

TEACH FARMERS HOW TO GROW CROPS IN DRY SEASONS

Government sending expert to show farmers how to raise good crops in drought-stricken areas.

Ottawa, Mar. 28.—The government is understood to have decided to send an expert to show farmers how to raise good crops in drought-stricken areas. It is claimed that much of the failure in the drought-stricken areas last year was due to lack of knowledge on the part of many farmers.

F. P. Grisdale of the department of agriculture has been sent west to pick out 25 farms in Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan and lease from the farm owners a number of acres, possibly up to fifty acres in some cases. This 25 farms will be scattered along the main line of the C. P. R. in the two provinces.

The government will pay these farmers \$5 per acre per annum and the farmers will themselves work the land under the direction of the government. The crops will be given the farmers in return for their labor, but the government will reserve the right to take the grain for seed if necessary and will agree to pay five cents per bushel more than the market value.

It is hoped by this experimental work that crop failures will be less frequent in future.

FUNERALS.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of John Donald Armstrong, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Armstrong, from his parents' residence, 211 Queen street. Services at the house were conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKellan and Rev. Gordon Dickie, and at the grave by Rev. MacKellan. Many beautiful floral tributes were received from friends, including the following: Pastor and boys of the Presbyterian church, St. Andrews, the guild of the church and the society of Prince Arthur connected with the church; clerks of the Board of Trade, Crescent; staff of Bank of Nova Scotia, Prince William street, Commissioner Wigmore, and Knights of King Arthur, St. David's church Sunday school. Among the many friends attending the funeral were two lads from St. Andrew's, Fraser Keay and Rupert Greenlaw. Interment took place at Fernhill.

George T. Shaw's funeral took place yesterday afternoon from 18 Hanover street. Services were conducted by Rev. P. H. Wentworth, interment being in the Methodist burying ground. The funeral of the late Mrs. Ethel E. Lamb, wife of Walter J. Lamb, took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 142 St. James street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Cody, and interment took place at Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Edna S. Haberfield took place on Saturday afternoon from her parents' residence, 272 Brussels street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Deinstadt, and interment was in the Methodist burying ground. The funeral of James Campbell took place on Saturday morning from the hospital, following burial services conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Raymond. Interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth King took place on Saturday morning from her late residence, 41 Brook street, to St. Peter's church, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Simon Grosan, C. S. S. R. Interment took place in Holy Cross cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

The funeral of Helen Agnes Rolston took place on Saturday afternoon from her parents' residence, Main street. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

OBITUARY.

On Saturday afternoon John L. Nixon, a resident of the city for a number years, passed away after a lingering illness in the sixty-ninth year of his age. Mr. Nixon came to St. John when a young man and entered the employ of T. R. Jones, in the dry goods business, after serving there a number of years he connected himself with L. L. Cameron and Golding in the same business, after which he conducted a salting establishment on his own account in Dock Street. He then went to Manchester Robertson and Allison Ltd., where he remained for over 30 years until his illness compelled him to retire. Mr. Nixon was twice married. His first wife was Miss Georgie Nixon, daughter of the late James Nixon of this city, and his second wife, who survives him, was Miss Annie Stuart of Milford, daughter of the late Thos. Stuart. He leaves besides the widow two sons, Percival in the employ of the Standard Oil Company of Lynn, Mass., and Harold L. of the P. & F. Film Exchange of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. Ernest E. Thomas, Mrs. Wm. M. Layton and Mrs. Frank B. Hopkins, all of this city. He also leaves five grandchildren. The deceased though a person of a retiring disposition was a man of sterling qualities, very fond of home life and he will be greatly missed by a large number of associates and friends.

Joseph Sands. Frederickton, Mar. 28.—Joseph Sands for many years employed at the Barker House stables, died at the Victoria Hospital this afternoon from blood poisoning, resulting from a slight cut on his hand a week ago. A widow and daughter survive.

FORT FAIRFIELD MAN KILLED

George Hargrove falls between cars and is badly mangled—Dies few hours afterwards.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Mar. 28.—George Hargrove was killed by the train at Benton yesterday afternoon. He belonged to Fort Fairfield, Maine, and for some years has been going through Woodstock in charge of potatoes. While at Benton sliding he went to fire up the potato cars while they were in motion. He caught hold of the ladder but lost his grip and fell between the cars, both legs being horribly mangled. He was brought to Woodstock, but died upon reaching the railway yards. He was 35 years of age and married. The body was forwarded to Fort Fairfield.

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COLLECTING WAR STAMPS NEW FAD

London, Mar. 28.—There are fashions in stamp collecting as in most other popular recreations and the vogue in London today is the war collection. The large variety of new stamps owing their origin to the war has aroused a very lively interest among collectors, and, as usual at such times, a large section of the public, which ordinarily remains unmoved by the fascination of the hobby, has taken to collecting war issues. So there is a constant stream of visitors to the small exhibition of war stamps and post cards which has been arranged at the Florence Galleries. Doubtless the uninitiated collector will learn with surprise that there is already a field large enough to make even a small exhibition of the stamps of the present war in which the decisive political changes so far have been few. There are already 153 distinct denominations of war stamps issued since August, 1914, of which by far the larger proportion has been issued by the Allies. There are ninety-five stamps of the Allies, two issued by Roumania, at present neutral, and about fifty-six by the enemy countries. On many of these there are curious errors and minor varieties of interest to the student.

Of the 153 stamps nearly one-third of them are seen in this country for the first time. Some of the rarer British provisionals issued in the Pacific colonies wrested from Germany have

POSITION OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

Great inroads on gold supply during week—Factors which weakened Bank's position.

London, March 28.—The Bank of England's position suffered considerable impairment during the past week, but this need cause little surprise in view of the developments which occurred in the interval. The proportion of reserve to liabilities was reduced by over 3 per cent. to 22.45 per cent., which is the lowest percentage reported in some little time.

There were two factors which were mainly responsible for the serious weakening of the bank's position. First and foremost, the large imports of gold into the United States made serious inroads on the bank's store of the metal at Ottawa, and this is reflected in a decrease of £2,217,000 in the bullion holdings.

Moreover, it must be remembered that even in peace times the bank is wont to make a more or less unfavorable showing at this season, owing to the near approach of March 31st, when the British Government's fiscal year closes and the income tax collections flow into the bank in volume, causing a sharp rise in the public deposits account.

In the present return this item shows an increase of £21,098,000. On the other hand, private deposits declined by only £7,323,000, leaving a net increase in the total liabilities of £13,775,000, which contributed in no small measure to reduce the bank's proportion of reserve.

Weekly return of the Bank of England compares as follows (figures in pounds sterling).

	This Week	Last Week
Circulation	34,165,000	34,065,000
Public deposits	92,048,000	70,950,000
Private deposits	93,080,000	100,463,000
Government securities	35,351,000	30,049,000
Other securities	126,599,000	115,749,000
Reserve	41,533,000	43,849,000
Prop. sec. to liab.	22.45 p.c.	25.58 p.c.
Bullion	57,248,000	59,465,000

The Bank of England minimum rate of discount remains unchanged at 5 per cent.

been absorbed in Australia without getting as far as the London market. And, very properly, the enemy issues are taboed, though some of them have come through quite legitimately after use and cancellation from dealers and collectors in neutral lands. Most of the enemy issues are included among the exhibits. The exhibition has the support of prominent philatelic societies in London. It has been reported several times that German stamps had superseded the separate issue for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. This, however, is not the case, and the Luxembourg stamps bearing a portrait of the young Grand Duchess continue in use. In England there has been a keen market for the stamps of the German colonies, a demand having arisen from the conjecture that these would become obsolete. In Germany, however, the stamp dealers appear to be selling many of the latest German colonial issues at face value. One of the leading German catalogue firms now prices most of the five-mark stamps of the colonies at five marks unused. Perhaps this is a patriotic move to obtain funds for the German government, for these stamps when sold to collectors do no postal duty, and therefore represent clear profit to the issuing government.

HOUSE IN BUCTOUCHE BURNED TO GROUND

Henry Powell loses fine residence—Only small amount of furniture saved.

Rexton, N. B., March 25.—The residence of Henry Powell was burned to the ground Wednesday afternoon, at Buctouche. Mrs. Powell was alone at the time and left a pot of grease on the kitchen stove and went into the front of the house; when she returned the grease had boiled over and ignited, setting the kitchen afire, and before help arrived the fire was beyond control. Only a small portion of the furniture was saved. There was no insurance.

Mrs. Dobson went to Moncton yesterday to visit friends. Miss Annie Palmer has returned home after a month spent with her aunt, Mrs. A. Wood of Moncton.

Miss Smallwood, of Newcastle, has returned to her home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Michael Billideau of Cocagne visited friends here and in St. Louis this week.

Mrs. George N. Clark has returned home after an enjoyable visit to friends in different parts of the province. Mrs. J. D. Irving, of Buctouche, was in town this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward Hannay. E. J. Hutchinson has sold his dwell-

ing house to George Hudson. Mr. Hutchinson will build a residence on the farm which he recently purchased from Andrew Dixon.

Capt. Gordon Weston has accepted a position for the summer in the dredge Prince Ito, now at Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jardine have returned from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Palmer at Fredericton.

MANAGER OF GREAT WEST ASSURANCE CO. DIES IN CALIFORNIA

J. H. Brock, prominent insurance man, who died yesterday, once lived in St. John.

G. Wetmore-Merritt, manager of the St. John branch of the Great West Life Assurance Company, received a telegram last evening announcing the death of J. H. Brock, general manager of the company. Mr. Brock was at Long Beach, California, and his death occurred at noon Sunday.

Mr. Brock had a large number of friends and acquaintances in St. John. About twenty years ago he came to St. John to open a branch of the Great West Assurance Company and remained here for some time. As general

manager of the company he made occasional visits to St. John. The telegram announcing his death was signed by A. Jardine and stated further particulars would be sent later.

Reception to Mrs. McPherson.

On Saturday evening a reception was given to Mrs. Lowell C. McPherson, wife of Evangelist McPherson, of New York, at the home of W. H. Myles, 16 High street. About twenty members of the W. C. T. U. were present.

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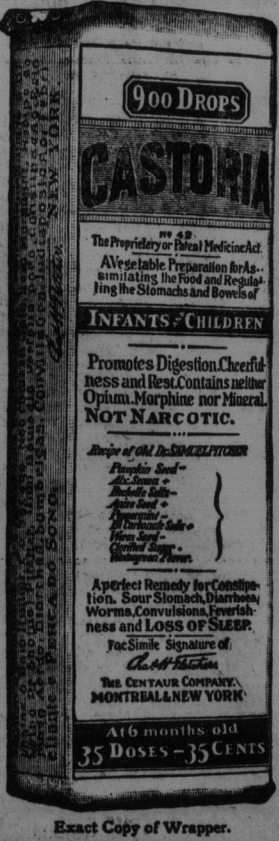
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