

TRAFFIC IN CANADA OF RUSSIAN ROUBLES HAS BEEN FORBIDDEN

Large Importations Said to Have been made of Russian Notes for Firms in United States.

LICENSE IS NECESSARY

Traffic in Russian rouble notes which it has been ascertained by the Post Office Department has been going on through Canada has been forbidden on recommendation from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in an Order in Council dated January 17, as follows:—

Whereas the Minister of Finance, referring to a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 5th October, 1918, inviting the attention of the Canadian Government to the desirability of taking measures to prevent the exportation of Russian rouble notes from Canada reports,—

That he finds that prohibition of export was established in Great Britain because of strong enemy demands for these notes for use in Russia;

That the importation and exportation of this class of currency is under restrictions in the United States;

That so far no restrictions have been placed on the importation and exportation of such currency by Canada for the reason that the traffic in these notes was not found to be at all considerable, and

That recently, however, it has been ascertained by the Post Office Department that large importations of Russian roubles are being made through Canada with the view of supplying banking firms in the United States with the currency in question;

Therefore His Excellency the Governor General in Council, in view of the foregoing, is pleased, on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance and under and by virtue of the provisions of the War Measures Act, 1914, to order that the importation into Canada and the exportation from Canada of Russian rouble notes shall be and the same is hereby prohibited, except in such cases as may be deemed advisable by the Minister of Finance under license to be issued by him.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

VALUE OF BEET ROOT CROPS IN DOMINION

As shown by figures contained in the last number of the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the production of sugar beets grown for the manufacture of beet root sugar in Ontario last year was 180,000 tons, grown on 18,000 acres. The value of this production at the average price of \$10.25 per ton was \$1,845,000. In 1917, 23,376,850 pounds of refined beet root sugar was produced in Canada, in factories all of which are located in Ontario.

Beef from Dominion.

Exports of beef from this country increased in quantity from 44,165,621 pounds in 1916 to 115,003,133 pounds in 1918, and in value from \$5,623,122 in 1916 to \$21,854,333 last year, as shown by a summary of the trade of Canada compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, from the data of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

W.S.S. Woman's Work.

Mrs. C. Ada Chennell, general organizer of the Woman's section of the National War Savings organization, will spend the latter part of February in the Maritime Provinces. She will deliver addresses and assist in the organization work generally in the leading cities along the Atlantic coast.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED FOR LAND SETTLEMENT

Applicant's Right as Settler to be Decided by Committees Under Board Which Will Consider Military Service, Physical Fitness, Assets and Farming Experience.

Applications from soldiers or others entitled to benefit under the Soldiers' Land Settlement scheme will be considered by provincial committees who will determine the qualifications of the applicant and will report their finding to the provincial supervisor of the board. The procedure necessary is explained in the following Order in Council passed on January 17:—

Whereas it is provided by Section 6 of the regulations, passed under the authority of the Soldiers Settlement Act, concerning the granting of loans to settlers, approved by Council on the 5th of April, 1918, and by Section 7 of the regulations under the said Act concerning the granting of free entries on Dominion Lands, approved by Council on the 14th of May, 1918, that

"Upon the applicant's right as a settler being satisfactorily established, a statement in the form of an Attestation of such right signed by the Chairman of the Board, shall be issued to such applicant."

And whereas Qualification Committees are being appointed in each province of the Dominion under the Soldier Settlement Board to determine the qualifications of applicants to benefit according to the provisions of the Act and to convey their findings on each case to the Provincial Supervisor of the Board;

And whereas it is desirable in order to deal promptly with cases that the Provincial Supervisors shall have authority to issue certificates that applicants are qualified to benefit under the Act without reference to the Board at Ottawa, and it is desirable to amend the regulations accordingly;

And whereas the benefits of the Act are limited to members of the expeditionary forces specified in the Act who have left the forces with honourable record or have been honourably discharged, and doubt exists as to what service constitutes honourable record and what is meant by being discharged honourably, and the Soldier Settlement Board has recommended that a definition be made of those members who are entitled to benefit under the Act;

Therefore His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of the Interior and of the Soldier Settlement Board, is pleased to make and prescribe the following regulations to be the "Qualification Regulations" of the Soldier Settlement Board and the same are hereby made and prescribed accordingly:—

QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS.

1. Pending amendment by statute defining eligibility, the members of the expeditionary forces specified in the Soldier Settlement Act, 1917, eligible to benefit thereunder as "settlers" are those members who have been discharged or left the forces after having served in an actual theatre of war or outside the country in which they enlisted, or in the case of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, after having served in Canada only and having received injury or disability due to service for which pension has been granted; or the widows of any members who died on such service; provided that no member shall be entitled to the benefits of the Act if the discharge certificate or certificates of service granted him by the Department of Militia and Defence, or other military authorities as the case may be, shows dishonourable conduct or record.

2. Qualification Committees shall be appointed in advisory capacities under the Soldier Settlement Board in each province to determine the qualifications of applicants. The committee shall be satisfied that each applicant is qualified as to (a) military service, (b) physical and personal fitness to farm, (c) capital

or assets, and (d) farming experience.

3. Any applicant wishing to make application under the Act shall be required to fill up a Preliminary Information Form which shall be in the form provided by the Board. The same shall be forwarded to the Provincial Supervisor. Unless found disqualified without further examination, the applicant may be required by the Supervisor to appear in person before a Qualification Committee.

4. All applicants shall be required before their applications can be dealt with to produce certificates of discharge or other documentary evidence from the Department of Militia and Defence, or other proper military authorities as the case may be, establishing their military service and the character and the termination thereof as required by the Soldier Settlement Act and regulations thereunder, and the responsibility shall be upon all applicants of having in their possession and producing the official documents from the proper military authorities establishing their military service. In all cases where such evidence is not satisfactory, the Qualification Committee or Supervisor may reserve decision until the applicant has obtained the necessary evidence. The best assistance of the Soldier Settlement Board shall be given when required to obtaining from the proper military authorities or Pension Boards the information required.

5. Any applicant holding an "Attestation" issued by the Board certifying to his eligibility as far as military service is concerned, subject to his ability to farm being approved, may be required to appear before a Qualification Committee before an application from him for loan is dealt with.

6. The Qualification Committee shall convey to the Provincial Supervisor its decision respecting each applicant, whether he is a person qualified as above, or is disqualified on one or more of the above-mentioned grounds, or is recommended for training at an agricultural school or with a practical farmer or otherwise. The record of the decision shall be signed by the Chairman of the Qualification Committee or person acting for him.

7. In each case where the applicant is approved as qualified to benefit under the Act, the Provincial Supervisor shall issue to the applicant a "Qualification Certificate" which shall be in a form prescribed by the Board. In other cases the applicant shall be notified of the training required, or other decision of the Committee.

8. Such Qualification Certificate shall entitle the holder thereof to be dealt with as an applicant for soldier grant entry on available Dominion lands, or as an applicant for a loan on the security of land, as provided in the Act and the regulations thereunder.

9. Pending examination and decision by a Qualification Committee, the Supervisor may, if the applicant is eligible by reason of military service to benefit under the Act, recommend such applicant for entry on Dominion lands under the Soldier Settlement Act and regulations thereunder, subject to confirmation after a decision of the Qualification Committee is given. Application for such entry shall be made in the prescribed manner, and the Agent of Dominion Lands shall reserve the land, if available, without issuing a certificate of entry pending examination by a Qualified Committee and pending agricultural training of the applicant, until notified of the final decision of the Board. The applicant in the meantime shall not take possession of the land and shall have no rights in respect thereto.

10. Pending appointment of Qualification Committees, or in the event of Qualification Committees not meeting

GIANT TELESCOPE AT VICTORIA OBSERVATORY IN USEFUL OPERATION

Nearly 1,300 Spectra Have Already been Obtained by New Instrument which is Regarded as Gratifying Record.

REAL FACTOR IN RESEARCH

In the course of the regular programme of work with the 72-inch Reflecting Telescope of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria, B.C., which has been in active operation only since May last, 30 spectroscopic binaries have already been discovered.

These stars, which visually appear as single even when viewed with the most powerful telescope, can only reveal the fact that they in reality consist of two stars revolving around one another by measurements of their radial velocity towards or from the earth by means of the spectroscope. If the star is always moving with the same speed towards or from the sun, then it is single; but if this speed changes or if at one time it is moving towards us and at another time away from us, then it is a double system, a spectroscopic binary as distinguished from a visual binary which appears double when looked at in the telescope.

Nearly 1,300 spectra have already been obtained with this telescope of stars mostly fainter than the sixth magnitude from a list of 800 stars to be observed at Victoria, this list being arranged in co-operation with Mt. Wilson. About half of these spectra have been measured, with the result that 30 of the 125 stars whose velocity has thereby been obtained are shown to be binary. This gratifying record, one never before approached in such a short time after the completion of the telescope, gives promise that Canada will soon become an even more important factor than at present in the advancement of astronomical research.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CROP OF THE KOOTENAY

The value of fruit and vegetables grown in Kootenay district of British Columbia during last year is estimated at \$384,000; the crop of 1917 was valued at \$150,000. The figures are supplied by the Commissioner of Immigration and Colonization at Winnipeg.

New Publications.

The following new Government publications have been issued:—

Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for year ending March 31, 1918, 106 pp. Ten cents.

Judgments, Orders, Regulations, and Rulings (fortnightly edition), Vol. VIII, No. 21 (Jan. 15). Twenty cents.

Trade Bulletin, No. 781, Jan. 13. Free.

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within a reasonable time, the Supervisor may in special cases of emergency, if satisfied that the applicant is qualified, issue a Qualification Certificate, or may prescribe agricultural training to be taken by the applicant before appearance before a Qualification Committee, or render such decision as is appropriate to the case.

11. The Soldier Settlement Board shall make such further provisions and regulations as to procedure and otherwise in determining the qualifications of the applicants as are deemed by the Board necessary and which are not inconsistent with these regulations.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.