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Depth of Foundation

Q.—What will frost do to a concrete wall built on the surface of the ground? How deep is it necessary to put a foundation for a one-story building if it has a concrete floor as well as concrete walls? The top of the floor to be level with the surface of the ground.—Reader, Alta.

A.—I would advise putting the wall down into the ground at least 30 inches. You do not state what kind of a building the wall is intended for and I therefore can give you little information except in a general way. The concrete

floor should be built at least six or eight inches above the outside ground level. You will find this to your advantage in the sloppy weather in the spring. The ordinary width of wall for a single story building is 10 inches. You should, however, have a footing underneath at least 20 inches wide and 10 inches deep for the wall to rest upon. The life of a great many of our farm buildings is greatly shortened by poor foundations which settle unevenly and bring strains upon the structure of the building above

which throws the building out of shape and very often causes it to collapse when the high winds come.—L. J. Smith, Prof. of Agricultural Engineering, M. A. C.

"Old Colony" Mennonites May Go

A convention of delegates from the various settlements of "Old Colony" Mennonites of Saskatchewan and Manitoba have decided to send a deputation to the Argentine government in regard to the people of those settlements migrating to South American soil. Enforcement of the new School Attendance Act in Saskatchewan has created an antagonistic feeling among the "Old Colony" or reactionary groups of Mennonites, who have steadily fought against assimilation of their children through the medium of the public schools. These people are distinct in their views from the "Progressive" Mennonites.

Will Interview Governments

The Canadian and Saskatchewan governments will first be interviewed to find out whether the Mennonites would be allowed to leave Canada in case satisfactory arrangements in South America are made. Another meeting will be held shortly, at which it is expected that further arrangements will be made.

The delegation, which is to go to South America, will interview the Argentine government as to the price of land; whether the families will be allowed to emigrate with their sons of military age, and as to whether the South American republic will grant privileges similar to those outlined in the Canadian treaty of 1873. If these conditions are satisfactorily fulfilled it is more than probable that practically the entire "Old Colony" will sell their farms in Western Canada and move to Argentina.

Western Butter for Siberia

The Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries Limited, with headquarters at Regina, has recently made a shipment of 57,000 pounds of butter to Russia. The butter was purchased by the Militia Department, and is to be used by the Canadian Expeditionary force in Siberia. Two cars were required to ship this butter to Vancouver en route to Siberia. Previous to the outbreak of the war, Russia exported large quantities of butter, but the disorganized conditions there at present made it necessary to provide the fighting forces with this commodity.

New Dairy Commissioner

T. M. Logan has resigned as dairy commissioner of the province of Saskatchewan and P. Reed, who was for the past three years creamery inspector, has been appointed commissioner.

Patriotic Funds

Blue Cross Fund	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 200.14
Beth Howes, Millet, Alta.	30
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Merrill Mattheis, Carman, Alta.	20
Cameron Carpenter, Ingebrigt, Sask.	25
Florence Hoffman, Maple Creek, Sask.	25
Beatrice Anderson, Blucher, Sask.	25
Archie Pearce, Leader, Sask.	25
Jessie L. Taylor, Forrest Bank, Sask.	25
Ross L. Hinde, Waseca, Sask.	50
Mardell Wussow	25
Margaret Wussow	15
Laura Kirk, Grandall, Man.	200
Total	\$205.91

Belgian Relief Fund

Previously acknowledged	\$12,579.07
Edrains Union S. S. Edrains, Man.	4.50
Total	\$12,576.57

Red Cross Fund

Previously acknowledged	\$ 7,803.86
Moundville Ladies' Aid, Painsbrum, Sask.	25.00
Total	\$7,828.86

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