



Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations.

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta.

W. W. COREY, C. M. G., Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Fertilizer

It is hard to make most of the farmers realize that there is a great possibility of them not being able to get what commercial fertilizer they will require this spring.

C. O. COOK & SON, Waterville

Farmer's LOOK HERE!

It is a positive fact that there will be a great advance in hay-making machinery before July 1st.

F. G. NEWCOMBE & SON, Sheffield Mills

The Only Grand Prize (Highest Award) given to Dictionaries at the Panama-Pacific Exposition was granted to WEBSTER'S NEW INTERNATIONAL FOR Superiority of Educational Merit.

"RALPH CONNOR" IN THE SYNOD

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces met in session at New Glasgow last week.

The different sessions were all full of interest, but to our mind the greatest event in all the Synod's meetings was the address of Maj. Rev. Charles Gordon (Ralph Connor) who is home from the front.

The times are dark and fearful, but the spirit of the boys at the front are undismayed, and they feel that the great forces which ever roll onward in their majesty and might are on our side.

He told of the passion of devotion and the wealth of sacrifice that abounds in this war of souls.

There is abundance of the essence of religion at the front.

Two things are in the boys' creed at the front. The first is that "God is around somewhere," and the second is "We will do our duty even unto death."

The Chaplain's duty is to look after the bodies, the tempers, spirits, faith, and keep them fit and steady.

The men feel that God is near. He is kind and good. Trust in Him, give Him your confidence, and He will help.

brotherhood of the trenches. This is worth while going to France for. God placed the British Empire in the seven seas to bless the world with liberty and honor and faith and humanity.

BOILING DEAD GERMANS

Germany has claimed that the announcement that they were extracting fat from the bodies of dead soldiers was based on a mistake.

Unfortunately for this lie a copy was captured of The Rally Army Order, issued by supreme command of the Sixth German Army, Dec. 21st, 1916.

It has become necessary once more to lay stress on the fact that when corpses are sent to the corpse utilization establishments returns as to the unit, date of death, illness, and information as to (contagious) diseases, if any, are to be furnished at the same time.

This order leaves no room for doubt that the Kaiser is demanding unprecedented services from his subjects both dead and alive.

Josiah Slocombe sat at one end of the sofa and the only girl in the world sat at the other, and the silence was intense and prolonged.

"Oh—er—," he stammered, "the same as you are."

"If you are," she said, "I'll slap you!"

SOME CURIOUS WILLS MADE IN THE TRENCHES

The "latest will and testament" which the British private frequently writes into the little army "pay book" which he carries with him wherever he goes is an interesting study.

Wills made in the trenches are legal without witnesses, and such a will acceptable to the courts. Even if the signature is lacking, the will may still be accepted, if there is evidence as to the handwriting or intention of the testator.

Many of these trench wills have Tommy Atkins' characteristic touch of humor. Some are in dialect, some in phoetic spelling.

Here is a will in rhyme which was written while the soldier was on duty at a 'listening post' in No Man's Land:

I haven't a sweetheart, I haven't a mother; I've only one sister, not even a brother.

This will went through the courts without question, despite its unusual form.

Whoever first sets eyes on this Gets everything I leave, For my kith and kin are dead and gone.

There's a tidy bit in the bank you'll find, And my army pay, through small; So, stranger, breathe one sigh for me,

This will was forwarded to England by the young sergeant who found it, and he shortly afterward received notice that the "tidy bit" which turned out to be a substantial sum of money, had been deposited to his account.

Still another will in rhyme was written by a private who had been cut off from his comrades for 3 days, without food or water and probably without sleep.

When over the top we go, A gallon of beer I leave to Tom Another to squint-eyed Joe.

There was some difficulty in carrying out this bequest, owing to the fact that half the men in the company claimed to have been called "Tom" and "Joe" and by the testator, and the whole estate was finally turned over to the father it being left to him to carry out the "two gallons clause" as he should see fit.

A certain lady who was travelling in Canada, collecting data for her next book, stayed with a farmer's wife. When the farmer came in from the fields he stopped some time to rub his gum boots on the doormat.

"Where is your husband?" asked the visitor. "I thought I heard him at the door."

"He's cleanin' his 'gums' on the mat, ma'ma," said the farmer's wife.

When the book was sent to the publisher this passage caught his attention: "Canadian settlers in the out-of-the-way districts can't get tooth-brushes, so they use the doormat"

MESSAGE FROM LIEUT. GOVERNOR GRANT

To the People of Nova Scotia:

Once again an appeal has come to us for funds to assist the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John in the magnificent work these organizations are doing to meet the needs of the sick, wounded and imprisoned sailors and soldiers of the Imperial Forces.

On the two previous occasions your response to the appeal was hearty and most generous. The demands are greater, and the necessity for contribution more urgent.

"If Canada fails us in October," Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the British Red Cross Executive informs us, "we must curtail many of our activities."

His Excellency the Governor General and Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire, who, by reason of their close personal association with Red Cross work under the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, have had ample opportunity to watch the growth of the operations under control of these societies, recommend the Red Cross as the channel through which effective relief can be afforded to the sick and wounded of the Imperial Forces.

Wednesday, October 24th has been fixed as the day in this Province when all collections for this purpose should be completed.

Mc. GRANT, Government House, Halifax, October 12th, 1917.

A frugal Scot, wishing to light up asked a number of fellow passengers for a match.

None of them having one, Sandy said resignedly: "Aweel, I'll have to use yin o' ma agin." — Boston Transcript.



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