DEBTS INVOLVED IN FAILURES DECREASE

New York, July 6.—Commercial insolvencies in the United States during the first half of 1905 were 6,210 in number and $55,904,855 in amount of defaulted indebtedness, according to the Journal of Commerce. Numerically this shows scarcely any alteration in comparison with the 6,214 failures in the corresponding six months of last year, but a decrease appears when last year's liabilities of $79,490,909 are considered.

CANADIAN CROPS.

Too Wet in Manitoba but Fine Prospect Westward.

Special to The Journal.

Winnipeg, Man., July 6.—The wheat crop of the Canadian northwest will be the best the country has ever seen. From all over come reports of brilliant crops and weather that suits the farmers as tho made to order. In past years there has not been sufficient rain in June to suit all lands, but this year the rain has been heavy and always succeeded by hot days until the crops have grown as tho the country was one huge hotbed. In places wheat has attained a height of three feet, while in the territories the shortest is over thirty inches.

Around Winnipeg too much rain has fallen and the wheat is not good, but this will hardly affect the total supply, because little grain is grown in this vicinity. In the far west the crop is as near perfect as possible, and it deteriorates very slightly until the Red river valley is reached. Visitors from other lands who have seen the wheat on the Rocky mountain slopes, say it is the best the world has ever produced.

The wheat acreage in Manitoba this years is 2,643,588, an increase of 231,353 over last year. In the territories the acreage for spring wheat is 1,109,272, with 13,832 acres of fall wheat, making an increase of fully 40 per cent. Last year the wheat acreage produced an average of a fraction under 19 bushels an acre, but it is estimated this year it will run from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre, while some few fields will beat all records of the northwest for heavy crops.

So far, no trace of any disease has been found and the only thing to be feared is black rust or early frost. If these keep off, E. O. Dillings says that at a conservative estimate the wheat crop this year will amount to over 70,000,000 bushels, against 55,000,000 last year. Grain experts agree that the crops are fully three weeks ahead of last year's.

CHARGED WITH POISONING

Mrs. Pratt and Hired Man Believed to Have Murdered Her Husband.

Lake City, Iowa, July 6.—The coroner's jury today finished its inquest into the death of Josiah M. Pratt on April 21, after a brief illness. The jury held that the cause of death was poisoning by arsenic administered in small doses, and implicates the widow and the hired man, William Persing, in the murder. The dead man's stomach had been found to contain arsenic in sufficient quantities to cause death. Mrs. Pratt had purchased arsenic twice, ostensibly to kill mice.

HAMLINE

Miss Florence Clark of Superior was the guest of Miss Louise Fowble the first of the week.

Miss Louise Fowble spent part of the week with Mrs. A. Reeves of St. Anthony Park.

Miss Lutie Cole has returned from the Portland fair.

Miss Edith Reed has gone to Slayton.

Miss Pearl Miller has returned from North Dakota.

Mrs. J. D. Duff has returned from Long Lake.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Caldwell are entertaining Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Caldwell of Milaca.

Miss Hattie Taylor and Miss Edith Hackney have gone to Denver.

Mrs. George H. Bridgman and Mrs. Joseph M. Hackney gave a lawn party Thursday afternoon on the university campus. Mines. Thomas Montgomery, C. W. Cooper and Helen M. Evans served the ice cream, and Misses Koch and Winston served the frappe.

Mrs. Thomas Montgomery went to Denver yesterday.

Miss Pearl Heal left yesterday for the Yellowstone park.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Holley are visiting their children at Mankato.

Mr. McCammond of Charles City, Iowa, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Boyer.

Miss Katherine Robertson of Dover has been a guest of Mrs. Helen Evans.

Professor and Mrs. J. W. Cooper entertained informally Saturday evening.

Miss McKenzie has gone to Grand Forks.

Miss Beth McGraw entertained a few friends Thursday afternoon.

Miss Garrison is at Ortonville.

Professor and Mrs. Loren Batchelder are spending the summer on the Atlantic coast.

Mrs. Frank Cole returns this week from an extended visit in Washington.

Professor and Mrs. Guy Maxwell have gone to New York.

Mrs. Clifford Van Meter is visiting relatives at Hudson, Wis.

Miss Edith Wright leaves for Portland tomorrow.

Miss Monnie Gordon will spend July and August in the Colorado mountains.

Mrs. Meacham of Plainview is visiting Mrs. Charles I. Humphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith have been entertaining Mrs. George Fairchild of Albert Lea.

Miss Currie of St. James has been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Heins have returned from the west.

MINNETONKA

While lake business is certainly suffering under the adverse weather conditions and visitors from Minneapolis and St. Paul are slow to make their appearance, the southern guests are coming in every day and nearly all of the leading hotels the registers show arrivals from St. Louis, Kansas City and other southern points.

L. F. Sampson of the Sampson House, received word that Miss Gertride Tanner of St. Louis is due to arrive at the hotel with friends July 12. The party will leave St. Louis Saturday, and will make the trip by way of the river.

W. H. Jones and family of Omaha will arrive at the Sampson House Sunday to remain for the remainder of the season.

J. D. Vivian of New York is at the Sampson House. Over Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chalmers were his guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Claphamson arrived from Minneapolis last week, and Mrs. J. B. Poorman of St. Louis and Mrs. J. T. Gill also of St. Louis, joined the congenial group of southern people Tuesday. They will remain all summer.

Colonel James M. Wilcoxson of Carrolton, Mo., arrived Monday and he will be joined next week by quite a party of the Missouri contingent.

Last night was hop night at different lake resorts, and while the attendance was light, the young people enjoyed the pleasant change. The hops at Tonka Bay hotel enjoy a great popularity, and the guests were sufficient in numbers to make it a pleasant event. Next Wednesday evening the Minnetonka Boat club will give a hop at the hotel and Saturday will be the regular hop by the hotel management. A good deal of pleasant expectancy is felt in regard to the opening party at Spring Park, which is announced for Saturday evening. The hops at the Excelsior Casino will be discontinued hereafter, as the dancing floor will be changed into a roller skating rink; while there is regret at the change, for the casino floor is considered the best at the lake, roller skating increases in popularity around the lake, and it is in response to this demand that Mr. Heywood contemplates the alteration.

The number of visitors at the Muckey House in Excelsior was considerably swelled by guests who came out from the city to spend the Fourth of July. Mr. and Mrs. Will Shepard and daughter came out and have been spending a week at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt Walker and son and Mrs. J. Gerber were guests over the Fourth. Miss Stuart, Miss Louise Benson, Frank Nutter, Jr., and Ralph Baldwin were guests of the hotel. Miss Kate Norton entertained for over the Fourth Miss Marian Thwing of Minneapolis.

Miss Mebal Moore was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. B. Child, over Tuesday.

Mrs. F. S. Muckey is a summer guest. Mrs. F. W. Muckey is entertaining Miss Larson of Owatonna for a few days. Miss Alice Wood, who is spending a few weeks at the Clarke cottage, Excelsior, entertained a family party at the Muckey house over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Morawetz, Miss Williams, Miss Radston, C. A. Andrew, J. J. Thornton, Ed Levering, Miss F. M. Barr, B. S. Brokke, H. B. Wood, W. Watson, George P. Dickinson, Miss Lillian Dickinson, Miss Emma R. Hopkins, Miss Louise Dickinson, F. F. Still, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Miss Grace Kimball, Milton Lowry, W. Morgan, E. J. Clough, Miss Edith Klein, J. A. Mitchell, Elva Johnson, R. B. Hall, Miss Anna Murray, Miss Jennie Irvin, C. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Capps, Miss Florence Connolly, Miss Mildred Gibson, William A. Bradford, Miss Ethel L. Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strauss, Minneapolis; Mrs. O. S. Gates, Miss Tompkins, John Crosby, Elmer Crosby, St. Paul, were guests at the Hotel La Paul over the Fourth.

The Fourth of July showers did not dampen the spirits of the sixty-five guests who picnicked at the summer home of Dr. W. J. Gray, Clover Hill, Gray's Bay. The large cottage on its sightly knoll afforded shelter, and games provided amusement, making the day a very enjoyable one.

LAKE PICKUPS.

Mrs. Fayette Bousfield has been spending a few days at Deephaven.

Harry Thomas was the guest of Walter Godart at Excelsior over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bennett of Owatonna arrived at Tonka Bay to remain for one month.

Miss Gracia Langdon of Milwaukee has been spending a few days with friends at the upper lake.

Miss Pearl Jamieson and H. I. Dunlap of Stillwater spent the Fourth with friends at the Nesbitt hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Groton of Chicago returned home this morning after spending the Fourth with their aunt.

W. F. Markow of White Bear lake, St. Paul, was the guest of Lewis M. Glass at the Minnetonka Boat club Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Underwood and little daughter spent Tuesday at the J. T. Wyman cottage on the Burton place, Deephaven.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, Miss Bonnie McAllister and Miss N. Banroth of Springfield, Ill., spent Tuesday visiting at the lake.

Messrs. Oscar Herber and Albert Holstein of Milwaukee have been the guests of the Misses Ensile of Crystal Bay for the past week.

Mrs. Charles W. Belden and son and Mrs. N. Silverstone, all of Chicago, will arrive at the lake Saturday and will be guests of Mrs. Lucius Frink and Mrs. Charles Goetz at their West Point cottage.

Frank F. Leach of Duluth and Paul M. Norris of Minneapolis were guests of Eugene Hawkins at the Minnetonka Boat club Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Metcalf and Miss Edith Metcalf of Minneapolis were guests of Mrs. William Nesbitt at the Nesbitt hotel over the Fourth.

Miss Katherine Risdon of Chicago will come to the lake about July 15 to visit her mother. Miss Georgia Risdon is planning to return with her to Chicago on a long visit.

Miss Larson of Owatonna was the guest of Mrs. L. L. Bennett at Tonka Bay yesterday. Dr. Bennett left yesterday for Owatonna, and will return to the lake in August.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Case of Motley, Minn., who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hausman at Excelsior over the Fourth, returned to their home yesterday evening.

Mrs. F. E. Mansfield and son of Arlington, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. William Retters of Minneapolis were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Nippolt at the Wayside cottage, Meadville Park.

Miss Lou A. Moore returned to Minnetonka Monday after a three weeks' visit with friends in Kansas City. Mrs. Wilber W. Hall of Kansas City accompanied her home to be a guest at the Moore cottage the remainder of the summer.

Miss Elise Reimer of New York has been spending the week with Mrs. Charles Goetz at her summer home at West Point. Miss Reimer came from the east to be the maid of honor at the White-Moore wedding in St. Cloud last week. She left for the east last night.

Mrs. Jeanette Molter, Miss Ella Molter, Miss Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huntington enjoyed a picnic dinner at the Huntington's home in Excelsior July 4. The plan to take a steamer for a picnic trip had to be given up owing to the rainy weather. J. C. Huntington will leave the middle of this month for Texas and Louisiana. Mr. Huntington is the superintendent of Sunday schools of the two named states.

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