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Helping Farmers To Improve Seed

MONTREAL, August 17.—Practically every province in Canada, during the past spring, conducted an intensive campaign among the farmers for the improvement of seed for the grain and forage crops. This has been the custom in most provinces for some years, and has been a strong influence in raising the quality of seed sown. The Canadian National Railways have been for some years actively co-operating in this movement by the operation of "Bet-ter Seed Trains" in several of the provinces, on which seed cleaning machinery was installed, seed cleaned, and demonstration and lectures given. Six of these trains were operated during the past season, two of these being in Saskatchewan and one each in the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. The total attendance of farmers and other at the lectures and demonstrations on these trains was around 38,000. Seed cleaning centres are being rapidly established in most of the provinces. Ontario reports that in western and central parts of that province more than 125 privately owned seed cleaning plants, supplied with the most modern machinery, existed this spring. In Nova Scotia, the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the Federal Seed Branch have co-operated in establishing seed cleaning centres with bonuses paid to power machines.

Tribute To Bliss Carmen

FREDERICTON, N. B., August 17.—The ashes of Bliss Carman, Canada's greatest poet, will be deposited in a concrete tomb at the family burial plot at Forest Hill Cemetery here following an official state memorial service at Christchurch Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20th., when the Government of New Brunswick will officially honor one of the Province's most distinguished sons who was internationally famous in the world of letters.

Following receipt of advice from Dr. Morris L. King, who is medical director of the New York Life Insurance Company, that he and Mrs. King, executrix of the estate of the dead poet, would arrive in Fredericton from New Canaan, Connecticut, where he died, with the ashes at noon on Monday, August 19th., arrangements for the official state memorial service and the committee have been completed. It will be an unique occasion, for never before has New Brunswick paid similar tribute to other than occupants of high positions in the official life of the Province.

Dr. King and Mrs. King will be met upon arrival at the Canadian Pacific Railway station on Monday by Hon. Charles D. Richards, Minister of Lands & Mines representing the Government of the Province. The ashes, which are now contained in a miniature bronze casket, will be taken direct to Christchurch Cathedral, where they will remain under guard of members of the New Brunswick Provincial Police which will be maintained continuously until after memorial service. After accompanying the ashes to the Cathedral Dr. and Mrs. King will be driven to the Queen Hotel, where they will be guests of the Government of the Province while in Fredericton.

One of Bliss Carman's most famous poems will be used as one of the hymns in the special order of service which has been arranged for the official state memorial on Tuesday afternoon at Christchurch Cathedral and this another of his poems will be printed with the special order of service which will be provided those attending. Very Rev. Scotty Seales, dean of the Cathedral, will conduct the service, which will be of a highly impressive nature, and the Dean will deliver an address as a tribute to the distinguished son whose memory is being signally honored by his native province. At the conclusion of the memorial service a funeral procession will be formed and the ashes will be conveyed in a funeral car to Forest Hill Cemetery for committal in the Carman family plot with the customary Church of England burial service.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Premier Baxter and members of the Government of New Brunswick will officially attend the Memorial service and the Government of the Province have asked members of the Canadian Parliament, the Canadian Senate, the Provincial Legislature, the Chief Justice and members of the Bench, the commander of the military forces in the Province, the Mayor and City Council of Fredericton, the mayors of other cities in the Province, officers of the Canadian Authors' Association and of the New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Authors' Association, and various provincial officials to attend.

EGG LAYING CONTEST

Notes on the Prince Edward Island Egg Laying Contest for the Week Ending Aug. 14, 1929.

Mr. H. C. Muttart's B.R. pen 12 led the contest for the week with 61 eggs, 67.8 points; Mr. S. R. Pendleton's B.R. pen 19 was second with 48 eggs, 58.4 points, and Mrs. J. H. MacPhail's B.R. pen 20 were third with 47 eggs, 52.9 points.

The Experimental Farm, Fredericton, N.B., B.R. hen No. 10 leads the contest for individual laying with 227 eggs, 261.8 points, and their hen No. 3 is second with 212 eggs, 255 points. Mr. S. R. Pendleton's B.R. hen No. 8 is third with 230 eggs, 253 points.

The pens leading in total production are:—

- 1.—Exp. Farm, Fredericton, N.B., Pen 6, 1922 eggs; 2114.1 points, B.R.
- 2.—S. R. Pendleton, Kensington, P. E.I., Pen 19, B.R., 1886 eggs, 2065.6 points.
- 3.—Mrs. J. H. MacPhail, New Haven, P.E.I., B.R., Pen 20, 1903 eggs; 2068.3 points.
- 4.—Exp. Farm, Charlottetown, P.E.I., B.R., Pen 15, 1823 eggs; 1928 points.

The rules and regulations and application forms for the 1929-30 Contest are now on hand and those desiring to enter the next contest should make application at once to the Superintendent, Experimental Farm, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

\$2,637,028 Paid For Pensions In Three Provinces

OTTAWA, Aug. 17.—Since the adoption of the Old Age Pension Act in the three Western Provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, a total of \$2,637,028.83 has been paid to 12,002 pensioners, according to the summary just issued by the Department of Labor.

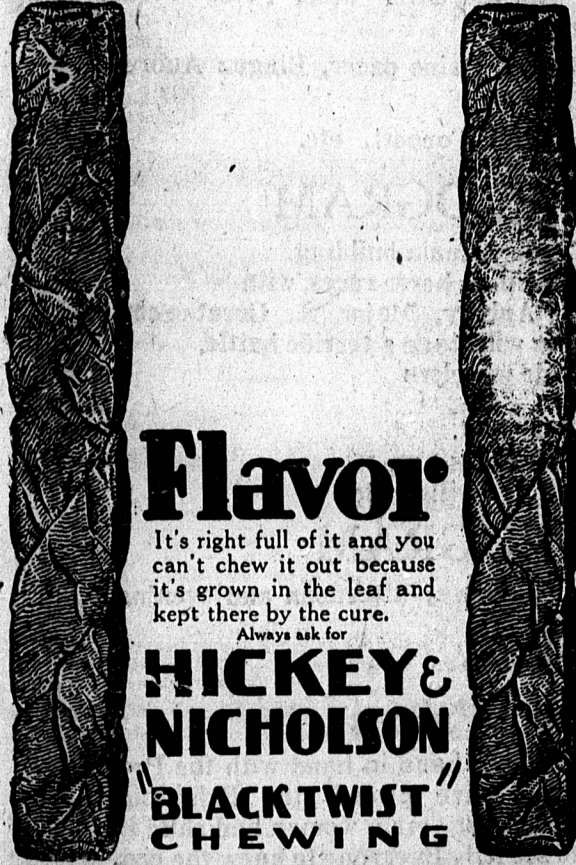
Of the total amount, the Federal Government has paid half while the Provinces and Municipalities have shared the remaining half.

It has been estimated that each pensioner received an average of \$18.90 per month.

The greatest number of pensioners is in Manitoba where 4,556 received \$282,926 during the last quarter, and \$787,534.28 since the inception of the act in that province, September 1928. In British Columbia there are 4,048 pensioners, and they received during the quarter year \$226,652.77. Since September 1927, when the Act was adopted in the Pacific Provinces the total disbursements have been \$1,248,801.32.

The Act has been in operation since June 1928, in Saskatchewan, and so far there has been a total of 3,401 pensioners receiving \$199,300 during the last quarter and \$581,263.33 since the inception of the system.

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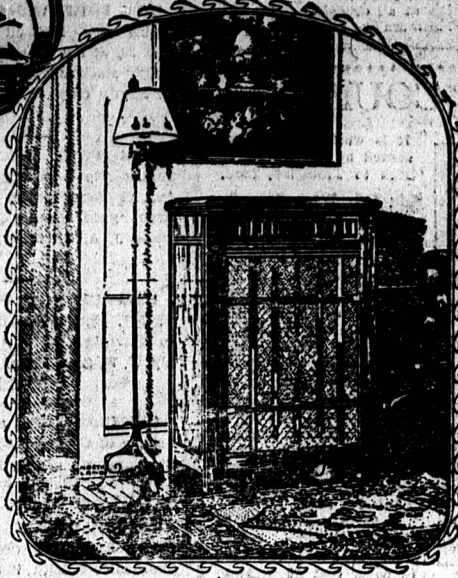
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Sir John Franklin

The memory of Franklin is cherished as one of the most conspicuous of the naval heroes of Britain, and as one of the most successful and daring of her explorers, says H. D. Trull, in his "Life of Sir John Franklin." That intrepid man was born at Spilsby, England, in 1785, and having been entered as a midshipman on the "Polyphemus" he was present at the hard-fought battle of Copenhagen, April, 1801. Shortly afterwards he was employed by his cousin, Captain John Matthew Flinders, in surveying the coast of Australia. Two years later he returned to England by way of China, and joined the Bellerophon, where he had charge of the signals during the battle of Trafalgar. Next we find him, attached to his lieutenantcy, serving on the Brazilian Station. In 1819 he was placed in command of an expedition appointed to proceed overland from Hudson Bay to the shores of the Arctic Ocean. At that time the northern coast was known at two points only, the mouths of the Coppermine and the Mackenzie rivers, but by 1827 his expeditions had mapped 1200 miles of the coast or about one-third of the whole distance from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These exertions were fully appreciated at home and in 1829 he received the honor of knighthood. In 1829 he had married his second wife, Jane Griffin, who survived him.

Official employment in the Mediterranean followed, and by 1836 he was settled in the Lieutenant Governorship of Van Diemens Land

(Tasmania) where he resided till 1843. On his return to England he found there was to be a renewal of polar research, and the Admiralty offered him the command of an expedition for the discovery of the North-West Passage to the Pacific. Accordingly he sailed from Greenhithe on May 19th, 1845, with the two ships "Erebus" and "Terror". The ships were last seen by a whaler near the entrance of Lancaster Sound, on July 26th, and for fourteen years no word of them reached the outer world. From 1848, expedition after expedition was despatched from England, in quest of the missing explorers. In 1854 the Esquimaux told of a party of about 40 men, dragging a boat southward on the shores of King William's Island. Later in the season the bodies of all forty were found by the natives. The Admiralty now gave up all hope and sent no more expeditions, but Lady Franklin exhausted her private fortune in unwearied attempts to solve the mystery of her husband's disappearance. In 1859 her exertions were rewarded by the discovery of a cairn containing the records of the expedition up to April 25, 1848, and among them the simple entry, "Sir John Franklin died on the 11th June, 1847." Not a man of the 159 explorers returned from the ill-fated voyage. These pathetic lines by Lady Franklin are a fitting close to the story:

Lady Franklin's Lament.
When the sparrows build, and the leaves break forth, My old sorrow wakes and cries,

For I know there is balm in the far, far north,
And a scarlet sun doth rise;
Like a crimson streak the snow-fields spread,
And the icy founts run free,
And the bergs arise and bow their heads,
And the plunge and sail in the sea.
Thou didst set thy foot on the ship and sail
To the ice-fields and the snow;
Thou wast sad, for thy love did not avail,
And the end I could not know,
How did I know I should love thee away
Whom I did not love when near?
How did I know I should love thee today
Whom that day I held not dear?
Oh, my lost one, and by own lone love,
And my love that loved me so,
Is there never a chink in the worlds above
Where they listen for words from below?
Nay, I spake once and I grieved thee sore,
I remember all that I said,
And now I shall see thee no more,
no more,
Till the sea gives up its dead.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS GAME
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 13.—Twenty-two of the world's greatest chess masters will gather here on August 11 to participate in an international tournament, and Czechoslovakia is planning to treat them royally.

F. J. Marshall, of New York, will represent the United States, Jose R. Capablanca, Cuba, F. D. Yates, England, E. D. Bogoljubov, Germany, and Dr. S. Tartakower, France. Edward Lasker, of New York, has informed the committee of arrangements that his engagement will not allow him to come to Prague for the tournament.

Chess experts say the final struggle for the championship probably will rest among Capablanca, Bogoljubov and Alexander Alekhine, the Russian champion.

The Czechoslovakia government is making elaborate preparations for the comfort and entertainment of the chess masters. Special trains will be run from the provinces to Prague in order to give Czechoslovakians throughout the country an opportunity to see the world's chess experts at play. The foreign chess experts will be welcomed by President of the Republic Masaryk, who is himself a chess player.

Czechoslovakia itself will have difficulty in matching such consummate players as Capablanca, Bogoljubov and Alekhine, its greatest chess master, Richard Reti, having just died. Some of the country's younger and less experienced men, therefore, will have to face the big champions.

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