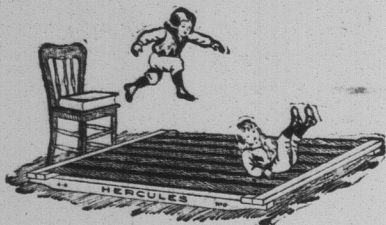


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### First Year in a Western Town.

Kerrobert, Sask., which is a typical town of the west, has just celebrated its first anniversary. One year ago there wasn't a house, not even a shack. The only semblance of habitation was a collection of tents supplied by the railway for a few days to intending purchasers at the auction of the townsite. It was an eager, interesting company, too, who had gathered from far and near, and by all manner of conveyances, to wit, the ox wagon and the automobile, the broncho team and the express train. Bidding began quietly and guardedly, but soon increased in "riskiness, and by night the sales had totalled over \$80,000.

The auction over, building began with a rush. The great difficulty lay in securing needful supplies of lumber and other material. Every available workman was pressed into service, the one qualification being ability to use a saw and a hammer. In spite of many difficulties, construction made rapid headway and by Christmas a pretentious village graced the commanding slope. Municipal organization had also been effected, a school board chosen, teaching commenced, church services inaugurated, a curling rink opened, a daily eight-page paper established, and other enterprises set on foot. The first weeks were a marvel of development. Winter, keen and cold, stayed

at the first anniversary, then, Kerrobert stands a town of 600 people on a rising slope midway between Outlook and Macklin, and thirty six miles from the Alberta border. Pretentious avenues, no less than Railway Atlantic, Pacific, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, etc., parallel the railway track up the slope. The railway plans great things, as its twenty five sidings, seventeen miles of local track and new branches now building thitherward indicate. Early in November the formal incorporation as a town will be made, while at this moment of writing a delegation is at Regina to urge upon the Provincial Government the importance of making it a judicial centre. The people are intelligent and progressive, many of them having been engaged in travelling and professional work in the east. The surrounding country has fine farming land, so that, altogether, the growth of the town at a thousand a year for some years is a prophecy which may be verified.

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### PLANTS OF ONTARIO

Valuable Collection Presented to Toronto University

A valuable collection of Ontario plants has been presented to the Department of Botany of the University of Toronto by Principal William Scott of the Normal School. There are about 5,000 sheets in all, thoroughly representative of the flora of certain parts of the Province, particularly of the east and central south. This collection embodies the work of many years, done by Principal Scott during the recreation hours of his busy life. As Principal Scott is known to be a careful collector and a discriminating botanist, this latest contribution adds much to the working store of Ontario plants in the herbarium of the University.

### OLD PERUVIAN MINE

Source of Incas' Precious Stones Found by Greek Tavern-keeper

According to C. R. Kehler, a noted mining engineer, who has made a survey of the Andean gold belt throughout Peru, the principal source of the wealth of precious stones of the Incas may have been revealed near the little town of Acornayo, in Southern Peru. A Greek tavern-keeper named Kalafatovich has discovered an emerald mine which bears evidence of having been worked by the ancient Peruvians, about one mile from Lake Pomahuasi, on the river forming

the subject of this issue. The stones sent to Lima show them to be of the finest quality.

The tavern-keeper discovered the first emerald while watching his Indian workmen digging in the old excavation for material for lime. In three oblong pockets were found many stones, one of which weighed nearly 200 carats in its rough state. Kalafatovich had given an option to a London syndicate, but the Government has asserted the right to take over the mine by paying an equitable price to the discoverer, and to work the mine itself or lease it to private individuals. Kehler says the discovery of the emerald deposit is one of the most important ever made in the world.



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