

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA.—The second sessions of the Normal School for the training of teachers for First and Second Class certificates will be held at Regina and Saskatoon from Jan. 3 to May 7, 1920. The sessions will be open to teachers holding Second or First Class academic standing, who have completed the Third Class Normal School course or equivalent training and have had at least one year's experience in teaching. All applicants must be at least eighteen years of age. Special Third Class sessions of the Normal School will be held at the following points in the province from Jan. 5 to March 12, provided a class of at least 25 can be assembled at each point: Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Moosomin, Estevan and Weyburn. Applicants for admission to this session must hold Third Class academic standing and be at least seventeen years of age. Blank forms for making application will be forwarded from the Department of Education on request.

—Hon. W. R. Motherwell was nominated by the Liberals of the Assiniboia constituency at a convention held in Arcola to contest the by-election for the Federal seat vacated by J. F. Turritt.

—In an interview Premier Martin has stated that the provincial government had under advisement legislation affecting liquor sales to be introduced at the next sitting of the house. Price control and the taking over of the business by the government were being considered. He believed that no definite action would be taken before the Dominion government's plan was announced. During the past week several city druggists have been fined and sentenced to jail for illegal sales. The druggists are out on bail awaiting the result of appeals.

—The Saskatchewan government is determined that the provisions of the School Attendance Act shall be observed by the Menonites, and in view of the policy of passive resistance adopted by the Old Colony Menonites in the Flora school district, near Swift Current, Premier Martin has issued instructions to the provincial police to issue a summons against every family in the district. The reception accorded the teacher placed in charge of the Flora district by the government was hardly a cordial one. He has been unable to establish communication with the people in that district, and they even refuse to supply him with water.

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Alberta

LETHBRIDGE.—Two new Southern Alberta weather records were set up Thursday night last, when frost was reported for the first time this season, the latest first frost for over ten years, and rain fell, bringing the month's precipitation to 2.01 inches, the first month since Aug., 1917, that over two inches of rain have fallen. The rain turned into snow on Sept. 26.

—Farmers north of Lethbridge representing 208,000 acres, voted 284 to 8 for the erection of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation project and elected the first board of trustees. This is the first step in the erection of any of the large irrigation projects under the Alberta Irrigation District Act, but will be followed by the erection of a number of other large districts east and south of the city. The water for the project will be taken from the Old Man River west of McLeod.

British Columbia

VICTORIA.—A prize of \$50,000 for the first non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean from Vancouver Island to Japan, has been offered by N. A. Yarrow, of Victoria, head of Yarrow's, Limited, Esquimalt, with the assistance of friends. The conditions attached to the prize are as follows: The airship, lighter than air, shall be manufactured in Canada, including all parts and materials. Any parts and materials that are not being made in Canada at the time the airship is constructed may be imported. The airship shall be navigated and manned by Canadians only during the trans-Pacific flight. The flight shall be non-stop from Vancouver Island, B. C., to Japan. The flight shall be performed prior to December 31, 1921. Mr. Yarrow's object in offering the prize is to commemorate the visit to Victoria of the Prince of Wales, to encourage in Canada the development of a new industry which has a great future before it, and to promote good feeling between Canada and Japan.

—Fire did considerable damage to the residence of Hon. Walter Scott at Victoria, B. C., recently. The residence, which is located on Woodland crescent, was purchased by Mr. Scott shortly after his return from his recent eventful trip to the United States.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—M. Charitonoff, convicted on a charge of breach of the Immigration Act, and ordered deported to Russia, his home by a special immigration board, was ordered released by the federal department of immigration. Of the five men arrested on deportation charges, three are now entirely free. Instructions were received to immediately deport Oscar Schoppelrei. He will be sent to the United States.

Ontario

OTTAWA.—The railway dept was officially advised by the detective services of the C.N.R. that all the money stolen in the recent train robbery near Levis has been recovered. No details of the recovery accompanied the official notification.

—Canada is at present paying war pensions to nearly 90,000 at an annual amount of \$24,000,000 and under the Pensions Act, which became effective on Sept. 1st, the majority of these will receive bonuses and increases, which, in the aggregate will create an additional annual expenditure of roughly \$4,000,000, says an official statement issued by the board of pensions commissioners.

—The new parliament buildings were the scene of a fire Sept. 23rd, and but for the fire-proof construction, a conflagration such as that of Feb., 1916, might have ensued. The blaze occurred in an inside room in the basement among some boxes

containing asbestos. The damage to property was about \$2,000, but whether the dense smoke which resulted will injure any of the new paintings or plaster is problematical.

—A committee is demanded by the opposition for the purpose of enquiring into "the matters expressed or implied" in a certain telegram purporting to have been sent from Winnipeg by Hon. Arthur Meighen to Sir Robt. Borden in Ottawa on Nov. 30, 1917. The demand is embodied in a resolution moved in the house by D. D. McKenzie, opposition leader, and seconded by Hon. W. S. Fielding, M. P., for Queens-Shellburne. The telegram reads: "Would like 1,000 soldier votes at large for Manitoba of which 300 for Selkirk, balance divided between Provencher, MacDonald and Springfield or same proportion of division no matter what our allotment may be." The telegram, Mr. McKenzie contended, indicated the existence of a widespread system of manipulation of votes under the direction and with the approval of ministers of the crown for the purpose of defeating the will of the people as expressed at the polls. Such a scheme involved not only the honor of the ministers concerned but the constitutional rights of the people. The prime minister didn't "care a rap" about the accusation, and that he didn't receive the telegram, to his recollection, was the statement of Mr. Meighen with regard to Sir Robert Borden's part in the transaction. For his own part he didn't remember sending the telegram, didn't think he had sent it, but if he had was not ashamed of it. The only turpitude about the whole matter was the stealing of the telegram. The first premise laid down by the minister was that the act provided for the "voting at large" of British subjects with the Canadian expeditionary forces who had never been resident in Canada prior to enlistment. Such men could "indicate" where they wished to have their votes placed. It was estimated that such votes at large totalled about 12,000 in the whole force.

PARRY SOUND.—One of the captured German guns loaned by the Dominion government, which was among the attractions at the fair here, was the cause of the death of James Alves, of Carling, 64 years of age. He was reeve of the township of Carling, and a director of the Agricultural Society, under whose auspices the fair was being held. The death-dealing souvenir, a small machine with a grenade, was supposed to be harmless.

—At a joint meeting of the executives of the Saskatchewan Sheep and Swine Breeders' Ass'n it was decided to hold two sheep and swine sales this fall, one at Regina during the last week of November at the time of the Winter Fair, probably on the 27 and 28th, and another at Saskatoon in the first week of December at the time of the Winter Fair there, probably on the 4th and 5th. These sales will be well advertised and it is expected that a large number of buyers will attend them. An entry fee of 50 cts. per animal entered for the sale will be charged and all entries must be in the hands of the Sec'y. on or before Oct. 1, 1919. So, if you are contemplating entering any animals, send in your entries in plenty of time. It is expected that upwards of one hundred and fifty purebred sheep and seventy-five purebred swine will be offered for sale.

In addition to a great number of the best sheep that Saskatchewan has to offer for sale, the Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Ass'n is importing about 25 very high class

ewes and five extra choice purebred rams. These importations will be made in conjunction with the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture, and will afford an opportunity for Saskatchewan sheep men to purchase the very finest imported stock that can be secured. The majority of these importations will be Shropshire, but other breeds will also be included.

Please keep these dates in mind and make it a point to attend the sales. You can attend the Winter Fair at the same time. Further information, rules and regulations can be had on application to Mr. Robertson, Department of Agriculture, Regina.

Destroying Locust Eggs In Sod

Of the grasshoppers at present infesting Saskatchewan and Manitoba, fully 75% are of the Pellicid, or Clear-Winged Locust variety, according to Norman Criddle, in charge of the Dominion Laboratory at Treestank, Manitoba, and this variety of grasshopper avoids the cultivated fields for egg laying and selects instead the grass lands around about. It also deposits its eggs in the clumps of grass rather than around them.

The Lesser Migratory Locust deposits its eggs largely in stubble fields or in moderately soft situations elsewhere. Deep plowing of stubble will destroy these but to turn down sod to the same depth is frequently impossible, and other means must be employed for destroying the locust eggs of the Pellicid Locust, known to be present in large numbers wherever the grasshoppers were observed in July and August.

Recent experiments conducted at the Dominion Laboratory at Treestank, Man., have shown that locust eggs cannot survive exposure to the sun for more than a few days, even when encased in the usual pod or sack. Any method that will expose the egg masses to the sun will destroy them. Disking, cultivating or harrowing, will all be useful means of killing locust or grasshopper eggs, and Mr. Criddle strongly urges every farmer to employ one of those methods on all the drier sodded areas on his farm or roadside. The eggs of the Pellicid Locust are but half an inch below the surface, and can therefore be easily exposed.

WIT AND HUMOR.

"How's your son getting on in the army, Mrs. Birks?"

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