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100th Birthday

REGINA, March 26—(Canadian Press)—Most people cling to the fireside when they reach the age of 80 but Mrs. Annie Morrison's favorite spot was the wide-open spaces and she has just celebrated her 100th birthday. She lives here with her son, Donald.

Friends and relatives gathered the other day to help her celebrate the anniversary. Four generations were present including her own children, grand-children and great-grand-children. Mrs. Morrison came to Canada from Scotland, 82 years ago, and settled with her husband and family in the Wapella district of southern Saskatchewan.

She has a vivid memory and can tell you, with detail, many of the early incidents in her life in Scotland and at Wapella. She remained on her farm until 1920, capable of pitching her axe during a day's work with the rest of the family. Her husband died in 1915.

Early to bed, at least eight hours good sleep, and up with the birds is her simple recipe for longevity. Hard work with an occasional holiday and "building up" is the prescription she recommends for health and happiness. Five of her eight children are living on the prairies.

Mrs. Morrison's girlhood days were spent at South Uist, Inverness. She was born a twin, on St. Patrick's day, March 17, 1835. Her sister died at the age of eight years. The twins were two of six children in the Morrison family—farmer and fisher folk of the district.

Veterans of '85'
Plan Re-union

(By H. A. Honey, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WINNIPEG, March 26—(By The Canadian Press)—There is a plain tombstone in St. Boniface Cemetery. There are wreaths; occasionally people pause with bowed head and make the sign of the cross. The stone marks the grave of Louis Davy Reil, a Metis soldier in the Northwest rebellion whose bid for self-government in Saskatchewan led to his execution on Nov. 19, 1885.

Tragedy stalked through the poplar-bluff hills surrounding Battleford in northern Saskatchewan, 50 years ago. The delay in recognizing rights of Metis Indians to land on which they squatted. A shot was fired at Duck Lake and only prompt mobilization of police and volunteers averted a general Indian uprising.

Today, veterans of Canada's last frontier war are planning a re-union. Survivors of Toronto's contingent of Grenadier Guards, Royal Engineers from Halifax, Bolton's Scouts, from Birtle, the "Little Black Devils" from Winnipeg, and members of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and a handful of buffalo hunters from the plains will foregather at Winnipeg and other centres early in May in answer to the call of memory.

The old guard will march once again in retrospect. The lean brown look will have gone, perhaps, from the faces of those who set out from Regina and Qu'Appelle on a 300-mile march through deep snows of a late winter. And the step of the man who served with Otter, at Battleford, and Strange, at Edmonton, will lack the firmness of youth.

In their old outfits of green and khaki, red, yellow and blue, they will bivouac for a few days. Camp fires will wink once more and make possible a re-valuation of historical persons and events that mark the half-century pages of Canada's history. They are one legion now—Metis and whites—bound by legislative mechanism that governs a democratic people.

There are four re-unions planned for more than 30 survivors of the old Northwest Field Force now scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Maritime veterans will meet at Halifax. Those in Ontario and Quebec will gather at Toronto. Survivors in the west will gather at Winnipeg and Vancouver. There are large Northwest Field associations at each of these points.

Report of Dept.
Of Agriculture

In the annual report of the Department of Agriculture Mr. W. R. Shaw reports as follows in many respects one of steady recovery. With the exception of hay, farm crops produced abundant yields. Lack of moisture during the growing season for two years in succession materially decreased the hay tonnage, while the inferior quality of pasture seriously affected the flow of milk, with a resultant decrease in volume of supply delivered at Creameries and Cheese factories.

Fortunately the autumn months were warm and late grazing conditions were favorable. This proved a great help in conserving it reduced hay supply, and while man, portions of Canada have found it necessary to reduce live stock on account of low roughage supplies. The difficulty is feared in this province in bringing the usual number of animals over the winter on the quantities of feeds in the hands of producers. An additional favorable feature is the abundant crop of roots, and the excellent crop of grain, straw and potatoes in the hands of the farmers. The large supply of the latter crop and the low market values has had the tendency of developing a more thoughtful consideration of the value of a more aggressive live stock policy for this province. With potato growing kept within the limits of home storage facilities and live stock utilization. The season has produced evidences of lack of balance in the farm program, and particularly so in relation to hog and potato production. Many farmers are in the unfortunate position of having all available storage space filled with potatoes and no hogs to convert the surplus into a readily marketable and profitable product. The tendency, however, is in the direction of a more elaborate scheme of livestock production, which, over a period of years, will undoubtedly prove to be the safest and most profitable production policy for the province.

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EXPLORER YEARS FOR POLAR MENUS

(By The Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, March 26—New York restaurants could please Lincoln Ellsworth better if they served sizzling seal steaks or sautéed breast of penguin. "I like the wild taste of such meat," said the explorer, back from Antarctica.

"Seal steak is delicious and the only difficulty with penguin was that it took 17 of them to feed our crew. The breasts are the only parts you can eat."

Penguin eggs, too, are not to be snubbed on a polar menu. They are about the size of turkey eggs and fried or in omelets are fit for any explorer's breakfast.

In New York while making up his mind on plans for another try at crossing the southern back yard of the world, Ellsworth is keeping in trim by wrestling daily. Grayling at 54 and tanned as if he had wintered on a Miami beach, he hopes to return to the Antarctic so that early in November or late in October he can attempt another pole-ward dash.

To the "so what" minded persons of the general public who look askance at polar expeditions, Ellsworth had this to say: "There is a 5,000,000 square miles in the Antarctic—an area equal to that of Europe and Australia, 90

percent of which is unexplored. This area must have all the resources of coal, gold and platinum and any other resource found in any other continent. They may be inaccessible today but we do not know what tomorrow will bring."

Irish May Claim Casements Body

DUBLIN, March 26—(CP)—Proposals to convert Pentonville Prison London, into a housing site has prompted an agitation among Irish Republicans to have the body of Sir Roger Casement transferred to Ireland for burial. Executed for high treason during the war, Casement was buried near the prison wall under a slab marked with the initials "R. C."

Among those supporting the proposal the Free State government should request the British government to hand over the body after Sir Roger's brother, Thomas Casement, now retired civil servant, Professor Eoin MacNeill, brother of the former Governor-General of the Free State and Mrs. Tom Clarke, a senator and widow of one of the executed signatories of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic at the Easter Rising of 1916, also supported the appeal.

Tom Casement has preserved the

overcoat of Irish Frises which his brother wore during his trip to Ireland on a German submarine. This relic was returned to him by Scotland Yard some time ago. In a statement expressing his support for the request that the body be transferred, he said it was his brother's wish, expressed frequently, that he should be buried in Murlough Bay, Fairhead, County Antrim, facing Rathlin Island. This is in Northern Ireland but Mr. Casement declared he would regard the remains as belonging to the nation and would agree to the wishes of the people in regard to burial in the Free State.

Sean Fitzpatrick, Secretary of the National Graves Association—an extreme Republican body—said that he was sure Casement would have been satisfied "to have his remains kept in bondage in an English jail until the country which he gave his life to free has been liberated from British domination."

It is regarded as probable the request for the transfer of the body will be made by the Irish Free State, in the event of the demolition of the prison.

WAR ON GOPHERS AID BY BONUS

(By The Canadian Press)

INDIAN HEAD, Sask., March 26—There may be a bit of a bonus for the early bird in this district, who gets his gophers at the first of the season. Members of the council are studying a suggestion this season be extended to cope with the pests.

Last year the municipality paid out \$750 for gopher traps. The animals, who thrive on dry years, were reported more harmful than grasshoppers. It is considered likely the season will be extended after June 1 and a bonus given for the early catch.

DEATH SEPARATES BROTHERS' RE-UNION

(By The Canadian Press)

QUEBEC, B. C., March 26—Duncan McColl, employe of the Pacific Coast Eastern Railway, played the Good Samaritan and found a brother he had not seen for 21 years—then death intervened to separate them again.

McColl visited a man, obviously ill, hanging on desperately to the railing of a hotel verandah here. He helped him inside and called a doctor. When he learned the sick man's name, he recognized him as his brother, Hector McColl. Hector died a few hours later.

Four brothers, Dan, Jack Hector and Duncan McColl, natives of Glendale, N. S., had parted in Vancouver 21 years ago and Hector had lost touch with the other three until Duncan found him dying here.

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