

WESTERN CANADA'S SPLENDID CROP YIELD FOR 1908.

AMERICANS PROFITED LARGELY AND SEND BACK SATISFACTORY REPORTS.

The census branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada, has completed its returns of the showing of Western Canada's grain yield for 1908, and the reports make very interesting reading. In the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, which comprise what may be known as Central Canada, there was a total wheat yield of about 107,000,000 bushels, worth to the farmer about \$55,000,000; in addition to this the oat, barley and flax crops were worth another \$35,000,000. Letters have been received from many of the settlers from the United States. From these, that of Rev. Oscar L. King has been selected. He lives in the vicinity of Edmonton, Alberta, and what he says will be of interest to those who contemplate moving to Central Canada. Every line of the letter is interesting. Those who wish for the particulars as to how to secure homesteads and pre-emptions should write any Canadian Government agent. Mr. King says:

"Mr. M. V. McInnes, Detroit, Michigan: I am well satisfied with Alberta. This country offers excellent opportunities for anyone to make a good home for himself and family if he is willing to put up with a few hard knocks for the first two or three years. But it is worth a few hard knocks to get a 160-acre farm of rich, productive land with no mortgage on it. This province is well fitted for grains, stock raising and dairying. We have found the climate generally healthful, more healthful than Michigan, and although the thermometer sometimes drops to 40 degrees below zero in winter, yet we do not seem to feel that temperature any more than we did 5 or 10 degrees below zero in Michigan. We like the winters.

"The Government takes great interest in the education of the people and quickly aids the settlers in establishing schools where they are called for. The schools, though graded differently than those in the States, are efficient and advancing. Our great drawback has been the limited and inadequate railway facilities, but new roads are being rapidly built and many more are projected through various parts of the province. The new policy of the Alberta government to construct a great many branch lines throughout the province will greatly help all parts of the country. If those new settlers who have to go back a considerable distance from existing railroads and towns to find free homesteads will but locate along the line of a projected railroad they will in two or three years be near both town and railroad. When I first came to this country three and a half years ago the homestead I took was 75 miles from a railroad town; now there is a railroad 25 miles north, another 25 miles south, and a third is being built through my neighborhood.

"I think the prairie country or country that is partly prairie offers much better opportunities than the hilly portions."

Wise Men.
Once 'pon a time a man clumb a tree ter git rid of a mad bull, a hurricane come 'long an' blowed him an' de tree down; den he crawled inter a hole in de groun', ter hide frum de hurricane, an' please God, here come a yearthquake an' swallowed 'im—shoes an' all. I tell you, folks, it's a wise man what know how ter dodge trouble!—F. L. S., in Atlanta Constitution.

Seems But Yesterday.
"I heard a girl say to-day that the Tribby craze was before her time. She was grown, too."
"What's the answer?"
"We are growing old, my boy. We are growing old."

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Life does not make us, we make life.—Kavanagh.

Philip and the Ethiopian

Sunday School Lesson for March 7, 1909
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts. 8:26-38. Memory verses 29-31.
GOLDEN TEXT.—Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.—John 5:39.

TIME.—Summer of A. D. 36 or 37. Soon after the last lesson.
PLACE.—Where the road from Samaria to Gaza crosses or joins the road from Jerusalem to Gaza; in the uncultivated region southwest of Jerusalem, toward the old Philistine country.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.
Vs. 27, 28. "A man of Ethiopia." A general term for the lands south of Egypt. But from the name of Queen Candace it was probably Meroe, a country which lay on the right bank of the Nile from its junction with the Atbara, as far as Khartoum, and thence to the east of the blue Nile to the Abyssinian mountains. "Of great authority." A man of power, of wide influence, a prince.

V. 28. "Was returning." Guided by Providence at exactly the right time. "Read" (was reading). "Esaïas" Greek form of Isaiah. He was reading aloud as was the custom, so that Philip was able to hear it. It was a pleasant and profitable custom on long journeys.

Reading Aloud. "The great Jewish teachers insisted, in many instances, upon their scholars reading aloud." "I speak to the experience, probably, of many, when I say that utterance aloud is often a very powerful aid to mental retentiveness," says Joseph Parker. It is more than this, reading aloud helps us to understand the meaning of the Word. For in order to read well we must understand every shade of the meaning, or we will misinterpret God's Word. A monotonous, sing-song, wooden, or artificial reading, such as we often hear, comes very near to being a crime, for it deprives the Word of its natural meaning, and makes the hearers inattentive, or repels them from the Word.

Those who wish to know the truth take great pains and spare no expense to obtain it.

Young people often say that it is hard to become interested in reading the Scriptures. But if anyone reads them in order to find out what to do, and what to believe, he will, of necessity, find a deep interest in the study, as one finds a map interesting when he is planning a journey, or a chart when he is crossing the ocean.

God is no respecter of persons. Twice Africans are brought to our notice—here, and when Simon the Cyrenian helped Jesus to bear his cross. "As for the nationality of the Ethiopian," says Farrar, "it must be borne in mind that even Moses himself had once married an Ethiopian wife."

We can meet God and learn his will in the desert places of life, as Moses saw the burning bush, and Elijah heard the voice of God in the lonely places of Horeb, and Paul spent three years in the deserts of Arabia.

It is good to use every spare opportunity in studying and meditating on the Word of God. What we do with our spare moments often determines our characters even more than our daily labors do.

The books we choose and are familiar with, like our chosen friends, mold our characters and guide our destiny.

V. 29. "Then the Spirit said." The Spirit speaks not only to our feelings, but to our judgment and conscience. Whoever is perfectly willing to obey the voice of the Spirit will be guided aright. Prejudices, unwillingness to obey, past training or failure of training, in so far as we allow them to exert an influence, will lead us astray; as iron near the compass on a ship will deflect the guiding magnetic needle. "Join thyself to this chariot."

An excellent illustration is found in "Pilgrim's Progress," where Christian is wandering around in doubt, and meeting Evangelist is directed to the right way.

V. 35. "Then Philip . . . began at the same Scripture." Which was fulfilled in Jesus, and has been fulfilled in no other. "And preached," announced the glad tidings of Jesus. Philip showed the strange and marvelous correspondence between the many descriptions of the Messiah in the prophets and the then well-known life of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Progress of a Soul Into the Kingdom. Compare with Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" as far as the Palace Beautiful, whence he was sent forth clothed in Christian armor.

1. He was deeply in earnest, and went on a long, dangerous, and costly journey to find the true religion.

2. He did this against many influences that held him back.

3. He went to the religious people and meetings where he thought he could learn about the true God and his service.

4. He read the Bible carefully to learn the way.

5. He was not discouraged because he did not find the light.

6. He accepted the help of one who knew the truth from experience.

7. As soon as he saw that Jesus was the true Saviour, he accepted him.

8. As soon as he felt he was a true disciple he desired to confess Christ by baptism, in the presence of his whole retinue. Confession strengthens the character and confirms the choice. Like Cortez, on landing on the Mexican shores, it burns the ships behind him. No better, no simpler, no more beautiful or expressive way of confessing Christ has ever been found, or even imagined, than that of baptism.

FORMER RULER OF HAWAII



Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, who, in person, appeared before the house committee on claims at Washington recently and put in her plea for \$250,000 in payment for the crown land and estates which were taken from her when she lost her throne.

TRAMPS SHUN TOWN

"WEARY WILLIES" STEAR CLEAR OF BURLINGTON, N. J.

Policeman McCormick Solves Problem of Handling Case—Free Gentry by Putting Them to Work Cleaning Streets.

Burlington, N. J.—All hall policeman Joseph McCormick! The feats of Horatius, who kept the bridge and other heroes of ancient history are naught compared to the brave deed he accomplished and, to think of it, single-handed, too.

What did Officer McCormick do to earn all this praise? Why, he tackled the tramp problem single-handed and now tramps tramping through Jersey are heard singing "Gee, But This is a Lonesome Town" as they steer away from the city of Burlington.

The town has been worried by tramps for the past few months. They would apply to the lodging house conducted by the city, obtain a hearty meal, a good bed and then, with a courteous "Thank you," leave the place next morning.

Many were caught "ringing"—that is, trying to return the same evening and work the stunt all over again. Then McCormick took affairs in hand. Seeing the matter required careful thought he asked for a two-weeks vacation, that he might not be disturbed in righting a municipal wrong.

The chief of police was agast when McCormick made his request, as his absence would deplete the force and the other policemen in the town would have double patrol duty to do, but granted the request.

In a few days he was back on the job, a smile of satisfaction spread over his countenance. The tramp problem was solved.

Tramps who applied for lodging and supper were surprised at the kind way in which they were received. Never in all their tramp lives had they been escorted to the supper table with such grace.

Then came a cot and then breakfast in the morning. Immediately after their morning repast they were conducted to the city's dirtiest streets, given a broom and told to sweep. One who rebelled was immediately given ten days in the city jail. The rest decided that discretion was the better part of valor.

The tale spread. Every tramp in the state soon heard of the methods of Burlington, in treating the tramp problem.

Needless to say the town is free from tramps for the first time in many years.

WINNER GETS DIVORCE.
Land Office Must Decide If She Quit Mate Illegally.

Platte, S. D.—The officials of the federal land office must decide whether Mary A. Melser, who won No. 1 in the great Tripp county land drawing last fall, has traded off her husband for her \$40,000 prize, or whether her fortune has come to relieve her at a time when she was about to be left without support.

Mrs. Melser was granted a divorce here upon the grounds of desertion.

It was while on a visit to her parents in Lyman county that Mrs. Melser learned of her good fortune. At the time it was wondered whether, as a married woman, she would be entitled to file on the land since she had not obtained a divorce.

granted. Accordingly she will file on her claim when the time comes. Unquestionably other winners, coming after her, will raise the novel question of whether the divorce was not obtained for the purpose of allowing her to claim her prize.

In any event, the proposals of marriage, which were stopped at the time she was announced the winner by the statement that she was married, are certain to begin deluging the young woman, who, as shown by her pictures, is still youthful and fair to look upon.

LIMITS "SPOONING" TO DOSES.
Ad. for Cook Says 3 1/2 Hours Nightly Is Enough Before Marriage.

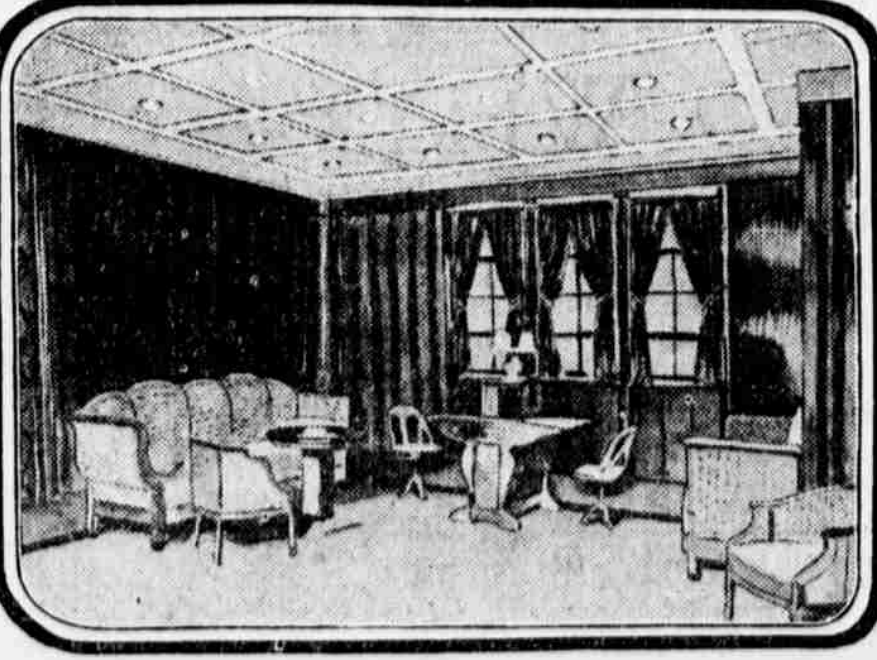
Carbondale, Pa.—Paying proper attention to the "spooning" proclivities of the average cook, a householder of this city, who has had a long and trying experience with servants, has inserted this advertisement in a local paper:

"Wanted—Girl or woman to wash, iron, bake, cook, serve meals and do general housework for two persons; eight rooms and a bathroom to keep clean; wages four dollars every Saturday night to one that can give satisfaction. One afternoon off each week, besides every Sunday afternoon and evening, but must return and get supper every other Sunday. Gentleman friend may be entertained, but not fed, seven nights a week from 7:30 to 11, no oftener or later; this gives one whole day, 24 hours a week, for 'spooning,' which ought to suffice until after matrimony; then you'll be lucky; to get one day a month. If these restrictions seem unreasonable do not consider this situation."

Here's Meanest Joke of All.

New York.—Robert Morgan, a veteran of the civil war and member of the G. A. R., was the victim of a joke which resulted in his humiliation in a restaurant and his arrest. A stranger invited him to dine, but brazenly announced that he did not know the old man when the waiter presented the bill for the meal. When taken to a police station, a police lieutenant was so impressed with his story and his plight that he paid the bill, which was for a comparatively trivial amount.

READING ROOM OF NEW OCEAN LINER



Passengers on the new ocean steamship "George Washington," named in honor of the first president of the United States, the latest addition of the North German Lloyd fleet, could easily imagine they were in some sumptuously furnished colonial homestead instead of on the boundless deep, as this new transatlantic liner is to be decorated and furnished in a style which recalls our own colonial type. The vessel will offer many innovations to ocean travelers. It will make its first trip sailing from New York July 1.

EGG REVEALS GOLD

HAS MAP SHOWING SPOT OF BURIED TREASURE ON SHELL.

Esra Delivers One Dollar for Gypsy Wares and Gets Wonderful Secret in Return for His Money.

Tyson, Vt.—Esra Burt, who lives about a mile east of the Corners, has a hen which no amount of money will buy. It is a scrawny, ill-appearing fowl with bedraggled feathers and a semi-bald head, and what is more it has laid only one egg in its entire two years' existence. Still, old Betsy, as the hen is called, has a niche in Esra's heart, and gets the very best grain the farm affords.

The secret of all this is that the one egg Betsy laid contained on its shell a raised water-line map of the spot where old Jeremiah Burt, Esra's great-grandfather, buried his gold at the time of the revolutionary war, and with the aid of this map Esra recovered the treasure. Just how much this was no one has been able to find out, but it is known that the mortgage on the farm has been paid off and the Burt family is living in comfort.

The Burts gave up hunting for the secreted wealth 40 years ago, after they had searched and dug until they were tired out. They knew that the paternal Burt sunk his gold somewhere in the earth, and went off to war without telling his family where he had placed it, further than that it was on the farm.

Last summer a gypsy came along selling beads and lace and offered to go into a trance and solve the treasure riddle provided Esra bought a dollar's worth of her wares. Burt took up the offer and in her trance the woman said that some day an old scrawny hen would lay an egg in which would be found a map. If this were followed the treasure would be found. Esra thought he was "stung," but he paid the dollar.

Nothing more happened until a month ago, when Betsy was found in the wood box behind the kitchen stove. Horrified at the idea of having a hen in her kitchen, Mrs. Burt shooed her out, and was surprised to find an egg nestling in the shavings. The egg had peculiar raised lines on the shell, and Esra was called. He remembered the prophecy of the gypsy and carefully studied the shell. Sure enough there was a map with a little star at the base of an old maple tree in the sugar orchard.

With a pick and shovel Burt set forth, and an hour later returned with a discolored copper soap kettle heavy with gold. The family kept the secret until the mortgage was paid, when it became common property. All efforts to get Esra to tell how much money he found in the kettle have failed.

OPERATES ON AORTA; MAN LIVES

Los Angeles Surgeon Performs delicate and Dangerous Task.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Twenty feet of silver wire coiled inside of the aorta—the great artery leading from his heart—will probably save the life of Richard Wheaton, a retired British soldier, now a patient at the county hospital. He is recovering from one of the most delicate and dangerous operations known to modern surgery. Dr. D. C. Barber, superintendent of the hospital, performed the operation.

The patient was suffering from an aneurism. At one point in the aorta the wall of the artery was so thin that pressure of the blood had all but blown it out. It was decided to interpose an artificial wall in front of the wounded spot. The artery was disclosed and a hollow needle was thrust into it. The fine silver wire was passed through the hole in the needle. It was so fine that when the end came in contact with the opposite wall of the artery it turned, and as more wire was pushed in it curved round and round, forming a spiral the size of the artery, and this traveled along the tube, bridging the enlarged space.

Be your real self and you will be original.—Wood.

GAVE HER DADDY AWAY.

Little One's Innocent Remark That Left the Deacon Gasping.

Every Sunday some one threw a button into the contribution box of the little church. The annoyed pastor confided to his wife that he suspected the button thrower to be stingy old Deacon G., who had so strongly opposed his "call" to the pastorate, but that he dare not accuse him of it for lack of evidence.

At a church "sociable" that week some one suggested the playing of games. Deacon G. had just partaken of oyster soup at some one else's expense and felt warmed and expansive. "Why not play 'Button, button—' who's got the button?" he inquired of waiting children.

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed his youngest daughter with enthusiasm. "And you lend us the button, papa!" Then she drew back, timidly. "Unless you want to save it for next Sunday's contribution," she added, considerably.

LIVE AND LEARN.



Farmer Meddergrass—Waal, by clover! I knew them Chinese lived on 'tother side o' th' airth but hang me if I knew they had a through route!

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"Eczema began over the top of my ear. It cracked and then began to spread. I had three different doctors and tried several things, but they did me no good. At last one side of my face and my neck were raw. The water ran out of it so that I had to wear medicated cotton, and it was so inflamed and sore that I had to put a piece of cloth over my pillow to keep the water from it, and it would stain the cloth a sort of yellow. The eczema attacked so that it seemed as though I could tear it face all to pieces. Then I began to use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and it was not more than three months before it was all healed up. Miss Ann Pearsons, Northfield, Vt., Dec. 19, 1907."
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Isaac Brock.

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