

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA.—The Bureau of Statistics of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture during the past few days have been making enquiries regarding the potato situation in the province. The acreage under potatoes this year is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to be 59,000 acres, being slightly under the previous year. Owing to the frost of October 8 and following days, the total production of potatoes has been severely lessened practically in every part of the province. The amount of damage by the frost is estimated to be from fifty to seventy-five percent, principally felt in towns, many residents failing to get their potatoes harvested before the frost, therefore the surplus, if any, in the outlying districts will be needed to supply provincial requirements. In the majority of cases the amount of potatoes grown is to meet local demands only.

—The by-election for the Kindersley constituency, caused by the resignation of W. R. Motherwell, will be held on Thursday, November 20, it was decided and writs have already been issued. Nominations will be held on Thursday, November 13, one week earlier. Mr. Motherwell resigned his seat in the Saskatchewan legislature over two weeks ago to contest the federal riding against the farmers' candidate, O. R. Gould. In the Assiniboia federal by-election, however, W. R. Motherwell was unsuccessful, forfeiting even his deposit. Gould was elected by a majority of over 4700 votes. It is claimed that Mr. Motherwell is too honest to be a successful politician. Mr. Motherwell issued a statement to the effect that defeat had been inevitable from the outset. The Liberal campaign was a vigorous one, with Mr. Motherwell himself, Mrs. Motherwell, Mrs. Hunt, of Abernethy, Hon. Walter Scott, Hon. Frank Oliver, A. R. MacMaster, K. C., M. P.; J. G. Gardiner, M. L. A.; C. R. McIntosh, of North Battleford, I. E. Pedlow, M. P., and several other speakers taking an active part.

WILKIE.—After a trial lasting four days, Mike Striefel was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years with hard labor in Prince Albert penitentiary by Mr. Justice McKay in the court of kings bench here on Oct. 27. Striefel shot and killed Hieronymus Keller near Salvador, Sask., on May 8 last in a quarrel occasioned by Keller and two other young men.

MARCELIN.—Ben Plaxton, a homesteader living two miles west of Marcelin, was found frozen to death in his shack.

TURTLEFORD.—Two respected citizens of this district were victims of shooting accidents during the past few days, and both fatalities appear to have been the result of excitement while shooting ducks. The victims were Mrs. D. Stay and Mr. Howert.

REGINA.—Unless Saskatchewan is refunded every dollar paid in interest on the bonded indebtedness of the Grand Trunk Pacific branch lines secured under provincial guarantees, the province will foreclose and take over the lines, is Premier Martin's reply to press reports quoting Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. J. D. Reid to the effect that the province would still remain liable on its bonds, despite the proposed federal legislation to take over the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Martin accuses the federal government of unfairness in its dealings with the province in connection with interest payments under the provincial guarantees of branch lines. The Saskatchewan govern-

ment made a payment of interest on May 1 amounting to \$275,000, and another payment falls due on Nov. 1. Assurances were given by the federal ministers early in the year that legislation would be introduced protecting the interests of the province, but not only have these assurances not been implemented, but the statement is made that the liability of the province is to be continued.

British Columbia

VANCOUVER.—Fifty per cent of the Ashcroft potato crop has been lost by early frosts. Much of the crop was harvested and standing in the fields in sacks when killing frosts came. Reports are reaching here of some damage in Okanagan amongst apples not yet picked. How extensive the loss will be has not been determined.

Ontario

TORONTO.—E. C. Drury, is to be the next premier of Ontario, succeeding Sir William Hearst. Mr. Drury was the unanimous choice of the United Farmers of Ontario and the Labor representatives in the new legislature at a joint conference at the U. F. O. headquarters on Oct. 29. It is understood that the meeting was very harmonious, and that there was an indication of the two groups pulling well together in the house, though both the U.F.O. and Labor will retain their group feature to a considerable extent. Premier-elect Drury said that the new government was practically completed, that all the portfolios had been allocated, and that the government would be ready on short notice to take over the reins from Sir William Hearst and his ministry.

KITCHENER.—The Ontario Journal in its issue of Oct. 22, says the following about the Union Government: "Two weeks ago, the Government was charged in Parliament with having manipulated the soldier vote to win the election. The proof was there in the form of a telegram from Hon. Mr. Meighen to Sir Robert Borden. It showed the rawest form of political stealing. It showed how the Unionists placed soldier votes here and there, just as it pleased or, as Mr. Meighen put it, where it would do the most good. Meighen did not deny that he might have sent such a telegram. But the startling thing was that he said it was a perfectly proper thing to win the election in this way. The man actually no longer knows what is right and what is wrong. Anything to win is now their battle-cry. Mr. Rowell, that hypocritical goody - good, who always seems just a little more righteous than ordinary men, also thought the whole rotten business was perfectly fair and was followed by the whole Unionist gang when it came to a vote, though it was rather a stiff dose for those of the Liberal Unionists who could still remember the time when justice and fair play had a real meaning." Further on the same paper writes: "The Union Government has just passed a law whereby no alien may have a rifle or other firearm without a permit. If you happen to have been born in Germany and have lived here 25 or 50 years and don't happen to have your naturalization papers, you are in the dangerous class. You mustn't have a gun; you mustn't go for a day's sport like your fellow-citizens without first getting permission from the police. And they refuse to give you naturalization until you have lived here another ten years. I suppose this Union crowd at Ottawa are afraid that these harmless old German people, who are really better Canadians than their persecutors, will start another war. They still see spies and plotters and ghosts every-

where. I well remember how these people were told time and again that they were of the best in Canada. So they were. And today they are exactly the same people as they were five years ago. Some day when we get rid of the Borden crew, perhaps a measure of justice will be restored."

Fire Prevention

You read daily in the papers of some fire that has made some people homeless. Have you profited by the experience of those so unfortunate who probably may have lost a life's savings, with nothing to look forward to but a hard struggle to regain what has been lost, possibly through carelessness? Look after home fire prevention. See that heaters, stoves and pipes are properly put up and that pipes are firmly fastened to prevent falling. Look carefully into condition of chimneys. Keep them in good repair and clean.

Don't hang clothing or draperies near stoves or on stovepipes.

Don't put ashes in wooden boxes or barrels. Use metal ash cans.

Don't throw ashes against fences or buildings.

Don't fill oil or gasoline stoves when lighted.

Don't allow the oil to become low or the wicks short in lamps; explosive gas may be generated.

See that matches are placed out of the reach of the children. Use none but safety matches.

Look to it that lighted matches, cigars or cigarette stubs are not thrown about. Many fires are caused from neglect to observe this precaution.

New Apple Dumplings.

One cup flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt; mix and work in 1 teaspoon butter and 1 teaspoon lard as for biscuit dough. Wet with 1/2 cup water and roll out like pie crust.

Chop five tart apples finely and spread over the sheet dough. Sprinkle over it 1 cup brown sugar and some cinnamon and roll it up as you would jelly roll. Cut in slices two inches thick and place on end in a deep pudding pan. Pour over the raw dumplings the following sauce:

- 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 1/2 cups water, 1 teaspoon vanilla

or any other desired flavor (a tablespoon of lemon juice could be used). Cook for five minutes until well blended and pour over the dumplings immediately. Bake 25 minutes. This amount will serve ten people.

LOST

A black club bag was lost on the road from Humboldt to Muenster on the morning of Oct. 28th. Finder please notify St. Peters Bote.

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OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT FOR MUENSTER, SASK.

Table with columns: DATE, 1919 (Maximum, Minimum), 1918 (Maximum, Minimum), 1917 (Maximum, Minimum). Rows 1-31.

Remarks for the Month of October 1919. Highest temperature: 69 (on Oct. 7); lowest temperature: -16 (on Oct. 26). Average temperature: Highest 36, lowest 14. Rain .44 in., Snow 4.75 in. The highest average temperature during the Month of Oct. 1918 was 53.45, the lowest 27.35.

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