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## THE BANK OF OTTAWA

ESTABLISHED 1854

Head Office: - Ottawa, Canada.

Capital Paid Up : \$ 4,000,000  
Reserve and Undivided Profits : \$ 1,275,000  
Total Assets over : \$ 5,000,000

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### OFFICIAL PAPER OF CITY

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A. Wardwell, G.G. Thompson  
WARDWELL & THOMPSON.

### PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

The situation along the western lines is unchanged. In the far east, the Germans are still pressing the Russians and the latter are slowly retreating, fighting as they go. The great enveloping movement by which the Germans tried to enclose the Russian armies seems to have failed, through the stubborn fighting of the latter and their withdrawals from between the "pinners", though the situation is still critical. The loss of life on both sides, through very heavy fighting for the last four weeks, is very great. The allies have landed 50,000 fresh troops on the Gallipoli peninsula and it is evident that they are to make a strong effort to drive back the Turks. This seems to be a very important thing for the allies just now as the attitude of Balkan states will be largely influenced by the success or defeat of the allies at this point. The peace talk is now more general than it has been at any time since the war began. While the actual issues that began the war are still very indefinite, and perhaps will never be known positively by this generation, so far, after twelve months of the greatest war of the history, there is as yet nothing decisive won by either sets of allies, - but among the people of all countries the desire for peace is growing stronger every day.

### THIS SOIL IS PLAYED OUT.

We wish that some of these "scientific agriculturalists" who write for the papers and go around lecturing to the real farmers explaining to them that "they are farming the wrong way, that they are yearly robbing the land of its fertility, that year by year the land and the farmers are growing poor, that unless they buy stock and fertilize their land that they will all die in the poorhouse, etc, etc, etc," would take an automobile ride, say from Pembina to Wahalla and explain some more. Because, as they rode along they would see field after field, quarter section after quarter section, filled with cereal crops standing on an average of about

four feet with well-filled heads drooping with their weight, in gold.

And millions upon millions of these golden, drooping heads form interlocking points which dumbly but eloquently are asking our scientific friends, "if the soil is played out, how came we here?"

Sometimes there is a poorer field than the rest, but that is not the fault of the land, it is not want of fertility. There is a crop of luxuriant vegetation there all right, but it is not what the farmer intended. Neither the soil nor the season can be blamed though.

These same lands have been under cultivation with cereal crops alone, wheat nearly always, for from thirty to forty years, without any attempt at fertilizing except in small and exceptional areas.

According to the scientists, after all these years there should be no crop at all in these fields. Certainly there should not be crops that will go anywhere from twenty to forty bushels per acre of wheat and other cereals in proportion, - but the crops are there.

There are scores and perhaps hundreds of quarter sections in Pembina and Walsh counties that will this year bear as good, if not a better crop than they have ever borne since first broken thirty, forty years ago.

The trouble with our scientific friends, is that they start out with a certain book theory, and then make everything fit to that set pattern. They only see with one eye.

It is true that a continual cropping of one sort of product will take some fertility out of the land. It is true that farming should be diversified, for many reasons. It is true that stock-raising in its many forms may be advantageous to the farmer, provided he knows stock, and knows what to do with stock, though that is not only a trade in itself, but is really many trades, in its many diversities.

But those things to the wheat farmer are but side issues.

This valley is and always will be a wheat farm. It is not naturally adapted to stock. Wheat is worth more money to the acre than grass or corn, when the labor is figured in.

What we object to, is to have our friends spreading the scientific nonsense that the fertility of the Red River Valley is exhausted. We have troubles all right, but this very year proves beyond question that this generation hasn't started to exhaust this three and four feet of black loam, not to say anything about ten or fifteen feet of yellow clay underneath that is just as fertile as the loam above. It does do lots of harm to advertise to prospective immigrant from other states that the lands of this valley are exhausted. And yet, state, railroad and even agricultural college literature is full of it.

To paraphrase the advertising man, "The Red River Valley has hardly been scratched yet."

If each farmer in this valley had hauled 5,000 loads or yards of soil from his quarter section for the last twenty-five years, he would have removed only about six inches from its surface, and would have some 10 to 18 feet more to haul away before the soil would be entirely exhausted. With a fact like this and the fact of the bounteous crops of the year, please eliminate that word "infertile" from your dictionary, dear scientific friends.

Given proper cultivation, clean fields, and without fertilizer the soil of the Valley is just as fertile as it ever was.

As expected, the Manitoba elections Friday resulted in a landslide for the Liberal party. Thirty-nine liberals were elected to the Provincial parliament, five Conservatives and two Independents. Hon. Mr. Parent, of Letellier-Morris district was one of the five survivors of the Conservative party.

### THE WORK OF THE EQUALIZATION BOARD.

The county board of equalization did not raise much of a rumpus with the local assessors' returns except in a couple of places, though Walhalla returns seems to be the least satisfactory to the county board this year as has been the case for two years past. The household furniture class is where the local assessors and the board disagree most largely. As we showed last year, the increase of more than 100 per cent (this year Walhalla gets a 336 per cent raise in this class) makes the local inequalities in each district very much greater. A man may be assessed for say \$10 for household furniture, while his neighbor is assessed for \$50. At a six per cent tax rate, the first man will pay about 60 cents taxes on his household furniture while the neighbor will pay about \$3. The difference will be that the neighbor will pay \$2.40 more than the other man.

Now if the county board raises the assessment three times, (300 per cent) then we have the first man paying on \$30, tax to amount to \$1.80 while the neighbor will pay on an assessment of \$150 taxes amounting to \$9. making a difference between the two men of \$7.20 instead of a difference of \$2.40 if the assessment had been unchanged.

In the cases of most other sorts of property there is something of a fixed market value to the items, but in the matter of household stuff the value is very indefinite. An exemption of \$50. on this class of property would do much to equalize the proportionate values. The assessment classed as "Agricultural tools" was also given considerable of the "ups and downs" by the county board and some farmers in some townships will doubtless have to go into the barn-yards and sheds to again realize how well off they are in this class of personal property.

### AN UNJUST LAW.

Some years ago there was a general agitation that newspapers would not be allowed to exchange advertising space for railroad transportation. The federal government followed the wake of the local agitator and it was made a crime to run advertisements for railroads unless they paid cash for the same.

The local merchant can exchange his goods for newspaper space, and so can the farmer bring in a dozen of eggs to pay for letting the world know that he was raising thoroughbred Plymouth Rock chickens, and he can send a ham to the publisher to pay for his Poland China hogs advertisement.

The law is an arbitrary one inasmuch as it is prejudice and class legislation. Here in North Dakota and in the northwest generally, where we have annual excursions, giving people a chance to visit their old home at reduced rates the old law worked well. The newspapers enjoyed a lucrative advertising patronage from distant roads while the public enjoyed cheap rates for travel. But with the arbitrary law restricting advertising went the excursions, for the rates given the public did not warrant extensive cash advertising on the part of foreign roads.

Down in Maine we see they are tired of present arrangements and a new law by which editors and correspondents of newspapers are classed with policemen in uniform, firemen on duty and in uniform in being entitled to receive passes from the railroads of Maine and the trolley lines.

The legislature took this action at the last session in response to numerous demands that the laws be changed to meet requirements of situations developing from duty calls of officers and firemen and the exigencies of the newspaper business requiring trips on purely professional business.

The subject has been discussed and argued for years and the action of the state lawmakers at last settle a much debated question of rights and privileges.

Nearly every week for months past certain politicians and their newspaper organs have assured us that prosperity, though lagging and hanging back, was due to arrive "immediately and at once." The constant repetition of this statement indicates very plainly that in the opinion of those making it, prosperity has not yet come to the country generally. There does not appear to be any really hard times anywhere, but there does appear to be a great deal of business unrest and the number of unemployed in the large centers is reported to be much above the normal. Whatever be the cause of this situation, we hope that it will soon be removed and that the revival so long predicted will soon be an assured fact. -Warroad Pioneer.

**Dr. King's New Life Pills**  
The best in the world.

Just now the farmer-baker is busy taking the rich, golden-yellow loaves from his field-oven where they have been baking all summer. A field of ripe wheat is the most appetizing appearing crop grown. It has the color of the loaf just from the oven. No wonder it got its name of 'wheat'. No other crop looks so much like real money. Is Corn the King? Well, perhaps, but you have first to turn it into a hog. Man may not live by bread alone, but man, how he would miss it if he had no bread. Come and see, come and eat all ye that are hungry. It will do your eyes good to see these bounteous loaves, it will do your stomach good to eat them. Wheat-eat!

And just now North Dakota farmers are getting bread in 100 acre loaves. When the crank, Mr. Holt, threw a bomb into the national capital and knocked off the plastering in one of the reception rooms, he made positions for fifteen good Democrats as additional watchmen. -Warroad Pioneer.

### Thirty-Six For 25 cents

Dr. King's New Life Pills are now supplied in well-corked glass bottles, containing 36 sugar coated white pills, for 25 cents. One pill with a glass of water before retiring is an average dose. Easy and pleasant to take. Effective and positive in results. Cheap and economical to use. Get a bottle to-day, take a dose to-night - your Constipation will be relieved in the morning, 36 for 25c., at all Druggists.

### Teachers' Examination

State teachers examinations for elementary certificates will be given Thursday and Friday, August 12th and 13th, 1915 in the courthouse at Cavalier. Examinations begin each morning at 8:30. CHARLOTTE A. JONES, County Supt. of Schools.

### Most Children Have Worms.

And neither Parent or Child know it, yet it explains why your child is nervous, pale, feverish, backward. Often children have thousands of worms. Think of how dangerous this is to your child. Don't take any risk. Get an original 25 cent box of Kickapoo Worm Killer, a centage. Kickapoo Worm Killer will positively kill and remove the worms. Relieves Constipation, regulates Stomach and Bowels. Your child will grow and learn so much better. Get a box to-day.

### Phone for Sale.

Good instrument, cost \$450; used but one year. Will sell cheap, on easy terms or will exchange for stock. Enquire of F. A. WARDWELL.

### An Effective Cough Treatment

One-fourth to one teaspoonful of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken as needed will soothe and check coughs, colds and the more dangerous Bronchial and Lung Ailments. You can't afford to take the risk of serious illness, when so cheap and simple a remedy as Dr. King's New Discovery is obtainable. Go to your Druggist to-day, get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, start the treatment at once. You will be gratified for the relief and cure obtained.

### Dogs Must be Licensed.

Owners of dogs are requested to report at the office of the city auditor before 15th of August and take out license for each dog, and receive a brass tag, giving license number, year and the word "Pembina" stamped on it. This tag must be fastened to the collar of the dog and worn all the time. I have instructions to strictly enforce the new dog ordinance, and I will do it. Get your license and avoid trouble. A. L. AKERS, City Marshal.

### Neuralgia Pains Stopped

You don't have to suffer those agonizing nerve pains in the face, head, arm, shoulder, chest, and back. Just apply a few drops of soothing Sloans Liniment; lie quietly for a few moments. You will get such relief and comfort! Life and the world will look brighter. Get a bottle to-day. 3 ounces for 25c. at all druggists. Penetrates without rubbing.

### Gasoline Launch for Sale.

A 16 foot steel gasoline launch, is perfect running and good speed, for sale at a bargain. G. G. THOMPSON, Pembina, N. D.

### Others made happy.

Aker's Business College received nine requests for office help the past week and the following were made happy by going into the positions. Mabel Kneaw, Harriet Watchie, Laura Ekern and Myra O'Meara. Fine opportunities are open to those who attend the A. B. C. Attend a school that has the confidence of business men and can place you in a position. Send for catalog to A. B. C., Grand Forks, N. D., also for a Gas and Auto Course catalog.

## Heneman Says.

The New line of samples from the International Tailoring Co. now on display in our windows. By getting a suit made by the International Tailoring Co. you can save on the average \$3.00 on a suit or overcoat workmanship, perfect fit, up to date, style guaranteed.

A large line of Harvest Gloves, at special low prices.

An assortment of Men's dress shirts, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, at only 90 cts.

We have a number of pieces of summer dress-goods left also a lot of laces and embroideries, now go on our bargain counter, no doubt you can use some of them at the prices we are now making on these goods.

John Heneman.

Amenia Elevator Company,  
PEMBINA, N. D.

## LUMBER

Estimates furnished on contracts for building material. Goods delivered on short notice to any parts of the city. Feed grinding at any time. PHONE 4.

G. JOHNSON  
Tailoring and Dressmaking  
Cleaning and Pressing

Rooms Over J. Heneman's Store.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For school district No. 8, county of Pembina, state of North Dakota, for the year 1914-1915.

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of school year, July 1, 1914	\$ 4 06
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the state tuition fund	238 02
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the County Tuition Fund	175 45
Amount received during the year from taxes levied by the district school board, including outstanding warrants redeemed or endorsed in the collection of taxes	579 41
Amount received during the year from other sources	16 75
Total receipts for the year including cash on hand July 1st, 1915	\$1069 29
EXPENDITURES	
Amount paid during the year for apparatus, fixtures, etc.	24 87
Amount paid during the year for teachers wages	490 00
Amount paid during the year for officers and expenses of school	40 00
Amount paid during the year for incidental expenses	105 05
Total expenditures for the year	699 92
Cash on hand June 30, 1915	369 37
Grand total expenditures and cash on hand, to balance above total receipts	\$1069 29

F. B. BUSH, Treasurer.  
PETER HELM, President.  
Approved this 12th day of July, A. D. 1915.  
By order of the District School Board.  
ARTHUR HAAT, Clerk.

### City Dray Line

Contracts for large lots taken, and goods delivered on short notice. Wm. FOWLER, Prop.

Thos. Jennison & Son.

Plasterers and Bricklayers.

Neche, N. D.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve  
The Best Salve in The World.