

Canadian News

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P. R. has plans under consideration for the development of the livestock industry in this part of Saskatchewan, together with the prospects of mineral development in the northeast part of the province.

STRASSBURG. — Postmaster George Kaiser has received a notice from the post office department at Ottawa that on and after Feb. 1st next the spelling of Strassburg will be changed to Strasbourg to conform to the French spelling of Strasbourg in Alsace. This will settle a question which has vexed the citizens for some time.

QUILL LAKE.—It has always been thought that the Quill Lakes contained no fish life owing to the alkaline nature of the water, but this idea has been exploded by Jos. Stefansson, a settler of the district, who lately caught a wagon load and found a good demand at Wynyard. It is likely that the government will be asked to restock the lake with spawn from some of the large water bodies.

NORQUAY.—Dr. Cyril Mueller, physician of Norquay, was found guilty of manslaughter. The jury held Dr. Mueller responsible for the death of Mrs. Thorne, wife of Corp. Thorne, of Norquay, in that he did not use reasonable care in the sterilization of the instruments used at the time of the deceased's confinement, in January, 1917. The jury, however, brought in a strong recommendation for mercy.

MOOSE JAW.—Two juveniles arrested in Moose Jaw, alleged to be connected with the burglary of 25 Winnipeg homes, were brought back to Winnipeg. A quantity of jewelry was found in their possession, including nine rings, four watches and some neck chains.

Alberta

EDMONTON.—Premier Stewart has announced that the next session of the provincial legislature would open February 4th.

—During the last two and a half months 30,000 head of beef cattle from Saskatchewan and Alberta for the American markets, have passed through the port of Estevan. The value of these shipments is given at approximately three millions of dollars.

—Dealings in futures on the grain exchange are illegal and contrary to the Canadian criminal code, whether the transactions are carried on in ordinary "bucket shops" or in the offices of reputable business concerns. This is the gist of an important opinion handed down by the appellate division of the supreme court of Alberta in the case of the Medicine Hat Wheat Company vs. Norris Commission Company, Ltd.

MIRROR. — Mr. Pemberton caught a coyote here with a brass mounted collar on and a 1917 dog tag, bearing the number "280 Saskatoon," attached to it. Mr. Pemberton says the people round about him are interested in finding out whether this coyote escaped and if he travelled across country from Saskatoon. Reference to the dog license records of Saskatoon shows that a tag bearing this number was issued to H. Messer, 221 Avenue A South for a liver and white pointer. Mirror, Alberta, is 200 miles west of Saskatoon.

British Columbia

REVELSTOKE. — Burns and company, of Calgary, have presented the Revelstoke Ski club with a beautiful silver cup to be known as the Shamrock, cup for the amateur skiing championship of Canada, now being held by Nelson, of Revelstoke, with 147 feet. The best men in Canada are coming to compete for the trophy at the fifth annual ski tournament, to be held here Feb. 11th and 12th, and it is possible that the amateur

championship of American, or the runner-up, may also compete. The club is now in correspondence with the American Ski association.

VANCOUVER. — Ripe native raspberries were on the Vancouver market at Christmas. They were of the cold storage variety. The experiment of placing these berries in cold storage in the fall when they ripen has thus far proved a great success, and the practice will probably be indulged in to a greater extent next year.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—It was reported on Jan. 13th, that for the next 24 hours the city of Winnipeg will be free from debt. It happened on that day that the record tax collections reached the amount of the overdraft on 1918 expenditures. This happy state of affairs will not last long, however. On Feb. 10th, the city has to give a cheque for \$1,400,000 to the school board, and another payment will be that of \$677,000 to the provincial government.

—There are approximately 1400 vacant houses in Winnipeg, according to the housing survey report. Half of these can be put into shape for human habitation within a very short time. There is great need to change the building bylaw.

—The "Flu" rate Jan. 14th still was at low ebb, with but 24 new cases reported in 24 hours. The previous day 36 cases were reported.

—Henderson's City of Winnipeg Directory will not be issued until the end of February, it was announced. The cause of the delay is the epidemic and shortage of competent help. Mr. Henderson stated.

—Burglars are still operating in Winnipeg in spite of the recent round-up made by the police.

—Ernest Birtz, of St. Boniface, was the winner of the prize—a trip to New York—awarded by an insurance company in a competition among its agents. The agent who sold the most insurance, but not under \$100,000, would get the trip. Mr. Birtz reached the total of \$115,000.

—The annual meeting of the Catholic War Relief society was held in Columbus hall, and reports were read showing that a splendid year's work had been accomplished by the members of the organization.

—Manitoba has lost 3,785 in dead, presumed dead and missing on the battle fields. More than 60 returned men have died from influenza.

—J.N. Maclean, head of the provincial liquor department had a meeting with the manufacturers and vendors of culinary extracts in Manitoba to try and find a way to sell these extracts so that they will only get into the homes and that bootleggers will be unable to purchase enough to do business. Many of these extracts contain 85% proof spirits and it has been found that the Indians are using it for liquor. To stop this it was decided that extracts will only be sold in 2 1/2 ounce bottles.

—Anti-prohibition forces in Manitoba plan to invoke the aid of the direct legislation act on the provincial statutes for the purpose to allow the free sale of beer and light wines.

Ontario

OTTAWA.—Parliament has been called for Thursday, February 20th. The necessary order-in-council was passed last week after consultation by cable with Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues overseas.

—The order-in-council prohibiting the issue in Canada of bonds, debentures and other securities and shares of stock without the consent of the minister of finance, has been wholly repealed.

—According to decisions of the post office department, anything written or printed on the address

side of a government postal card, except the address itself, renders the card unmailable.

—Some misunderstanding, it is thought, may have arisen in respect to reports of the cessation of British buying of Canadian meat products. No notice of any such cessation had been received by the Dominion government. The reports intimated that the reason for discontinuance of buying was the large reserves of meat accumulated by Great Britain in the closing period of the war. The question of credits is not involved.

TORONTO.—900 carpenters responded to the call of the district council of carpenters and participated in a meeting which took up the case of Hy. Cheeseman, who awaits sentence for having in his possession banned literature. The meeting unanimously favored the repeal of all order-in-councils on the ground that nothing short of a return of pre-war conditions would satisfy working men.

—During the past year, in spite of the Ontario Temperance act, no fewer than 3,433 citizens faced the magistrate in the police court here on charges of drunkenness. In 1917 there were 4,554 drunks in court.

—Jewelry, furs and valuables amounting to \$40,000 have been stolen from the winter residence of Lady Kemp, wife of Sir E.L. Kemp, at Aiken, S.C.

MILDUMAY.—Joseph and Edw. Stroeder of Lance Valley, Sask., are on a visit to their parents. —Miss Tena Hergott, nurse in training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, is visiting her parents.

WALKERTON.—The G.T. train bound for Guelph was wrecked six miles below Galt last week. Eight passengers were injured, among them Father Cummings of Walkerton, who is in a serious condition.

FORT WILLIAM.—For the first time in history the middle of January sees navigation on Thunder Bay. The bay is open and so free from ice that tugs are leaving with loads of supplies for down the shore points.

Wit and Humor

Col. Davidson: "Say, Jesse, what's good to take for a cold?"

Col. Rubel: "Oh, quinine and whiskey, or quinine and brandy, or quinine and rum, or quinine and gin—and say—you want to be darned careful about the quinine—its powerful stuff."

A newspaper offered a certain prize for the best answer to the conundrum, "Why is a newspaper like a woman?" The prize was won by a lady in Oklahoma, who sent in the following:

"Because every man should have one of its own, and not run after his neighbor's."

"The time will come," thundered a suffragist orator, "when women will get a man's wages!"

"Yes," sadly muttered a man on the rear seat, "next Saturday night."

"It's such a silly superstition to be always picking up pins."

"You may call it a superstition if you wish, but I know a chap who makes a living at it."

"How can a fellow gather that many?"

"He works in a bowling alley."

There would be no objection to making puns if all punsters were like Moore, Strange and Wright. On a certain occasion when they were dining together Moore remarked: "There is but one knave among us, and that's Strange." "Oh, no!" promptly exclaimed Wright. "There's one Moore." "Yes, and that's Wright," quickly added Sirange. —Ave Maria.

St. Gregor Mercantile Company

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