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THE CROPS OUTLOOK

Every day brightens the prospect for an excellent harvest and let the commercial activity it is certain to promote. Canada is essentially an agricultural country, and in spite of the rapid development of manufacturing industries and their free and generous encouragement at the expense of agriculture the farming industry has grown more rapidly in magnitude and importance. Western expansion has added still more to the preponderance of the agricultural interests, and as a consequence, no matter what temporary reverses may occur in finance, trade or industry, the capacity for speedy recuperation is always manifest. The power of creating wealth rests with the Dominion to an extent sufficient to speedily make good any loss or deficit. The rate of our recent agricultural development is shown by a record of 50,000 families taking up a corresponding number of farms in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during the past fifteen years. This has meant an increase of 205,774 in the population of the Canadian Middle West. The chief influx has been from the United States the record being 18,344 families with 70,703 persons. The United Kingdom furnished 10,797 families with 31,395 persons, and Austria-Hungary 10,650 families with 52,600 persons. Russia came next with 5,018 families aggregating 24,594 persons, and other European countries made smaller contributions. This record shows the addition of an extensive producing area to the Western grain fields, and it is largely augmented by the breaking of new land on farms previously located and established.

Immediate interest centres in the prospect of the yield from this great and growing area, and it has never been more hopeful without exception, and every day lessens the possibility of unfavorable developments. The report by the Canadian Pacific railway is always prepared with care, and it gives an exceptionally favorable summary. Recent rains have improved the crops greatly, and the damage from hail has been slight and confined to small areas. A more definite forecast has been given out from Montreal by the bankers and financiers of that city, and it estimates the wheat crop at 120,000,000 bushels. This at 75 cents per bushel would mean a return of \$90,000,000. The figures exceed the average of earlier estimates, but the outlook has been improving. In addition to the wheat crop there are 2,607,000 acres under oats, 850,000 acres under barley, and 155,000 acres under flax. These areas are estimated to yield 100,000,000 bushels of oats, worth \$30,000,000 at 30 cents per bushel, and 25,000,000 bushels of barley worth \$10,000,000 at 40 cents per bushel. An estimate of \$140,000,000 for the grain crop of the three provinces of the Middle West is an assurance of a revival of the prosperity recently interrupted, especially as the figures come from reliable financial circles. The banks are making provision for the demand which the movement of the crops will make, and the railways of the West are fully alive to the coming transportation needs. There is no danger of a repetition of last year's money shortage. In our own province the agricultural outlook is excellent, and the depression of the last few months may safely be regarded as at an end.—Toronto Globe.

FOSTER'S SILENCE

(Regina Leader.)

In answer to a question put in the House of Commons on Thursday last, Hon. Frank Oliver stated that the Northwest Gold Dredging Company in 1901-1902 controlled leases to dredge for minerals in the Saskatchewan river covering an area of no less than 240 miles in extent. The president and managing director of the company was no less a person than the Hon. G. E. Foster. What an outcry Mr. Foster and his cartoon press would have raised if instead of himself, Mr. Burrows or some other gentleman connected with the Liberal party had been the head of such a company. What an outcry against "graft" and "robbery of the people" would have assailed our ears. In what lurid colors would have been

depicted the infamy of the Laurier government in granting leases to dishonest favorites.

CURRENT COMMENT.

As Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft are both insisting on the names of contributors to their campaign funds being published, the coming contest between them bids fair to be characterized by less profuse expenditure than took place in any of the last half dozen presidential elections. This is something to be thankful for, if one may judge from the revelations brought out by the committee that investigated the operations of insurance companies in the State of New York.

The Montreal Herald says: "The first thing Mr. Haultain did when he heard the news of the Saskatchewan election was to telegraph to Mr. Borden. The misguided man hasn't been told yet that there is a great gulf fixed—for talking purposes—between federal and provincial politics that he may not even understand the telegram, or recognize the name of the sender. It is only the wicked Laurier who interests himself in such things. Shame on Mr. Haultain."

Halifax Chronicle: Despatches that bear all the earmarks of inspiration are appearing in Tory papers with reference to Mr. Borden's "safe seat" search. The Toronto World, for instance, has this variant, under the date of Ottawa, July 21: "While officially it is stated as premature, it is learned that Mr. R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader, will contest Halifax at the next general election, keeping Carleton county as an anchor. John C. O'Mullin, who ran with him in 1906, will probably be the other candidate." If Mr. Borden is wise, he will provide himself with more than one sheet anchor. He will need them all if he tries Halifax.

SWALLOWED CARBOLIC ACID.

MOTHER LEFT BOTTLE STANDING ON TABLE, AND CHILD DRANK THE CONTENTS.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 24.—A shocking death from accidental poisoning occurred at South End on Saturday when Hilda May, the two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Turner, met her death as a result of swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid. The grandmother of the child, Mrs. Maise, who resides with Mrs. Turner, has for a long time been suffering from a sore leg. Her daughter was accustomed to attend to the injury every morning and used carbolic acid in this connection. On Saturday morning she was going through the usual procedure and placed the bottle containing the acid on the table while she went to the kitchen to get some warm water. While there her attention was attracted by something in the yard and she went out of the house, remaining a few minutes. During her absence the child must have swallowed the acid. Immediately on her return the mother saw what the child had done and at once summoned medical aid. Everything possible was done to relieve the child's sufferings but despite all endeavors she died a few hours later. Her father who is employed in Boston, was telegraphed for.

LEARNING TO SWIM.

The Fat Man Who Was a Model of Patience and Perseverance.

Persistence in undertaking is a laudable virtue, but it can be a bit overdone sometimes, as in a case described by Y. L. Molloy in "Our Autumn Holiday on French Rivers." Mr. Molloy and his friends, longing for a good dive, went to a swimming school on an island in the Seine. They donned their rented costumes and were preparing for the plunge when a man with ropes came along and insisted on tying them to their waists. It was according to police regulations, and, although they made an indignant protest, they were obliged to submit.

While we were dressing, says Mr. Molloy, we asked the two swimming masters for an extra towel.

"Pardon," they replied, "we must attend to our monsieur."

Then we saw that there had come upon the platform a short and absurdly fat man dressed in bathing costume, swimming sandals and oiled cap.

"Let's see him go in," said we. "What a splash he'll make!"

The swimming masters received the new arrival at the middle of the platform. There he balanced himself on his stomach on a wooden stump two feet high. The masters seized him by his hands and feet and with slow and deliberate movements made him strike out with the action of swimming. They kept this up for a quarter of an hour, and the perspiration rolled off him in great drops.

"He'll be awfully hot to go into the water after that," said I.

But he did not go into the water. The swimming lesson over, he moved toward the dressing room, saying:

"I have done better today."

"Ah, yes," answered one of the masters. "Your progress is admirable."

The fat man beamed with complaisance and went in to dress.

I called the swimming masters aside. "Does 'our monsieur' practice often like that? He must have great perseverance."

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It was then and there that Mrs. Stowe saw Topsy and took her comical likeness in unfading colors. Topsy was a stray bit of ebony humanity that in some unrecorded way came to be one of the picaninies perched on the porticoes of the Overaker mansion in New Orleans, where the family had a winter home, or hung around the quarters, ran errands or played with the dogs on the Tichenor plantation at Natchez.

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