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### Shrubb Won

Monday, May 8.—The fifteen  
mile Shrubb-Longboat race was  
run here this afternoon at the  
M. A. A. track and was won by  
the Englishman by nearly a lap,  
in 1.23.56. Longboat finished in  
1.25.56. Shrubb did not break  
any records but he held Longboat  
at his mercy all the time. Shrubb  
took the lead at the start and was  
never passed. At the seventh  
mile the English runner held a  
lead of three-quarters of a lap.

### CROWNEST

Forest Fires in the Valley and  
their Prevention

In the Crow's Nest valley, in  
southern Alberta, only thirty three  
square miles of unburned forest  
are left out of a total of two hundred  
and twelve square miles of  
possible forest area. All this area,  
according to the reports of early  
explorers and travellers, was  
originally covered by a dense  
forest.

Mr. H. R. MacMillan, Asst.  
Inspector of Dominion Forest Res-  
erves, made a preliminary investi-  
gation of this district in the  
autumn of 1908, and has embodied  
the result of his investigations in  
an interesting report. In the fol-  
lowing schedule he summarizes  
the condition of the tract:—

Sod-covered, denuded  
area..... 85 sq. miles  
Dead standing timber 34 sq. miles  
Area covered with  
young growth... 60 sq. miles  
Unburned forest... 33 sq. miles  
Total 212 sq. miles

Thus no less than 179 square  
miles out of the 212 (over 84 per  
cent of the area) has been cleared  
by fire at one time or another.

Eighteen square miles of the  
area is above timber line.

The area first mentioned, viz.,  
the "sod-covered, denuded area,"  
presents one of the most difficult  
propositions. Before railway con-  
struction started, this area was  
covered by a heavy fir forest. Now  
it is "a poor gravelly prairie,  
unfit for agriculture, of very little  
value for grazing and which is in

no way a crop." This is the result  
of repeated burnings. The first  
fire does not usually have this  
effect, but "a second or third fire  
rarely fails to kill all the forest  
production" (i. e., the young trees)  
"to destroy the remaining seed  
trees, to burn off the upper layer  
of soil and leave a desolate waste."

Of unburned forest only thirty  
three square miles (about sixteen  
per cent of the area) remain, and  
these are situated in the places  
that are least easy to get at,  
namely, at high levels and at the  
heads of valleys and in draws; and  
this forest is consequently least  
valuable. It is the timber that is  
easy to get at that the fire here,  
as everywhere else, has consumed  
or damaged.

The most hopeful aspect of the  
whole case is presented by the  
the sixty square miles of country  
covered with young growth. The  
land on which this young growth  
is found is "too high on the hill-  
sides and is too rough, stony and  
gravelly to be fit for agriculture  
or valuable for grazing." This  
young stand of timber consists  
largely of lodgepole Pine, with a  
small proportion of spruce and  
Douglas fir. Properly protected,  
it will in time come to be of  
immense value.

The first step in forestry, here  
and everywhere else, is to preserve  
the forests that now exist, and so  
the first thing necessary in this  
region is to protect the green  
timber and the young growth from  
the fires that have been so dis-  
astrous in the past. This is the  
first problem that is engaging the  
attention of the Dominion Forest  
Service.

Up to the present fire protection  
in Canadian forests has been  
protected by rangers whose duty  
it is to watch for fires and put them  
out (and much of the value of  
such a service lies in the fact that  
the ranger can discover and exting-  
uish in its first stages a fire  
that, left unchecked, might de-  
stroy many thousand dollars' worth  
of timber) and warn travellers and  
campers of the danger of careles-  
ness in the use of fire. This  
patrol will no doubt be the basis of  
the system finally adopted for this  
region, supplemented probably by  
the use of "look-outs" and tele-  
phones.

### Another Town

Lenev is the name of a new  
town on the G. T. P., 507 miles  
west of Winnipeg, and 19 miles  
east of Biggar, the divisional point.  
Though this town has not yet  
arrived at the board of trade stage,  
it is pushing ahead and calling for  
citizens and capital to develop it  
and the surrounding country. It  
is surrounded by one of the best  
farming districts along the line  
and is some distance south of the  
C. N. R., though not far from  
Perdue on the C. P. R. At present  
Lenev comprises two good  
lumber yards, two boarding  
houses, one general store, a small  
hardware store, a blacksmith shop,  
one livery barn. It is claimed  
that if the wheat crop this year  
should run 20 bushels to the acre  
there will be 300,000 bushels  
shipped from Lenev.

### To Meet U. S. Packers

P. Burns, of Burns & Co., pack-  
ers, Calgary, announces that the  
firm will build at Vancouver a  
packing plant similar to their  
Calgary plant, with a capacity of  
1,000 hogs daily. The firm will  
endeavor to supply the Western  
Canadian trade, which is now  
largely supplied from the United  
States owing to the inability of  
existing plants to cope with the  
demand. Burns & Co., apparently  
are preparing to meet the invasion  
of the United States packers, who  
have been gradually acquiring  
plants throughout the west.  
Business conditions, Mr. Burns  
states, in the prairie provinces are  
very prosperous, this season wit-  
nessing a record breaking influx of  
immigrants, the majority coming  
from the United States.

### St. Yves On Top

New York, May 8.—The Grand  
International Marathon, distance  
26 miles, 385 yards, for a purse of  
\$10,000, had thirteen starters.  
The first seven to finish share in  
the prize, and \$5,000 goes to first,  
\$2,000 to second and \$1,200 to  
third.

The winner was Henri St. Yves,  
of France, time 2.44.05.

Second, John Svanberg, Swed-  
en time, 2.50.54.

Third, Fred Crooks, U. S. A.  
time, 2.52.10.

Fourth, Fred Simpson, Canada,  
time, 2.54.13.

Fifth, Appelby; sixth, Dorando;  
and Edward C. Idot, of France,  
seventh, each being in the prize.

### Extra Judge For Sunny Alberta

Ottawa, May 12.—Mr. Ayles-  
worth tonight gave notice of a bill  
providing for the appointment of  
an additional district court judge  
for Alberta at a salary of \$2,500  
for the first three years, and after  
that \$3,000.

### Theodore Lorch Coming

Theodore Lorch and his talent-  
ed company who won much favor  
with Cardston people in their  
presentation of "The Lieutenant  
and The Cowboy," "Dr. Jekyll  
and Mr. Hyde" and "Piney Ridge"  
will play a return engagement  
at Cardston on Monday and  
Tuesday, May 17th and 18th.

### Alfred Shrubbs' Lively Month

May 16—20 miles, St. Yves,  
McNeal.  
May 19 or 20—12 mile relay,  
Belleville.  
May 24—20 miles, Longboat, Te-  
ronto.  
June 5—15 miles, St. Yves, St.  
Paul.

### Big Elevator at Winnipeg

Barnett and McQueen, Minne-  
apolis, were awarded the contract  
for the erection of a 300,000 bushel  
concrete elevator for the Ogilvie  
Flour Mills at Winnipeg, Man.  
Construction will be commenced  
at once.

### Operators Ask For Conciliation Board

At the meeting of the Western  
Coal Operators Association on  
Thursday, every mine in the  
association was represented.  
The association was sent in its  
application to the Department of  
Labor for the appointment of a  
Board of Conciliation as provided  
by the Lemieux Act. A repre-  
sentative was nominated but his  
name will not be given out until  
approved by the Government.

### Seeding Over This Week

Winnipeg, Man., May 10.—  
Reports from various sections of  
Canada West show that wheat  
seeding has progressed all week  
under the most favorable condi-  
tions. Up to date 70 per cent of  
crop is in the ground and by next  
Wednesday night seeding will  
have been completed.

Recent statistics dealing with  
convictions for drunkenness show  
that in the past nine years the  
increase has been 150 per cent.  
A marked increase is shown in  
every Province save Prince  
Edward Island. The number of  
convictions per thousand inhabi-  
tants is as follows: Manitoba,  
11.71; British Columbia, 8.83;  
Nova Scotia, 6.39; New Brunswick  
5.98; the Northwest Provinces,  
5.40; Ontario, 4.02; Quebec, 3.13;  
Prince Edward Island, 1.43. Of  
course the varying opinions  
among police in different parts  
of the country as to when a  
drunken man should be arrested  
make the figures a poor basis for  
argument.

### The Man Who Goes Against Nature



Is bound to get stung. So is the man who uses  
"cheap" paint—he'll get the worst of it.  
Cheap paint is a waste of money. That's plain.  
It cracks, blisters and peels off in a short time. Then  
where do you come in? Paint that looks and wears  
well for years may cost a trifle more than "cheap"  
paint, but isn't it economy to use that kind?

Alberta Lumber & Hardware Co. Ltd.