

# Canadian Provinces

## Saskatchewan

### PURCHASES OF CATTLE UNDER PROVINCIAL ACT SHOW INCREASED COST

The purchases of livestock under the Livestock Purchase and Sale Act have been considerably more extensive this past year than the year before, especially as regards the amount of money invested by the farmers. Unfortunately the number of animals purchased has not increased quite in the same proportion, owing to the rise in prices. Cattle have gone up steadily in price, while sheep have advanced \$7 to \$10 per head as compared with a year ago, but nevertheless the increase is a substantial one.

The amount of money spent under the act, in procuring animals for the farmers on December 1 of 1917, was approximately \$122,000, and on the same date last year the figure was \$165,000. The total amount spent in operations under the act during the fiscal year ended April 30 last, was \$196,720.39. While not a large number of cattle are usually placed during the winter months, there will be a good number of sheep disposed of, and in the spring there is always a brisk demand for bulls, so that there is every prospect of a substantial increase, both in the number of animals placed and in the amount invested under the act in livestock, by the end of the present fiscal year. Up to December 1 last, there were purchased 111 bulls and 1,292 female cattle, about 4,000 ewes, 119 rams and 35 swine.

Most of the cattle sold last year went to the northern part of the province, owing to the more abundant feed in that part of the country.

### PARLIAMENT OF FARMERS FEBR. 18-21

Tuesday, February 18, to Friday, February 21, inclusive, are the dates set for the monster parliament of farmers constituting the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association, to be held in Regina this winter. This was definitely decided at a meeting of the executive of the association held at the central offices.

Details in connection with the big convention were discussed and some strong features of the program suggested. It was decided that one-half day during the holding of the convention would be given over to the holding of the sixteen district meetings.

Officials of the association anticipate that the attendance this year will be fully up to last year's high water mark and arrangements are being made for accommodating at least 2,000 delegates.

### WINNERS AT THE PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR

SASKATOON, Sask. — W. T. Mathison, of Moose Jaw, won the first prize for Marquis wheat standing field crop competition at the provincial seed fair which has been opened here. This exhibitor was also awarded the first prize in the Marquis wheat open competition.

With judging completed in white Wyandotte pullet classes, with 55 birds entered, Dr. S. A. Merkley, of Moose Jaw, takes first and third; Ideal Poultry yards, Saskatoon, seven prizes out of a possible 12. H. K. Gollnick, of Regina, takes first place in single-comb White Leghorns, cock and cockerel classes; A. R. Moreton, Saskatoon, first in hen and pullet classes.

With 2,000 utility birds exhibited in the Black Leghorn classes, Graham Brothers, of Edmonton, and Tom Gibbs, of Moose Jaw, took leading places; Rose-comb Leg-

horns, Nels Linden, of Wetskiwin, and R. H. Thompson, of Strassburg; White Plymouth Rocks, H. K. Gollnick, Regina, and Mrs. J. Spindle, of Vansoy; White Wyandottes, J. McEachern, Grand Coulee, and Dr. S. A. Merkley, Moose Jaw.

### SITTING OF YORKTON ASSIZES

YORKTON, Sask. — John Gilebuk, of Calder, accused of the theft of a load of grain from a Canadian Northern railway car at the loading platform was discharged from custody at Yorkton, the jury considering the evidence insufficient to convict.

The case of John Brodenink, charged with incest was adjourned to the next sittings at Yorkton. The principal witness of the crown, his fourteen year old sister, refused to give evidence against him and corroborative evidence will be required.

A. Toplitsky, of Canora, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Regina jail. He was charged with both arson and theft, but was found guilty on the latter count only. Evidence of the crown showed that Plaxton Bros' garage at Buchanan, valued at \$6,000, had been burned last July and \$250 worth of auto tires stolen. These were found in Toplitsky's possession and were not satisfactorily accounted for.

Hymie Goldstein, of Canora, Sask., the accomplice of A. Toplitsky in the firing of Plaxton Bros' Garage at Buchanan, Sask., and stealing automobile tires therefrom, was found guilty of arson and theft and sentenced to one year at hard labor in Regina jail.

### FOUND ILLICIT STILL AT GRAVELBOURG

GRAVELBOURG, Sask. — Constable Molyneux, provincial police constable at Gravelbourg, made a good haul on January 3, in the house of N. E. Bernier, when he found a still and worm for distilling liquor, three jars and seven bottles of "gopher" whiskey and about 40 gallons of liquid under preparation. Bernier and a hired man, named Brasseur, were arrested and later released on \$500 bail each.

Constable Molyneux had suspicions as to what Bernier was doing in his house and secured a search warrant. On entering he found the equipment and booze named above and arrested the two men who were in the house.

Previous to this he had sent a decoy with marked bills who had secured one bottle of the stuff for which \$7 was paid in the marked bills. This marked money was found in possession of Bernier.

### C. P. R. IS TO INVADE NORTH OF PROVINCE

PRINCE ALBERT. — The rumors that the Canadian Pacific railway proposes entering Prince Albert at an early date have been given realistic color by a visit to the city of C. E. McPherson, assistant passenger traffic manager, and N. W. Buchanan, travelling passenger agent of Regina, who spent a day in the city. They made a close inspection of the business of the city, but would make no statement as to the object of their visit. It is understood, however, that the Canadian Pacific has plans under consideration for invasion of Northern Saskatchewan.

### NEWS FROM HUMBOLDT AND DISTRICT

John Frantz, a prosperous farmer of the Humboldt district, has disposed of his farm and most of his stock, and is removing to Bruno, where he will engage in the but-



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cher business. Mr. Frantz was a member of the council of the Rural Municipality of Humboldt No. 370, representing division No. two, and his departure will cause an election to be held to fill the vacancy.

The death of Mrs. John Vossen, of Watson, took place early Monday morning, January 6th, at St. Elizabeth hospital. She had been ill since November 2nd, being first taken down with influenza, but afterwards complications developed which caused her death. She was a young woman of only 27 years of age, and leaves a husband and five children to mourn her untimely end. The remains were taken to Watson for interment.

Mr. Henry Engelmeier has left for Rochester, Minn., having received a message informing him of the very serious illness of his daughter, who was taken sick there a short time ago with influenza. Mrs. Engelmeier has been with her daughter for several weeks.

Mr. Leo Schumacher, principal of the Catholic separate school, has returned from the east.

Stanley Jacknicki, who was recently sent up for trial at the local police court on a charge of assaulting Jim Siem, at the Rex cafe, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment in the Prince Albert jail.

### NEWS FROM SEDLEY AND DISTRICT

The village council has held its first meeting in 1919. The council are: mayor, Joseph Schlosser; Valentine Hart, Anton Schaffer councilors, Jacob Kronk was appointed town policeman and has his instructions to enforce the bylaws without fear or favor.

The boys of the district who returned from St. Boniface college on account of flu, have again returned to their studies, viz: Kasper Hart, Anton Mildenberger and Joseph Helfrick.

Homes are still being visited by the "flu", the latest being the Kuntz, Phillips and Eberle families, were nearly the entire families are down at once, but reports indicate no further casualties will be the result here.

### HOME AGAIN

FUSLIER, Sask. — Mrs. Wirth has returned home after spending some days in attendance on her daughter, son-in-law and little grand son, who were all sick with the flu.

## MANITOBA

### HOG CHOLERA CALLS FOR EMBARGO

WINNIPEG. — An embargo on shipments of hogs to the United States was announced by Dr. S. H. Lowe, veterinary inspector of the Union stockyards, because of an alleged outbreak of hog cholera in Manitoba. Dr. Still, Dominion veterinary in charge of the health of animals branch, stated he was communicating with Ottawa in the matter. He said there was no outbreak of cholera in Western Canada which at all justified such action on the part of the United States authorities, that there has been no serious outbreak of hog cholera during the past year and that the only recent case was one about 133 miles from Winnipeg, where a few infected hogs were found and that the infected animals had been destroyed.

The shipment of hogs to the United States during 1918 was very small, being only 3,967 head; in fact there has been no heavy shipment since 1915, when 21,655 head were shipped.

### CHILD DEATH RATE LESS

WINNIPEG. — Despite the influenza less children died in Winnipeg in 1918 than in 1917, according to the report of officials issued. During last year the number of deaths among children under one year of age was 509, or 91 per thousand births. In 1917 the total was 545. In 1912, when the department took over the work, the rate was 212 deaths per thousand births.

### VENDORS OF EXTRACTS WARNED

WINNIPEG. — Owing to the high alcoholic percentage of flavoring extracts a circular letter is being sent by the temperance authorities to all grocers and vendors of extracts warning them that the largest quantity permitted to be sold is 2½ ounces. J. N. MacLean, chief of the provincial department, has also sent out a notice that any one selling culinary extracts containing over 2½% proof spirits will be prosecuted.

### FREE SALE OF BEER ADVOCATED

WINNIPEG. — "Anti-prohibition forces in Manitoba plan to invoke the aid of the Direct Legislation act on the provincial statutes for the purpose of obtaining either the repeal to the Macdonald act, or sufficient amendments to it to allow the free sale of beer and light wines, a well defined report current in legislative circles today," says the Tribune. Steps are now being taken to have a large petition presented to the house, praying that the desired amendments or new enactments, as the case may be, be undertaken, the paper adds.

### EPIDEMIC NEARING END

WINNIPEG. — The "flu" epidemic continues to lose its grip on Winnipeg, and only 36 cases and 6 deaths were reported on one day recently. It is now confidently felt among the local health officials that while there may be infrequent "spasms," the epidemic is nearing end. To date 13,701 citizens have suffered from the "flu," of which number 971 have succumbed.

### MAN AND WIFE DIE WITHIN FEW HOURS FROM "FLU"

KILLARNEY. — A gloom has been cast over the community by the death of C. Dickinson and wife. Mrs. Dickinson passed away early on Sunday morning, her husband following her barely 24 hours later. Both husband and wife died from the prevailing epidemic of influenza. The late Mr. Dickinson was local manager of the Union Bank, taking charge about 6 months ago. Previous to coming to Killarney he had been assistant manager of the Regina branch of the Cockshutt Plow Co.

## ALBERTA

### APPEAL COURTS RE WILD LAND TAX

EDMONTON, Alta. — Appeal courts in connection with the Wild Lands Tax act are being held by the department of municipalities all this month. A. D. Fidler, chief inspector for the department is hearing the appeals for which the following has been made out for the latter part of January:  
Stettler—Thursday, January 23, 10 a.m., (National hotel).  
Munson—Thursday, January 23, 3.30 p.m.  
Youngstown—Friday, Jan 24, 1.30 p.m.  
Edmonton—Tuesday, Jan. 28th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., (Depart. Municipal Affairs, Parliament buildings).

### HORSE SALE AT SPRING SHOW

EDMONTON, Alta. — At a meeting of the directors of the Alberta Provincial Horse Breeders, held recently, it was decided to hold a horse sale this spring at the time of the Spring Show. It was further decided to ask the Exhibition Association to co-operate with them in the holding of this auction sale.

### EPIDEMIC AT FORT McMURRAY

EDMONTON, Alta. — An outbreak of influenza at Fort McMurray is reported to the provincial police headquarters by Constable Heacock, of the force, who is stationed at that point. The constable also states in his dispatch that the

"flu" is also serious at Fort McKay, indicating that the entire settlement between the two points along the Athabasca is now being threatened with the epidemic. Hitherto this section of the northland has escaped the malady.

### IMPERIAL OIL CO. HAS MOVED HEADQUARTERS

EDMONTON, Alta. — A few years ago the head office for Alberta of the Imperial Oil Company was located at Edmonton. Later it was removed to Calgary and a sales office only was maintained in this city.

On January 1st, however, Edmonton again became the headquarters of this company for the province and in future Calgary will bear the same relation to the head office here as this city has borne to that in the southern city during the last few years.

### KILLED BY TAXICAB

EDMONTON, Alta. — Miss Annie Craig, one of the staff of the local branch of the Imperial Bank, was knocked down and almost instantly killed by a taxicab a few days ago while crossing Jasper at 103rd street. The driver of the taxi, Mike Fisher, was arrested and locked up in the city police station on a charge of manslaughter.

Miss Craig, who was about 30 years of age, had only come to Edmonton from Calgary about two weeks ago and lived with her sister, Miss Jessie Craig, at the house of Mrs. J. C. Brown, 9925 86th Ave., South Side.

### POLICE MAKE LIQUOR SEIZURE

EDMONTON. — Following the raid by the city police on Monday afternoon on an alleged whiskey drive, at which John Greenberg and Abraham Month were arrested, another big raid was made in the early morning of the following day on the premises of Albert Kalz, who runs a shoe repairing shop at 10505 Namayo avenue. The raid took place at 7 o'clock in the morning and before noon the man stood convicted in the city police court before Magistrate Primrose, on the charge of keeping liquor for sale contrary to the provisions of the Alberta Liquor Act. He was fined \$125 and costs notwithstanding his plea that he had the stuff there for Russian Christmas cheer.

William Danking was fined \$175 and the costs of the court, being found guilty of illegally selling intoxicating liquor. The police caught him through a marked \$10 bill with which the bottle was purchased from the accused at his place of business on First street. The bottle was labelled "pep" and the contents was of local manufacture. Jacob Layold pleaded guilty to the charge of being intoxicated while in a public place, contrary to the provisions of the Liquor act, and was fined \$10 and costs.

Hugo Nieman was given preliminary hearing of the charge of the theft of a typewriter from Ingelbert Mohelbus, and sufficient evidence adduced to connect him with the charge to justify Magistrate Primrose to commit him to stand his trial at the next court having criminal jurisdiction in the city of Edmonton.

John Iwasznak, who it was alleged, stole a fur coat and sold it to a second-hand dealer for the sum of \$8, was also committed to stand trial.

### TOOK LIFE WITH CARBOLIC ACID

EDMONTON. — The third suicide in Edmonton in three weeks occurred when Sam L. Leach, 65 years old, took his own life by poisoning at a rooming house on Namayo avenue. Leach was a laborer but was out of employment. Six weeks ago he had been an inmate of a local hospital, suffering from influenza and had been suffering from fits of depression since his discharge.

### VETERAN THEATRE BURNED OUT

EDMONTON. — The Veteran theatre, on Jasper avenue East, was burned out by a fire which is believed to have started from the furnace in the basement.

### NELSON MILK RANCHER SUICIDES

NELSON, B.C. — John Hintze, milk rancher, of Trail, was found dead hanging to a rope in the slaughter house there. He was found by his wife. It is thought that he was temporarily insane. He was a native of Germany.

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### ALBERTA LIBERALS IN CONVENTION AT CALGARY

CALGARY, Jan. 15. — Liberal leaders from all parts of Alberta are gathering in Calgary for the convention which opens tomorrow. Already Hon. Charles Mitchell, provincial treasurer; Hon. A. G. McKay, minister of municipalities and health; Hon. Geo. P. Smith, minister of education; and Hon. Duncan Marshall have arrived. Premier Stewart, Hon. J. Boyle, attorney-general, and Hon. Jean Cote will be here tomorrow morning. Hon. A. McLean is absent in the east. Not one of the Liberal-Unionist members of the federal house will be present.

The indications are that attendance will be large. No one has authority to state just what will be dealt with, but it is generally understood that resolutions calling for abolition of the tariff on all agricultural implements will be the program.

### GRAIN FUTURE DEALINGS ILEGAL

CALGARY. — Dealings in futures on grain exchanges are illegal and contrary to the Canadian criminal code, whether the transactions are carried on in the ordinary bucket shops or in offices of the reputable business concerns. This is the gist of an important opinion handed down by the appellate division of the Supreme Court of Alberta in the case of the Medicine Hat Wheat company vs. Norris Commission company, limited.

### TO CURB BOOTLEGGERS

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — A special despatch from Edmonton gives the information that a separate department of the provincial police is likely to be created to deal with liquor infractions. The bootlegging is believed to be getting rapidly beyond the control of the police as at present constituted.

### IMPERIAL BANK HAS BRANCH AT SANGUDO

SANGUDO. — The Imperial Bank of Canada announce that they have opened a branch at Sangudo.

### VIOLENT ELECTRICAL STORM IN B. C.

VANCOUVER, B.C. — During an electrical storm on January 14, lightning struck a tree, hundreds of years old, in Stanley park, the tree soon being a mass of flames. Many fires were started in various parts of the city, but all were speedily extinguished. Through the burning out of many transformers the street railway was placed out of commission for a considerable period. There was a heavy deluge of rain, accompanied by a high wind.

## Eastern Provinces

### FOUR PERISHED IN FARM HOUSE FIRE

HAWKESBURY, Ont. — Mrs. Margaret, Ellen Goudie, 26 years of age, of East Hawkesbury; Olive Goudie, 3 years; Muriel Goudie, 4 years, and James M. Goudie, aged 2, her three children, were burned to death early Saturday morning in a fire that destroyed the farmhouse of James Goudie, near East Hawkesbury, opposite Point Fortune.

### THE OLD OLD STORY

GUELPH, Ont. — "Watch me shoot myself," remarked twelve-year-old Carl O'Donnell, son of Martin O'Donnell of this city as he put a small rifle to his head and pulled the trigger. He had been told the rifle was not loaded, but it was. Carl is in the hospital with a bullet in his head and his condition is critical.

### DUTY ON TRACTORS

OTTAWA, Ont. — Remission of duty on farm tractors under \$1,400 in value ceases on Feb. 7, unless the order-in-council granting the remission is further extended. The question of extension has been given some consideration and it is expected, will be officially before the cabinet within a few days.

### SENTENCED TO HANG

CORNWALL, Ont. — At the winter assizes here before Mr. Justice Logie, the trial of John Vegreniuk an Austrian Pole, for the murder of Thomas Kwenki, at Winchester, on December 11, was concluded with a verdict of guilty and the man was sentenced to be hanged on March 28 next. The prisoner had admitted killing Kwenki. He showed no emotion at his sentence.

### INOCULATED TO ESCAPE SERVICE

QUEBEC. — Joseph Rouleau, of St. Angel de Rimouski, was on Saturday sent to jail for a month by a court martial on a charge of having wilfully rendered himself unfit for military service. Testimony went to show that he submitted himself to a certain inoculation that covered his body with pimples, which decided the examining doctors to reject him.

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