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WOMAN WALKS 400 MILES

Miss Hansen, from Washington State, comes to Regina for a Homestead, and is Refused—Wanted To See The Governor

"Can you tell me where the governor's office is?" asked a woman with a foreign accent as she walked into the West office Tuesday morning. "I want," said she, "to see the head of the government, as I can't get any satisfaction from the people in the land office about a homestead I came here to file on."

The woman was Miss Hansen, of Ballingham, Washington state, who was informed that women have equal homestead rights with men in Canada, and she bought a ticket to Vancouver only having sufficient money to take her that far. She then started out on foot and walked to Revelstoke, a distance of nearly 400 miles. Here she worked for a while and saved enough money to take her to Regina, reaching here Monday evening. At an early hour the following morning this woman was among the motley crowd that waited around the Land office steps to gain admission. She asked whether a woman could file on a homestead and was answered that a widow woman could, but no other. Turning, she walked out. She thought that the officials had not been courteous enough to her and that perhaps they were the same as they are in the States—"unobliging till they have to," so she started to find the governor. Passing the West office she stopped to make enquiries and she was informed that if she wanted the head of the government she would have to call on Premier Scott, and then she asked how it is that the

governor is not "the whole thing here as they are in the States." After some explanation the visitor recognised the difference in our system of government, but she thought it strange that there is no official above the land agent in this city, for to her he seemed to possess too much power and he was wanting in that official courtesy which she thought he was entitled to.

It was then suggested, that she had not explained her situation to them. This appeared too unsympathetic, and then the West came in for a calling down for not being independent of government influences. "Just the way with the papers on the other side." We explained, however, to the woman that if she were the sole head of a family she could make application for a homestead. This is where the whole trouble came in. As she said herself, "I am no widow, was never married, and too old now." If she had known that only widows could get homesteads she would have stayed at home, but she was fooled by a man she met in Washington from Prince Albert, and now she is here without enough money to take her home. However, she will try to get work for a while, and if that fails she will ask the city to send her back. "I won't stay in Canada," she said with her Swedish accent, "for I have sworn to the States and I won't swear to Canada if I can't get anything for it."

Leaving the West office she said "I am much obliged to you for explaining what I thought was a great wrong to me, but the agent should have taken longer to tell me. I guess I can't get a homestead 'cause I was never married, and don't expect to be. I'm up against it alright, but I'll make for home again to my friends. You have a great big country, but I see I can't get a piece of it."

The parting shot was, "Your government don't look good to me."

CONSERVATIVE MEETING

The Federal Conservative Associations for the City of Regina will hold a joint meeting in the City Hall, Thursday evening, September 5th, for the Election of Officers and for Organization. The President of the Senior Association is Dr. Cowan, and of the Junior Association, J. F. L. Embury.

It is urgent that as many as possible should be present. Delegates will be elected to attend the Federal Provincial Convention in this city on Oct. 16th.

CROP OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

Cutting will Soon be General—Grain is Plump—More Mixed Farming

The crop outlook has improved greatly during the last three days, and the chances for a fairly successful harvest even yet are much brighter. With clear weather the balance of the week the cutting will be general on Monday next, though there will be considerable wheat on the green side then. The frost has not done much damage so far, and many districts were not hit at all. On the whole, the sample promises to be good, as the kernel is very plump this season. Fields in some localities are good for forty bushels, and the average of the province outside the hailed area will be above last year. The business men at country points wore long faces last week, but they are in much better mood as the days go by.

One benefit which the threatened damage will bring will be the adoption of more mixed farming. Already farmers are preparing to go into hogs and cattle more extensively. The wheat crop is a money maker if successful, but it is a gamble to have all the eggs in one basket.

SWORN IN

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—Hon. Geo. P. Graham was sworn in on Saturday as Minister of Canals and Railways, and Hon. Wm. Pugsley as the minister of public works. There may be a shuffle in portfolios later on, after the return of Messrs Fielding and Brodeur, but the railways and canals portfolios goes for the present to Ontario, and public works to the Maritime provinces. These are two great spending departments. New Brunswick people here declare Sir Wilfrid Laurier's selection of Mr. Graham a reflection on their province.

An early election in Ontario is foreshadowed by the announcement that Premier Whitney and several ministers will tour the province this fall. This is their first appearance on the stump since taking office. The election will likely take place next June. The voters' lists are already being prepared.

DIES IN CANADA

Montreal Sept. 2.—John Attemborough of the Manchester Guardian, who was a member of the party of British journalists who visited Canada on the invitation of the British government died on Saturday of Summer complaint. When in the Northwest Attemborough was taken ill, and on reaching Montreal was so sick that he had to be removed to the hospital where he died. He was the youngest member of the party and had been in poor health.



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Mr. Kettlewell, head watchmaker for P. W. ELLIS of Toronto, has accepted a position in Mr. G. Howe's jewelry store, Scarth street.

Rev. E. A. Henry and family have returned to the city after their vacation.

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