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FARMER AND POLITICIAN.

A roving correspondent of the Toronto Globe recently visited Crystal city, Manitoba, and ran across Hon. Thomas Greenway, late premier of that province and now leader of the Liberal opposition. Mr. Greenway is evidently giving more attention to farming than to politics, and is one of the leading wheat raisers of the West.

Mr. Greenway is an Ontario man, but went west early in Manitoba's history and was one of the pioneers of Crystal city. He has not gained his present distinction of farmer and politician without hard work, but today Prairie Home Stock farm and the fine, modern brick residence of its owner are among the show places of Southern Manitoba. Mr. Greenway no longer drives the binder nor stocks the wheat, but he takes the keenest interest in superintending operations on his 2,000-acre farm. He had just driven in from a brief visit to his fields when the correspondent met him on the street in Crystal City. He had a smile of satisfaction as he spoke of the great crops of Manitoba this year. "They are better than anything we have ever had," he said. "The grain is in excellent shape; we have had no storm here. I think the wheat will average 25 bushels through the province, although I think mine will go 30. The acreage has been increased around here, as there are new settlers coming in, and new land is being continually broken by old settlers. I have 400 acres of wheat, besides oats and barley and a few peas, which I have grown successfully.

At the invitation of the ex-Premier a visit was paid to his stock barns, a mile south of the village. On the way a large flock of sheep—Mr. Greenway keeps 150 thoroughbred Shropshires—was observed in a pasture field. "There is but a limited demand for thoroughbred sheep up here; the low price of wool has rather discouraged the raising of them," Mr. Greenway explained. On the other side of the side of the road a herd of about 30 dairy cows was at pasture.

The barns number five, are neatly designed and painted, and support three windmills, though these will shortly be superseded by a steam plant for supplying power and light, an electric light plant for the barns being one of the improvements shortly to be made. Men were at work laying the foundations of another barn, to be 140 feet long, for further stock accommodation. The only occupants of the barns were found to be some 200 pigs and a couple of highly bred horses. Then Mr. Greenway proposed a drive to the fields, where he had five binders at work. On the way was passed the herd of Shorthorn and Ayrshire cattle, 150 in number, pasturing in a large field. On comment being made on his large amount of stock, Mr. Greenway remarked:—

"Most of the people up here are not farmers at all; they are wheat-growers. They will find before long it does not pay to put all their eggs in one basket, they will have to go into stock raising."

The largest field visited—Mr. Greenway builds fences, hence his land may be spoken of as in fields—was one containing 140 acres of wheat in a solid block, at which three binders were at work. The grain was in the pink of condition, a yellow, waving mass, its tops as level as a floor, and apparently good for more than 30 bushels to the acre.

Mr. Greenway speaks with the greatest enthusiasm of the future of the west, which, he says, cannot be realized by the stay-at-homes in the east. "We shipped

500,000 bushels from Crystal City last year, but there is land enough in the vicinity, if all cultivated, to treble that amount. That shows you what may be done almost everywhere up here. They speak of shipping everything by Canadian channels. I do not believe they will ever be able to do it, for there is not the accommodation for the crops we will produce."

In Mr. Greenway's opinion there is no doubt of the temper of the west with regard to the tariff. If any increase is attempted this country will be heard from," he declared. "The eastern manufacturers do not begin to supply the demand for implements up here, we have to depend upon the States to a large extent. I do not understand their position. If they were supplying the market it would be a different thing, and I could understand their action. But they are not beginning to do it. I know of one American firm having an office in Winnipeg which brought 400 carload of implements in here last year, and I was told recently by a railway man that their line was bringing in 46 carloads of threshing outfits for another American firm. The Canadians do not appreciate what are the requirements here or what is needed to meet them, and our consumption of implements will keep on increasing."

The labor candidates, Messrs. Hatheway and MacInerney were conspicuous in a barouche in the labor procession at St. John Monday, while most of the real laborers walked. The Telegraph publishes a report that Mr. Shaw, M.P.P., and Ald. Baxter will complete the labor-opposition ticket in that city. In the meantime Mr. Mullin, who claims to be a friend to labor and in opposition to the government, is going it alone. The developments of the past few days do not in the least alarm the friends of the government, who are confident that when the proper time arrives, a ticket to command the confidence of the majority of the electors and to win on polling day, will be placed in the field.

The St. John exhibition was opened under favorable conditions and promises to be a success, although in some lines the quantity and quality of the exhibits are below the usual standard. On Monday the attendance was 16,000, a record breaker, and the prospects are favorable for a large attendance during the whole week. At the opening proceedings Saturday evening addresses were delivered by Governor Snowball, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., Senator Ellis and Hon. H. A. McKeown.

The local government, keenly alive to the interests of the farmers, have arranged a varied and extensive series of institute meetings for September and October, which will be found outlined in the Herald today. The gentlemen who are to address the meetings are experts in their various lines, and the farmers will no doubt largely profit from the meetings.

The Imperial government has sanctioned the re-opening of negotiations between Newfoundland and the United States for better trade arrangements, and Sir Robert Bond, premier of the ancient colony, just back from England, has gone to Washington to talk the matter over with the American authorities.

The people of Fredericton as usual generally observed Labor Day as a public holiday, the weather conditions were pleasant, and while many went to the St. John exhibition, and the Pythian excursion to Stanley, others enjoyed outings nearer home, and it is hoped all spent a pleasant time.

A Quebec farmer is the plaintiff in a peculiar suit brought against the cure of the parish for not visiting him during his usual pastoral calls. The farmer wants \$400 damages.

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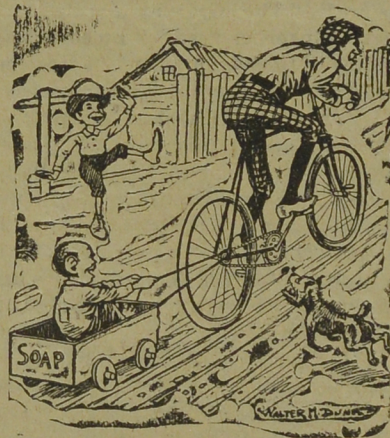
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