

NORTHWESTERN NEWS

STATE COAL OUTPUT NEARLY MILLION TONS

Total For Year is Surprisingly Large; Burleigh County Leads.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 31.—North Dakota came close to ranking with the states producing a million tons of coal for the year closing October 31, 1921, according to the report of Mine Inspector John Hanwell, submitted to Governor E. A. Nostes recently. The total amount of coal mined in the state in the period was 895,715. This amount was an increase over the amount mined for the preceding annual period of 18,748 tons. The added production gave work to 436 additional men. The valuation of the 1921 coal over that of 1920 was \$297,116.10.

The report for this year covered the operations of 123 mines, fourteen more than reported for a year ago. While a large number of new mines were opened in the state during the period, few of them reached the stage where their production affected the output to a large extent and the state increase of 18,748 tons is largely from the well established mines. In producing this coal, miners worked an average of 121 days, or practically one day for each three throughout the year.

22 One-Man Mines Listed.
One of the interesting sidelights in the report is the number of mines employing a single miner, twenty-two of these being listed. Some of these one-man mines, however, are not reported as producing coal. The Weiland Coal company with 285 days work for its one miner and 1,261 tons produced is the largest in output. The Bowman Coal company, with 240 days work for its single miner and an output of 784 tons, stands second.

In contrast to the one-man mines, the pit at Washburn, declared by many to be the largest lignite mine in the United States, produced 240,804 tons valued at three-quarters of a million dollars, while the mine at Beulah and the Lucky Strike mine had 66,818 and 54,450, respectively.

Conditions in the mines are generally reported as good in the report of the inspector. While the records of accidents is not considered as com-

plete because the records of the mine inspector's office were destroyed in the burning of the Northwest hotel, once the Sheridan house, four fatal accidents occurred during the year.

Number of Mines By Counties.

County	Mines	Tonnage	Valuation
Adams	3	53,787	\$173,546.26
Billings	4	41,353	\$3,373.00
Bowman	4	21,185	\$3,844.95
Burke	5	89,283	\$14,558.59
Burleigh	9	263,257	\$71,851.97
Divide	3	42,373	\$23,550.47
Dunn	3	12,801	\$7,784.95
Golden Valley	2	576	\$1,150.00
Grant	7	8,808	\$19,089.45
Hettinger	7	18,998	\$5,610.20
McLean	15	32,645	\$9,176.65
Mercer	10	127,038	\$34,210.12
Minot	2	1,191	\$3,495.45
Morton	14	32,187	\$4,721.45
Oliver	3	2,394	\$4,578.25
Stark	6	42,980	\$10,794.78
Ward	20	43,043	\$25,823.27
Williams	23	65,662	\$19,048.25
Totals	153	895,715	\$2,463,284.06

Canadian Expedition To Look Into Reports Of Cannibalism In North

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31.—An expedition of Canadian mounted police left Edmonton, Alberta today to investigate the cannibal propensities of caribou eating Indian tribes north of Lake Athabasca, northern Canada. It is a long and dangerous journey, across barren lands and another party of police is also leaving Fort Fitzgerald in the Arctic.

Last summer these Indians missed the annual migration of caribou from the shores of the Arctic and their annual hunt was a failure. Tribes are starving and in consequence had resorted to cannibalism, according to reports.

The barrens will be penetrated for a distance of 400 miles by the police. The country is a howling wilderness. No food can be obtained and there is little wood for camp fires, there being only isolated tracts of stunted timber. The ground is almost entirely rock ridges, interspersed with swamps and muskeg.

The Indians come from all sections of northern Canada and converge at a central meeting point in the heart of the wilderness where they remain for months.

This is where the mounted police hope to meet them and to bring members to civilization if they are cannibals. Long trains of dogs and Indians will accompany the police loaded with supplies for the next four months.

Rural School Work In Manitoba Considered

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31.—Rural problems are placed high on the program of the next convention of the Manitoba Educational association, whose executive at Thursday's annual meeting at the Royal Alexandra hotel set the convention dates, April 17 to 20, 1922.

There will also be an effort made to secure, through compulsory education measures, at least 25 per cent greater attendance. This, it was agreed, might incur the doubling of the present staff of inspectors.

The executive also decided to make a plea for a separate section for commercial education and to urge more adequate training of teachers.

Another matter given the most serious consideration was a plan to establish for the province a central board to have charge of standard equipment for all schools, so as to leave the school boards free to devote themselves to providing permanent accommodations.

In the report of the provincial pension fund commission, a new scheme was broached which will be communicated to every teacher in the province. The commission acts under the joint auspices of the Manitoba Education association and the Manitoba Teachers' federation. The day's business was brought to a close by a festive dinner appropriate to the season. H. D. Cumming, president, was in the chair, and Secretary H. J. Russell was at his post throughout.

Nestos Advises Work, Thrift And Co-operation In New Year's Greeting

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 31.—Work, thrift, and co-operation to the elements Governor R. A. Nestos wished for the people of North Dakota when asked today for a New Year's greeting to the people of the state, which follows:

"We stand at the threshold of a new year. It is ours to make it a year of steady progress in promoting the welfare of the state or to continue 'bound in shallows and misery' for another twelve months.

"May we, as a people, dedicate ourselves to a year of work, thrift and friendly co-operation for the highest interests of our state and people. If this becomes the dominant spirit in our state and all our forces are united in renewed hope and courage in the effort to find a solution of perplexing problems, we will find that fundamental laws are sound and that our resources in manhood and material wealth are so great that the return to a condition of prosperity and resulting happiness will be very certain and rapid."

Average Salary Of Ward Teachers Is \$114

Minot, N. D., Dec. 31.—The average monthly salary of teachers in Ward county, both men and women, is \$114.55, according to figures compiled at the office of the county superintendent of schools.

The average salary of men teachers is much higher than that paid for women being \$165.60 as compared with \$111.14. There were 7,985 pupils enrolled in the schools of the county during the school year, 3,903 boys and 4,082 girls.

MINOT HOSPITAL MAY BE ENLARGED

Minot, N. D., Dec. 31.—The proposition of dismantling the nurses' home and building an addition to the hospital proper is under consideration by the management of St. Joseph's hospital.

The addition, it is planned, would contain a new nurses' home and also a special maternity ward separated from the rest of the institution.

Minot Masons May Lease Opera House For Home

Minot, N. D., Dec. 31.—Minot Scottish Rite Masons are proceeding with plans to lease the Grand opera house for use as a Scottish Rite headquarters. Plans are proposed to improve the place and adapt it for the use of the Scottish Rite lodges and the Order of DeMolay for boys have been prepared.

Methodists Will Hold District Meet At Minot

Minot, N. D., Dec. 31.—Plans for the district assembly of Methodist churches of north Dakota, to be held in Minot February 22 to 24, are being made. Every pastor in the Minot district, including the northwestern part of the state, the Sunday school superintendents, Epworth league presidents and missionary superintendents of each church are expected to attend.

Village Of Douglas Is Without Light

Douglas, N. D., Dec. 31.—This village is without electric lights and electrical power following a fire which destroyed the power plant and a garage situated nearby.

Pisek Legion Post Chooses Officers

Pisek, N. D., Dec. 31.—At the meeting of the Novotny post of the American Legion, the following were elected officers: Commander, Joe Pavik; vice commander, Frank Pauer; adjutant, Charles Barta; finance officer, Frank Lovick; historian, Albin Lovick.

A good program of entertainments will be put on through the winter by the post, the first of which will be early in January.

KEPT MARRIAGE SECRET.
Watford City, N. D., Dec. 31.—Postmaster J. C. Zeller and his wife kept their marriage secret for six months. The wedding took place in June.

WEAKNESS IN GRAIN MARKET DURING WEEK

Belief Among Traders is That Worst of Depression is Past.

Weakness replaced strength in the wheat market this week. Increased final government crop figures, sluggish export and domestic demand, increase in stocks in spite of small receipts and bearish foreign news were leading factors making for weakness.

The week started easy on slow cash news, drab cables and increase in the visible supply in the United States and Canada. Preliminary announcements from Washington regarding the forthcoming final crop figures also was a handicap to bulls, as an increase of 25,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels in the wheat total was expected as a result of announced revision of acreage on the basis of the new census.

When the figures finally were announced the market has largely discounted the increase and a sharp rally developed on an expected bullish showing in the report on the new winter wheat crop due after the close of the market Thursday. Weakness returned, however, when Friday cables brought reports of Argentine wheat underselling American in the export market. Weakness was also due to some disappointment over the government report on the new southwestern crop.

In addition there was pressure of liquidation Friday from large holdings of wheat by a leading Chicago stock and grain commission firm, which late in the session was reported to have gone into bankruptcy.

Crop Smaller.

Final government crop figures estimated the 1921 wheat crop at 794,000,000 bushels, against 833,000,000 bushels last year. Spring wheat total was 208,000,000 bushels, compared with 225,000,000 bushels last year. The increase over the last government estimate was 54,000,000 bushels. This corn estimate, decreased 70,000,000 bushels from the last report to 3,081,000,000 bushels, against 3,231,000,000 bushels last year. Oats decreased 18,000,000 to 1,061,000,000 bushels against 1,496,000,000 bushels last year, and barley 151,000,000 bushels against 189,000,000 bushels last year.

The winter wheat report issued after the close of the market Thursday made the condition 78, against 88 last year and a ten year average of 89. On the revised acreage the report indicated a crop of 525,000,000 bushels, or 62,000,000 bushels less than last year. The report showed conditions favorable in soft winter wheat states, but Kansas with about a quarter of the acreage was 60, Oklahoma 64 and Texas 42. In these states a favorable winter would help considerably. In 1917-18 a crop of 656,000,000 bushels was raised after a December condition of 79.5.

Gains Wiped Out.

Wheat sold back later in the week close to final prices of two weeks ago, losing most of the ground gained last week. July delivery sold at \$1.16 1-4, the exact closing point of two weeks ago and May at \$1.20 1-4 was within 1c of the recent low. December held better, although at low point of \$1.22 it was only 3 1-4c over the finish two weeks back. Deliveries on contracts continued fair liberal, with about 200,000 bushels tenders for the week and 325,000 bushels for the month to Saturday.

Slow local cash market continued, with receipts light and dull flour trade making mill buyers offish. Cash premiums for good milling grades held steady, however, with No. 1 dark northern 6@15c over May. No. 2 amber durum was May price to 10c over—a little easier for the week.

Local milling capacity in operation was lighter again, being 37 per cent, against 40 the week before and 48 per cent the December average last year. Flour buying continued on a hand to mouth basis.

Sentiment was adversely affected late in the week by Argentine news, cables reporting a forward offering of wheat at cheaper prices than for American wheat. Argentine markets dragged and easier prices tended to confirm the increasing pressure from the southern hemisphere. Argentine shipments for the week increased to 1,057,000 bushels from 772,000 bushels the week before and nil a year ago. Crop news was rather conflicting, but a late Broomhall cable said yields and quality in the most important sections of the north were good.

Believe Worst is Over.
There is a disposition in the trade to believe the worst of market depression is over, but a return to materially higher prices is doubted. However, with light to moderate receipts indicated most of the balance of the crop year the load of present large stocks should be lightened by removal of hedges as wheat moves into consumptive channels.

Canadian and southern hemisphere competition in the export market and effect on prices abroad may be depressing for a time. Canadian stocks at eastern Canadian and United States ports are heavy, with present foreign demand quiet and only about 30 per cent of the grain so held already sold.

Good local receipts of corn and increasing country offerings in the leading surplus states acted against corn prices. Chicago futures had adequate support and declined 1 1-2@2c. The cash market in the east averaged easy and current supplies were ample. Russian relief purchases of 3,000,000 bushels during the week helped to hold the market. Local No. 3 yellow held at 14@15c under Chicago May price.

Oats eased with leading markets on a light trade, although there was a fair upturn on government's reduction in its estimate. Big terminal market stocks, however, were a bar to sustained strength. No. 3 whites sold at 2 1-2@3c under local May price. Rye followed wheat moves, with cash relatively firmer. No. 2 1-2@2c 3c under May. Flaxseed was strong, light receipts the chief cause. Cash premiums for choice seed were steady. No. 1 white No. 4 being 2c under to 4c over May price. Oil and meal demand was slow.

The wheat decline this year has been from around \$1.19 a year ago (with top cash wheat then 15@20c higher) down to \$1.14 early in April and after numerous recoveries and relapses back to \$1.10 for May delivery early in November. Depressed financial and industrial conditions and legislation which checked the buying power were leading causes of the decline. Heavy early marketing by the country kept supplies ample at all times.

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Cadillac Announces New Prices

The Cadillac Motor Car Company announces the following substantially-reduced prices of new Type 61 Cadillac cars, effective January 1st, 1922:

Touring Car	\$3150
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