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WINNIPEG FEARS TO LOSE GRAIN TRADE

Speaker Says It Is Vital to Her Interest to Retain Business Going West

WINNIPEG, Jan. 26.—That development of the export wheat trade through the port of Vancouver seriously threatens Winnipeg as the grain center of western Canada was the declaration of S. T. Smith, to members of the Caledonian club.

It was vital to Winnipeg's interest that she maintain her position as a grain centre, and this must be done by continuing to make the eastern route the cheapest and most attractive from western Canada to the seaboard, Mr. Smith asserted.

"Every item of cost of handling and profit must be cut to a minimum," he said, to maintain the eastern route. Especially is this true of railroad freights and Steamship freights on the Great Lakes.

"Vancouver is pushing energetically for a share of the grain trade of western Canada and the government is providing increased facilities to enable it to handle large quantities of grain," Mr. Smith continued. Figures showed that cars unloaded at Vancouver to January 16 totalled 11,853. There had been exported from Vancouver to January 16 a total of 17,169,707 bushels, and there were in store at Vancouver to the same date, 1,350,000 bushels.

On the track to Vancouver and en route between Field and Vancouver were 3,000,000 bushels. Last year, grain exported from the western port for the whole grain season totalled 19,000,000 bushels. There was public storage at present in Vancouver amounting to 1,250,000 bushels and another 500,000 in course of construction not yet completed.

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Quoting figures to show the estimated size of the crop, deliveries to elevators, and shipments out of Fort William. Mr. Smith declared there was still a large amount of money to be received by the farmers from the proceeds of the 1923 crop, possibly \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000.

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OPIMUM GROWING IS BEING PROMOTED IN SOME PARTS OF CHINA

PEKIN, Jan. 29.—Opium-growing is being promoted vigorously in several sections of China and the government appears to be helpless in its efforts to suppress the industry, which during the past few months has grown to vast proportions. In many districts the trade apparently has semi-official approval on account of its revenue-producing possibilities.

A proclamation has been issued stating that orders have been received from the military and civil governors of Incheng province to the effect that the police and magistrate should jointly establish what is to be known as the Opium Prohibition Investigation Office. As a matter of fact, this office will sell licenses to anyone for the transport of opium within the bounds of Incheng jurisdiction for twelve cents an ounce.

Poppy seeds are being sown in many districts of western Honan. Efforts of Chinese officials to profit from the opium trade are meeting with a wave of opposition from growers and others who are forced as a result of the recent developments to pay increased taxes.

Acres of Poppy

Last spring, when the growing of the poppy plant was not officially permitted in Honan province, one had only to go out into the country in order to see acre upon acre of the weed in cultivation. Even then the illegal business of opium production was winked at, but since then official proclamations have been issued, permitting the growing of the poppy. Farmers are encouraged to plant it on payment of a fee to the officials, and thus wheat production is discouraged while the military lords are replenished.

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SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emption is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 3,000 feet per acre east of that range.

Applications for pre-emption are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emption must be occupied for five years and improvement made to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is \$5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land \$2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the ranges administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

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