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Editorial

THE COMING SESSION

The Canadian Parliament is to open on the first Thursday in February and there is already much speculation as to what matters of importance will be considered during the session and what vital points of difference there will be between the several parties in the House.

According to announcements made by the Liberal leader and his lieutenants, one of the principal measures to be considered in the Commons next session will be to reduce the powers of the Senate to override the will of the Commons. Sooner or later this question was bound to arise in Canada just as it did in England a considerable number of years ago when the House of Lords had to bow to the will of the Commons and the people in surrendering much of the power which it had.

The Western members are promising a very strenuous demand for such a revision of the railway rates as will enable the producers of that country to reach their destination at less cost. By the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement of 1903, the Canadian Pacific Railway made certain freight rates for points that were touched by that transportation company. Since then the railway has been so extended that many other centres in Ontario and the West have been given connection with it and these are now objecting that if they do not get the benefits of the Crow's Nest Agreement there is distinct discrimination against them. The result of all this controversy, says the St. John's Telegraph-Journal will probably be that the Board of Commissioners will be given a free hand to reverse the whole railway structure. The task will be a tremendous one but, no doubt it is in the best interests of all Canada that there should be some such solution of the difficulty.

The session will have a greater interest because it is thought by many that a general election will be held next year and much of the discussion in Parliament will have for its end and aim the influencing of the electors.

GET THE HABIT

Now that we have sufficient snow on the streets would it not be a good time to make the foundation for good snow? Buy a box of water, months, and at the same time assist the Public Works Department of the Town Council to keep the streets easily accessible? To do this the suggestion that has often before been given might again be drawn to the attention of townsmen and others who do driving in the

winter time, viz:—"Drive to the right of the street ALWAYS". In doing this the streets will be kept open in a much wider fashion instead of just a single track in the centre. It is a very simple practice for people to adapt themselves and there will be no necessity for any turning out whatever. If those who use the streets would just try this method once they would be so pleased that it would soon be the accepted way of keeping the streets open. There is lots of traffic in Newcastle for this to be done and always after a storm if townsmen would keep to the right of the street, instead of clinging to the centre, we would always have good wide streets to drive on and no turning out. Surely the townsmen can see the advantage to be gained and endeavor to make matters easier for themselves during the winter months.

Contest Birds Hard Hit By Zero Weather

The hens taking part in the New Brunswick egg laying contest at the Experimental Station were hard hit by the cold weather of last week. As a result of the sudden drop in the mercury four pens did not produce a single egg. One came across with only two, another three while four birds passed in their checks. Two of these belonged to the pen of A. T. Reid of Rokingdam and had been laying well since the contest started. Another belonged to C. M. Peart of Lewisville and the fourth to Eugene Monohan of Elmville.

A pen of Barred Rocks belonging to Patrick Graham of Millville, York County led the field last week with a total of 41 eggs. A pen of the same breed owned by John Woods of Bloomfield stood second with 33, while pens owned by Alex Stevens of Hoyt and Fred H Ferguson of Fredericton tied for third place with 26 eggs each. W. E. B. Tait's birds stood fifth with 23 and A. D. Fowles' sixth with 21. Harry Patterson's pen produced 5 eggs; Lloyd B. Johnson's Barred Rocks 19; Mrs. Geo. Danby's 17. Several pens which did good work at the beginning of the contest seem to have gone to pieces during the last two weeks.

The total egg production last week was 325 which is a drop of 100 from the best record of the contest. The grand total of eggs at the close of the ninth week of the contest was 3501.

HAD LOTS OF EXPERIENCE

Amongst many good stories told by Miss Norma Talmadge, film star, is one concerning a somewhat down-at-heel individual who applied for a job as a "super" at a studio where she was rehearsing.

As it happened, the producer did want a super just then, but he was somewhat dubious as to the applicant's capabilities.

Looking him up and down he asked: "Are you an actor?"

"I am," was the reply.

"Ever had any experience of acting without audience?"

"Acting without audience," answered the seedy one sadly, "is responsible for the unhappy position in which I find myself to-day."

Revives Flowers By Using Aspirin

Florist Drops Tablet Into Water at First Sign of Fading.

A florist recently tried a clever secret for prolonging the beauty of cut hothouse flowers, especially roses. When the flowers have reached their prime at the first sign of fading drop an aspirin tablet into the water. The flowers will revive as if by magic and remain fresh and beautiful for several days longer.—From the Delineator for January.

Hon. W. P. Jones Engaged In Potato Probe

St. John, Jan. 3.—Hon. W. P. Jones, K. C., will represent Porter, Hatfield and Gallagher, potato dealers, who have been summoned to appear before Commissioner Hereford, of Ottawa, for investigation under the Anti-Combinations Act.

The investigation is expected to be held in Woodstock during the month of January, according to information given The Telegraph-Journal last evening by Guy G. Porter, of Andover, president of the Guy G. Porter Company Ltd. and one of the shippers whose operations are to be investigated.

Mr. Porter also announced last night that Mr. Jones had been employed as counsel to look after the interests of the Porter, Hatfield, Gallagher organization.

"We still maintain that this inquiry should be open to the public and not held behind closed doors as proposed by the commissioners," said Mr. Porter. "My associates and myself are quite willing and anxious to submit our contracts showing the profits we have made on our operations this season, but we want the public to be fully informed.

"Some nasty insinuations have been made relative to this inquiry and Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Gallagher and myself are ready at any time to present our case."

SEES AN IMPORTANT POTENTIAL SOURCE OF RAW PETROLEUM

The bituminous sands of Alberta constitute one of the most important potential sources of crude petroleum. It is a high grade paving material was the statement made by S. C. Ellis, of the Federal Dept. of Mines, following a recent tour of inspection through that district.

"Success will largely depend on making no false moves in the first place and in having no lost motion in subsequent operations" said Mr. Ellis. "In preparing the way for future commercial development, a primary consideration has been to secure data and information of practical value. The work undertaken" he declared "has included complete topographical maps of a large portion of the area, the sampling of many outcrops, the study of treatment processes for the recovery of liquids, semi-solids and solid hydrocarbons, and demonstration paving."

WOULD TRY FURTHER

In 1915 the first asphaltic wearing surfaces, constructed with Canadian asphalt, were laid by Mr. Ellis, in Edmonton. After nine years under heavy traffic this pavement is still in perfect condition and maintenance charges have been negligible.

There are available at the present time records of more than 40 processes designed for the treatment of bituminous sand with recovery of hydrocarbons. Certain of these according to Mr. Ellis appear to warrant further expenditure in order definitely to demonstrate their value on a semi-commercial scale. Indeed it would appear that the problem presented by the treatment of the bituminous sand is not greater than many metallurgical problems that have been successfully solved," said Mr. Ellis.

Regarding the actual extent of the deposit, Mr. Ellis estimated that present estimates must be considered as provisional. "It is however safe to say that the tonnage of bituminous sand, considered as commercially available at the present time will be found to be ample for a very long time." "It is contended that large scale

The Big January Sale

is drawing crowds of Shoppers to Creaghans'

In every department of this large new store bargains are offered that means big savings.

Men's Underwear " Sweaters Men's Overcoats Suits and Pants Men's Mackinaws " Shirts etc.

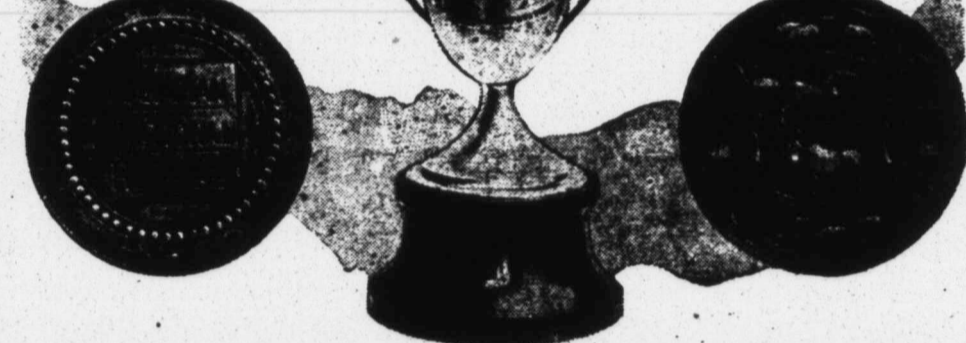
Ladies Coats, Dresses, Sweaters, Hosiery, Corsets. Heavy Coating, Blankets, Beds, and Bedding. Linens, Cotton, Gingham, etc.

Marked at Savings from 15 to 35%

Made it a point to visit Creaghans' this week—The more you spend the more you save



CHAMPION SWINE BREEDERS OF WESTERN CANADA



The six boys in the photograph were winning teams in the Boys' and Girls' Swine Club competitions in Western Canada. This is a distinction in itself, as the clubs number 30 and have a membership of more than 500. Each pair of boys represents one of the three Prairie Provinces. Following the provincial competitions in Western Canada they were brought to Toronto by the Canadian National Railways to compete at the Royal Winter Agricultural Show for a cup and medals donated by Mr. W. D. Robb, who is seen in the centre of the group. Mr. Robb, who is vice-president in charge of Colonization and Development of the Canadian National Railways, presented the cup for annual competition as an encouragement in developing swine husbandry in Western Canada. The cup and medals, also shown in the photograph, were won by the two boys on the left.

Those in the picture are:—Left to right—Albert Jones and Peter Wylie, Vegreville, Alberta; Everett Lunan, St. Louis, Saskatchewan; W. D. Robb, vice-president, Canadian National Railways; Raymond Neefe, St. Louis, Saskatchewan; Fraser McQuarrie and Nelson Shoemaker, Grandview, Manitoba.

Greetings

It is with pleasure that we extend our thanks to our many friends for their generous patronage, during the past year and we hope for the continuance of our friendly business relations.

We Wish You "A Happy New Year"

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development looking to the production of petroleum products, will necessarily depend to a considerable extent on development in the United States. It is considered by many informed persons that the

peak of production has almost been reached in that country and apart from periods of temporary overproduction such as have recently been witnessed, the production curve will gradually decline. Declining produc-

tion accompanied by rising prices, should to a large extent determine the time at which commercial development will be possible in North ern Alberta," Mr. Ellis concluded