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Fifteen Years Ago

From No. 12 of St. Peters Bote

Arnold Ruef, Bernard Tondorf, started for home again. From this down on the far side of their hor-

cal came to Rosthern and started of the colony they lived. for Leofeld the same day, staying over night with the Oblate Fathers in Fish Creek. In Leofeld he How "Old Wives' Lake" blessed the fine new church. Ow-

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Chrysostom went to Dead Moose Lake early in the morning to hold services there. After services when driving over to Lindberg's for din- videttes of a Blackfeet war party At last a train again. Friday night, April 30, at 9 o'clock it ar-rived and brought new settlers for the Colony. Bostharn had been harnessed the horse and left the without a train for 14 days, owing buggy sticking there. The Rauw, come again was so great that even store. On the 13th he wanted to the town's brass band was on hand look up Matalski, living west of to welcome the stranger. Among Long Lake (Dirty Water Lake) on the new arrivals were the Walby S. 6, T. 40, R. 22. But the creek of mounted Blackfeet dashed from brothers, HenryEbbing, Aug. Wald-between Philip Fleischhacker and a draw and galloped down on the Jos. Matalski was so swollen by hunters. As they approached they 3rd of May another train arrived. melted snow and the recent rain, were met with a scattering volley The Saskatchewan It brought the following new sett- that it was a regular torrent, and of balls from smooth ball muskets lers: Bohnen, Kenl, Clemens Kuem- could not be crossed. After taking and arrows. On being fired upon, per, Fleskes, Fuerstenberg, Karels, dinner with Phil. Fleischhacker he the attackers threw themselves

would soon follow.

Obtained Its Name

white settlers arrived in the coun-20 for the Colony where they have Qu'Appelle region in spring leaving But it was different with the hun-hills, and of the woods which adorn homesteads: Anton Benesch, Adam the country a bleak and desolate ters, who had one man dead and them; herds of light-limbed anti homesteads: Anton Benesch, Adam the country a bleak and desolate ters, who had be had

Assiniboia is under water. Last and Touchwood region realized winter such great quantities of that they would have to go far out indications that this was no stragg- verdure of the plains; all these snow fell that the Qu'Appelle river, into the plains for their annual buf- ling war party but merely an out- champaign beauties reflected and which in summer has only about falo hunt. The Crees, and Saulas much water as an ordinary brook, tenux, although as a general rule feet nation. was changed by the melting snows a peaceable people, were in a chrointo a raging torrent. The river nic state of war with their Blackbed being narrow, it could not con- feet neighbors, who held inviolate tain all the water. It flooded the the prairie country west of the of the party and spoke to him: serenity of the sky; the purity and

John Bittmann writes from Dead were usually the aggressors and Moose Lake that he is well satis- the Indians of this territory refied with the land the Catholic garded them as formidable and Settlement Society selected for him dangerous adversaries. The Crees in T. 39, R. 25. The black soil is and Saulteaux could usually take talked with each other and have evening, when it is setting, that about 12 inches in depth. care of themselves. amongst their

Bernard Haas writes from St. native valleys and wooded ravines, Benedict that he came to Rosthern but the advantage lay with the last year on May 8th and filed on Blackfeet horsemen out on the darkness falls, take your young obscurity had obliterated its pera homestead in St. Peter's Colony. naked plains.

However, Indian life, without fast and light towards safety. We During summer he lived on his homestead for a time, and then the annual buffalo hunt was inconwent to work in Assiniboia on the ceivable, and a big band of Cree experimental farm. He came back Indians started from the vicinity camp is here. The Blackfoot, like around Christmas and has been liv- of "Fishing Lakes" to follow the ing in the colony ever since. His buffaloes out on the plains. They dark hour before dawn, and by nearest neighbors are Schaefer, travelled through 'the Qu'Apelle Hackl, Mutter, Huhnstock and valley until they came a few miles vest of where Lumsden is now situ-

Nic. Schuller writes from St. ated, and then went by way of the Anna that he likes it much better Wascana valley until they reached in the colony than in Washington the place where Fred Tate's farm or Minnesota. He has fine land, is at present situated; but there was still no sign of the buffalo. high and level, with a slight declination towards the north and south. The fire had swept away every bit The hunters with their young The black humus is 6 to 8 inches of vegetation, and there was nothin depth. Beneath this is yellow ing for it but to strike boldly out clay. De has 90 acres open prairie across the plains to the westward. and the remainder is covered by The fire had burnt itself out among poplar bush. / He is 7 to 8 miles the gravelly ridges of the dirt hills, from Dead Moose Lake church. As and the scouts reported the presence soon as a church will be built at of buffalo, along the shores of the Lenora Lake, he will only be 31 "Big Lake" which lay to the north

miles from a church. the first issue of the paper as he of their danger the work of cutting exploit os these women, and it was afar fertile regions, in order to pass intends to have the paper bound in up and packing was rapidly done. book form at the end of the year. The carts were loaded and the pro-(Are you saving the paper ?) On the 25th of April the farmers cession had started on its way back to the Qu'Appelle and safety, bewere busy everywhere sowing their grain. Today, May 17, the wheat The buffalo hunting party carown in April is well up and of a ried with it a number of women. sown in April is well up and of a beautiful green. The farmers are now sowing oats for which they first had to prepare the land after the sowing of wheat. The building of the steamer at Prince Albert, under the direction of Captain Coates and Robert 'Mo-sher is progressing satisfactorily. It is 165 ft long and 31 ft in width.

ST. PETERS BOTE, MUENSTER, SABK., WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1919.

unday, was a fine day. Father of the hunters. The straggling dition. The late Archibald Mac Donald, who, as the chief officer of sion was wending its way on the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort its homeward journey along the shores of the big lake, when the Qu'Appelle, had all the functions of a potentate over the western plains, named "Old Wives' Lake" were observed surveying them from a distant butte. The procession in honor of Sir Frederick Johnstone, and it appears on the maps of the region as "Johnstone Lake" closed up its ranks; the women and children were placed in the centre, and the hunters with loaded flintto this day. Surely the old name to the flooded track of the C. P. R. boys came along shortly after, lock and arrow on string, protected is the better one. It commemorates in Assiniboia. The joy to see a train pulled it out and towed it to the the flank and rear in anticipation an act of supreme self-sacrifice, of the attack which they knew whilst the occasion of Sir Frederick

Late in the afternoon, a party holiday.

A Century Ago

"The River Saskatchewine flows the reader will see how wet the ses and discharged their firearms marl, which contributes not a little Koelsch, John Groh, etc. Since two days the weather has been cloudy, with an occasional cult it must have been for the set-leps to haul their provisions from the reader will see how wet the ses and discharged their interactions and arrows at the unfortunate Crees, from beneath the necks of their horses. They executed this those of the Missouri, are turbid fit to the wheat fields Monday. Rosthern, a distance of 50 to a 100 trick, which is said to have been and whitish. Except for that, it Authorized Capital \$10,000,000.00 - Capital Paid up and Reserve \$7,800,000.00 May 2nd, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pas- miles, all depending in what part borrowed from the Commanches, is one of the prettiest rivers in the the best Indian horsemen of Ameri-ca, with skilled precision, and be-charming, and offer in many places Many years ago, long before any a flock of predatory birds. Pro-tected by their horses, the attackers browned, at evening and morning deer galloped westward before it, called, and there was a many solution of war. The situation slopes os the hills, the latter tramp-slopes os the hills, the latter tramp-slopes os the hills, the latter tramp-ling, under their heavy feet the called, and there was a hurried con- the former bounding along the HUMBOLDT BRANCH

post of a large body of the Black- doubled, as it were, by the waters of the river: the melodious and Whilst this consultation was go- varied songs of a thousand birds, ing on, one of the very oldest of perched on the tree-tops; the rethe women approached the leader treshing breath of the zephyrs; the Moose Jaw creek. The Blackfeet "My son," she said, "you have a salubrity of the air; all, in a word, large party that travels slow, and pours contentment and joy into the encumbered as you are, with many soul of the enchanted spectator. squaws, you can never reach home "It is above all in the morning in safety. The old wives have when the sun is raising, and in the made a plan. We are old and no the spectacle is really ravishing. I longer fit to be the mothers of men. could not detach my regards from We will make camp here, and when that superb picture, till the nascent

> women and children and travel fection. "Then, to the sweet pleasure that will kindle our fires, and the enemy, I tasted, succeeded sad, not to say eeing them, will think the whole sombre melancholy. How comes it to pass, I said to myself, that so the wolf, never attacks until the beautiful a country is not inhabited by human creatures? The songs, the hymns, the prayers of the la-

that time you will be well on your way towards safety." borer and the artisan, shall they The plan was carried out to the never be heard in this fine plains? letter. The old women made many Wherefore, while in Europe, and little fires of buffalo chips and sat bove all in England, so many around them in their blankets all thousands of men do not posse night, waiting for the death that their own an inch of ground, and they knew would come with dawn. cultivate the soil of their country for proprietors who scarcely leave women and children reached the them whereion to support existence; Qu'Appelle in safety, while the old wherefore do so many millions of woman were killed with great ciracres, of apparently fat and fertile cuinstance and detail by the Blackland, remain uncultivated and abfeet, who were enraged at the trick solutely useless? Or at least, why that had been played upon them. do they support only herds of wild The place 'was named "Old animals? Will men always love Wives' Lake," in commemoration better to vegetate all their lives on rom a church. ader of the paper asks for was good, and under the stimulus of the heroic and self-sacrificing an ungrateful soil, than to seek long shunned as haunted by the in peace and plenty, at least the people of the plains. Even today last portion of their days?" a wandering Indian will not make his bivouae by its shores, and a riel Franchere, who, in 1814, travhalf-breed freighter will so arrange elled down the North Saskatchehis journey that he is not in its wan River on his way from the vieinity at nightfall, for fear that Paeific coast to Montreal. It is to he may hear the spirits of the old be found on pages 321 to 324 of women crying from point to point, his book "Narrative of a Voyage or from island to island. The to the North-West Coast of Amtory now only lingers amongst the erica," of which the English edition old people of the plains; but the heroic sacrifice of those old Indian was published in New York in 1854 women deserves to be perpetuated It took nearly ninety years for in the annals of the country. the longings of Franchere for a In the 'Sixties, Sir Frederick settlement of the West to be ful-For some reason or other this Johnstone and the Rt. Hon. Henry

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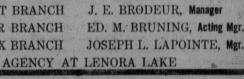
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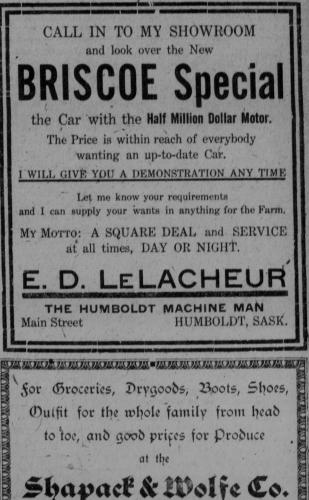
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