodstock via Gibson branch, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
11.35 a.m.--Express from Montreal Boston, etc.
7.50 p.m.--Express from St. John, and points east.
9.05 p.m.--Mixed from Woodstock, and points North.
10.50 p.m.--Express from Boston, Portland, Woodstock, St. Stephen, etc.

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(Kalam.)

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(Selig.)

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(Comic.)

A CHILD OF GHETTO.

(Biograph.)

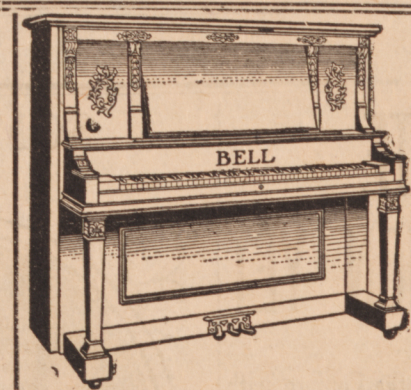
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