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WESTERN OUTLOOK.

Nothing seems to be interfering with the progress of the splendid harvest of the west, says the Toronto Globe. All the way from the provinces down by the sea to the western portions of old Ontario men are responding freely to the annual call for labor in the ripening wheat fields, and thousands are pouring daily into the great plains to aid the farmer in getting in his crop. Generally speaking, the assistance is needed chiefly in Manitoba, which, it must be remembered, still raises two-thirds of the total crop, and where there is less opportunity than in Saskatchewan of utilizing the help of the new settler who is not yet ready to market his wheat. The outside help does not, as a rule, go west of Moose Jaw, the amount of wheat raised in Alberta being inconsiderable in comparison with that of the provinces farther east. The earliness of the harvest in many parts of the west is aiding in the solution of the labor problem by lengthening the period over which the work is spread, it is sometimes suggested that with the natural growth of settlement and the yearly swelling of the wheat output the labor difficulty will become more and more serious. We fancy the danger is exaggerated. The rapid growth of western cities and towns is a factor in the situation that must be recognized. Each of the larger centres of population will in a few years be able to send out into the country around its quota of strong, able-bodied young men to put in a few weeks' work in the harvest fields. Railway construction, too, will hardly proceed at the high-pressure rate of to-day, and a little slackening in this direction will greatly ease the general labor situation. Meantime the annual excursions from the east are a splendid advertisement for the west. The young men of the east see exactly what the west is capable of doing and it is not surprising that the excursion is for many of them a preliminary to settlement in the country.

As to the amount of the year's crop widely differing estimates are still being made. Mr. Roblin, who some weeks ago announced that there would be some hundred million bushels for export, is said to have increased his figures to one hundred and twenty-five millions. But the Manitoba prime minister is in the thick of the harvest enthusiasm, and at the best of times is not a cautious speaker. The total wheat crop of last year was about eighty-five millions, to which Manitoba contributed 55,000,000, and Saskatchewan 36,000,000. The Saskatchewan government estimates a crop for 1906 of 31,000,000 bushels, a substantial, but not sensational increase, over that of last year. Should Manitoba show a similar increase, almost 30 per cent., the total crop should reach between 95,000,000 and 100,000,000 bushels, but not, of course, all for export. It is probable this figure will be approximated, though to obtain a 20 per cent. increase for all Manitoba the yield must be heavier this year than last, for the increase in acreage is on a slighter scale than in Saskatchewan. There are reports of heavy yields in some districts, but at other points the crop will fall as low as fifteen or eighteen bushels per acre, so that it would not be reasonable to expect the average production to be much, ahead of that of last year.

If, however, extravagant predictions regarding the crop may not be justified, the substantial fact remains that well over ninety million bushels of wheat will be harvested in the west in this year, 1906, an increase of at least 10,000,000 bushels over last year. This will allow an export of between 70,000,000 and 80,000,000 bushels, the cash receipts for which will stimulate industry and increase comfort and prosperity from end to end of the broad Dominion.

James Kemp, a sailor on board the steamer Himera, now at St. John, was drowned in the harbor there on Monday night. It is believed that he fell from a small boat when near the steamship. A line was thrown to him but he failed to retain it in his grasp and when last seen was being swept out to sea. He was 21 years of age.

Reggy—I make it a point never to talk more than ten minutes with any one person.
Virginia Wise.—So as not to tell all you know, I suppose.

A RASCALLY ITALIAN.

Supposed to Have Stolen Many Steamship Tickets.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 16.—Warrants are out for arrest of G. Deprado, an Italian who for some time has acted as sub-agent here for several steamship lines. Deprado is supposed to have left town on Monday taking with him \$6,000. It is understood W. F. P. Cummings, the well known steamship agent will be a loser by a large amount unless he is caught or the tickets are recovered. These tickets are all duly signed and all that is necessary is the filling in of the destination and date of sailing. Deprado is believed to have disposed of a number of them.

Deprado, who had been in the city about five years, is alleged to have left Italy under suspicious circumstances.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

In these days when there is a steady increase of interest in the forces and qualities which make for good citizenship, it is not surprising that there should be a revival of interest in the relation between these forces and the schools. Obviously "the making of citizens is the prime aim of public schooling, and the degree of success attained is the measure of justification for its already great cost, which is bound steadily to increase." Dr. J. D. Jenks, Professor of Political Economy at Cornell University, has published a volume of essays called "Citizenship and the public schools," in which he treats of the different aspects of the close relation between the school system and the best type of citizenship. He emphasizes the fact that teachers should bear in mind that they are training members of society, should try to make the pupils realize the duties and opportunities which are theirs, and should cultivate the faculties and qualities which fit them to perform the one and use the other. The work is comprehensive in its grasp, simple and modern in its language, and eminently sound in tone. He says: "Ultimate success in the task depends on the training of intelligence and character, and even more on the latter than the former." Dr. Jenks thinks that we are yet far from having the best education possible for this training. The direction and tendency of the educational movement has been toward the right end. Its actual progress has been slow, but such books as that of Dr. Jenks should hasten it.

A SAD OCCURRENCE.

Scarcely ever in the history of our city has an occurrence caused such a shock to the community as the tragic death of Albert H. Edgecombe and Lemuel A. W. Tibbits. Death under any circumstances brings sadness to some, but when two men in the prime of life, prominent for years in the everyday life of our city, are cut off so suddenly and unexpectedly, the truth that our lives hang by a thread, very easily severed, comes home to all with redoubled force. Both gentlemen were connected with well known families and were popular with their large circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Edgecombe was born in Fredericton, where he resided all his life, and his connection with the large dry goods house of F. B. Edgecombe and Company brought him into contact with a wide range of acquaintances. He was a familiar figure on our streets and was regarded as a man of superior business ability, and was of a most affable and genial disposition.

Mr. Tibbits had for years been the manager of the Bicycle and Boating Club's building, and as such was brought daily in contact with its patrons by whom he was esteemed for the faithful attention to his duties and obliging manner.

The Herald extends to the bereaved families of the deceased its most heartfelt sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

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N. S. ELECTION CASE.

Witnesses Testify That They Were Paid Money for Votes.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 16.—When the fielding election petition trial opened at Liverpool, N. S., this morning the chief justice read a lengthy opinion on the point raised by the Attorney General at the commencement of the trial. The opinion was to the effect that until the trial had actually commenced any judge of the supreme court could grant enlargements from time to time for the commencement of the trial. And therefore the proceeding enlargement granted by him was valid. Justice Russell read a separate opinion, but reached the same conclusion. The hearing of the witnesses was then resumed.

Halifax, Aug. 15.—That the election trial of Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, must go on was the decision of Judges Swadlow and Russell at Liverpool today. They referred the question of jurisdiction to the Supreme court of Canada.

Several witnesses were called. The first was John Wolfe, who swore that Dr. C. Mitchell, a supporter of Mr. Fielding, called at his house and offered him \$5 for his vote, an offer he refused, and that afterwards Mitchell gave Wolfe's wife \$5 to coax her husband to vote for Fielding.

Thos. Craig swore that Isaac Dexter, who had been appointed harbor master by Mr. Fielding five years ago drove him to the polls and afterwards told him to put his hand in his pocket and he would find something. He did so and found \$3.

Rescoe Hartt was called and stated he was in Dexter's employ and that he had asked him to vote for Fielding and told him, before he voted if he went in his office he would find a present on the table. Hartt said he went into the office and found an envelope containing \$3 and that he went in and voted.

Much evidence of this kind was presented several of the witnesses however, being utterly unable to remember any of the occurrences during the election campaign. The case will be resumed tomorrow.

SUSSEX RIFLE MATCH

Sussex, N. B., Aug. 16.—(Special)—With a grand total of 673, Kings County won the county match shoot this morning. The special extra series was also shot, but the result will not be known until this afternoon. A feature of the competition was Major Kinneer's shooting. He scored 34 out of a possible 35.

Following is the match in detail: WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Jardine, 78.
Stewart, 79.
Carter, 85.
Wair, 78.
Chandler, 78.
Anderson, 91.
Haggerty, 78.
Daigle, 76.
Grand Total, 653.

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

McIntosh, 74.
Langstroth, 79.
Perley, 83.
Gladwin, 87.
Hart, 76.
Sullivan, 74.
Smith, 86.
McKay, 90.
Grand Total, 637.

KING'S COUNTY.

Maggs, 76.

Died.

Aug. 15, in this city, Lemuel Allen Wilnot Tibbits, aged fifty-eight years. Funeral Friday at two o'clock.

Aug. 16th, in this city, Albert W. Edgecombe, aged forty-nine years. Funeral Friday at four o'clock. Omit flowers by request.

Jones, 80.
Reeze, 81.
Arnold, 86.
Kinneer, 96.
Kinneer, 92.
Wetmore, 85.
Grand Total, 673.

YORK COUNTY.

Massie, 84.
McLean, 77.
Loggie, 74.
Douglas, 76.
MacKay, 62.
Hagerman, 68.
J. W. McFarlane, 87.
J. W. McFarlane, 30, 33, 24, 87.
Grand Total, 610.

HIS PAINTINGS CONDEMNED

H.M.
Vandyke Brown (the artist)—And pray tell me madam, why you think I'd better not go today?
Mrs. Platte (the landlady)—Well, some men were asking for you and they said you were the hanging committee.

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