

FARMERS IN CLAY BELT OF THE NORTH ANTICIPATE BEST HARVEST ON RECORD

Will Go Far to Make up for Poor Success of Last Few Years;
Big Storms of Recent Weeks Have Left Them
Alone Thus Far.

SETTLER HAS MUCH BETTER CHANCE THAN FOREBEARS IN OLDER ONTARIO

Experimental Farm Has Done Much; Government's Free
Seed Grain Saved the Day for Many of Them
This Spring

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Haileybury, Aug. 16.—Northern Ontario has escaped the severe storms which have done so much damage to the crops on the older part of the Province, and the prospects for a bumper harvest could hardly be better. The farmers in the clay belt are jubilant. From New Liskeard to the Transcontinental they all tell the same story. If the weather holds they will harvest the largest crop in the history of New Ontario.

The annual picnic was held at the Ontario Experimental Farm at Monteith last week and some 2,000 farmers came to inspect the work of the experts. Special trains were run from Haileybury and Cobalt to the southern edge of the clay belt and from Cochrane and Timmins in the north. These as well as the regular trains, were crowded. The crops on the Monteith farm have done well this year, and the men in charge were congratulated on every hand. The value of the work done at Monteith is appreciated by the agriculturists of the country. Through the investigations made there they have learned without costly personal experiment just what grades of grain were best suited for the various localities.

No Better Farming Community.

Lectures given during the day by the heads of the various departments were listened to by large and attentive crowds. Questions were hurled at the lecturers from all sides and there was every evidence that the farmers in this section of the Province are wide awake. While the mining fraternity are busy showing the world that New Ontario is happy hunting ground for the prospector and the investor, the farmers are no less eager to prove that the agricultural possibilities of the country cannot be surpassed.

During the last few years the crops have not been very satisfactory, but all that is forgotten now when the farmers look over the fields of grain which stand as high as a man's shoulders. The potatoes and other roots have also come along splendidly this summer. The men who cleared the bush and staked their all on the fertility of the soil of New Ontario are at last coming into their own.

The benefits that will accrue to the new country with a big crop this year cannot be overestimated. Last year was bad, and here, as in other sections of Canada, the war caused a general depression. This has been somewhat offset by the success in the gold fields, but on the other hand the silver camps have been quiet. Gold is the mettle that the world needs at this time.

The price of pulp wood is low, and at present it barely pays the farmer to take it out. The big pulp mills have taken as much pulp wood from the settlers as they could possibly handle and are still taking it, but there is no profit in it at this time for either buyer or seller.

Government Aid Saved the Day.

In the past, New Ontario has had to import most of her food during the winter and even the farmers have had to buy feed for their live stock from outside. This spring many of them faced a loomy prospect. With hay at an abnormal price, they had been, in many cases unable to keep their livestock. Where they did hold on, the cost of keeping them alive through the winter had left many farmers nearly stranded. The action of the Government in sending seed grain into the country saved the situation. Today, although the war looks as if it would last through another winter, the farmers are not worrying. Instead of being importers they expect this winter to export. All they ask now is a continuation of the good weather for just a little longer, and they will be able to look forward to the winter of 1915-16 with equanimity.

Many of the miners in New Ontario have small farms which they clear during the slack times in the camps. They have in many cases put their earnings from mining into buying machinery, building barns, and in clearing their land; to-day they see themselves well started on the path to success as agriculturists.

Better Than Was the Old Land.

The land in New Ontario, it is claimed, is not nearly as hard to clear as was old Ontario. The country is thickly wooded, but in many places bush fires have done the initial work in preparing the land for the plough. The trees are smaller and their roots do not go deep into the soil as they do in old Ontario. The stumps are easily cleared off. It is virgin soil and the weeds and other pests which play such havoc in the more settled parts of the Province have not yet made their appearance in New Ontario. This fact was strongly emphasized by Dr. G. C. Creelman, President of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, in his address to the gathering at Monteith.

These conditions, combined with the information distributed broadcast by the Ontario Department of Agriculture has to the grains and roots best suited for the soil of the country has made lighter the burdens of the farmers in a new land.

An excellent example of the rapidity of growth in the clay belt can be seen at New Liskeard where in 20 days alfalfa had reached a depth of 26 inches.

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Follow Two Clues In Search of Car

Rumor of Arrest in Case of
Automobile Accident

Detective Mitchell, of the local police, County Constable Burns and Provincial Detective Miller, are now working on the case of the automobile that ran down and killed Joseph Vezena and seriously injured Miss Margaret Frizzell last night on the Kingston Road. They are working on two clues, one of a car on which it was reported to the police that bloodstains were noticed, and another, a grey car, the mudguards of which are said to be dented, as if it had been in a collision. At about 1.30 p.m. it was rumored that an arrest had been made, but confirmation of this could not be secured.

Hopes are now held out that Miss Frizzell, injured in the motor car collision on the Kingston road, will recover. She recovered consciousness at noon to-day at St. Michael's Hospital, and a slight improvement is noted in her condition.

RAIN CAUGHT PARTY ON SIDE OF BLUFFS

One Had to be Dragged Up
Dangling on the End of
Stout Rope

WAS MERE BALL OF CLAY

So, on His Arrival, His Companions Put Him Neath
Pump

Not unmixed with a spice of danger was the escapade of a merry and daring party of six young men and three young ladies from Toronto who essayed to climb Scarborough Bluffs, at a point where they are two hundred feet in height, yesterday afternoon at about four o'clock. After lots of scrambling the three young ladies managed to reach the top. The men, who had waited behind to catch the ladies should the slide back, then commenced their ascent. Five of them, Russell F. Carter, 225 Major street; Willmott Arnold, Lippincott street; Howard Conway, 14 Guelph avenue, and Jack Hogx and Frank McNally, 3 Montrose avenue, had almost reached the top when rain began to fall. Joe Bailey, 50 Sussex avenue, who was the poorest climber of the party, did not seem to be able to make any progress at all and had only ascended about a score of feet when the rain started.

In a very short time the bluffs were soaking, and it was difficult to tread for, as soon