

WESTERN CANADA'S 1908 CROP

WILL GIVE TO THE FARMERS OF WEST A SPLENDID RETURN.

The following interesting bit of information appeared in a Montreal paper:

"Last December, in reviewing the year 1907, we had to record a wheat harvest considerably smaller in volume than in the previous year. Against ninety millions in 1906 the wheat crop of the West in 1907 only totaled some seventy-one million bushels, and much of this of inferior quality. But the price averaged high, and the total result to the farmers was not unprofitable. This year we have to record by far the largest wheat crop in the country's history. Estimates vary as to the exact figure, but it is certainly not less than one hundred million bushels, and in all probability it reaches one hundred and ten million bushels. The quality, moreover, is good, and the price obtained very high, so that in all respects the Western harvest of 1908 has been a memorable one. The result upon the commerce and finance of the country is already apparent. The railways are again reporting increases in traffic, the general trade of the community has become active after twelve months' quiet, and the banks are loosening their purse strings to meet the demand for money. The prospects for 1909 are excellent. The credit of the country never stood as high. The immigrants of 1907 and 1908 have now been absorbed into the industrial and agricultural community, and wise regulations are in force to prevent too great an influx next year. Large tracts of new country will be opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific both in East and West. If the seasons are favorable the Western wheat crop should reach one hundred and twenty million bushels. The prospects for next year seem very fair." An interesting letter is received from Cardston, Alberta (Western Canada), written to an agent of the Canadian Government, any of whom will be pleased to advise correspondents of the low rates that may be allowed intending settlers.

"Cardston, December 21st, 1908.
"Dear Sir: Now that my threshing is done, and the question 'What Will the Harvest Be,' has become a certainty, I wish to report to you the results thereof, believing it will be of interest to you. You know I am only a novice in the agricultural line, and do not wish you to think I am boasting because of my success, for some of my neighbors have done much better than I have, and I expect to do much better next year myself. My winter wheat went 53 bushels per acre—and graded No. 1. My spring wheat went 48% bushels per acre, and graded No. 1. My oats went 97 bushels per acre, and are fine as any oats I ever saw. My stock is all nice and fat, and are out in the field picking their own three square meals a day. The weather is nice and warm, no snow—and very little frost. This, in short, is an ideal country for farmers and stockmen. The stock requires no shelter or winter feeding, and cattle fatten on this grass and make the finest kind of beef, better than corn fed cattle in Illinois. Southwestern Alberta will soon be known as the farmers' paradise; and I am only sorry I did not come here five years ago. Should a famine ever strike North America, I will be among the last to starve—and you can count on that.

"I thank you for the personal assistance you rendered me while coming in here, and I assure you I shall not soon forget your kind offices."

Ferated Two Days and Nights.

Commander Peary and his party, returning famished from their futility dash for the pole in 1906, slaughtered a herd of seven musk oxen on Hazen Island, off the extreme north of Greenland. For two days and nights thereafter they crouched inside their snow huts, eating continuously, and when they had finished, the pile of bones outside was "as high as a tall man's chin."

Legislative News, Bills Introduced

And Passed by Our Law Makers

Members of the state mining board cannot draw per diem for more than twenty days in any one quarter, under an amendment to the mining law introduced by Senator Sorrels, author of the present law. At present there is no such limit.

The stealing of cotton, growing in the seed or baled, is made a felony in a bill introduced in the upper house by Senator Mitchell, and is punishable by imprisonment for not more than \$1,000, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

An informal meeting of a number of state bankers was held here Monday in the office of Bank Commissioner Young at which the features of the Roddie bill for amending the depositors' guarantee law were discussed.

Senator A. Billups, author of the famous Oklahoma "booze bill" passed by the last legislature Monday introduced in the state senate a measure designed to improve upon the present dispensary system. Local agencies are abolished and one state agency maintained. The sale of beer for medical or other purposes is absolutely prohibited. Druggists are to be supplied with whiskey, wines or alcohol in ve gallon lots or less, such liquors to be sold only when combined with a drug for medicinal purposes.

State Auditor Trapp is holding up the pay of officers and employees of the legislature on account of an apparent defect in the Wilson bill passed recently by the legislature which appropriated \$100,000 for the mileage, per diem and contingent expenses of the second legislature.

Mr. Trapp is issuing warrants to the members of both houses but expresses doubt as to his authority under the law to pay employees and officers without a separate appropriation bill specially setting out the names and salaries of such employees. Meanwhile officers and employees are unable to draw pay for their services temporarily.

Although several members denounced the bill in the strongest terms, declaring it to be pernicious, the house Monday passed the Tillotson bill providing for the method of leasing lands of minor children for oil and gas to third reading.

Section 2 of the bill, as it originally stood, provided that the lands of minors could be leased without publication notice. Cope, among others, opposed this section and introduced as a substitute sections providing for three weeks' publication notices which might be reduced to one week in emergency cases in the discretion of the court. This substitute was adopted after a hot debate.

The senate in committee of the whole Monday afternoon recommended for adoption Senator Franklin's child labor bill.

Favorable action was also taken on the Yeager bill providing for a pension of \$100 per year for any blind person having an income of less than \$150 a year, who has been a resident of the state for seven years, and the Cordell bill covering the procedure in regard to wills, providing that a husband may not will more than two-thirds of his property away from his wife nor a wife from her husband.

A message was received from the governor stating two questions had come up in connection with the school land department.

First, can the expense of the department be paid from the earnings of school fund and revenues from the school lands?

Second, can the board employ attorneys to examine abstracts, draw lease contracts and do other work where legal knowledge is needed?

Public Roads and Highways—I. M. Putnam, chairman; Joe Smith, Peter J. Coyne, W. S. Carson, Alex Savage, E. J. Earle, Thomas C. Whitson, J. J. Savage, L. L. Reeves, Ben F. Gilmer, R. L. Glover, A. L. Edgington and Joe Sherman.

Elections—J. R. McCalla, chairman; Howell Smith, M. B. Cope, Geo. L. Wilson, S. G. Ashley, E. A. Ewell, Ben. E. Williams, Prentiss Price, Ben T. Harrison, W. B. Anthony and Jas. Lockwood.

Labor and Arbitration—J. W. McDuffie, chairman; L. L. Reeves, J. S. Bell, S. G. Ashby, Ben T. Williams, Ed Boyle, E. A. Ewell, S. C. Burnett, Peter C. Coyne, W. F. Darham, Lon Lovelace, John Bridges, Isaac Jacobs, S. W. Murphy and John Bonar.

Protection of Birds, Fish and Game—Joe Smith, chairman; Frank Huddleston, H. R. King, C. M. Anderson, Lyman W. White, Henry Iretan, George L. Wilson, D. C. Hughes, Isaac Jacobs, John Bonar and Eugene Watrous.

Among the bills offered in the houses today was one by Mr. Maxey of Shawnee, amending the act covering carrying concealed weapons to violate this law while under the influence of liquor, even though he be a public official, and confined in the penitentiary from one to five years. The present penalty is a misdemeanor.

Mr. Lovelace presented a bill proposing an appropriation of \$140,000 for the School of Mines at Wilburton, \$70,000 to be used for an ore building, \$50,000 for a workshop, \$25,000 for a laboratory and \$40,000 for the first story of the main building.

Mr. Price of Osage county, has a bill increasing the salary of the state bank commissioner \$2,500 and that of assistants \$1,800 each, with expenses. Other house bills were:

By Mr. Boyle: To prohibit the sale of convict-made goods unless they bear such label, and requiring bond of \$500 from merchants selling same.

By Mr. Glover: That taxes shall not be assessed earlier than the first Monday in June.

By Mr. Huddleston: Locating a normal school at Ada.

By Mr. Merry: Designating the fourth Tuesday in February of each year as primary election day for nominations in cities of the first class.

By Mr. Ashby: Making Eldorado a court town in Jackson county.

By Messrs. Glover and Iretan: Locating a girls' industrial school at Chickasha.

By Mr. Covey: Offering a bounty of \$3.00 each for wolves and coyotes and 5 cents each for jack and cottontail rabbits.

By Mr. White: Locating the East Oklahoma Insane asylum at Hugo.

By Mr. Cope: Repealing the statutes authorizing the employment of county auditors.

Senate Bills.

Among the senate bills were the following:

By Senator Strain: Locating a girls' industrial school at Claremore.

By Senator Williams: Providing a tax for retired and meritorious firemen.

By Senator Redwine: Fixing the number of hours railroad employees may work.

By Senator Hathcett: Creating a laborer's lien.

His Second Term.

Col. A. P. Watson, re-elected corporation commissioner at the last general election began the duties of his second term of office Friday. The oath was administered to him by W. M. Bonar, deputy clerk of the supreme court, in the presence of quite a crowd of spectators. Colonel Watson stated, however, that the re-organization would not result in any changes in officers or employees. Jack Love will be re-elected chairman of the commission.

Members of Company M, Oklahoma national guard, of Oklahoma City, under Captain Fred Hunter, will go to Washington to take part in the inaugural parade.

COULD NOT SHAKE IT OFF.

Kidney Trouble Contracted by Thousands in the Civil War.

James W. Clay, 666 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md., says: "I was troubled with kidney complaint from the time of the Civil war. There was constant pain in the back and head and the kidney secretions were painful and showed a sediment. The first remedy to help me was Doan's Kidney Pills. Three boxes made a complete cure and during five years past I have had no return of the trouble."



Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mice on the Pillow.

"I'm not so much afraid of mice as some women," said she, "but I don't like them in my hair. The other night I finished a biscuit I was eating after I went to bed and naturally left some crumbs about, not meaning to, never thinking of mice.

"Well, about the middle of the night I heard scampering, and there were the mice all over my hair, trying to get at those crumbs.

"I tell you, I gave one shriek, sprang up, lighted all the gas in the room and sat up the rest of the night watching that pillow."

His Vocabulary.

He was an only child. They were very particular about his manner of speech, constantly correcting him so that he would use beautiful English. He, however, was allowed now and then to associate with other children. He played with a neighbor boy a long while one day and when he came home there was an ecstatic smile on his face.

"I like that boy, mother," he said. "I like him very much. He swears beautifully. He knows every word."

Absent-Minded Alderman.

A Lynn (Mass.) alderman at a recent aldermanic meeting inquired what had become of an order he had introduced some time before calling for an arc light on Willow street. The city clerk, after digging into his files, informed him that the order had come before the board nearly a month previous and that he had voted against it.

HER MOTHER-IN-LAW

Proved a Wise, Good Friend.

A young woman out in Ia. found a wise, good friend in her mother-in-law, jokes notwithstanding. She writes:

"It is two years since we began using Postum in our house. I was greatly troubled with my stomach, complexion was blotchy and yellow. After meals I often suffered sharp pains and would have to lie down. My mother often told me it was the coffee I drank at meals. But when I'd quit coffee I'd have a severe headache.

"While visiting my mother-in-law I remarked that she always made such good coffee, and asked her to tell me how. She laughed and told me it was easy to make good 'coffee' when you use Postum.

"I began to use Postum as soon as I got home, and now we have the same good 'coffee' (Postum) every day, and I have no more trouble. Indigestion is a thing of the past, and my complexion has cleared up beautifully.

"My grandmother suffered a great deal with her stomach. Her doctor told her to leave off coffee. She then took tea but that was just as bad.

"She finally was induced to try Postum which she has used for over a year. She traveled during the winter over the greater part of Iowa, visiting, something she had not been able to do for years. She says she owes her present good health to Postum."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.