

Crop Conditions In Western Canada

WINNIPEG, Man., June 11—Continued cool, cloudy weather with scattered showers in many districts has prevailed throughout the West's crop growing areas. In the drought sections showings are patchy and good rains are necessary. Some slight frost damage to gardens only is reported and conditions generally are fair to good, according to the Weekly Crop Report of the Department of Agriculture, Canadian National Railways.

In all sections of Manitoba the weather has been fairly wet and cold. All grains are growing rapidly and pasture lands are in good shape. Warmer weather is now required. In the Dauphin area wheat is standing seven to nine inches high. No insect damage is reported from any district. The Regina Division of Saskatchewan reports weather quite cool with strong winds and scattered showers only over small areas. More moisture is needed, otherwise crops prospects are poor. In the central Butte sub-division, wheat is up one to three inches but patchy and some seed is not yet sprouted on account of lack of moisture.

In the Saskatchewan division weather has continued cool with light showers during the week. Grain has made good progress but warmer weather with more rain is now needed to bring crops along. There are no reports of grasshoppers as yet.

The Prince Albert division reports the weather has been cool and dry with high winds. Growth has been good, considering the cool weather, but is now slowing up. Reports of frost indicate no damage to crop. Rains would be beneficial as lands have dried out very quickly and there seems to be a scarcity of sub-soil moisture. Where grasshoppers have made their appearance they are under control.

Southern Alberta has experienced mostly cloudy and cool weather with some scattered showers. High winds have retarded growth. The June 2nd severe dust storm did considerable damage to crops estimated from 15 per cent. to 20 per cent. Some reseeded has been done. Pastures are fair but too much moisture is urgently required.

In the Edmonton division similar weather has prevailed; cool cloudy weather with scattered showers only is reported. Wheat is up about eight inches in some sub-divisions and making good progress, slight damage is reported from grasshoppers but steps are being taken to keep them in check as well as possible. No serious damage is reported from any source, although more rain will be needed shortly to secure good growth.

Throughout the Peace River territory weather has continued generally warm and dry. Conditions appear favorable but rain would be beneficial. No damage from any source is reported. There is an estimated ten per cent. increase in wheat acreage throughout this territory with a slightly less increase in coarse grains.

W. C. T. U. Notes

THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE

O softly spoken words that none but I can hear, As clear and true they ring upon my ear— A warning note, or praise for deeds well done, Or misery, remorse, or hopes that've flown; My conscience's voice—God's voice from lofty throne.

O sweetly words, dictate the nobler things to me, That truth be truth, and right from wrong be free; That I may heed and rightly ascertain The things of real worth from those of vain; My conscience's voice—God's softest song refrain. —G. Williamson Hopkins.

CURSE YE, MEROZ.

Do you remember these words? They appear in the song of Deborah, the woman judge of Israel, sung after the victory over Jabin, the Canaanite king. The Israelites, because they had forgotten their God, had long been in captivity to Canaan. As the weary years passed, the burdens became heavier and heavier, and they were ready to call for God's help once more. God directed Deborah to call the people together to make war against their oppressor. They responded heartily, coming from all parts of the nation, and the army, under Sisera, was completely routed. Then Deborah celebrated the victory by a great song.

But right in the very centre of the song, like a harsh discordant note, sounds out the curse against Meroz. The prominence given to it shows most unmistakably that God did not consider the offence of Meroz an insignificant one. It would appear that Meroz—probably a little hamlet in some remote part of the country—had not responded to the call for help against the enemy. They gave no aid to the army, but their sin was the sin of uselessness. They were not charged with wrongdoing, but simply with not doing the right.

In this incident the battle seemed to be against Jabin, the Canaanite King. But you will note that it was the battle of the Lord. Meroz is cursed because they "came not up to the help of the Lord." It was then the Lord's battle. Could not God have won without them? He did, what need for a small village—they could not have sent at most more than 50 or 100 men. God had asked all His people to co-operate. Meroz, as well as the others, He won the victory, but the curse was on Meroz because they had no share in the victory. Every good cause is God's cause whatever it may take. He is everywhere on the side of right, and He is continually asking the question, "Who is on the Lord's side?" The powers of wrong are constantly multiplying their forces at new points and multiplying the energies they are putting forth to overcome the good. Whoever one witnesses, the struggle between good and evil, between the true and the false, between purity and impurity, between justice and injustice, he may rest assured it is a battle between the hosts of God and the hosts of evil. Sometimes it takes the form of a struggle between capital and labor and very often we find it difficult to determine which is right and which wrong. We know well it is sometimes the struggle between temperance and sobriety on the one hand and intemperance and drunkenness on the other. But whatever form it

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Rev. Robert Laird Honored By Church

REGINA, June 11—(CP)—Rev. Robert Laird of Toronto has been chosen President-Dominant of the Pan-Protestant Alliance of the United Church Conference of Saskatchewan in session here. His official election will take place in Montreal soon and he will take office about July 1.

See Minard's for dandruff.

may take. God is always on the side of justice, sobriety, temperance and purity. And the final issue is not in doubt. He will finally accomplish His will and none can stay His hand either by idleness or opposition. But—He invites us to co-operate with Him, invites us to share with Him in the battle and also in the triumph.

THE VALUE OF MILK

Although economists may criticize the "milk in schools" scheme sponsored by the British Government, there can be no doubt as to its immense value from the medical point of view writes the "Daily Telegraph" medical correspondent. Given the central pasteurization which is now happily almost universal—at any rate in our larger cities—and given reasonable cleanliness in handling at the schools, there need be but little fear of danger from pathogenic bacteria nor any serious impairment of the natural vitamin content of the milk.

The Vitamins

Except for a very small amount of Vitamin C, the anti-scurvy or scurvy vitamin, milk contains all the vitamins. The deficiency is easily supplied by the various fruits and vegetables that occur in most household diets.

Good for Young and Old

Milk also contains essential proteins, salts, and fats in an easily assimilable form as well as a fluid content that is valuable in itself for the many children and adults, who tend in urban conditions to drink far too little. It is thus both a food and beverage, rich in the best natural prophylactics against bacterial infections, abnormalities of bony growth, including imperfect dentition.

The Modern Medicine

There is probably no single routine measure that would tend to do more for the promotion of health in public schools generally, than provide a greater dividend in the shape of growth, and well-being for so small a capital outlay. Indeed, the old aphorism of an apple a day could be applied with considerably more force to a glass of milk.

Its adoption as a mid-morning habit would probably be found by many middle-aged and elderly people also to be the best means of combating and preventing many minor kidney and other ailments. —The Scottish Women's Temperance News.

A DOCTOR'S VIEW

Dr. JENNIE SMILLIE Cigarettes and alcoholic beverages have definitely detrimental effect on the health of the women using them, in the opinion of Dr. Jennie Smillie of the Women's College Hospital, speaker at the Toronto Social Hygiene Club. "It is a contentious subject, I know, but we have had women smokers in this country just long enough to realize that it is injurious to women's health," said Dr. Smillie, speaking from a professional point of view. There was not so much smoking in Canada until after the war, she said. Women went overseas for war work of various kinds and learned the habit, "and now women patients are coming to doctors, nervous, sometimes shaking, hearts weakened, and general health impaired."

"I am not saying a woman cannot smoke the odd cigarette without injury, but the constant smoker will go down in health. Some women smoke more than men," she thought. Men are under more or less restraint by reason of their work, but women smokers in their homes have more liberty in this respect. Speaking of the ill-effects of alcoholic beverages, Dr. Smillie sounded a warning regarding the increasing relationship between drinking and immorality, and appealed to the club members, as women, to do all in their power to make society safer in this respect for the youth of today. Illegitimacy, she stated, is on the increase in Ontario, and "not only is the intoxicated young woman at the mercy of those who are with her, but her resistance to temptation is lowered when under the effects of alcohol."

Dr. Smillie urged women to put a ban on the serving of alcoholic refreshments in the home, in the name of hospitality. "I am quite sure that most women of Ontario do not want to drink," she said, "but there seems to be an idea that, 'well, other people want it, so as a matter of hospitality it must be served. In a great many cases, the 'other people' do not want it at all."

Whatever else will feed the brain, workers with this organ should be assured that alcohol will not sustain it.—The Lanet.

MR. GEORGE W. LEARD

On Wednesday, June 2nd, after a four weeks illness, Mr. George W. Leard passed peacefully away at his home in Augustine Cove. He was 71 years of age and was the son of the late John Wesley Leard and his wife, Margaret Goodwin. He is survived by his widow, formerly Elizabeth Farrow and the following family:—Blanche (Mrs. Roy Boulter) of Freetown, Hold-

sworth, in California, Emily (Mrs. Fred Reeves) Freetown, Luella (Mrs. Peter Peters) Carleton, Fred, at home, Vera (Mrs. Basil Taylor) Freetown, Winnie of Freetown and Rita at home, also a number of grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Holdsworth Bastow, Rhode Island, Mr. Fred Leard in British Columbia, Mrs. Harry Clarke, Augustine Cove and Mrs. Jesse Huestis of Summerside.

The funeral on Friday was largely attended, the service at home and at the grave being conducted in the absence of his pastor, Rev. Fred M. Young, by Rev. T. C. DeWolfe of Tryon, who delivered a comforting message to the bereaved. The hymns sung were Nearer

My God to Thee and a beautiful solo "Goodnight and Goodmorning" by Mr. Albert Huestis of Summerside. Beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The pall-bearers were—Messrs. Joseph Wadman, Robert Cameron, Elphaleet Clark, Frank McFarlane Heber Sherren, and Roy Boulter. Interment was in the United Church Cemetery at Tryon.

BABY CRY TO RAISE BLOOD PRESSURE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 11—(AP)—Don't pick a baby up when it cries, a group of university of Georgia physicians cautioned today, because it is merely try-

ing to raise its blood pressure. By a new delicate method of measuring blood pressure, they have determined that what wailing babies have been trying to tell their adult enemies for thousands of years.

MOVE BRONZE BUST TO HALL OF FAME

OTTAWA, June 11—(CP)—A bronze bust of Sir Robert Borden was placed today in the hall of fame in the Parliament Buildings. Shortly after 5 p.m. Robert died Mr. M. F. Gregg, V. C., Sergeant-at-arms, directed that it be moved to the hall of fame from its former place in one of the upper floors of the House of Commons.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

(Continued from page 8) like? If a girl receives a letter from a boy, whom she knows, should she answer it? Should a girl meet a boy halfway in being friendly and be first to speak when they meet? A SCHOOLGIRL.

Answer: Certainly a plain-faced girl can be popular. Some of the most popular girls I know never... Some of the most popular girls I know never... They are good dancers and crackerjacks at outdoor sports.

No, a girl doesn't have to be wild in order to have dates. Of course, there are boys who won't take a girl out unless she will get drunk and get wild, but the less you see of these kind of young hoodlums the better off you are. There are plenty of decent boys who prefer girls who are modest, refined and self-respecting, and who won't buy a boy's attendance by debasing themselves.

No general rule can be given for a conversational line. Talk must be spontaneous and inspired by the time and place and circumstances. You won't make a mistake, though, when you talk to a boy about himself and when you get him started on his own hobbies and interests.

There is no special type of girls that boys prefer. It is all a matter of taste. Some like quiet girls and some like gay ones. Some like talkers and some like listeners. Some like girls who are as good at games as they are and others like girls who sit on the sidelines and applaud and tell them how brave and strong and wonderful they are. The main thing is just to be yourself and not try to copycat any other girl.

If a girl receives a letter from a boy friend, it is only polite to answer it, but she should be careful of what she writes, for boys show girls' letters or they leave them around where their mothers and the chambermaids can read them. The thing that sounded innocent enough when written can make a girl seem ridiculous when read by alien eyes.

Never write sentiment to a boy, no matter how much you are tempted to do so. Emulate a famous flirt who once said that no matter what she might have said to men, there was not a line of her handwriting in the length and breadth of the land.

Be friendly to boys. Show them that you enjoy their society, but don't gush over them. It is always good policy to keep a boy guessing.

Dear Miss Dix—I adore my wife and children, but I am out of employment and my wife is compelled to work to support the family. Do you think that I should leave home to lighten her burden? A WORRIED MAN.

Answer: If your wife makes you feel that she considers you an imposition and begrudges you the food you eat, go by all means. But, if she is the right sort of wife and is glad to be able to help you in your need, stay. If she loves you, you would only add to her sorrow by leaving her to grieve over your absence and to wonder what has become of you. DOROTHY DIX.

BRINGING UP FATHER

