

### Shors Course In Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture has arranged for a Short Course in Agriculture to be held in Lethbridge from February 8th to February 19th. Instructions will be given in Live Stock, Agronomy and Poultry Raising.

Two cars of live stock will be used for demonstration purposes, and instruction will be given on breeding, feeding, care and management of stock.

Field work in grain growing, laying emphasis on soil cultivation will receive special attention. Samples of grains, grasses and weeds will be used for illustration purposes.

Instruction in poultry raising will cover all phases of the subject. Incubators and brooders will be in operation. Crate fattening and marketing will be demonstrated.

An effort is being made to obtain reduced railroad rates and also rates for board and lodging, particulars of which will be announced later. Instruction is free and open to all. Women are especially invited to poultry lectures.

The Department would like to secure information as to the probable number that will attend and would therefore respectfully request that any who purpose the course kindly communicate with the Department.

H. A. CRAIG,  
Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes  
Edmonton, January 8th, 1910.

### Northwest Mounted Police in the West

Ottawa Jan. 20.—The Royal Northwest Mounted Police report, which has been tabled in parliament states that on September 1st the strength of the force

numbered keys, 600 no-commissioned constables, and 558 horses. Compared with last year this is a gain of two constables and thirty-five horses. There are 240 men in Alberta, 306 in Saskatchewan, 31 in the North-West Territories, and 74 in the Yukon.

Commissioner Perry points out that every officer commanding a district finds much difficulty in meeting the legitimate requirements of his district with the strength at his disposal. Villages railway stations and isolated settlements are increasing so rapidly that the strength of the force would have to be doubled to meet all the demands made upon it.

Fourteen cases of murder were dealt with last year, which included three left over from the year before. During the eleven months of 1908-9, 5,249 cases were entered as against 6,377 during the previous twelve months.

The report says there is a decided increase in the offences against women. The crop of horse thieves does not fail, yielding 44 convictions. Excessive drinking was responsible for 1,561 convictions.

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### Spring Coulee Items

Spring Coulee, Alta.

Jan. 21, 1910.

The Spring Coulee Trading Co. have torn out the partition in their store and built an addition to the rear of the building. The cellar has been newly cemented and the carpenters from Cardston are expected on today's train to complete the improvements the company has made.

W. A. Miller has purchased the lots east of the Hotel from John Thompson and has begun packing ice in a new structure erected for that purpose.

Mr. Elliott Stafford, chief engineer of the A. R. & I. from Lethbridge has been at the Hotel the past week surveying for the company with the aid of two assistants. He returned home on Friday's train.

The hard time dance at the school house was a great success. Mrs. Olsen carried off the prize among the ladies and Mr. Keadle was awarded the gentleman's prize. Mrs. Olsen's dress was uniquely made of crazy patchwork.

The Spring Coulee Trading Co. have just received a car-load of machinery and farm implements preparatory to spring work.

Geo. Matson gave another hard time dance at his home, "Slab town" last Thursday night, which was well attended by all the residents of Spring Coulee that were not detained by illness.

Spring Coulee needs more loyal citizens to encourage her development. From the observations taken of the lumber yards many newcomers are expected in the near future. Spring Coulee affords a fine opening for a laundry, a bakery and many other necessary establishments. A Turkish bath house might be found a source of great comfort.

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Two cars of selected Live Stock will be used for demonstration purposes, and lectures given on the subjects of Breeding, Feeding, Care and Management of Stock.

Instruction in Poultry raising will cover every phase of the subject, with incubators and brooders in operation. Crate fattening and marketing will be specially demonstrated.

The subject of Grain Raising will receive particular attention. Emphasis will be laid upon soil cultivation, under irrigation and dry farming conditions. Samples of grains, grasses and weeds will be used for illustrative purposes.

The Lethbridge Board of Trade is offering

### Two Silver Cups

one as a prize for proficiency in the judging of live stock and one for proficiency in judging grain. This Board has also arranged for convention rates with the railroads. If a sufficient number attend the school single fair rates will be allowed. It will be necessary to purchase a single ticket to Lethbridge and at the same time secure a standard convention certificate. Upon reaching Lethbridge students will kindly report to the Board of Trade office when they will be directed to lodging houses.

Lectures will commence on February 8th. at 2 a. m. in the Auditorium of the High School.

The Course is entirely free

All are invited to attend.  
H. A. Graig,  
Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Miss Kate Brown is working at the Spring Coulee Hotel having begun Jan. 16th.

Billy Burton and John Sherwood were guests of Spring Coulee last week having come to town to attend the hard time ball at the school house.

The church social last Tuesday was quite successful although the attendance was small due to the high winds. The Misses Stafford of Lethbridge were the only out of town attendants being the guests of their sister Mrs. Bert Kelly. The amount of \$14.00 was realized from the sales of baskets.

W. A. Miller will make a trip to Mt. View next week to bring down horses for his sale stable in connection with the hotel.

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