

# Manitoba Review

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### AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SCHOOLS.

The Agricultural Extension Service a few days ago shipped out four big automobile cars full of Short Course equipment, for the four schools which open on Monday at Minnedosa, Dauphin, St. Louis, and Somerset. A staff of six instructors will be present at each of these schools, and lectures will be given each day for two weeks on Gas Engines, Live Stock, Field Crops, Farm Bookkeeping, Cement Construction and Home Economics. These are the beginning of 24 similar schools, which will be held at various places in the Province. In addition to these, there will be three other series of Short Courses, each of one week, devoted mainly to dairying, poultry raising and hog-keeping, and to each of which a staff of three lecturers will be sent. Unless health conditions prevent these seven circuits will be in operation until the end of March and between 25 and 30 instructors will be constantly employed.

The places and dates are as follows:

- February 18-28: Swan River, Gladstone, Lenore, St. Agathe.
- March 4-14: Roblin, Beausjour, Brookdale, Langruth.
- March 18-28: St. Rose, Emerson, Oakville.

The places at which four day Short Course Schools will be held are:

- Camper, Fisher Branch, Moosehorn, Stuartburn, Elphinstone, Balduf, Glenboro, Melita, Bruxelles, Grafsmidal, Inwood, Spear Hill, Ridgeville, Chatfield, Belmont, Holland, Mariapolis, Lanier, Gypsumville, Arborg, South Junction, Erickson, Ashern, Cypress River, Waskada, St. Alphonse.

### LIEUTENANT ACCUSED OF EXPRESS ORDER ROBBERY

WINNIPEG.—Lieut. Conway Edward Dobbs was charged in the police court with the theft, at the point of a gun, of a book containing twenty express money orders from Lee Koy, a Chinaman, and with uttering nine forged money orders for \$50 each. Dobbs was remanded until Feb. 11, on bail of \$5,000. No plea was entered at this preliminary hearing.

Dobbs was arrested at a local hotel while dressing for his wedding, which was to have taken place within an hour. He is a returned soldier and has been undergoing treatment here for wounds received at the front.

### DES ROCHERS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN JAIL

WINNIPEG, Man. — Paul des Rochers, lately clerk in the Winnipeg General Post office, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Before passing sentence, the judge stated that he was unable to impose any other sentence but imprisonment unless the crown was willing to permit the prisoner to go on suspended sentence. This the crown, represented by E. A. Cohen, refused to do with the result that des Rochers was given three years, the minimum sentence under the Post-Office act. The prisoner was found guilty of stealing a money order from a letter, valued at \$5.

### CRUSHED BY SLEIGH

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. — Mike Soltys, a farmer residing south of the river, died while being rushed to the hospital, of injuries received while on the road to the city. He was bringing a load of wood to town, and it is surmised that it capsized, throwing him off and injuring him. When found by passers along the road he was lying under the runners of the sleigh, but died on the way to the city. He was a foreigner by birth, but has farmed south of the river for a number of years. He leaves a wife and family.

### INCOME TAX FOR WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Man. — The city council is planning to levy an income tax upon residents, patterned after the Edmonton system which taxes all persons with an income of \$500 or over. It is probable that the city solicitor will be instructed by the legislation committee to prepare a bill for submission to the present session of the Manitoba legislature.

### SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEET FEBRUARY 25

WINNIPEG, Man. — The thirtieth annual convention of the Manitoba School Trustees association will open in the lecture room of Westminster church on Tuesday, Feb. 25, and will last three days. Among the features of the convention will be addresses by Dr. R. S. Thornton, minister of education; Major C. K. Newcombe, superintendent of education for Manitoba; Prof. W. F. Osborne, of the University of Manitoba; Prof. A. A. Stoughton, University of Manitoba; Dr. David W. Ficht, of the United States Bureau of Education, and Dr. J. J. Anderson, director of non-English schools of Saskatchewan. The election of officers will take place at the afternoon session of the second day.

### MARKOFF CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BURNED DOWN

WINNIPEG, Man. — The Markoff Consolidated school was completely gutted by fire on Tuesday morning before 10 a. m. The walls may probably be used in the rebuilding should the arch deem it advisable. The insurance, \$8,500, will only go about half way in the rebuilding. The fire originated between the furnace and the chimney, so far as can be ascertained. Within two minutes of the alarm being given the flames shot up through the air shaft to the upper room. Though school had not been called and the pupils were disorganized and scattered throughout the building they were quickly got out. Preparations are being made to reopen as early as possible in the old schoolhouse and the church. The night school will also reopen Feb. 13.

### WOLVES NUMEROUS

WINNIPEG, Man. — That a large number of moose were being destroyed by wolves in Rupert's Land, was the statement made by John Morrison, M.L.A. for Rupert's Land. He considered the report that moose are dying from the flu could not be deemed as reliable. Packs of 20 and 30 composed of timber and brush wolves were playing havoc with the herds and Indians were refusing to travel with out their rifles on account of the number of wolves abroad.

### MARQUARDSON GETS NINE MONTHS

WINNIPEG, Man. — J. Marquardson, 1424 Ross avenue, in whose house officials of the liquor license department found a liquor still, appeared before Magistrate Noble charged by the Inland Revenue authorities. He was sentenced to nine months in jail with the option of paying a fine of \$300 together with the costs of the court. The charge against Mike Michlenko, arrested two doors away at the same time and found to have a small still, was dropped by the Inland Revenue authorities.

### DIED SUDDENLY

STREINBACH, Man. — Peter F. Tvoes of Greenhal, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, apparently of heart failure, being at the time of his death in the woods many miles away from home, at the so called "Cotes Saw Mill". There was no sign of him being sick up to the moment he fell to the ground while walking around.

### NOT GUILTY OF SEDITION

WINNIPEG, Man. — Stanley Korda, of Brokenhead, who was charged with uttering seditious words, was found "not guilty" by the jury. Judge Curran, the presiding judge, commended the jury on its decision, stating that no other verdict could have been arrived at. The decision of the jury was unanimous. Korda was accused of having made statements against the British forces, against the war loans and against the registration act.

### IMMIGRATION INTO THE WEST

WINNIPEG, Man. — Although the immigration figures for the west for January, 1919, show a marked decrease as compared with the same month last year, there is an indication that the immigrants are of a wealthier class than usual. The immigration department has issued a statement of the number of immigrants who arrived at western ports during January. The total is 828. In January, 1918, there were 1,371 immigrants. There were 17 cars of effects as compared with 35 last year.

### CIVIC PAPER MILL PROPOSED

WINNIPEG, Man. — The legislation committee of the city council has unanimously agreed to recommend that the city council seek power by referendum to the ratepayers of a proposal to erect a pulp and paper plant to cost three million dollars as a means of establishing permanent industries in Winnipeg. It was urged that employees of the mill be made part owners and have an interest in the actual earnings of the mill.

### SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OFFICERS

WINNIPEG, Man. — At the annual general meeting of the Swiss Benevolent society of Manitoba, the following members were elected officers for the year: Trustees (re-elected) John Eringer, Swiss consul; M. Baroni, E. Brader. Committee (re-elected), M. Baroni, president; A. Jaquet, vice-president; F. Hein, recording secretary; A. Banninger, treasurer; C. M. Williams, recording secretary. Auditors, E. Scherrer, J. Huber, O. Hugzenberger. Social committee, A. L. Monnin, B. Rossi, E. Scherrer.

### CLOTHING RECOVERED

WINNIPEG, Man. — Seven hundred dollars worth of men's furnishings were recovered recently when detectives arrested two young men, Allen Gilberts and Israel Orestky, suspected of having broken into the Manitoba Clothing store, 550 Main street, and Max Steinman's store, 685 Main street. Police declare that the arrest of these two will clear up a number of robberies which have occurred during the past month. They say that Orestky has confessed, but that Gilberts asserts that he is innocent.

### WINNIPEG TO LIST DISLOYAL ALIENS

WINNIPEG, Man. — First steps in the formation of an alien enemy's "who's who" commission to adjudicate the loyalty status of all men of enemy birth, have been taken by the Great War Veterans' association, and Sergt. A. E. Moore was appointed returned soldiers' representative. The Trades and Labor committee will meet the committee tomorrow when a labor representative may be appointed. A judge, probably of the King's bench will be chairman.

### FINED FOR SELLING LIQUOR

WINNIPEG, Man. — Edward Gage, manager of the Gould hotel, was fined \$400 in provincial police court by Magistrate Noble for selling liquor. He pleaded guilty to selling to "friends."

### PORTAGE SEED GRAIN FAIR AND LIVE POULTRY SHOW

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. — The annual Seed Grain fair and Live poultry show, held under the auspices of the Portage Industrial exhibition association, opened this afternoon in the International Harvester building, and promises to be the best show ever held in this city. The entries are the most numerous ever seen here, and this is especially true in the poultry, which is a very fine exhibit. In addition to the grain there are exhibits of garden truck, which are attracting much attention. The show will continue for two days, and will wind up with a banquet to be held tomorrow evening, at which prominent speakers will be present.

### MINIMUM WAGE

WINNIPEG, Man. — A minimum wage of \$12 and \$11 according to occupation, has been set by the Minimum Wage board for women workers employed in dyeing and cleaning places of business. Also a minimum wage of \$12 for adult experienced women workers in hairdressing parlors. The next industries to be dealt with by the minimum wage board are hotel and restaurant help.

### PLEADING GUILTY

WINNIPEG, Man. — Pleading guilty to keeping two houses for the sale of liquor, Sam Zinberg, 513 Magnus avenue, was fined \$250 and costs. He had his customers wait in one house while he went over to the other for the goods.

### HAS HAND BADLY MANGLED

WINNIPEG, Man. — Fred Holler, 732 Pritchard avenue, had his left hand badly mangled when he caught it in a machine at the Alaska Bedding company. He was taken to the General hospital where it was found necessary to amputate it.

### FATHER ALONE REMAINS FROM FAMILY OF SEVEN

RUSSELL, Man. — Louis Halwas, of Roulton, whose wife and three children died Friday before last, has now lost his other two children, the last of whom died on January 27. The whole family, with the exception of the father, has been wiped out by the "flu."

### ROBBED OF BIG SUM

WINNIPEG, Man. — John Kuttschowski was robbed of \$1,900 while attending a performance in a small north-end theatre Tuesday night.

### ICE ON RIVERS NOT SAFE

WINNIPEG, Man. — Repeated warnings that both the Assiniboine and Red rivers are in a dangerous state have not been successful in preventing three children from getting a soaking during the past few days. Three juveniles were rescued by men patrolling the river last Saturday.

### CIVIC MILK SUPPLY

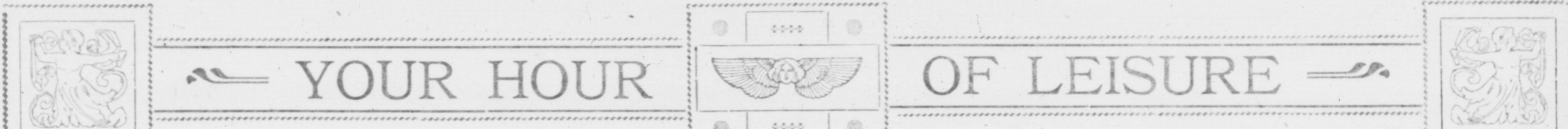
WINNIPEG, Man. — In all probability Winnipeg in the near future will have a municipal milk supply of its own. Application will be made to the service legislation board for legislation to establish a dairy system.

### CONVICTED SHOP-LIFTING

WINNIPEG, Man. — Annie Szupinski, convicted of shop-lifting in a large department store, was fined \$50 and costs in police court.

### DISPUTE AS TO OWNERSHIP OF TWO CARLOADS OF WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Man. — A dispute as to the original ownership of two carloads of wheat valued at \$7,000, was heard before Judge Galt, Henry Leno, a farmer, is suing the Simpson, Hepworth company for the money, alleging he had shipped the wheat through its agent, J. Zinsler. The company denies knowledge of the plaintiff and say they never had dealings with him. The case is proceeding.



**The Goblet of Life.**  
By Henry W. Longfellow.

Filled is Life's goblet to the brim,  
And though my eyes with tears are dim,  
I see its sparkling bubbles swim,  
And chat a melancholy hymn  
With solemn voice and slow.

No purple flowers, — no garlands green,  
Conceal the goblet's shade or sheen,  
Nor maddening draughts of Hop-pocrene,  
Like gleams of sunshine, flash between  
Thick leaves of mistletoe.

This goblet, wrought with curious art,  
Is filled with waters, that upstart,  
When the deep fountains of the heart,  
By strong convulsions rent apart,  
Are running all to waste.

And as I mantle passes round,  
With fennel is it wreathed and crowned,  
Whose seed and foliage sun-im-browned  
Are in its waters steeped and drowned,  
And give a bitter taste.

Above the lowly plants it towers,  
The fennel, with its yellow flowers,  
And in an earlier age than ours  
Was gifted with the wondrous powers,  
Lost vision to restore.

It gave new strength, and fearless mood;  
And gladiators, fierce and rude,  
Mingled it in their daily food;  
And he who battled and subdued,  
A wreath of fennel wore.

Then in Life's goblet freely press,  
The leaves that give it bitterness,  
Nor prize the coloured waters less,  
For in thy darkness and distress  
New light and strength they give!

And he who has not learnt to know  
How false its sparkling bubbles show,  
How bitter are the drops of woe,  
With which its brim may overflow,  
He has not learned to live.

The prayer of Ajax was for light;  
Through all that dark and desperate fight,  
The blackness of that noonday night,  
He asked but the return of sight,  
To see his foeman's face.

Let our unceasing, earnest prayer  
Be, too, for light, — for strength to bear  
Our portion of the weight of care,  
That crushes into dumb despair  
One half the human race.

O suffering, sad humanity!  
O ye afflicted ones who lie,  
Steeped to the lips in misery,  
Longing, and yet afraid to die,  
Patient, though sorely tried!

I pledge you in this cup of grief,  
Where floats the fennel's bitter leaf,  
The battle of our life is brief,  
The alarm, — the struggle, — the relief,  
Then sleep we side by side.

—There are 10,000,000 jobless persons in the United States today  
Dr. Geo. W. Kirehwey, federal director of employment for New York state, declared in an address

**QUICKER THAN A BULLET**  
Loons are Keen Sighted and Quick in Movement

Dippy the Loon is more often heard than seen, though to those who visit the lakes of Northern Canada, he is familiar enough at a distance. This is especially true of those lakes deep in the Green Forest, for Dippy is a lover of solitude.

Dippy belongs to the order of diving birds and is often called the Great Northern Diver, because he is a very wonderful diver and swimmer. His legs are chiefly for swimming, and for this reason, are placed so far back that when standing on solid ground he appears to be up-right. His feet are fully webbed and are big enough to drive Dippy through the water at great speed.

On land Dippy is so clumsy that it is with difficulty he can get about at all. He cannot rise into the air from land, and so he is seldom found more than a few feet from the water. His wings are narrow and small for his size; but once Dippy gets under way in the air he flies swiftly and far. In order to rise, he uses wings and feet—padding over the surface of the water for some distance to get up sufficient speed for his wings to lift him. In this respect he is like an airplane which attains great speed on land or water before it can rise.

The common Loon is glossy black on the upper parts, at times showing violet and green tints. Back and wings are spotted and barred with white. There are streaks of

white on throat and neck. His breast and belly are pure white; his bill straight and pointed. Dippy is a big bird, being nearly three feet long. There is a Black-throated Loon and a Red-throated Loon — a very handsome fellow.

Loons feed almost exclusively on fish. They are wonderfully keen sighted and so quick in movement that they often dive at the flash of a gun and are safely under water before the shot reaches where they were swimming.

**PIGMY ELEPHANTS**  
Considered a Most Important Zoological Discovery.

Two specimens of a hitherto unknown species of elephant, a real dwarf variety, have been captured in Africa and were recently taken to England. This is considered a most important zoological discovery, comparable with that of the okapi in the Congo forest several years ago. These pigmy elephants grow to be 5½ or 6 feet high; that is, half the height at the shoulder of an ordinary African elephant. The tusks of the two dwarf elephants now in England are very dark, and display evidence of wear and tear and of exposure to a wet or muddy habitat. They are abnormally small. Those of the female weigh about 1 pound each, and those of the male 3½ pounds each, compared with 110 pounds as the weight of one tusk of a grown African bull elephant.

**TASMANIAN TIGER ALMOST EXTINCT**

The Tasmanian "tiger" seems in a fair way to become as extinct as the Tasmanian emu or the "boomer" or "forester" kangaroo, whose former existence in the island is recalled only by a few stray place-names. In the back districts of eastern Tasmania, where the "tiger" was common enough twenty-five years ago, owing to its taste for mutton, it is now utterly unknown. It still survives in some of the western regions, such as the country back of Tyenna or beyond the Arthur River, which are still outside the limits of settlement. A good healthy "tiger" is, or was before the war upset the market, worth anything up to one hundred dollars as a Zoo specimen.

**DIFFICULT TELEPHONE WORK**

Though nearly 800 miles of telephone wire has been put up in Abyssinia, the contractor who is doing the work for the government has to encounter unusual difficulties. Tropical rains wash out the poles, white ants eat away the poles in the ground, and when iron poles are substituted for wood the natives steal them to make tools. Monkeys find the wires delightful swings, while elephants use the poles as scratching posts and often knock them down. Lastly, the jungle grows so fast that a party of men is kept constantly employed in cutting away the young growth.

**ELECTRIC JUMPS**  
Sphere Spark Gaps Better Than Needle Point Measurements

By measuring how far an electric current can jump through the air from one piece of metal to another electricians can determine the voltage of a current, and it is by setting a current to making broad jumps and then scoring the feat with a tape measure that the very high voltages used nowadays are ordinarily measured. But the judges of these athletic feats have recently determined that the electricity jumps much more surely from some marks than from others, just as a man is not likely to jump so well from a mud spot as from firm ground.

Spark gaps, as these jump measures are called because of the great electric spark that jumps across the gap, have been made of needle points. Now it has been found that if metal spheres are used and the electricity made to jump from one to the other the result is more accurate, and sphere spark gaps are replacing the needle point jumps.

Even with spheres to jump from, the athletic electricity is not entirely satisfied unless each sphere is as big in diameter as the jump the current is expected to make. With such spheres the spark of a current of 500,000 voltage will break down when the spheres are a little more than fifteen inches apart. —Saturday Evening Post.

**JUST WHAT IT IS.**

When your back is broken and your eyes are blurred,  
And your shank bones knock and your tongue is furled,  
And your tonsils squeak and your hair gets dry,  
And you're doggone sure you're going to die,  
But you're scared you won't and 'fraid you will,  
Just drag to bed and have your chill  
And pray the Lord to see you through,  
For you've got the flu, boy,  
You've got the flu!

When your toes curl up and your belt goes flat,  
And you're twice as lean as a Thomas cat,  
And life is a long and dismal course,  
And your food all tastes like a hard-boiled horse—  
When your lattice aches and your head's a-buzz,  
And nothing is as it ever was,  
Here are my sad regrets to you—  
You've got the flu, boy,  
You've got the flu!

What is it like, this Spanish flu?  
Ask me, brothers, for I've been thru;  
It is by Misery, out of Despair,  
It pulls your teeth and curls your hair,  
It thins your blood and brays your bones  
And fills your craw with moans  
and groans,  
And some time, maybe, you get well;  
Some call it flu—I call it h...  
—Anon.