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WHEAT CROP GOOD BUT LATE

Winnipeg Free Press Has Encouraging Reports from all Sections

No Foundation for Rumors Started by Chicago Bulls that Black Rust Exists in Wheat

(Canadian Press.)
Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—In the last of the fortnightly reports which it has been securing from correspondents in all parts of the western provinces, the Free Press will say today: Speaking generally the crop is good but rather late. It has made fair progress since our report of July 13, but weather generally has been cooler than could be desired.
With a view of setting at rest the persistent rumors so diligently circulated by the bulls of Chicago that black rust in our crops each correspondent was asked definitely if black rust existed and not a single case of it is reported and only in one or two instances is red rust mentioned, which is usually present when the crop is heavy.

BOURASSA OUT WITH A MANIFESTO

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, Aug. 2.—Neither party escapes condemnation or rebuke in the typically Bourassa election manifesto issued today by the Nationalist leader. The situation created by the premier and the leader of the opposition is singularly false and difficult to declare, and it behooves those who are not the slaves of any party to break down its barriers and to place the fight on larger ground.
Laurier seeks to make the Canadian people fall into the same trap as that which he has succeeded in leading Mr. Borden and his personal followers into. He speaks alone in his manifesto of the one question of reciprocity and hopes thus to turn public attention away from the many indications of the pestilential gangrene that is infecting his administration.

LEFT MILLION DOLLARS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Aug. 2.—The will of Edward Rutledge, a lumber manufacturer, admitted to probate yesterday, disposes of personal property approximating \$3,000,000.
One million dollars is set aside as a trust fund, the proceeds to be used for charitable purposes. The proceeds are to be distributed to the worthy poor and to worthy charitable institutions.
The residue of the estate goes to twelve or more nephews and nieces, most of whom live in Canada and never saw their uncle. Frank P. Kane, a newspaper editor of Spokane, Washington, is not mentioned in the will.

ANOTHER AVIATOR MET TRAGIC DEATH

London, Aug. 2.—Gerald Napier, the aviator, was killed at Brooklands yesterday. He was flying in a Britton bi-plane with a passenger when a gust of wind struck the machine when it was near the ground. The passenger was thrown clear and not badly injured.

MEET AT LAKE GENEVA

Lake Geneva, Wis. Aug. 2.—Rev. J. Campbell White, Col. Elijah W. Halford and other religious workers of note are scheduled to address the summer training conference of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which opened here today. The conference will continue its sessions until Sunday evening.

THE HAMILTON HOLOCAUST

Defective Electric Wiring is Said to Have Been Res- ponsible

Damage to Asylum Building May Be Sixty Thousand Dollars—Inquest to be Held

(Canadian Press.)
Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 2.—The cause of the asylum fire which yesterday morning caused the loss of eight lives has been put down to defective electric wiring. It broke out in the ceiling of the fourth or top story of the eastern wing and worked into a part of the main building, but was confined to the two top floors. These were gutted and the roof burned off. The official estimate of the damage is \$15,000 to \$20,000, but unofficial estimation places it at a much higher figure, some going as high as \$60,000. In the main building were confined some six hundred patients, the males on the inside, where the fire started, and the females on the western side.

Sir James Whitney is personally looking after the departmental end of the situation at the Hamilton asylum after the fire, as Hon. W. J. Hanna, the provincial secretary, is on a trip to the Thousand Islands. The jury will meet Friday evening, having adjourned yesterday after viewing the remains.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 2.—It is possible that the fire will result in a complete change of policy in the erection of asylum buildings. The old four and five story structure will likely give place to two story modern stone, fire proof buildings with iron stairways and a balcony around the exterior of the second story. The same as a number of asylum buildings in the states. Provincial architect Heales who hurried here yesterday afternoon to examine the building where the lives were lost, discussed the matter with building inspector Anderson and Col. John S. Hendri.

At the coroner's inquest a searching investigation will be made to ascertain the cause of the blaze. Some still hold to the opinion that patients with matches started the fire. Attention has also been called to the fact that the asylum hose was bursting at almost every length.

FRENCH PRESS ON MOROCCAN SITUATION

Paris, Aug. 2.—Opposition to the present form of the negotiation with Germany is finding decided expression in the French Press. The Temps which frequently voices the government views and exercises great influence, calls upon the premier (Mon Caillaux) to abandon his dangerous dialogue with Germany and insists upon summoning another conference of the powers which signed the treaty of Algiers.

The Journal Les Debats expressed the opinion that negotiations had better be broken off if Germany adheres to her first demands, even in a moderate form. The Echo de Paris comments on the situation in similar vein and even the Gaulois which is a royalist organ opposes the government on principle, says Germany's pretensions are absolutely unacceptable and the nation unitedly should resist them.

FRENCH JOURNALIST AS A GLOBE TROTTER

Paris, Aug. 2.—Raeger Schmidt, representative of Excelsior, the new Paris illustrated daily newspaper, who is attempting to make a trip around the world in twenty-nine days, left Yokohama for Vancouver on the Empress of Japan yesterday. Schmidt is on time, sailing on the steamer which he was scheduled to take when plans for the journey were made in Paris.

WESTERN CONSERVATIVES ARE ANGRY AT ROGERS

Flamboyant Utterances of Manitoba Poli- ticians not Received with Good Grace by his Party Associates Beyond the Lakes—Sir Wilfrid to Address a Num- ber of Meetings in the Maritime Pro- vinces—Sir Richard Cartwright to take the Stump

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Owing to the necessity of his continued presence here in cleaning up arrears of state business and in conferring with lieutenants in different parts of Canada as to the organization of the Liberal campaign, Sir Wilfrid may possibly postpone the opening of his platform tour until the week after next, instead of starting in next week as was expected.

The decision as to this and the premier's itinerary will not be announced for a few days. It is decided, however, that Sir Wilfrid's first meeting will be at some Ontario point. It will be followed by a meeting in the Province of Quebec, after which several meetings will be held in each province before Sir Wilfrid goes to the Maritime Provinces for a series of eight or ten meetings. Sir Richard Cartwright, than whom no member of the cabinet has the reciprocity cause more at heart, will deliver several addresses in Ontario, starting in probably at Toronto.

TROUBLE IN TORY CAMP.

Hon. Robert Rogers' decidedly flamboyant utterances in Montreal yesterday in which he heralds his own elevation to the prospective Borden cabinet are not received with very good grace by the western Conservatives who are still in the capital.

It has been generally conceded that Dr. Roche, of Marquette, was Mr. Borden's first choice as western lieutenant. Mr. Rogers' "butting in" and self-appointed honor has been the occasion of some very frank comments in the Conservative camp. Those who have borne the burden of the federal Conservative fight here for some years stand by Dr. Roche as a more creditable and popular representative of western Conservatism than is Mr. Rogers and the latter's vain-glorious self-advertisement is not relished, and it is stated that Mr. Rogers' announcement as to his prospective election to the treasury benches in case Mr. Borden should win is not authorized by the latter.

It is further stated that Mr. Borden is having some difficulty in reconciling the parts which Mr. Rogers and Mr. Sifton are to play in the organizing end of the opposition campaign. The two have long been bitter political enemies and no love is lost between them.

The opposition leader would gladly avail himself of Mr. Sifton's organizing ability, but the latter is

said to be adverse to associating himself with Mr. Rogers in running the head office.

Mr. Sifton wants to make the fight solely on the reciprocity issue and will not participate in any general attack upon the Liberal administration.

Mr. Rogers, on the other hand, and the majority of the Conservative politicians are in favor of a scandal-mongering campaign, with reciprocity thrust as far as possible into the background.

Hon. Messrs. Oliver and Templeman will leave for the west on Friday night.

Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. Dr. Pugsley will go to their respective constituencies at the end of the week.

During the campaign Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Chas. Murphy will be in the capital most of the time to look after the matters requiring ministerial attention in connection with departmental administration.

TO RUSH HUDSON BAY ROAD.

Active progress on the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway will be made immediately, thus effectually answering one of Mr. Borden's chief complaints in the west in regard to alleged delay on the part of the government.

Following the government decision to construct the railway itself, surveys were completed and tenders asked last June for the construction of the first two hundred miles, extending from Pas Mission, Keewatin territory, to Thicket Portage, and running in a northeasterly direction through the primitive country north of the Saskatchewan River.

Tenders were opened this afternoon. In all eight were received, but the choice, it is understood, narrowed down to two, those submitted by J. D. McArthur and M. J. O'Brien. Both of these tenders, it is said, were of a very satisfactory character and within the estimates submitted by the railway department. The figures, however, will yet have to be gone over in detail before any official announcement of the awarding of the contract will be made.

It is the intention of the government to start the work of construction at the earliest possible time, and it is regarded as likely that the successful contractor will be at work before September.

STONE OF STOCK MARKET IS DECIDEDLY DULL

New York, Aug. 2.—The tone of the stock market today was decidedly dull, poor earnings for June being the cause. The statement of Union Pacific showed a falling off of \$144,900.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

	Open	Noon
Amalgamated,	67	67
Atchafalca,	111 1/2	110 1/2
Smelters,	78 1/2	78
Brooklyn,	81	81
Canadian Pacific,	24 3/4	24 1/2
Great Northern, pfd.,	133 1/2	133 1/2
Northern Pacific,	130 1/2	130 1/2
Pennsylvania,	124 1/2	125
Reading,	158	157 1/2
Southern Pacific,	121 1/2	121
Union Pacific,	188 1/2	187 1/2
U.S. Steel, com.,	79 1/2	78 1/2
Virginia Chemical,	58	58 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Bank of Toronto, 2 @ 21 1/2.
Bank of Montreal, 1 @ 230.
Ottawa Power, 25 @ 145 1/2.
Iron, com., 50 @ 52 1/2, 140 @ 53, 185 @ 52 1/2.
Toronto Street, 205 @ 160, 10 @ 159 1/2.
Rio, 15 @ 114 1/2, 86 @ 114.

Quebec Railway, 50 @ 57 1/2.
Detroit, 55 @ 72 1/2, 80 @ 72, 25 @ 72 1/2.
Shawinigan, 10 @ 115 1/2, 100 @ 115 1/2.
Hamilton—125 @ 88 1/2, 75 @ 83 1/2, 25 @ 89.
Twin City—25 @ 109, 50 @ 108 1/2.
Canada Ce.—25 @ 62, 25 @ 63.
Converters—25 @ 34.
Bell Telephone—20 @ 146.
Crown Reserve—375 @ 315, 400 @ 320.
R. & O.—10 @ 121 1/2, 35 @ 122.
Montreal Street—25 @ 225.
O'Gilvies—15 @ 130.
Coal pfd.—5 @ 111.

REUNION OF ALDEN DESCENDANTS

(Canadian Press.)
Duxbury, Mass., Aug. 2.—Several hundred descendants of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins of Pilgrim fame gathered here today for the eleventh annual reunion of the Alden Kindred of America. The exercises were held on the old John Alden homestead property. The society has secured a title to the present John Alden house built in 1658 where one of the ninth generation of Aldens still lives, and has an option on land occupied by the original house where John Alden was born.

DOCK LABORERS OUT ON STRIKE

Sixty Thousand in English and Welsh Ports Have Quit Work

Many Steamers with Perishable Car- goes Unable to Discharge—The Situation Serious

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 2.—Dock laborers to the number of 60,000 went on strike here yesterday. The seamen's strike, which was settled some time ago, convinced the dockers that they could also obtain their demands by similar action, and, as a result, strikes have occurred in various shipping ports in England and Wales. London hitherto has not been seriously affected.

The strike of the dockers was not ordered by the unions. The men simply refused to await arbitration and walked out. They demand a raise of from seven pence to eight pence an hour.

The meat trade is seriously threatened by the strike. At least twenty steamers, including the Minnebaha, which has just arrived at Tilbury with a cargo of dressed beef from America and other freighters are unable to discharge.

Many other vessels are loaded with meat from Australia, New Zealand and Argentina. The meat and other perishable goods are being taken care of in refrigerators aboard the steamers but if the strike continues there will be a shortage in the London provinces. Police were sent to the docks but their services were not required. The men went quietly from steamer to steamer, calling upon their fellow workers to join the movement and in every case were successful.

C. OF E. SYNOD TO DISCUSS CHURCH UNION

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Aug. 2.—The general trend of the religious bodies toward church union or at least towards a working agreement, is shown by the following motion which Judge Ermatinger of St. Thomas, will put before the general synod of the Anglican Church in London next month, resolving that a standing committee of both houses be appointed to co-operate with similar committees or other authorities of other Christian churches in formulating a plan for defining territorially or otherwise the fields of operations of the respective churches and taking the necessary steps to carry the same into effect.

OREGON TO CELEBRATE

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 2.—One week hence there will be inaugurated here the Astoria Centennial Carnival, for which preparations on an elaborate scale have been going forward for more than a year and are now practically completed. The carnival festivities will extend over an entire month and will embrace a wide variety of attractions. The management is in receipt of advices indicating the attendance of thousands of visitors from all of the Pacific States and from Canada and the East as well.

The celebration is to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival on the Pacific Coast of the expedition sent from New York by John Jacob Astor. The expedition resulted in the settlement of Astoria which gave the United States its strongest claim to the Oregon country and also marked a chapter of American heroism and suffering that has first place in the annals of exploration. The little group of huts erected by the far traders and explorers was named Astoria in honor of the promoter of the expedition and formed the first permanent settlement in this part of the country. Though the British took possession of Astoria Fort in the war of 1812 and renamed the place Fort George, the place was restored to America after the treaty of peace with America claims of settlement unimpaired.

UNIONISTS' FINAL KICK

Balfour Moves Want of Confidence Re- solution in Im- perial House

The Government Committed a Gross Violation of Constitutional Liberty he Says

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 2.—A. J. Balfour is ordered a demonstration in force against the government in the house of commons on Monday next in hope of reconciling the warring factions among the unionists and giving the ministerialists a final shake up before the veto bill passes into law. The unionist leader had kept his own counsel and when he rose yesterday and announced his intention to move a vote of censure, his followers broke out in rounds of applause.

Mr. Balfour's motion follows: "That the advice given his majesty of his Majesty's ministers whereby they obtained from his Majesty a pledge that a sufficient number of peers would be created to pass the parliament bill in the shape in which it left this house, is a gross violation of constitutional liberty by which among other consequences the people will be precluded from again pronouncing upon the policy of Home Rule."

In the lobbies this was regarded as a final Unionist kick and taken to preface the disposal of the Veto Bill next week without fail.

FRED M. TWEEDIE INJURED BY BEAR

Chatham, N.B., Aug. 1.—Fred M. Tweedie, son of Lieut.-Governor Tweedie, had quite an adventure with a bear as he was returning from his summer cottage at Burnt Church this morning. With him was Jas. Shields, bridge inspector, and when Grand Downs was reached a bear jumped from the woods about twenty feet ahead of the car. At this spot is a good stretch of road and the car was running at its limit.
Mr. Tweedie had little time to make up his mind what to do, but managed to steer his machine aside sufficiently to miss the bear, which stood on its hind feet with forepaws outstretched. As the car passed the bear the animal let out a vicious swipe with its paw, which just caught the side of Mr. Shields' face with one claw, missing the eye, but making a nasty wound which bled freely. The bear stood over six feet high, but was in poor condition.

LATE SHERIFF RITCHIE LAIE TO REST TODAY

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, Aug. 2.—The funeral of the late Sheriff Ritchie took place this afternoon and was largely attended. The common council and baristers society were among the mourners. Rev. Archdeacon Raymond conducted services at Trinity Church.

POLITICAL LEADERS ARRANGING TOURS

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 2.—Hon. R. L. Borden's itinerary for Ontario will be arranged at the Conservative Conference at Toronto next Saturday. Hon. George P. Graham is arranging the details of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's tour through Ontario and it is understood to have general charge of the campaign in this province.

His Worship Mayor Thomas will leave tomorrow for Prince Edward Island where he will remain for ten or twelve days.
Dr. Frank Phinney and wife of Cincinnati arrived yesterday and are the guests of the doctors parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phinney. They will enjoy a camping trip to Magadavic Lake.

THE WEATHER.
Maritime—Moderate variable winds, fine and warmer. Thurs. day moderate southeasterly to southwesterly winds, fair and warm.

QUEBEC HOUSE MAY DISSOLVE

It is Rumored that Premier Gouin is to Bring on an Election

The Matter Expected to be Decided by the Cabinet Today or Tomorrow

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, Aug. 2.—The chief question of political interest today is whether Sir Lomer Gouin means to bring on an election for the Quebec House before the Dominion election Inquiry at Quebec fails to elicit any authoritative statement one way or the other, but a Cabinet meeting has been called for tomorrow, and it is expected that the decision will then be taken.

On St. James street it is freely predicted that the decision will be for an election. No reason is assigned and opinion among Liberals is divided as to whether it would be good tactics from the federal point of view, or not. It is conceded that a double election would impose a great strain upon the active workers of the opposition and who are, with the exception of Mr. Monk, the same in both fields.

On the other hand it is felt that any pronouncement by the Provincial government respecting the pulp wood features of the tariff agreement might complicate the debate on reciprocity. The decision is felt to be in the hands of Sir Lomer Gouin himself.

ENRAGED WOMEN BEAT AN EDITOR

Danville, Aug. 2.—Frank H. Guthneck an editor at Westville, Ill., was yesterday attacked and beaten in the street by women who were enraged by references made to them and their daughters in his paper. As the editor's spectacles had been smashed he drew a revolver and threatened to shoot escaped to the home of a friend. He was escorted to this city by deputy sheriffs and swore out warrants for several women.

Chief of police Jaunkis swore out a warrant for Guthneck charging him with carrying a concealed weapon and making threats.

AIRSHIP AT HAMILTON SEIZED BY BAILIFFS

Hamilton, Aug. 2.—Hamilton's first aviation meeting wound up in litigation. Lettettus Laliedmon, a bill poster, and some other creditors who had not been paid for that work, placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer and last night the box office receipts were attached. A bailiff was sent down and took charge of the flying machines of McCurdy and Willard. An effort is being made to make them co-defendants in the litigation on the ground that they are flying here for a per centage of the receipts. It is expected that the trouble will be straightened out today. The machines which are being held here are required for the opening of the Toronto meet tomorrow.

ESCAPED CONVICT MAKING TROUBLE

(Special to The Mail.)
Moncton, Aug. 2.—A convict named Leason, who recently escaped from Dorchester penitentiary, is creating terror around Westmorland county. Already he has stolen three horses and burned a barn. The police and guards are endeavoring to round him up.

Regina, Sask., Aug. 2.—The sessions of the annual synod meeting of the Lutheran church of the district began here today, to continue until August 10. The attendance includes several scores of clerical and lay delegates from Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan.