

### Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations

THE sole right of a family, of an individual, or of a corporation, to acquire a quarter section of available Dominion land in Saskatchewan, Alberta or British Columbia, must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not sub-Agency) on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live with a family on the homestead on a farm or at least 80 acres on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section adjoining his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 80 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may purchase homestead in Canada district Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Six months residence out of three years, cultivate 80 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land. This stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. COREY, C. M. D., Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

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It is hard to make most of the farmers realize that there is a great possibility of them not being able to get what commercial fertilizer they will require this spring. But never the less it is an absolute fact and the wise farmer will take home his fertilizer soon. If you wait till spring you may not be able to get any. As even now it is very hard to get what you need, a proportion is so bad we have only a few more cars of Basic Slag to sell.

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# Greatest Battle Since the Marne Has Begun and Fighting is Open on Devastated Land

(By Arthur S. Draper)

(Special Cablegram to The Halifax Herald and Evening Mail) LONDON, March 23—Along the entire front between the Scarpe and the Aisne, in France, and allied German troops come to grips today. At some places the battle, waged by infantry, cavalry, and artillery attained the biggest proportions of any engagement this year. Standing before the Hindenburg line, from the region of Arras to Laon, the Germans launched attack after counter attack at the advancing French and British forces and the losses of both sides were enormous.

Some observers here see in the developments of the last two days signs that Hindenburg intends to fight a decisive battle over the despoiled and desolated country stretching from the Somme to the Aisne and from St. Quentin to La Fere.

If such a battle should develop it will probably be the greatest struggle in every way that has been fought in this war, not excepting the battle of the Marne, and with it, Hindenburg will reveal his strategy and the prime reason for the great German withdrawal.

The most desperate encounters of the day took place along the French front south of St. Quentin where less than two and a half miles separates Nivelle's troops from the enemy's defensive system.

One struggle surged around St. Simon, along both sides of the Somme Crozat canal, and slightly north, near the villages of Artemps and Seraucourt Le Grand. Here the Germans delivered a violent counter blow that almost swept the French of their feet.

Following quickly, however, the allies rushed forward and drove the enemy back some distance. The Germans report states that the French suffered sanguinary losses, and lost 230 prisoners in this operation.

Shortly afterward the French launched a wide offensive in the same region, and in the face of stubborn resistance, pressed the Germans back to the northeast of St. Quentin canal to a depth varying from one and a quarter miles to a half mile.

North of Soissons and along the Aisne river, two other mighty engagements were fought. In the former sector to the west and south of Marivaux, the French moved backward, and forward as first the French and then the Germans scored successes. In some sections of the front, the French buried entire regiments at the French ranks, the German artillery operating at every turn picked up the bodies of the French and mowed them down on the spot.

### CANADIANS MADE SUCCESSFUL RAID

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS, IN FRANCE, March 23 (By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of Canadian Press) The civilian population behind the Canadian front is jubilant over the display of "Voluntary elasticity" by the enemy. On that part of the Western battle line between Noyon and Arras the enemy still holds his trenches here and there. It resulted in the capture of a number of prisoners with a minimum of loss.

A dramatic incident is reported from a part of our front on which, early in the war, stubborn battles took place between the French and the Germans. Some Canadian soldiers searching the field quarters noticed a grass grown mound of curious shape. In penetrating the mound they discovered the entrance to a dugout in which were four German officers, seated at a table where sudden death had overtaken them. Their equipment was still hanging on a wall. The cause of their death was asphyxiation either from gas entering the dugout or from the closing of its entrance by shell fire. If the latter, knowing there was no hope of escape, the officers must have sat there around the table waiting the end. Many other tragedies may be discovered later.

### COLONEL ROOSEVELT IS RAISING ARMY

NEW YORK, March 22—According to trustworthy information received here Colonel Roosevelt is organizing an army of one hundred thousand men to fight in France. One hundred of each regiment have been recruited. The entire force is to be ready in three months. The movement is backed by wealthy financiers here.

### LEGAL WEIGHT OF VEGETABLES

Per Bushel and Per Bag	Pounds per Bushel	Bag
Beets	50	75
Onions	50	75
Carrots	50	75
Turnips	50	75
Parship	45	65
Potatoes	60	90

### Weight of Grain

	Bushel
orn, (shelled) . . . . .	56
orn (in ear) . . . . .	70
ax Seed . . . . .	56
lover Seed . . . . .	60
ackwheat . . . . .	48
ans . . . . .	60
arley . . . . .	48
ots . . . . .	34
as . . . . .	60
he . . . . .	56
heat . . . . .	60

### A SOLDIER'S WILL

The will of Lieut. William Gore Foster, who was killed in action while serving in France, was filed in the Probate Court, in Halifax on Wednesday. It is written on a small perforated sheet of paper, provided for in the military pay book. The sheet is captioned "military will," and room is provided for the signature and unit. The will reads: "In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my wife, Christina A. Foster, of Dartmouth, N. S., Canada. Signature—William G. Foster Rank and Regiment—Lieutenant 4th Batt., C.E.F. Date—August 11, 1916. The will is the first of the kind ever probated in Halifax.

Major J. W. Margeson, M. P. P., delivered an instructive and eloquent address at Harbottle on Saturday evening on "Canada and the War." James Cahill acted as chairman.

### ARLINGTON

"wonder if the sap is stirring yet. If wintry birds are dreaming of a mate. If frozen snowdrops feel as yet the sun. And crocus fires are kindled one by one. Sing, robin, sing. I still am sore in doubt concerning Spring."

The men are hustling to get their wood out before the snow all disappears.

Surprise parties seem to be the order of the day.

Mrs. Emma McNeil is visiting friends at Halls Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Franklin spent Sunday at her home.

Mr. Josh Huntley and Leo Barto were visiting friends here recently.

The Red Cross Society met at the home of Mrs. Frank Kettin last Wednesday. They are still doing a splendid work at knitting. One pair of socks was knit by a boy eleven years of age. They were better than many an older person could do.

Mr. Leo Brown and the Misses Clara Brown and Lillian Baxter were guests of Mrs. Charles Warr on Monday evening.

Mrs. Douglas Blenkhorn was visiting here one day last week.

It seems there are still some people who do not favor the Red Cross, but we notice do not object to the Patriotic Fund.

Mr. Harvey Lockhart spent Sunday with his parents.

Miss Susie Pearl is visiting friends in Medford.

Our school is progressing favorably. The teacher has changed her boarding place to Mr. Charles Vard's.

### Arab Rising Against the Turks

London, March 21—Another important chapter in Arabia has risen against the Turks. Foreign Standard, London, reports that the Arab revolt has been accepted by the British Government.

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Extensive uprisings of native tribes in Asiatic Turkey have been underway for several months, and the Turkish Government has made little progress in suppressing them. The first important detection was reported in June last. The rebels captured the Holy City of Mecca, as well as several other important towns. The Grand Sherif of Mecca proclaimed independence of Ottoman rule, and in November Washington was notified of the establishment of a new Kingdom of Arabia.

Recent mail advices from the Arab said the British in Mesopotamia were being assisted materially by native tribes, two of which, numbering not fewer than 4,000,000 persons, were furnishing men who were receiving military instruction from the English. Mr. Laurence, ambassador in London, said the rebellion has spread to the southern part of Arabia, which is a British protectorate on the southern coast.

London, March 22nd—Premier Massey, New Zealand, speaking at the British Empire Club, said that the "fraternalizing of Imperial conferences meant the turning of a new page in British history. He hoped the Dominion representatives would be as successful in their counsels as the Dominion soldiers had been on the battle fields. Sir George Reid said that when the difficulties of the new departure had been overcome, the empire would have found its soul in one grand imperial power.

Sergeant Charles D. Kirk, a native of Yarmouth, and a brother of the Kirk Brothers, Yarmouth, a member of a Western battalion, has been awarded the military medal for bravery on the field. Sergt. Kirk was badly wounded at the battle of Courcellette.

### SIXTY YEARS MARRIED

A large number of friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Aseph West, Coldbrook, called on Monday, March 12th, 1917, to offer congratulations to the worthy couple on the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day.

Mr. and Mrs. West are enjoying excellent health, and were able to receive their friends both afternoon and evening without showing signs of fatigue. Mrs. West before her marriage was Lavinia, second daughter of the late C. W. F. Band of Brooklyn St. and was married at her father's home to Aseph, son of the late Aseph West by the late Mrs. Aseph West.

Two other daughters, Mrs. and Mrs. Dodge, were also one brother, Mr. Aseph West, at Church St. and his wife, one son, and one daughter were present at the celebration.

Another daughter, Mrs. Wallace, was also present. The celebration was presided over by Frank Smith, who Mr. O'Neil, of the home in Massachusetts, also made it his pleasure to be present. The celebration was presided over by Mrs. Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aseph West, and Mrs. Aseph West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aseph West.

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