EDMONTON NEWS

SPINSTERS WANT HOMESTEADS.

A petition is in circulation which is addressed to the Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of interior, and is on behalf of the unmarried women of Canada who seek the right to enter for homestead. The petition reads:—

To the Honorable Minister of the Interior, Frank Oliver, Ottawa.

We, the undersigned, unmarried women of Canada, do most respectfully ask you to consider our request to be allowed to take up homestead lands in any of the provinces.

And we petition you to bring the matter to the notice of the government in such a manner that it may be induced to insert a clause in the present existing law granting the privilege of homesteading free lands to any unmarried woman over thirty years of age.

For, as a matter of fact, while only a widow with minor children to support is eligible to homestead land, strange to say, on mineral lands an unmarried woman can file on a claim and operate a mine on equal footing with men.

And we most certainly feel that in favoring the widow only, who often has a considerable inheritance left by her husband, an injustice is done to a noble class of women who are quite as deserving of governmental courtesy; we refer to the unmarried women, who find themselves at middle age thrown out upon their own resources, the majority of them having had to sacrifice opportunities of marriage and competence for the sake of remaining at home with one or more aged parents to provide and care for them in their old age, surely as worthy an object as rearing young children who in a few years are a financial asset to the mother, whereas, in the former instance there is no one to provide.

Unmarried women, we contend, make as desirable settlers as widows, and many of them quite as capable as men in the conduct of affairs.

We, therefore, pray you to take the matter up at your earliest opportunity and trusting for a favorable outcome, we beg to subscribe ourselves.

Miss Helen N. Weir, 526 Third st., Edmonton, is the leader of the Edmonton end of the agitation.

THE PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

The current issue of the Provincial Gazette gives notice of the following appointments:

Game guardian, Robert Smith, Edmonton; stock inspector, A. S. Taftus, Innisfree; poundkeeper, J. D. Kuykendall, Sweet Valley, and E. A. Fitch, Rivercourse; brand readers, Henry Brace of Notre Dame; de Savoy, J. S. Parker of Mountain View; James Wes, of Valley City, and Oliver Gibbon, of Erskine. Under resignations and retirements are the names of Robert Mulligan of Pine Lake, fire guardian and D. McCallum, of Innisfree, stock inspector.

The following new school districts have been formed:

Dairy Bank school district No. 2,175, senior trustee, J. Hiles, of Holkirk.

Millard school district No. 2,176, senior trustee, S. E. Parrie, Queenstown.

Uneeda school district No. 1,177, senior trustee, J. H. Watt, of McDonaldville.

Halley school district No. 2,178, senior trustee, F. E. Humphrey, of Low den Lake.

Niozie school district No. 2,179, senior trustee Mikoli Moudrusiak, of Musdora.

Rough Meadow school district No 2,180, senior trustee G. E. Frick, of Brownfield.

Ellismere school district No. 2,181, senior trustee H. Z. Snider, of Rose mead.

Hayter school district No. 2,182, senior trustee J. A. Webber, of Hayter.

Troy school district No. 2,183, senior trustee C. F. Enyeart, of New Dayton.

Battle Valley school district No. 2,184, senior trustee Osmund Olsan, of Edgerton.

Hervey school district No. 2,185, senior trustee G. F. Kearns, of Strathmore.

Young's Valley school district No. 2,186, senior trustee James Young, of Castor.

Wheatfield school district No. 2,187, senior trustee Wm. Boyden, of Chiny.

The boundaries of the East Edmonton Protestant public school district have been altered by taking therefrom River lots 23, 25a, 25, 27 and 29 in special survey of Edmonton settlement; the fractional north-west quarter of section 34, the fractional south-west quarter of said section 34, the west half of the east half of said section 34, the fractional north-west quarter of section 27, the south-west quarter of said section 27, the west half of the east half of said section 27; the west half of the east half of section 22, the west half of the east half of section 22; the north-west quarter of section 15 and the west half of the north-east quarter of section 15 in township 52 range 24 west of the fourth meridian.

The district now comprises the following lands: River lots 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43 and 45 in special survey of the Edmonton settlement; fractional section 6 in township 53 range 23; sections 18, 19, 30 and 31 in township 52 range 23; and sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36, the north halves of sections 13 and 14, the east halves of the east halves of sections 22, 27 and 34, and the east half of the north-east quarter of section 15 in township 52 range 24 west of the fourth meridian.

The boundaries of the Strathcona public school district have been altered by adding River lots 23, 25a, 25, 27 and 29 in special survey of Edmonton settlement; the fractional north-west quarter of section 34, the fractional south-west quarter of said section 34, the west half of the east half of said section 34; the fractional north-west quarter of section 27, the south-west quarter of said section 27, the west half of the east half of said section 27; the west half of the east half of section 22, the west half of the east half of said section 22; the north-west quarter of section 15 and the west half of the north-east quarter of said section 15 in township 52 range 24 west of the fourth meridian. The said district now comprises the following lands: River lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 15a, 17, 19 21, 23, 25a, 25, 27 and 29 in special survey of Edmonton settlement; those portions of sections 28, 29 and 30 lying south of the river lots enumerated above, sections 18, 19, 20 and 21, and those portions of sections 16 and 17 lying north of the road allowance which formerly formed the northern boundary of the Papaschase Indian reserve, the fractional north-west quarter of section 34, the fractional south-west quarter of said section 34, the west half of the east half of said section 34; the fractional north-west quarter of section 27; the south-west quarter of said section 27, the west half of the east half of said section 27; the west half of the east half of section 22, the west half of the said section 22; the north-west quarter of section 15, and the west half of the north-east quarter of said section 15 in township 52 range 24, the north-east quarter of section 13 and that portion of the east half of section 24 lying south of Saskatchewan river in township 52 range 25 west of the fourth meridian.

Alterations have also been made in the boundaries of the Mountain View public road, the Leavitt public school district, Estonian school district and Ard Beg school district..

The following districts have been empowered to borrow the sums indicated:—

St. Joachim's Roman Catholic separate school district, $25,000; treasurer, Emile Tessier, Edmonton.

Bouitell school district, $500; E. Covey, Vermilion, treasurer.

Chamberlain school district, $10,000; Wm. Eldredge, Grassy Lake, treasurer.

Garden school district, $1,000; Edwin Poole, treasurer, Glengarden.

Trochu Valley school district, $250; treasurer, L. C. Ecqenfelder, Trochu.

Deer Lake school district, $1,500; treasurer, J. Tough, Demberry.

Sounding Creek school district, $1,020; treasurer, W. E. Glassier, Sounding Creek.

Carmangay school district, $15,000; treasurer, J. W. Miller, Carmangay.

Plain View school district, $1,200; Wm. Egerton, Millarville, treasurer.

Manor school district, $2,000; T. G. McKay, Ghost Pine, treasurer.

Range View school district, $1,200; treasurer, A. J. Bell, Shepard.

Naughton Dale school district, $1,500; treasurer, H. W. MacNaughton, Hardisty.

Certificates of incorporation have been granted the following companies with head offices in Alberta:—

The Alberta-British Columbia Insurance Agency Ltd.; head office, Calgary.

Eureka Coal Co., Ltd.; head office, Taber.

Neilson Furniture Co., Ltd.; head office, Calgary.

Logan's Employment Agency, Ltd.; head office, Edmonton.

Iowa-Alberta Development Co., Ltd.; head office, Lethbridge.

Western Canada Agencies and Securities Ltd.; head office, Calgary.

Northern Investment Agency, Ltd.; head office, Edmonton.

Grand Union Hotel Co., Ltd.; head office, Athabasca Landing.

Markle, Bell and Walker Dog and Pony Shows, Ltd.; head office, Lamont.

Lamont Milling Co., Ltd.; head office, Lamont.

La Compagnie de Publication du Progress, Ltd.; head office, Morinville.

Dominion Cigar and News Stores Co., Ltd.; head office, Edmonton.

Redcliffe Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; head office, Redcliff.

Shasta Farms Co., Ltd.; head office, Calgary.

Vernor Fruit Co., Ltd.; head office, Calgary.

Prudential Investment Co., Ltd.; head office, Edmonton.

C. T. Deineck Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; head office, Calgary.

Golden West Land and Building Co., Ltd.; head office, Calgary.

Certificates of registration have been granted the Canada National Insurance Co., head office, Winnipeg; the 41 Market Co., head office, Pincher Creek; the Continental Fire Insurance Co., head office Winnipeg; the A. B. C. Elevator and Wharf Co., head office Brandon; J. A. Brennan Drilling Co., head office, Scranton, Pa.

Notice is given that the following areas are to be constituted pound districts:—

All of township 12, range 7, west of the fourth meridian.

All of township 8, range 7, township 7, range 7, township 7, range 6, and township 8 range 6.

Township 13, range 26, west fourth meridian.

Township 14 range 27, west of fourth meridian.

John D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentry or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one that has used it. Sold by all dealers.

Still Has Its Tail.

Toronto, May 22—Halley's comet was seen by many Torontonians Saturday night, but its showing was not spectacular. The fault was not with the comet but in the cloudiness of the skies. Conditions tonight were even more unfavorable. Prof. Blake, of the observatory, says that on Saturday night the head appeared to be about half the size of a man's fist and as a dull star shining through the mist, and the tail streamed away faintly. "This fact does away with the story from the Yerkes' observatory that the comet has lost its tail," commented Prof. Blake.

SHACKLETON TELLS OF FAR SOUTHERN SEAS

Famous Explorer Talks of Experiences in the Region of Perpetual Ice and Snow.

Winnipeg, May 22—Walking restlessly to and fro, after the manner of a tiger in a cage, Sir Ernest Shackleton talked for an hour this morning to a number of local newspaper men in a room in the Royal Alexandra. The visitor was evidently completely engrossed in the many details of the work in which he is still engaged, and in plans for the future, regarding which he spoke fully, replying to all questions which were addressed to him. His journey to the far south was described in some detail, and many interesting facts were brought out.

Sir Ernest is somewhat of a surprise in the matter of his personal appearance, even to those who have examined with care the numerous photograprs of him which have been published. He is for one thing very much younger looking than any one who was familiar with his exploits might suppose. There is not a grey hair in his head, and he is apparently just at the beginning of his career. His vigor, energy and enthusiasm are apparent at every moment.

Worships Efficiency.

"My great god," he said in his conversation this morning, "is efficiency."

The explorer is a man of medium height and build, clean shaven, with just enough of the Englishman in his manner to lead one to believe that he was from Great Britain.

There are several good reasons why Sir Ernest should receive a very warm welcome in this city, and why the Walker theatre should be crowded tonight. One of these consists in the fact that the visitor is making a heroic effort at the present time to secure the money to pay the cost of the expedition to the Southern pole, which he made as a British subject. Those who are unfamiliar with the nature of such an undertaking have no comprehension of the cost involved. To fit out the expedition which got farthest south, there was required the sum of $300,000. Part of this was subscribed by friends, but the larger amount was secured from banks on endorsed paper, for which the visitor is responsible. At the present moment although every dollar received from his lectures and books has gone to the discharge of this debt, there is still thousands of pounds to be paid.

The lecture on its merits has filled theatres in every country of Europe, and has been heard by most enthusiastic audiences in the United States.

Will Not Go Back.

"No, I will not go back to the south pole," he said replying to a question. "Captain Scott will leave on June 1 on this expedition and I think that he will reach it. I predict that he will be at the South pole on December 22, 1911, within a week of this date either way. He is a very sound man, and there does not appear to be much doubt that he will succeed. Of course he will have no bed of roses, and he will have to keep hiseyes skinned. He is well equipped and has everything that he ought to have to succeed.

"An explorer in the arctic regions is compelled to take many chances, and I consider it a remarkable thing that we got through without a single accident to a member of our party. If an explorer does not take chances he will never get anywhere. You go to sleep at night, for instance, and you know that if the wind blows, it means death to you owing to the peculiarity of your situation.

"You see great crevasses ahead of you, but you must go forward. To go round would cost you a couple of days. You take chances with death every day, but we were exceedingly fortunate.

"Our great trouble was that we were short of money. We had promises of support from well known and rich Americans, but the crisis came on and these monies were not paid. The result was a stringency which lasted from the moment we began our journey.

Large Area of Rock.

"The area of rock about the southern pole is larger than the entire area of the United States. The pole is on a great plateau, about 12,000 feet above the level of the sea. It cannot be much higher than this, since if there had been any great rise in the land we would have been able to detect it from the point which we reached. It is also unlikely that there is any great dip, so that it is safe to say that the location of the pole is about 12,000 feet above sea level.

"There is no difficulty in the matter of the navigation of the southern waters. Any small vessel can go in there in perfect safety. That coast is now as accurately charted as the coast of Great Britain.

"The coal which we discovered is of no great value. It is a poor quality of lignite and no use will ever be made of it. There are indications of gold, the rock formation being very similar to the gold bearing rock of Australia. If any real discoveries of gold should be made, the mines would be more readily accessible than those of the Klondyke. Any vessel could run in there during the summer, the men could spend a few months in mining and come out in the fall.

"For transportation we used Manchurian ponies. These animals face the fierce winds of the Antarctic much better than dogs. They weighed about 700 pounds and were 14 hands high. In addition to their greater value to pull the load, they were also more serviceable when the time came to kill and eat them. Our sleds were made in Norway, improved Scott-Nansen sleds, made of American hickory. Our best time on the way home was 22 miles one day, 26 miles one day and 29 miles a third day. Later, however, when we were not so fortunate, we dropped down to eight miles in the day.

Lacked Fifty Pounds.

We were three months on the way home, and our food supply was quite exhausted. As you know, fifty pounds more food and we would have reached the pole, but we did not have it. The lowest temperature we encountered was 60 degrees, but at that it was a dead calm. Day after day, the thermometer registered 40 below, and at that time we were facing a gale. The beard of one of our men became so matted and frozen that he was compelled to lay down to take his food. The long arctic night did not seem long. We had too much to do. We had no servants and we did our own work. We had no summer. The thermometer never rose above zero. We started the ascent and as we went up the weather continued wintry.

We got no food from the country. There is no life whatever within 730 miles of the pole.

We sailed in the Nimrod on February 12, 1907. The Nimrod was 42 years old, and was leaking badly. We carried 37 men, 9 dogs, 10 ponies, one motor car, and stores for two years. During the entire period of our absence we took astronomical readings every two hours.

"Is it possible that you really think of making your future home in Canada?" Sir Ernest was asked.

Will Make Canada His Home.

In reply the visitor said that this was the only plan which he had for the future. Canada, he believes, will, in the course of fifty years, be one of the great world powers. Its hidden resources are in his judgment enormous. The country which attracts him as an explorer is the vast territory to the west of Hudson Bay.

The visitor refused absolutely to discuss the Peary-Cook controversy.

LLOYDMINSTER.

Everywhere in the district seeding is practically completed and this week's rain has ended the growing feeling of anxiety at the prolonged dryness. The young crop is showing fresh and green after the rain and the breaking ploughs are tearing up the prairie on every farm visited yesterday.

Fred Cuthbert, the Lloydminster farmer, has just pocketed a cheque from the Edmonton Packing Plant for $1776.50 for a shipment of hogs. He says "feed your grain, don't ship it." The cheque works out at about $35.33 per hog.

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Hodson had a visit this week from the ubiquitous stork and a very fine son and heir was left by the busy bird.

Tom Wilson's steam breaking outfit has just started out, to add another to the big array of gasoline tractors and steam engines, tearing up the prairies in the Lloydminster district this season.

The shares in the Lloydminster District Creamery Co. are selling very well and Secretary-Treasurer J. W. McCormick is more than pleased with the gratifying results of his canvass in the town and country.

The musical contest at Saskatoon on the 24th will see the choir of St. John's church among the contestants, and the local choir should take a creditable place judging by the quality and power of the local voices at the concert in G. C. Wood's hall this week. Some of the test pieces were rendered with sympathetic and skilful interpretation, which bore ample testimony to the singers' capabilities, and also to the splendid training of their conductor, Mr. H. B. Haines. The solo vocalists were: Miss Everest, Miss Kerr, Mr. Heselton, Mr. Kieser and Major Gowans; violin, Mrs. Kieser.

Lloydminster, May 21.

FIRED AT POLICEMAN AND SHOT HIS MOTHER.

Peterborough, Ont., May 20—This evening when James Gorham arrived at his home at Aspburnham, his mother telephoned to the police station. Policeman E. Harris responded and when he asked Forham, who was out in a field in the rear of the house, to submit to arrest, he was answered with a shot from a revolver. The bullet went wide and hit Mrs. Gorham in the right side. She is now lying in St. Joseph's hospital and thought to be fatally injured. Harris returned to the station for assistance and Gorham on seeing three officers coming ran to the bridge which crosses the Trent Valley canal. He ascended to the top of the iron frame work and up to a late hour refused to come down. He retained the revolver and threatened to shoot if the officers tried to take him.

HAVE YOU BEEN STUNG?

Some people have recently been badly "stung" by getting substitutes for Zam-Buk. When they have asked for a box of Zam-Buk, the dealer has produced some line on which he makes more profit, and talked about "Just as good and cheaper," or "One of my own, and I know what's in it," or "Really, the same thing at half the price," etc., etc. When tested, this cheap substitute has, of course, failed to do anything like what Zam-Bub does, but the buyer, nevertheless, parted with his money! You will have to get Zam-Buk eventually! Don't waste money on useless substitutes. The name "Zam-Buk" is protected by law. See it on every packet before paying. If your local dealer should be out of stock, write "Zam-Buk, Toronto." We will mail it by return.

MINISTER OF INTERIOR LEAVING FOR THE WEST

Hon. Frank Oliver Leaves Ottawa Tonight—Sir Wilfrid Spends Week End at Brockville—Will Visit Toronto—Brodeur Is Not to Retire From Government.

Ottawa, May 22—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Lady Laurier spent the week end at Brockville the guests of Mrs. G. T. Fulford. They will return on Monday or Tuesday night. Shortly after Sir Wilfrid will proceed to Toronto to spend several days.

Hon. Chas. Murphy, secretary of state, Thos. Mulvey, under secretary and C. H. Parmlee, King's Printer, have been spending a few days in Washington inspecting the United States printing bureau with the idea of getting pointers which would be of value in connection with the proposed changes in the Ottawa printing bureau.

The act passed last session to amend the criminal code by making stealing of ore a criminal offence was on Saturday proclaimed as in force in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The penalty is two year's imprisonment.

Hon. Frank Oliver's departure for the West is definitely fixed for Monday night.

A friend of Hon. L. P. Brodeur asserts that the fact that he is advertising his residence here for sale does not justify the assumption that he is to retire from the government. Mr. Brodeur seems quite recovered from his illness and is back at his department. His house here has been for sale for months owing(it is said, to the fact that his family is small and that most of the year they reside at St. Hilare, Que. In place of keeping up two houses he will occupy apartments.

CHARACTER STETCH OF THE LATE KING

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so they will win next time as the champions of the King.

No one can deplore such an outcome of the situation so much as the Liberals, unless it be the King himself, who would rightly regard the exploitation of the throne in the cause of any party as dangerous and unconstitutional. But we are face to face with a revolutionary party—the Party of Reaction and Protection, which for the achievement of its end is quite ready to stake the Monarchy, as it has already staked the peers, to promote its own immediate chances of success. They are short-sighted and as reckless as all gamblers. The King has to take long views, and he has too much at stake to play double or quits with men who use loaded dice.

The King's Duty.

But the King cannot help himself. If the Liberals should insist upon his swamping the House of Lords, and he should be honestly convinced that the verdict of the late election was not decisive enough to justify him in laying violent hands upon the hereditary chamber, then he is bound to refuse and to take the consequences. And the first immediate consequence that his new ministers would immediately dissolve Parliament and appeal to the country to give them a And the first immediate consequence the government of the King.

And if they would postpone all nonsense about tariff reform they would get their majority. For Englishmen are practical persons, and they recognize the King's Government must be carried on. There is no chance of its being carried on until the three parties to the coalition weld themselves into a more compact and homogeneous majority.

The Liberals, the Labor men and the Nationalists might swear that they would avenge themselves horribly upon the monarchy. We might, and probably should, see a revival of a Republican propaganda in our midst. But no one knows better than those who may indulge in such threats that any party is hopelessly handicapped at an election which can be accused, with or without reason, of disloyalty to the King. That is so today when the franchise is confined to men. It will be even more so tomorrow when women receive the vote. Hence, I end, as I began, by saying that "Our Sovereign Lord the King" is the phrase of the situation. We are all in the hollow of his hand, and what he says goes.

PROBABLE MAKE-UP OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CABINET.

Johannesburg, May 20.—It is practically certain that Botha's cabinet for United South Africa will be Merriman, Treasurer, Fisher, Minister of Education, Smuts, Colonial Secretary, Hertzog, Attorney General, Hull, Minister of Railways, Sauer, Native Administrator. Probably More, of Natal, will be included.

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FLIGHT ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

De Lesseps' Feat on Saturday—Flew Through Fog.

London, May 23—Flying high and fast, wrapped in a fog so dense that he could not see through it, marking his course by the sun, which glowed like a sullen red ball, through silence made uncanny by drifting clouds of vapor, M. Jacques De Lesseps Saturday successfully crossed the English channel in an aeroplane. The second conquest of the channel failed to attract the attention that Beriot's feat did last year, yet the feat of Saturday was not devoid of heart throbs. De Lesseps set out from the cliffs of Calais at 3.30 in the afternoon. Forty-five minutes later he broke fro mthe smother of fog like a giant bird bursting through a paper screen. A little group had gathered on the tall cliffs between Dover and Deal to welcome him. Word had been sent forward as to the start.

At the start the French turbine torpedo boat took the water like a flash to follow, but the fog made it impossible to track his flight and all the boat could do was to head straight along the expected court and fifteen minutes after De Lesseps arrived it poked its nose out of the fog and came tearing toward the harbor of Dover.

Just before starting the aviator said he thought he could win the Uinart prize for a cross-channel flight and return to France without landing.

After a final look at the machine he swung to the seat. The aeroplane rose in a splendid sweep to an altitude of 600, its nose pointed toward England and off he started. Almost as soon as he started the whirling fog came drifting in on him like a winding shroud and in a moment he was lost in its smother. Undaunted, he rose higher to look for clear weather, but the fog rose with him. Finally he doggedly took his course from the sun and kept on until the gray walls of St. Margaret's bay loomed through the mist, when, swinging in a wide area, the aviator brought his machine to the ground within a short distance of where Bleriot landed last year. He intended to make the return trip, but weather conditions were such that he postponed it until Sunday.

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