FARM CROPS

Bulletin Issued by the Census Office at Ottawa.

Amount Held in Farmers' Hands on March 31 and Quantity Marketed.

Ottawa, April 18. — A bulletin of the census and statistics office issued today shows that at the end of March the quantity of wheat in the farmers' hands in the whole of Canada was about 18.28 per cent. of the crop of last year. This is 30,484,000 out of 166,744,000 bushels, as compared with 20.23 per cent., or 22,747,000 bushels out of the harvest of 112,434,000 bushels in 1908. Of oats there was 40.03 per cent., or 141,499,000 out of 353,466,000 bushels, as against 43.62 per cent., or 109,222,000 out of 250,377,000 bushels last year. Of barley, there was 29.81 per cent., or 16,517,000 out of 55,398,000 bushels, as against 3.56 per cent., or 15,692,000 out of 46,762,000 bushels last year. Of potatoes there was 43,289,000 out of 99,087,200 bushels, or 43.68 per cent., as against 44.10 per cent., or 32,542,111 bushels out of a crop of 73,790,000 bushels last year. Of hay and clover there was 23.51 per cent., being 2,793,000 out of 11,877,100 tons, as against 34.51 per cent., or 3,952,000 tons out of 11,450,000 tons of the crop of 1908.

It is estimated that 95.87 per cent. of the wheat crop of the Dominion in 1909, equivalent to 159,868,000 bushels, was of merchantable quality; of oats, 90.86 per cent., being 321,190,000 bushels; of barley, 92.87 per cent., being 51,449,000 bushels; of corn, 81.04 per cent., being 15,606,000 bushels; of potatoes, 79.86 per cent., being 79,140,000 bushels; of turnips, 86.17 per cent., being 92,833,000 bushels, of the total yield. Three of the crops were over 90 per cent. in quality, four ranged from 80 to 90, and only one was under 80 per cent.

In the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the quantity of wheat on farms on the 1st of March was 18.90 per cent., being 25,682,000 bushels out of a total product of 147,482,000 bushels, as against 17,391,000, or 18.93 per cent. out of 91,853,000 bushels last year.

The report of the Department of Trade and Commerce shows that there had been inspected at Winnipeg and points west for the seven months ending March 31, 69,514 cars, or 74,032,410 bushels of oats, and 3,118 cars, or 3,741,600 bushels of barley: At the same date last year the figures were 61,098 cars, or 64,152,900 bushels of wheat; 9,152 cars, or 16,473,600 bushels of oats, and 2,576 cars, or 3,091,200 bushels of barley.

Of the total production of wheat in the Northwest Provinces last year, 96.48 per cent. was merchantable, of oats 95.13 per cent., and of barley 96.44 per cent.

In Ontario there was at the end of March 3,017,000 bushels of wheat, as against 4,550,000 bushels last year; of oats 37,780,000, as against 44,715,000 bushels; of barley, 4,920,000, as against 7,144,000 bushels; of potatoes, 13,224,000, as against 10,026,000 bushels; of turnips and other roots 11,658,000, as against 32,757,000 bushels in 1909.

The percentage of products of the farm in 1910 which was of merchantable quality ranks high for all the crops in all the Provinces, the only exception being potatoes in the Maritime Provinces, where correspondents report heavy losses to this crop through rotting.

The condition of live stock in the Dominion at the end of March was uniformly high for all classes of farm animals.

Correspondents report an early opening of spring in all parts of Canada, and in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, as well as in the counties of Ontario along Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, about one-half of the seeding was finished at the end of March.

A very favorable account of the condition of fall wheat is given for Ontario at the same period, but in Alberta the crop suffered to some extent from drouth at the seeding season, and later from winter exposure.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Prof. Dubois, of Kingston, Gives Its Distances From the Earth.

(Kingston Standard.)

Prof. N. F. Dupuis has contributed the following interesting information in regard to Halley's comet, and its distance from the earth from now until June:

The comet, as it will appear in a few days in the east before sunrise, will be but a small object on account of its great distance, and will require good, clear, visual powers to make it out. But, as it approaching the earth at an average speed of forty miles per second, its increase in apparent size and importance ought to be pretty rapid. The following gives its distance from the earth from time to time in millions of miles, as this is the most convenient unit to take for such great distances:

On April 20, 140 million miles.
On April 25, 115 million miles.
On April 30, 90 million miles.
May 5, 70 million miles.
May 10, 55 million miles.
May 15, 35 million miles.
May 20, 22 million miles.
May 25, 30 million miles.
May 30, 45 million miles.
June 5, 70 million miles.
June 10, 90 million miles.

These distances are only approximate, but they are near enough for the purpose.

The house and outbuildings of P. Therrian, farmer, St. Francois Xavier de Brompton, Que., were destroyed by fire and Gabriel Therrian, his father, perished in the flames. The old man was a cripple. He smoked in bed, and it is thought that fire from his pipe set fire to the bedclothes.

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News in Brief

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Campbell, a native of Embro, Ont., died at Baltimore.

Dr. Joachim Guinane will be the new member of the Toronto License Board.

The Toronto Board of Control appointed Mr. H. D. Drayton, K. C., as Corporation Counsel.

Hon. William Pugsley promised a deputation from Collingwood to continue the work at the harbor.

In the Elm Street Methodist Church, Toronto, $1,575 was subscribed in fifteen minutes for institutional work.

Wm. Defoe, aged 21, an employee of the Electric Light Company, Kenora, dropped dead from heart failure.

It is stated in Montreal that Mr. R. Forget, M. P., may take the 65th Regiment for a trip to England and France.

Nine million dollars will be added to the pay roll of the United States Steel Corporation by wage increases to go into effect the first of next month.

The Roman Catholic clergy of Hull yesterday flooded the city with circulars calling upon citizens to support the movement for early closing of hotel bars.

Mme. Didier, a wealthy Parisian, was shot and killed by her son, Gaston. He objected to her second marriage to a stock broker on April 9. The latter is a widower with three children.

Principal J. E. Whiting of the Roden school, Toronto, who was appointed only a few months ago, has sent in his resignation to the Board of Education, asking to be reappointed as assistant master.

Mr. John Gibson, of Inverary, has been appointed by the Provincial Government as Registrar of Frontenac County, succeeding the late W. Thompson. The appointment takes effect at once.

Waldorf Astor has offered the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption a practically unlimited sum to carry on the fight against tuberculosis. Waldorf Astor is the son of Wm. Waldorf Astor.

About two hundred prospectors came down yesterday to Cobalt from Camel Baby Lake with indignant utterances regarding the new camp, which is characterized as a small outcrop in the middle of a muskeg.

Discovering that his horse was sick last night while driving along Dundas street, Toronto, John Hanes got out of his rig to see what the matter was, and just as he was looking the horse over, the animal stumbled and fell on him, fracturing his leg.

The steamer Hamonic, of the Northern Navigation Co., has gone to Lorain, Ohio, to undergo some repairs made necessary by the buffeting received last November, when a big barge broke loose and ran amuck among the shipping at Point Edward.

Ninety-five persons rescued from the North Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Santa Clara, which foundered at Eureka, Cal., arrived on the tug Ranger. Everybody on the sinking ship was rescued. The Santa Clara sank about four miles down the coast.

The Queen's Own, of Toronto, under command of Sir Henry Pellat, while at Montreal, en route to England, will be the guests of the officers and men of the 65th Regiment, the honorary colonel of which is Rodolphe Forget, M. P., and the commanding officer Col. Labelle.

The three-year-old son of Alfred House, Goyeau street, Windsor, upset a cup of boiling tea over its arms and hands, and died in great agony. The child's mother, when the accident occurred, plunged its arms into cold water, which only aggravated its sufferings.

With a bad fracture at the base of his skull, Gordon Cameron, 16, 179 Lisgar street north, Toronto, is lying in St. Michael's Hospital in a very critical condition. His injuries were received by being struck down by an automobile on Hoskin avenue, while riding his bicycle.

Edward Attemus, of Jersey City, recently found guilty under the State laws of running a bucket shop, was sentenced in the Court of Common Pleas to two years' imprisonment. There is also outstanding against him a Federal indictment which charges the same offence.

Toronto is to have two physicians, one a lady doctor, and three nurses to inaugurate medical inspection in the public schools. This move was decided at the meeting of the Management Committee of the Board of Education yesterday, after a great deal of discussion.

The work of making the entire west wing of the Parliament Buildings at Toronto fireproof will commence as soon as the offices which are now located there can be moved. Some of the departments can be accommodated in other sections of the buildings, while some will have to be quartered outside the Parliament Buildings altogether.

Mrs. H. Trotter, 37 years of age, wife of H. Trotter, was fatally burned in her room at 779 Ontario street east, Montreal, dying eight hours later in the Notre Dame Hospital. Her husband, in bed near her, escaped with his hands severely burned. He slept during the catastrophe, and was aroused with much difficulty later, when other boarders broke into the room.

A palace of justice at Ottawa is contemplated. Haughton Lennox (South Simcoe) asked Hon. Mr. Pugsley if the Supreme Court was to be put in the new Government building. The Minister said no, but added that the judges liked the present site, and the idea had occurred that a building might be erected upon it to accommodate the Supreme Court, the Exchequer Court and the Railway Commission.

A vigorous campaign against the sale of liquor to Indians in the neighborhood of Port Arthur has been inaugurated by the Federal Government. Inspector Ransdem, of the Indian branch of the Department of the Interior, has been investigating, and ten convictions have been secured through his efforts. Among them are a wholesale liquor store and several hotels. Fines of from ten to one hundred dollars have been imposed.

A friendly agreement on the demand of the Trimmers' Union for increased wages is expected by the C. P. R. The rules of the company will be adjusted to meet the request of the engineers that no man should be on duty longer than fifteen consecutive hours. A freight shed 200 feet long and other improvements in North Toronto, North Parkdale station to be modern and commodious. A new wireless signal system to be tested.

William S. Phillips, President of the American-Mexico Mining & Development Company, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and assessed a fine of $1,000 by Judge Landis in the United States District Court at Chicago. He sold $600,000 worth of stock in the mining company and paid large unearned dividends out of money received from purchasers of the stock. His victims are said to have lost an aggregate covered two bars of silver bullion weighing about fifty pounds and worth about of $300,000.

T. Birchall-Wood, Royal Artillery, and Captain W. Robertson, Royal Engineers, have arrived in Kingston, as general staff officers, second grade, to assist Lieut.-Col. Crowe, commandant of the Royal Military College, in preparing officers of the permanent and active militia for the staff college in England, and also for training other officers in Canada. Schools of instruction will be held in Kingston, Toronto, Winnipeg, Quebec and Halifax.

The question of making a reduction in the price of milk during the summer months was discussed at a meeting of the milk dealers' section of the Toronto Retail Merchants' Association yesterday. The members decided to let the matter stand for two weeks, when a report will be submitted by a special committee. It is almost certain, however, that the prices to prevail will be the same as last summer—eight cents a quart for bottled milk, and seven cents a quart for milk in bulk.

Some of the Chatham Indian-listers are taking a novel way of getting their supply of exhilarating beverages. Samuel Barnes, who appeared in the Police Court on Thursday, charged with drinking while on the prohibited list, claimed in court that the only thing he drank was a widely-advertised patent medicine. The Crown claims that this medicine contains alcohol, so that Barnes is really guilty of an offence under the act. It is said that several listers are drinking the nostrum, which seems to satisfy their appetites.

The Labor triumph in Australia produced a profound sensation. While apparently there is no great difference between the programmes of the parties, there is a big divergence in principle. A graduated land tax and industrial legislation on advanced lines are inevitable in the first session of Parliament. "The new protection," a policy giving the benefits of the tariff to those manufacturers only who pay higher wages, will be watched with interest. Mr. Deakin's personal majority has been reduced from 6,000 to 300.

Four of the five men who have been chosen to give practical demonstrations to farmers on fruit-growing and orchard culture are now at work. Two men in Simcoe County, W. F. Kidd, of Simcoe and Wm. Rogers, of Hillview, already have met with great success, as have also A. Broderick, of St. Catharines, who is demonstrating in Essex and Kent ,and R. Waddle, of Simcoe, who is on a lecture tour in Ontario County. L. Harkness, of Morrisburg, has been chosen, and will leave on Monday for a tour through Dundas County.

At the Toronto offices of the China Inland Mission it was said last night that there are at least three Canadians at the scene of the rioting, as follows: Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Kellar and Miss Tilley, sister of Mrs. Kellar. Dr. Kellar is a native of New York State, but went from Toronto. At the China Inland Mission station with the Torontonians are R. K. Beryard, of England, and seven German workers. The Wesleyan Methodists of England have also stationed there five or six workers sent out from England. Yale University, as well, maintains a station with four or five workers.

THE HIRED MAN

He is in Great Demand by the Farmers of This Province.

More Applications For Married Men Than Formerly.

Toronto, April 18.—The greater number of Ontario farmers who are this year making application to the Ontario Government immigration office for help offer to give men work the year around, and quite a large proportion of them want a man with a wife and family. The wages offered run from $10 to $15 a month for inexperienced men, $15 to $20 for partly skilled and $20 to $25 per month for those who are experienced. This includes board and washing, and in many cases a house or cottage is provided, some offering also to put in fuel, vegetables, milk and fruit. The immigration officials wish they could supply the demand, which is especially heavy and insistent from western Ontario.

There are more application now for married men than there were in former years. The fact that the larger proportion are for a yearly engagement is another good sign noted by Mr. R. A. Jones of the Government's Front street immigration office. He says that the greater number of farmers are anxious to get men who have had experience in farm work of different kinds. But a great many applications for inexperienced men come in which cannot be filled.

Owing to the early spring, there is a great rush of farmers now to the Front street office of the department, some coming from forty or fifty miles out of the city. The majority of the applications, however, are by letter. The department does not send men elsewhere than to farms, though tradesmen sometimes apply for assistance. Applications for farm help must be made at the Government office at the Parliament buildings, the farmer giving particulars of the kind of help he requires, the sort of farm he has and the wages, etc., offered. The down-town office is chiefly a distributing centre, registered applicants being always given the preference.

While there have been some applications for men received from the counties of Ontario, Victoria, Lanark, and a few others in eastern Ontario, the majority are from the western portion of the Province. Especially is there an urgent call for help from farmers in Wellington, Waterloo, Oxford, Lambton, Essex, Kent, Lincoln, Welland, Peel, Halton and Brant.

THEY HISSED TAFT

Remarkable Scene as Mr. Taft Tells Ladies He is Not "With Them."

Majority of Women Do Not Want Ballot, Declares Chief Executive.

Washington, D. C., April 18.— The president braved the danger last night of facing an army of women who want the ballot and had the courage to confess his opinion and was hissed.

President Taft was welcoming to Washington the delegates to the convention of the American Women Suffrage Association. He had frankly told them that he was not altogether in sympathy with the suffrage movement, and was explaining why. He said he thought one of the dangers in granting suffrage to women was that the women as a whole were not interested in it, and that the power of the ballot as far as women is concerned would be controlled by the "less desirable class."

When these words fell from the president's lips the walls of the convention hall echoed a chorus of feminine hisses. It was no feeble demonstration of protest. The combined hisses sounded as if a valve on a steam engine had broken.

President Taft stood unmoved on the platform during the demonstration of hostility, and, then smiling as he spoke, he answered the unfavorable greeting with this retort:

"Now, my dear ladies, you must show yourselves capable of suffrage by exercising that degree of restraint, which is necessary in the conduct of Government affairs, by not hissing."

The women who had hissed were rebuked.

PUSLINCH SILVER.

Must Stay Under Ground Until Crops Are Harvested.

Guelph Despatch—Silver ore has been discovered in Wellington county, within a few miles of Guelph. While digging the holes for the Hydro-electric transmission towers some time ago, workmen in the neighborhood of Aberfoyle, Puslinch township, drew up some ore. This appeared to them to be of good quality, so a sample was forwarded for analysis. Word has been received by the owner of the farm on whose property this occurred that the ore was true silver and that it was of the very highest quality. A firm from Hamilton has offered a large sum for the privilege to mine the place, with the understanding that none of it be taken away. This was not granted, however, as the crops are all in and valuable as it may or may not be, the silver must stay there until the crops are harvested.

A BOY'S STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Mr. S. J. Moss, of 139 Baldwin St., Toronto, says: I can trace my son Harold's trouble to when he had the measles five years ago, from which he never really recovered. Some of the best physicians attended him, but with little benefit. He is frequently contracted wrenching coughs, bronchitis, and then pneumonia. Month after month, I say that we shall not soon forget; months of sleepless nights, fearful coughs, weakening night sweats, left my boy a mere shadow. He had no appetite, and my heart ached to see how he was wasting away. He spent one whole summer at the Lakeside Home for Sick Children, and came home greatly improved, but the cold winds of October took him off his feet again. The doctor advised me to send him to Muskoka, but heavy doctor's bills had depleted my financial resources, and such a step seemed out of the question."

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MASTERS' MURDER

Inquest at Tweed Into the Shooting of an Old Farmer.

Parker Seen in the Vicinity—Had Made Threats Against Masters.

Tweed despatch: The coroner's inquest into the death of William Masters was resumed to-day at the Town Hall here. The first witness was Sarah Masters, widow of the victim of Friday's tragedy.

She knew of no enemies of her husband except Mr. Parker. Her husband had had a few words with him about two years ago. Parker came into the house at that time and took out a fox skin. "He then threatened to shoot my husband. I have not heard him make any threats lately."

Wm. Masters, jun., stated that his father was in good health, and corroborated his mother's evidence largely.

Mrs. George Marsh heard of the tragedy about ten o'clock. She was up that morning about six o'clock. After 8 o'clock she walked to Chapman. On her way she met Parker about halfway between his home and the postoffice. He was going along the road towards his home quite fast. She was ten minutes at the postoffice.

Fred Hinds, a salesman in a flour and feed store, told of hearing Parker about two months ago declare that he would shoot Masters. "I told Mrs. Masters to be careful."

Mrs. Wm. Woodcock, a niece of the deceased, told of hearing Parker threaten to shoot the Masterses like snakes if they bothered his traps.

Mrs. Frank Countryman saw Parker going towards Chapman on Friday morning.

Constable Sedore told of his search of Parker's house and finding the rifle, revolver and bullets. He found tracks on the inside of the fence near the tragedy. Mr. Parker's boots were fitted into these. The heel marks, which were the most distinct, tallied with those of the boot in size and shape.

Mrs. George Palmateer said she was driving to Tweed last Friday, and a little before 11 o'clock, as she was coming out of the main gravel road from a side road, she saw down the main road Mr. Parker coming, apparently on his way to Tweed. She waited for him and he got in with her.

At supper time Mr. Palmateer told her of the shooting. Parker was there for supper. "My husband at supper spoke of a man being killed in Parker's neighborhood, and he expressed surprise when told it was Bill Masters."

Mr. Palmateer, sworn, said that a neighbor named Akey had told him.

"Parker asked me if I knew how he was shot. He said there were some fool fellows shooting at targets with those long-range guns. He also said it was too bad, and that Masters was an old man and he wouldn't have lived much longer anyway."

Mrs. James Tucker, who lives several miles from the Palmateers, told of Parker coming to their place on Friday evening about 9 o'clock. He stayed he had been at Palmateer's. He stayed at our place all night, though this was a most unusual thing.

Mr. Wm. Ferguson, a brother-in-law of Parker's, was next called. He lives about twelve miles or so from Tweed, but was in Tweed on Friday last. On arriving home he was surprised to find Parker at his place, and, after putting his horse away and coming into the house, said to him: "Do you know they have a warrant out for you?" He said "No."

"I told him he should be in Tweed, and he said, 'How will I get there?' I agreed to drive him up after supper, and did so. He said there was a lot of shooting going on in that locality. He seemed surprised when I told him of the warrant."

Owing to the lateness of the hour the Crown Attorney asked for an adjournment. The inquest was then adjourned to Thursday, the 21st inst., at 1 o'clock.

WE SLEEP BETTER

When a Bobby is Walking Around the Square, Says Kitchener.

He Talks in Chicago About Canada and Peace Prospects.

Chicago, April 18.—Lord Kitchener of Khartoum became "Kitchener of Chicago" for exactly one hour and thirty minutes to-day. Surrendering gracefully to a surprise attack by a reporter who boarded the train on the outskirts of the city, Lord Kitchener asked and answered questions with good humor. On militarism the General spoke guardedly, saying: "One must be careful when a thoughtless word might be wrongfully taken to mean something one did not intend it to.

"As to Canada's military future, I haven't visited Canada. I see no aggressiveness in the future, so far as Canada is concerned. The little navy they are building up there is only that they may sleep a little easier o' nights. One rests better with a 'bobby' walking around the square. I suppose they will some day begin to increase the army there just for the same reason.

"I see no reason that international peace should not continue from this very moment. One never knows, however, when something may stir up trouble, and war does not often announce itself far in advance. It always pays to keep one's powder dry."

"Is that an expression of Britain's military policy?" Lord Kitchener was asked.

"Well, I should not put it that broadly. Britain is at peace with all the world, but our surest safeguard of peace is always to be ready. Until such time as some international agreement shall be reached, if such there be, Britain will be ready at all times to lend that influence toward peace."

FOR THE DRUNKS

Uniformed Men in Bar to Tell Them When to Stop.

Toronto, Ont., April 18.—The Council of the town of Haileybury has hit on a novel idea in an endeavor to regulate the drink evil. Acting under instructions, Mayor Young has written a letter to each of the four hotelkeepers in the town, sugesting that they place a uniformed man in their bars to prevent men already the worse for liquor from getting any more drink. The letter says in part with the number of drunken men issuing from these hotels and staggering about the streets furnishes a very bad example to young people. He realizes that a quiet room be provided for these know every man's condition. "Seemingly a great many people hate to mention these facts to you," the mayor's letter says, "as we understand it none of the hotels have any place for a customer to sit down quietly for a while when 'that tired feeling' comes on." He suggests thata quiet room be provided for these fatigued ones. The license department is far from taking Mr. Young's suggestion seriously, however.

CLEVER CAPTURE.

Wm. Douglas Arrested in London With Diamonds Upon Him.

London, Ont., despatch — A local detective made a clever capture last night when Wm. Douglas was arrested with $1,200 worth of diamonds in his possession. In court to-day he admitted stealing $120 worth from John Bedson. He also admitted breaking into the house and getting them. Douglas is believed to have operated all through this district. He was remanded a week while detectives will investigate further.

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