

ENORMOUS LOSS TO CROPS BY WINTERY BLIZZARD SWEEPING PRAIRIES

Winnipeg.—The Prairie Provinces were experiencing winter storm conditions on Thursday night. Heavy winds were driving snow and sleet before them in many districts.

Winnipeg was in the grip of a sleet storm Thursday night which was disrupting telegraphic communication. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, was reported to be the centre of a blizzard of midwinter proportions, with telephone poles blown down within the town limits.

During the past 24 hours Western Canada has experienced weather conditions varied in the extreme, and including rain, snow and hail in many districts, bringing to a standstill all field operations in the Prairie Provinces.

All provinces have experienced the heavy hand of winter, and on Thursday the snow area was moving eastward, with Brandon reporting the first fall of the autumn. Winnipeg recorded a heavy rainfall during the past 18 hours, and indications pointed to the coming of a wintry blanket. Rain

had quite late on Thursday, but the sky was overcast and a north wind prevailed.

Snow was reported in many districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the weather forecast offered little relief. For Manitoba it read: Colder, with local snowfalls.

A serious condition prevails in all provinces. Many harvest workers brought in from Eastern Canada are stranded in the Western cities, with no prospects of work for many days to come, while the farmers of the West have suffered losses aggregating millions of dollars.

Farmers of Manitoba, according to an estimate given out by the Provincial Agriculture Dept., have suffered a loss of \$12,000,000 as a result of the inclement weather which has prevailed during the threshing season. Only 50 per cent. of the threshing has been completed in Manitoba. Saskatchewan has not suffered so severely, but in Alberta, the heaviest hit of all Western sections, the loss, according to local grain men, will be enormous.

ARCTIC EXPEDITION ARRIVED AT SYDNEY

Prof. Hobbs' Party Had Highly Successful Trip to Greenland.

North Sydney, N.S.—The schooner Guy Morissey, owned and captained by Captain Robert Bartlett, is lying in the stream at the present time, having returned from the Hobbs Arctic expedition to Greenland.

The expedition has been highly successful, and all are returning in the best of health. Among those on board are Prof. Hobbs, leader of the expedition; Prof. George B. Putnam, of the Geological Survey, and Mr. Peary, son of Admiral Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole. Prof. Hobbs and several of the expedition are leaving for their homes by tonight's train, while the rest of the party are waiting for the ship, which is going on the marine slip in Sydney, to have a new shaft put in before proceeding to its destination.

Big Increase in Immigration.

Ottawa, Ont.—Immigration to Canada for the first seven months of 1926 was 68 per cent. greater than for the same period a year ago, according to official figures made public by the Dept. of Immigration and Colonization. The total immigration for the first seven months of this year was 80,460 compared with 47,800 for the same period in 1925.

Immigration for the month of July showed an increase of 99 per cent. over July a year ago, the figures being 16,227 and 8,150 respectively. Of the July immigration 5,293 were British, 2,197 from the United States and 3,737 from other countries. In addition to the above immigration, during July 6,487 Canadians were recorded as returning from the United States after having entered that country with the intention of remaining there permanently. These now declare their intention of permanently residing in Canada.

Tornado Twists its Way Along Lake Erie

Sandusky, Ohio.—A tornado twisted its way along a 12-mile stretch of Lake Erie near here, whirled through the centre of Huron, 9 miles from here and disappeared into Lake Erie. No fatalities were reported following a check up of the district. The damage at Huron was placed at between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Barns were unroofed and trees uprooted in the vicinity.

Canada from Coast to Coast

Saint John, N.B.—There will be thirty-three sailings from the Port of Saint John for the Canadian Pacific Steamships, according to the winter schedule just announced, as against twenty-six in the last winter season. Steamship officials all express confidence in a big growth of traffic and believe that the large volume of business on the St. Lawrence this year will in all likelihood extend to the Saint John season, warranting additional sailings.

Montreal, Que.—An interesting estimate of Canada's per capita wealth has been made by the League of Nations, with comparative figures of 22 years ago. In 1925 the per capita wealth in this country amounted to \$3,406, as contrasted with \$1,100 per capita in 1903. One of the 35 nations listed, Canada ranks third, the United States showing \$2,918 and Great Britain \$2,459 per capita, respectively.

Toronto, Ont.—The population of the city of Toronto now stands at 556,691, which shows an increase over the figures for the last fiscal year of 7,268, according to a statement made public by the Chief City Assessor. The rate of increase in population is stated to compare favorably with that of other years.

Winnipeg, Man.—Greater interest is being taken by farmers of the Prairie Provinces in growing sunflowers for oil. This year it is estimated that 40,000 acres have been planted to sunflowers, as compared with 30,723

in 1925, 30,069 in 1924, and 19,383 in 1923.

Regina, Sask.—Production of wheat in the three Prairie Provinces, as estimated by the Bureau of Statistics, is now 375,697,000 bushels, as compared with the finally estimated production of 382,950,000 last year. Estimates for other grains, with the finally estimated production of 1925 within brackets, are as follows: oats, 289,698,000 (\$22,254,000); barley 94,434,000 (\$4,141,100); rye, 11,374,500 (\$1,545,000); flaxseed, 7,221,500 (\$9,138,000). Manitoba shows increased yields of wheat, barley and flaxseed; Alberta—wheat, rye and flaxseed; and Saskatchewan—flaxseed only.

Calgary, Alta.—It is expected that traffic over the new highway between Field and Golden, through one of the finest mountain stretches in the world, will be possible early next summer. This will provide a triangle trip from Calgary to Golden via Field, thence to Windermere and back by the famous Banff-Windermere highway. Later on the road will be carried right through to link up with Vancouver.

Nelson, B.C.—Announcement of a third big development by the West Kootenay Power and Light Co., to cost \$300,000, was made by Mr. L. Campbell, general manager of that company. This will be the hydraulic development of 60,000 h.p., one mile down the Kootenay River from the Lower Bonington Falls, and work will be started immediately.

Toronto Pays Farewell to Vice-Regal Couple



LORD AND LADY BYNG AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
With representative society in attendance, Toronto paid social farewell to Lord Byng, governor-general of Canada, and Lady Byng, at the garden party tendered in their honor at Government House by Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt and Mrs. Cockshutt. The above photograph was taken in front of Government House, and shows, left to right, his honor the lieutenant-governor, Mrs. Cockshutt, Lady Byng and his excellency.

HIGHER COST OF COAL SENDS ATLANTIC FREIGHT RATES SOARING

Montreal.—Effective immediately, a general advance of 15 per cent. has been made in the freight rates from Canadian ports to the United Kingdom by the steamship lines represented in the Canadian Trans-Atlantic Conference, announcement of this having been issued by A. O. Minshall, conference secretary, on behalf of the companies concerned.

Reasons given for this rise in rates is attributed to the increasing cost of coal and to the necessity for ships having to take coal aboard in this country for the round trip, thus reducing the amount of their available cargo-carrying space.

The commodities that will be affected by this surcharge are only those included in the list dealt with under the jurisdiction of the conference. Cattle, flour and grains are not affected by the new rates, as these do not come under purview of the lines as a whole.

No change has been made in the freight rates to the continent, the assumption being that ships can coal at any of the ports at which they discharge cargo outside the United Kingdom.

It is learned that the North Atlantic-United Kingdom freight conference has had a similar increase of rates under consideration, and that

they will be brought into effect coincidently with the changes made by the Canadian Trans-Atlantic Conference. Thus all shippers on the North American Continent will be affected by the change, provided that their goods are carried to the United Kingdom by vessels owned by companies sitting in the North Atlantic-United Kingdom Freight Conference and the Canadian Trans-Atlantic Conference.

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine is not a member of the Canadian Trans-Atlantic Conference. It is not known if the company will follow the lead of the conference shipping lines.

Since the beginning of the coal strike in Great Britain, and the enforcement of an embargo on coal exportation from the United Kingdom by the British Government, coal-burning vessels coming to this continent from British ports have had to take on sufficient fuel on this side for the return voyage. Cargo space has had to be utilized for the accommodation of the extra amount of coal, and this has affected the cargo-carrying capacity of the coal-burners.

Revenge is a kind of wild justice, which the more man's nature runs to, the more ought Law to weed it out.—Francis Bacon.

Streets in Birmingham Yield Precious Metals

The streets of the great jewelry quarter in Birmingham are paved with gold and silver. That this is not only a picturesque metaphor was disclosed by the discovery that the floorboards of a shop in the jewelry quarter when reduced to ashes yielded enough precious metal dust to cover the cost of new flooring and the labor of laying it down. The city salvage department is now considering a special treatment of road sweepings in the gold and silver district in order to extract the valuable dust.

English Land Owners Wage War on Gleaners

Ruth and Naomi of Biblical fame would have a hard time picking an existence from English grain fields since the farmers are doing everything in their power to stamp out gleaners.

The latest plan is to leave a solitary shock of wheat in the centre of the field because under the law any field, no matter how large, that contains a single shock of grain is considered not reaped and gleaners are barred.

Scotch Boy's Appetite Tested by Experiment

An experiment at an Ayrshire mining school in Scotland revealed that one boy could eat five morning rolls and a large slice of bread and butter, with a big pot of tea, for breakfast. Two hours later he consumed two more rolls, and was prepared to continue, but the officials called a halt. Scottish morning rolls are very large and heavy. One, or at most two, are sufficient for most adults.

British Forces in Link To Use Air Transport

England is planning to use airplanes as troop transports. It was revealed recently with the announcement that large fast planes, capable of carrying twenty-four fully armed soldiers each, are now being built for the use of the royal air force in link.

The sky transports when loaded weigh nearly nine tons and can attain a speed of 104 miles an hour. They are provided with gunwicks and with folding seats along each side of the cabin, and will be used to rush troops to disaffected areas. A single squadron will be able to carry 200 soldiers in a few hours to a danger point, where with ordinary desert transport several days would elapse before troops could arrive.

Modernizing of Castle Done to the Queen's Taste

Ladies-in-waiting to Queen Mary no longer shiver miserably while on duty at Balmoral Castle, as they did in the days of Queen Victoria. The castle has been modernized, and the minister in attendance to the King needs no longer to use his bed as a writing table and his chimney as a smoking room.

The task of bringing the castle into line with modern ideas of comfort and sanitation started in King Edward's reign, has just been completed. Though the interior furnishings are quite simple, the castle is homelike, and this year for the first time is not the uncomfortable, draught-ridden home which Queen Victoria regarded with such affection.

Bush Labor in Demand.

Port Arthur, Ont.—Half a thousand men are required to take care of the immediate demand for bush workers, according to a press statement issued here. The present situation in the lumbering industry indicates that the Thunder Bay district will have the biggest year in its logging history. Timber operators from all parts of the district report their labor requirements will be at least one-third greater than last year, which was one of the best years since lumbering became the chief winter industry of Northern Ontario.

Canada is Painting Up.

Ottawa, Ont.—The consumption of paint and varnish is considered a very good indication of general prosperity throughout a country. Based on this principle, prosperity in Canada is decidedly on the up grade, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which shows an increase of 9 per cent. in production of paints, pigments and varnishes in Canada during the year 1925 as compared with the previous year. The production in 1925 was valued at \$22,234,268.

Son of Charles Dickens Celebrates Golden Wedding

London.—Sir Henry Dickens, son of Charles Dickens, will celebrate his golden wedding here Saturday. The famous novelist's son has six children and sixteen grand-children living. His youngest son was killed in the war. Sir Henry, who resembles the portraits of his father, is a Criminal Court Judge. He possesses many valuable mementos of the novelist.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.54½; No. 2 North, \$1.47½; No. 3 North, \$1.42½.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 58c; No. 2 feed, nominal; Western grain quotations in c.i.f. ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 98c; No. 3 yellow, 91c.
Millfeed—Del. Montreal, freight, bags included: Brn, per ton, \$29.25; shorts, per ton, \$1.25; middlings, \$22.25; good feed, flour, per bag, \$2.30.
Ont. oats—42 to 44 c.i.f. shipping points.
Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.20 to \$1.22, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freight.
Barley—Malting, 56 to 61c.
Buckwheat—Nominal.
Rye—No. 2, 85c.
Man. flour—First pat., \$3.30, Toronto; do, second pat., \$7.80.
Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. patent, per barrel in carlots, Toronto, \$5.70; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.60.
Cheese—New, large, 20 to 20½c; twins, 20½ to 21c; triplets, 22c. Stilltons, 25c. Old, large, 26c; twins, 27c; triplets, 30c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 36 to 37c; No. 1 creamery, 35 to 36c; No. 2, 34 to 35c. Dairy prints, 29½ to 30c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 51 to 52c; fresh extras, loose, 50c; fresh firsts, 45c; fresh seconds, 35 to 36c. Storage extras, 43c; do, firsts, 39c; do, seconds, 34 to 35c.
Poultry, dressed—Chicken, spring, squabs, 1 to 1½ lbs., 22c; do, spring, over 4 lbs., 42c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 38c; do, 2½ to 3½ lbs., 32c; do, 2 to 2½ lbs., 32c; hens, over 5 lbs., 28c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 26c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 24c; roosters, 22c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35c.
Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$2.60 per bushel; primes, \$2.40 per bushel.
Maple produce—Syrup, per Imp. gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30; per 5-gal., \$2.15 to \$2.25 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 12½ to 13c; 10-lb. tins, 12½ to 13c; 5-lb. tins, 13 to 13½c; 2½-lb. tins, 13½ to 14c.

Comb honey—\$3.40 to \$4 per dozen.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 33 to 34c; cooked hams, 48 to 50c; smoked rolls, 25 to 30c; breakfast bacon, 35 to 40c; backs, bones clear bacon, 35 to 40c.
Cured meats—Loans, 41 to 46c.
Lard—Pure tierces, 16 to 17c; tubs, 17½ to 18c; pal's, 18 to 18½c; prints, 19 to 19½c; shortening, tierces, 13½ to 14c; tubs, 14½ to 14¾c; pal's, 15 to 15½c; blocks, 16½ to 17c.
Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8; do, good, \$7 to \$7.25; butcher steers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7; do, good, \$6.50; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5.75; butcher cows, choice, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$4.75; butcher bulls, good, \$4.50 to \$5.60; bo. ogs, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$3; good milk cows, \$70 to \$100; springers, choice, \$90 to \$115; med. cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$5 to \$6; calves, choice, \$12.50 to \$13.50; do, good, \$9 to \$11; do, med., \$7 to \$9; grassers, \$4.50 to \$6; good lambs, \$12; do, bucks, \$10; good light sheep, \$6 to \$6.50; heavy sheep and backs, \$4; hogs, thick smooth, fed and watered, \$12.50; do, f.o.b., \$12; do, country points, \$11.75; do, off cars, \$13; select premium, \$2.16.

MONTREAL.

Oats, No. 2 CW, 63½c; No. 3 CW, 60c; extra No. 1 feed, 60½c. Flour, Man. spring wheat, 60½c, \$3.20; do, seconds, \$7.80; do, strong bakers, \$7.50; winter pats., choice, \$6.30 to \$6.40. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.30. Bran, \$29.25; shorts, \$31.25; middlings, \$39.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$15.
Finest cuts, 17½c. Butter, No. 1 pasturest, 17½c. Butter, No. 1 pasturest, 17½c. Eggs, storage extras, 43c; storage firsts, 39c; storage seconds, 34c; fresh extras, 52c; fresh firsts, 46c.
Thick smooth hogs, \$12.75 to \$13; good real calves, \$12; good sheep, \$6 to \$6.50; com. lambs, \$11.



THE LATE DR. A. S. VOGT

Organist and musical director, and founder of the internationally famous Mendelssohn Choir, who died on September 17, in his 65th year. Dr. Vogt had been musical director of the Toronto Conservatory of Music since 1913. Dr. Vogt conducted the choir in about 60 local concerts, and on tours with great success at Carnegie Hall, New York, 4 times; Boston Symphony Hall and Chicago Orchestra Hall, 3 times; Buffalo, Elmwood Music Hall, 7 times; Gray's Armoury, Cleveland, twice, etc. Produced among other works, Brahms and Verdi Requiem; Wolf-Ferrari's "Vita Nuova." Bach's B minor Mass, several of Elgar's choral works, and many a cappella works. Piarne's "Children's Crusade" and Coleridge-Taylor's larger choral works. Received the degree of Musical Doctor (honoris causa) University of Toronto, in 1917. Was Dean of Faculty of Music, University of Toronto. It was through his untiring and unselfish efforts, in conjunction with the late Sir Edmund Walker, that the conservatory in 1919 became part of the University of Toronto.