

# Canadian Provinces

## Saskatchewan

### LARGE INCREASE IN LIVESTOCK

The total average under wheat in Saskatchewan in 1918 was 9,249,300; oats 4,988,800; barley 699,296; flax 840,967; rye 123,500; peas 4,250; beans 861; buckwheat 1,207; mixed grains 23,449; other grains 27,347; according to figures issued as the result of a joint survey and estimate made by the provincial and Dominion bureaux of statistics.

In root crops there were: Potatoes 59,790 acres; turnips 5,622; mangolds 1,806; other roots 2,332. In feed crops there were in corn 11,886 acres; hay 315,117 acres; and pasture 933,962; alfalfa 6,943; and other crops 40,504.

The total summerfallow was 4,000,300 and new breaking 614,990. This gives a total average under cultivation of 22,016,139.

The total number of horses in the province is now 1,000,075; cattle 1,279,331; sheep 134,177; swine 521,240; poultry 8,000,369.

Not only in crop averages is a remarkable increase shown, but the figures on livestock also show a most satisfactory increase, clearly indicating that while grain is still the chief source of income the farmer is turning his attention more to mixed farming than ever before.

The following estimates show the number of livestock in 1918 as compared with 1917:

	1918	1917
Horses	1,000,075	888,672
Cattle	1,279,331	1,211,090
Sheep	134,177	127,892
Swine	521,240	573,938
Poultry	8,000,369	7,847,741

### PRICE OF BUTTER FAT REDUCED

Owing to the action of the Canada food board in commanding creamery butter and setting a price at the point of delivery, Montreal, it has been necessary for the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery company, Ltd., to reduce the price they are paying the farmer for butter fat by one cent per pound. This announcement was made by F. M. Logan, assistant manager of the co-operative creamery. It is understood that a reduction of two cents a pound for butter fat has been necessary in Alberta.

F. M. Logan, discussing the matter, stated that the new order made it necessary for the creamery company to pay from two to three cents per pound in order to ship butter to Montreal and pay the freight and cartage as provided for in the order. The price being set at which butter was laid down in Montreal, there was nothing for the company to do but reduce the price to the producer.

However, after Nov. 9, when the order is filled, the creameries company expect to be able to raise the price of butter fat, it was intimated.

### MINNONITES PROTEST

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. — Premier Martin has received two more petitions from the Mennonites of the Swift Current district protesting against the decision of the department of education to bring the children of the colonies into the public. The Mennonites are pointing to the agreement of 1873 and asking that it be respected. Premier Martin stated the petitions would not affect in the least the announced policy of the department.

### FARMER FINED \$500 FOR SEDITIOUS WORDS

#### Wife Also Faces Similar Charge But Gets Off With a Warning

ESTEVAN, Sask. — Two cases of sedition were tried before Judge Taylor and jury at the criminal sittings of the Supreme Court last week. John Pederson, of Neptune, and his wife, were charged with seditious utterances made to canvassers for the Red Cross in the months of May and June last, and John Pederson was charged with using seditious words to Joseph E. Demary, a French-Canadian soldier.

Pederson was alleged to have said to Demary: "Are you going with the rest of the bunch? What do you think of this government? If I were you, fellows, when I get there I would get together and do something. They would not take you if you got together. They should have finished it once they got started down in Quebec." He was also accused of saying to the Red Cross collectors: "I think the German government would be as good as our present government. I always figured every man had his price and that when they came to President Wilson's price he came in. I have no use for kings. If the King was stuck in the mud I would not help him out."

After the evidence was all in, Pederson's solicitor succeeded in getting the words alleged to have been spoken to the Red Cross workers struck out of the indictment.

After being out several hours, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation for mercy. The judge took the recommendation of the jury into consideration and fixed a fine of \$500.

Amanda Pederson, wife of John Pederson, was then charged with using seditious words to two Red Cross workers in June last at Neptune. She was charged with saying: "President Wilson was bought by England. Women were like brood sows breeding sons to be sent to the front to be shot down. If they would start a rebellion I would be one of the first to go down in overalls and take my gun and make good."

Mrs. Pederson denied using the exact words. She admitted using the expression with reference to brood sows in a speech delivered by Kate O'Hare, a woman Socialist, and printed in the Minneapolis paper, and had never used them as her words.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, but asked that the court ensure the accused for the expressions used.

### LOVESICK LAD SUICIDES

WILCOX, Sask. — Henry Larsen, a young man of Wilcox, Sask., following an altercation with the young lady with whom he has been keeping company, on Wednesday last took a dose of strychnine purchased at a local drugstore during the afternoon and died about seven o'clock just as he had reached the Grey Nun's hospital.

Larsen had been arraigned before two justices of the peace at Milestone on a charge of stealing a purse containing \$60 and a gold watch from a lady, and fined \$100 and costs. Larsen had been given two days in which to find the money. After his trial he arranged with the lady to come to Regina where he expected to raise the money to pay his fine.

Larsen took the strychnine in the car on the way home from Regina.

### SOLDIER ON LEAVE

#### HOLDS UP FOUR MEN

MOOSE JAW, Sask. — Pulling off a real movie hold-up will result in Archie Galbraith, of the Saskatchewan Depot battalion, Regina, serving two years in the Prince Albert penitentiary. While on leave here, Galbraith entered a room in the McBride block and held up four Greeks who were playing poker. In true bandit style he kept their arms pointing skyward with a .32 calibre until he removed all the money from the table, \$21.75. He was located behind a piano box in a lane. Galbraith was a farmer near Shaunavon before enlisting.

### \$4,000,000 NEEDED FOR SEED RELIEF

There will be three media for the administration of seed and feed to farmers who are in genuine need of assistance, according to information obtained from the provincial department of agriculture. They are the Dominion government, the provincial government and the municipal government. The first will attend to the requirements of those farming unpatented lands; the provincial government will be responsible for those farming in territory outside municipal government control, while the municipal governments will attend to the wants of ratepayers within their own boundaries on patented lands along similar lines to those followed last year.

There was considerable demand for seed grain last spring and the municipalities were given special borrowing powers. With the money so raised, they purchased the necessary seed and sold to their own farmers on the security of seed grain liens. The system worked out satisfactorily and will be followed again for next spring's requirements.

As it is estimated that a sum of \$4,000,000 will be required to finance the purchase of one million bushels of wheat, one and a half million bushels of oats and about 300,000 bushels of feed oats, the amount required, it is easily seen there is great need for each of the media of distributing and administration holding right down to legitimate claims for assistance only.

The era of "easy" relief has gone by, never to return, according to the provincial department of agriculture.

In addition to furnishing seed to farmers on unpatented lands the Dominion government will also provide for the supply of seed so that it can be readily purchased by the provincial and municipal governments.

### THREE DEATHS IN FAMILY

ASSINIBOIA, Sask. — Word reached Assiniboina today of Miss Laura Gaudry's death at Malbrancy, Wilcox Branch district, from Spanish influenza. This is the third death in this family within a few days, the father, Modeste Gaudry, was buried a week ago and another daughter died Tuesday. Mr. Gaudry is said to have died from cancer and his two daughters from influenza. In addition, their brother and his wife, two married sisters with their husbands and a cousin are seriously ill, said to be with the epidemic.

### BOY POISONED ACCIDENTALLY NEAR WALDECK

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. — Bert Moline, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moline, who lives near Waldeck, was poisoned by eating strychnine at the home of a neighbor named Lindstrom. The lad was at the Lindstrom home playing with the boys and went into the basement, and in some manner got hold of a bottle of strychnine, which he carried out and broke. He ate some of the crystals and in a few minutes went into convulsions. Mr. Lindstrom gave him some hot water and mustard, but that did not have any effect. Dr. McArthur, of Swift Current, was phoned for and went immediately to the Lindstrom farm, but the lad had passed away before his arrival.

### BURN OR BURY ALL CARCASSES OF STOCK DEAD FROM BLACKLEG

Complete burning or burial to a depth of at least five feet is recommended as the only safe method of disposing of carcasses of animals which have been infected by blackleg, according to a statement made by officials of the provincial bureau of public health.

The statement was made as the result of numerous enquiries which have recently been received by the department. The disease is fatal in almost every case, and any animal showing signs of the disease should be segregated at once and all others in the herd should be inoculated with a prophylactic dose of vaccine, which can be secured at cost from the department of agriculture at Regina.

The regulations place the responsibility upon owners to dispose of carcasses of cattle from this disease within twelve hours and local officials should see that this law is enforced.

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### SPANISH INFLUENZA AT NEUDORF

NEUDORF, Sask. — Word reached the provincial health department authorities that a teacher named Wilshire, of the Neudorf district, had died of influenza. Wilshire, it is reported, had gotten up from his bed and started to walk across the room. As he reached the middle of the room he collapsed and died within a few minutes.

### SPANISH GERMAN AT DAVIN SCHOOL

DAVIN, Sask. — Trustees of the Davin school, it was learned, have admitted, it is stated, that German was taught for an hour a day in the school but that this practice will be at once discontinued, and a resolution passed to this effect, which will be sent to the department of education.

### COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

YORKTON, Sask. — Loftie Boyce, formerly provincial police officer at Canora, was committed to stand his trial at the next sittings of the assizes at Yorkton on the charge of forgery. Boyce has been committed without bail. Boyce is being prosecuted by the provincial police, of which force he was formerly a member, for alleged forging of receipts. These receipts were forged, it is stated, to cover alleged expenditures of government monies.

### HORSE KICKED HIM IN THE FACE

THEODORE, Sask. — Arthur Barber, a well-to-do farmer living about 15 miles from here, was hauling in hay when the lines slipped under the horses feet, and when he stopped to pick them up one horse kicked him in the face, breaking his jaw and nose. He was taken to Yorkton for treatment.

### BABY DROWN IN WATER TANK

ROBARSAT, Sask. Lillian M. Laursen, aged 1 year and nine months, was drowned in a water tank at the Laursen home, near Robarsat. The little girl climbed on to the edge of tank and fell in head first. Her body was discovered some time later by the parents.

### SUSPENDS OPERATIONS

PRINCE ALBERT. — The Prince Albert Lumber Company, which employs 500 people in the mill here, has decided to suspend operations for a year owing to the abnormal conditions consequent upon war and the poor crops on the prairies, where a large part of the mill output was marketed.

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF R. M. EXCELSIOR NO. 166

The tenth regular meeting of Excelsior Rural Municipality No. 166 was held at the Council Hall Rush Lake Oct. 1st, 1918, with Reeve Buttery, and Councillors Smith, Wallace, Moyer, Funk, and Wilson present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved on motion of Cr. Wallace. Carried.

By Cr. Moyer that telephone charge against S. E. ¼ 2-18-10-3 for 1917 be cancelled, and charged back to Golden Valley Rural Tel. Co. Carried.

By Cr. Unger that a special appropriation of \$150.00 be granted to Div. 1 to enable the road to Rosefarm School made passable. Carried.

By Cr. Wilson that construction of culvert in ravine leading to Schonung School be deferred owing to lack of funds. Carried.

By Cr. Funk that account of W. M. Barber be returned for correction, requiring item of evener to be deleted. Carried.

By Cr. Moyer, that resignation of P. Robertson, as Poundkeeper be tabled. Carried.

By Cr. Moyer that The Hudson Bay Co. be advised respecting claim for compensation for road through S. E. 26-16-10-3, that same is under investigation, and that the matter be referred to The Dept of Highways. Carried.

By Cr. Funk, that owner of S. W. 33-18-10-3 be notified that compensation will be awarded for road taken as soon as notification is received from the Dept. that title has been obtained, and that penalty cannot be refunded for unpaid taxes for 1917 on same. Carried.

By Cr. Moyer that taxes assessed on S. E. 11-18-11-3 for 1917 and on dwelling at Main Centre assessed to J. H. V. Nissen be cancelled. Carried.

By Cr. Wilson that events be filed against the lands on all unpaid Seed Grain Liens. Carried.

By Cr. Funk that Dept. of Highways be requested to cancel road diversion across S. W. 3-19-11-3 and survey and obtain title for road diversion across the North side of 33-18-11-3, and compensation guaranteed. Carried.

By Cr. Wallace that ratepayers borrowing municipal machinery be required to deposit with the councillor \$2.00, which will be refunded if same returned in good order within 30 days. Carried.

By Cr. Wallace that owner be permitted to temporarily fence road allowance between the N. E. ¼ of 5-16-11-3 and S. E. ¼ of 8-16-11-3, providing gates are erected. Carried.

By Cr. Unger that accounts are read and sanctioned be paid. Carried.

By Cr. Wallace that Cr. Wilson be appointed Vice Reeve for the ensuing three months. Carried.

By Cr. Wilson that the Secretary Treasurer be instructed to press for collection of taxes in arrears. Carried.

Sec. Treas.

### Eastern Provinces

#### DRY WEATHER CHECKS SPANISH INFLUENZA

TORONTO. — Encouraging reports received here, regarding the epidemic of influenza in the Province of Ontario, indicate that the disease has been checked to some extent at some points, especially in the large towns. The fine dry weather experienced during the past two days is held responsible for the decrease in deaths and cases by many doctors.

Decreases in the number of deaths today are reported, from Ottawa, Hamilton and Toronto.

#### PETERBORO CLOSING DOWN

PETERBORO, Ont. — The schools and theatres and other public meeting places, including Brock street tabernacle, where Honeywell is conducting a series of revival meetings, have been closed by Dr. C. H. Amys, health officer, as a precautionary measure against the further spread of Spanish influenza.

#### ALL FUNERALS PRIVATE

MONTREAL. — While the influenza epidemic is raging the board of health has issued the following order: "The local board of health requests that until the present epidemic abates all funerals shall be private."

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### FIFTY-NINE DEATHS

MONTREAL, Que. — Fifty-nine deaths from influenza took place among civilian patients yesterday.

### BISHOP BUDKA PROTESTS

OTTAWA. — The suppression of papers published in enemy languages has brought Rev. Nicetas Budka, Bishop of the Ruthenian Catholic Church to Ottawa from Winnipeg. He had an interview with the minister of justice.

### AFTER ALLIED SLACKERS

OTTAWA. — Negotiations with Belgium, Greece and other countries which will lead to the signing of slacker treaties which have been in progress for the past two months are now said to be so near completion that they have already been taken by the authorities to secure a list of the names of citizens of allied countries now resident in Canada who will be called upon to join the colors.

### ONTARIO CAMPS IMPROVED

TORONTO. — That the epidemic of Spanish influenza is rapidly spreading over Ontario, with the exception of the sparsely populated country in the north, is evident from reports received. Announcements made by the officers commanding the various military camps in the province indicate that measures adopted have been successful in checking the disease to a great extent, but the majority of reports issued regarding civilians are to the contrary.

### GUILTY OF ILLEGAL ARREST

QUEBEC. — Justice Choquette today passed judgment in the court of sessions in a case where a local youth named Dussault, sued two federal police officers charging them with illegally arresting him under the Military Service Act on the ground that his initial exemption from military service had been annulled by order-in-council. Justice Choquette found the two officers guilty of illegal arrest, and said that the order-in-council was illegal, and that none of the initial exemptions obtaining can be annulled by said order.

### United States

#### WISCONSIN PESTS

TURTLE LAKE, Wis. — Ted Ward, of this city, was killed and five thousand in gold was obtained by four bandits who blew the safe of a local bank here on Tuesday last and escaped after a pistol battle with citizens.

#### FORMER GOVERNOR DEAD

RICHMOND, Ky. — James D. McCreary, twice governor of Kentucky, six years a representative of his state in the United States senate, and for several consecutive terms a member of the lower house of congress, died at his home here after a brief illness. He was 80 years old.

#### ARMED BURGLARS' HAUL

HOPKINS, Minn. — Four armed and masked men entered the First National Bank of Hopkins shortly before noon Wednesday last, locked six persons in the vault and escaped with \$7,000.

### FOR THE RED CROSS

SEATTLE. — Stefansson's famous Arctic exploration ship, the Polar Bear, which reached Nome from the far north country, will be disposed of at Victoria, B. C., and the proceeds donated to the Red Cross according to a despatch received here.

### CAMP GRANT COMMANDANT SUICIDES

CAMP GRANT, Ill. — Col. Chas. B. Hagadorn, acting commandant of Camp Grant, committed suicide in his quarters at the cantonment. His body with a pistol wound in the head was found in bed.

### MUST NOT SNEEZE IN PUBLIC PLACES

NEW YORK. — Dr. Hermann Biggs, state commissioner of health was quoted by the public health council of the state department at a meeting here, to take charge of the Spanish influenza situation in the state. The council adopted a rule making it a misdemeanor for any person to cough or sneeze in a public place, anywhere in the state, without covering the mouth or nose. Violators will be rigidly prosecuted. Punishment will be \$500 fine or one year in prison, or both.

It was decided to make influenza a reportable disease, which means that every case must be reported to the state health officers by doctors, hotel proprietors and boarding house keepers. Every new case will be placed immediately under state control.

From September 18 until October 11, there have been 25,052 cases of influenza in the city, and 2,752 cases of pneumonia.

### NON-ESSENTIAL GOODS THAT ARE CURTAILED

WASHINGTON. — Curtailment in the manufacture of non-essential articles for the remaining four months of 1918 was announced today by the war industries board in the program of conservation of materials, labor and transportation. Production of pocket knives is limited to 70 per cent. of four months' production in 1917; bicycles and motorcycles to 75 per cent.; clocks and watches to 70 per cent.; boilers and radiators to 40 per cent., and rag felt floor coverings to 40 per cent. Composition roofing and building boards may be manufactured only for government use.

Damascus, the capital of Syria, was occupied by Gen. Allenby's forces on Tuesday morning, according to an official statement issued by the British war office. Damascus is the Turkish base in Syria and Palestine.

Two duels were fought in Madrid between journalists as an outgrowth of controversies between Germanophile and sympathizers with the allies. Senor Mico, director of the Journal Allies and Senor Gujol, director of the Germanophile newspaper Iberia, were the combatants in one of the fights. Gujol was seriously wounded in the arm. The other encounter was between the son of Senor Banliere, the sculptor editor of the Journal Allies and the Germanophile journalist Rodriguense Dapena. Banliere wounded Dapena in the arm.