

# The Cariboo Observer

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## PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS

**FOR SALE**—Split cedar posts, six and seven feet long. Apply at this office.

R. W. Haggren spent the Christmas holidays as a guest of Mr. R. M. McGusty, 150-m House.

'Twas a cold Christmas day here, but by no means a dry one. The government store did a big business in town.

**BORN**—At the local hospital, on Thursday, Dec. 29th, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Warden, of Dragon Lake, a daughter.

The Women's Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. G. H. Greenwood on Tuesday next, Jan. 3rd, at 3 o'clock sharp.

Read the Cowan Supply Co. advertisement on the last page of this issue for news of some discount bargains on winter clothing.

During the balance of the winter, or until further notice, all services at the Church of St. John the Divine will be held in the chapel.

The next "500" card drive under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A., will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd next, at 8.00 o'clock.

George M. Wood, of the Forest Branch, W. V. A., spent the Christmas holidays with friends in town, returning south on Wednesday night.

**WANTED**—British Columbia and old Canadian postage stamps, used or unused, on envelopes if possible. Good prices paid. Apply to Jas. J. Donnelly, Quesnel.

Mr. R. A. Leonard and son Frank left last Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Windt, at 4-mile Creek ranch. They go on to Castle Rock later.

The Big Clearing Sale at the Cowan Supply Co.'s store continues all next week. They announce a new list of bargains in their advertisement on page 4 of this issue.

The annual Vestry meeting of the Church of St. John the Divine will be held in the G. W. V. A. hall on Monday night, January 9th, 1922, at 8 o'clock. All members of the congregation are urged to attend.

We were in error last week when we announced the government were going to build a bridge over Spanish River, in the Quesnel Lake district. The bridge is to be built over the north fork of the Quesnel river. The gang from here who will work on the structure left for the scene on Wednesday night.

The skating season was informally opened here last Monday with a hockey match between teams representing the bachelors and the benedicts. The match resulted in a tie, each team scoring twice. The weather was too cold for spectators, and only a few enthusiasts watched the play. Another match will be staged tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Tretheway, teacher of the 2nd division, of the public school, who left here to spend the holidays at her home in Vancouver, suffered the loss of her mother by death, and has been obliged to resign from the local staff. The School Board were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Debbyshire, formerly of Alexandria, to fill the vacancy.

## The New Hospital

(By E. J. A.)

It has come to the knowledge of the building committee that a few people are suspending their subscriptions until they feel satisfied that the district can maintain a hospital costing a large amount to build and equip. That is a fair stand to take, and one that should be considered. Let us do so.

The first cost—the capital outlay on a new hospital—gives no indication of its running expense. A big initial outlay can, and very probably will, reduce the cost of maintenance and operation. Take a few illustrations of this:

A good building costs considerable money, but its depreciation and repair bill will be less than that of an inferior structure of the same size. Water and waste pipes and good plumbing are expensive—it costs practically nothing to maintain them when properly installed.

An efficient heating system—hot air, hot water or steam—requires a large capital outlay, but is economical in operation.

An electric plant suitable for lighting and surgical work is a very considerable item; its cost of operation is limited to the services demanded of it.

The construction of modern sanitary wards, so built as to exclude germs and allow easy and frequent disinfection of floors, walls and ceilings, is expensive; but maintenance of them is less than that of inferior construction, and their value immeasurably greater.

A modern surgical plant is expensive, but once installed, it costs nothing more when being used.

Bedrooms for the assistant nurse and help cost no more to maintain than the attic rooms now provided.

A drainage system with a septic tank is a big expense to construct, but it costs nothing to operate.

And so it is that while a new hospital costs a lot at the beginning its operating and maintenance expense should be less than that of an inferior hospital of the same size.

In the new hospital it is proposed to have a men's general ward, two private wards (one bed each), and one semi-private ward with two beds. This would give four rooms for patients, instead of two as now. The erection of them costs money; when not in use they cost nothing for maintenance, and when in use they would be occupied by pay patients, and would be a source of income and not of expense.

In the new hospital the cost of labor and assistance would be less. To heat the present hospital one furnace and two heaters are used, and in cold weather with a busy staff a man has to be employed to keep fires going. With a modern furnace properly installed attention twice a day would suffice.

In the present hospital water has to be pumped at an outside well, carried to the kitchen and heated on the stove, and again carried to each room as required. Waste has to be carried by hand to an outside toilet. How much work would be saved by running water and a waste pipe in each room!

In the present hospital there is no basement for fuel—wood is out in the open. An the cellar (if such it can be called) is a root house, also out in the open, with no entrance from the hospital. Is it reasonable to expect nurses and their assistants to travel in and out of the hospital to the wood pile or cellar in all conditions of weather? It cannot be asked of them, and the constant expense of meeting those conditions can be obviated by a hospital with a basement. A basement costs money to build, but it saves money when built.

So it is that a new hospital means a big initial expense, and so it is that a new hospital should cost no

## The Observer

Extends the Season's Greetings to all its readers, and hopes they will all have

## A Happy and Prosperous New Year

more to run and possibly less than the present building.

The nurses would have two more rooms for patients, but instead of continually travelling between the ward and the kitchen they would have everything at hand; they would work better and more efficiently with less effort. A modern operating room would take no more attention than the pantry now used for operations. An X-ray room only needs keeping clean. A bath room would be a work saver. Decent living accommodation, adequate heat and light and water, proper basement accommodation—these are matters not of expense but of continuous saving.

Which is the most expensive to run? A cheap house, of poor materials, badly designed, hard to keep clean, and inconveniently arranged, or a modern dwelling, with proper heating, lighting, water and sewerage? Which takes the most labor for results attained? A farm with old buildings scattered all over without plan or design, an old well with an old pump, stables without drainage, a house which just grew bit by bit, old and out of date machinery, a shed for a blacksmith shop, granaries open to the inroads of rats and mice—or a modern farmstead, with electricity and gasoline for light and power, up to date barns and silos, a power driven separator and a tractor.

It takes one man—it costs one man's wages—to drive a single furrow plow, a gang plow, or a tractor, but there is a tremendous difference in the amount plowed. A man can saw his winter's wood by hand, with many a weary day's work; he can do the same amount with a buzz saw in an hour or two, with little effort.

A woman can cook on a stove—she can cook better and easier on a range; she can sew by hand, but she can sew more with a machine.

A gang plow costs more than a single plow—a buzz saw costs more than a hand saw—a range costs more than a stove, a sewing machine more than a needle. When they are all idle they are all costing the same, but there is no comparison in the services they render or the labor they absorb when they are at work.

And so it is that the first or capital cost of a hospital is no guide to its cost of operation. This is, to some extent, dependent on size, but it depends quite as much and probably more on good equipment and efficient management. It costs big money to get a modern outfit, be it a home, a farm or a hospital. Once it is obtained there is genuine satisfaction and value for money and for effort.

As we strive to obtain for ourselves a modern labor saving equipment, so let us strive for our community. Nay, more—let us secure a hospital which in the day of sickness or distress, we can enter knowing that in it we shall receive all that

modern science provides for the restoration of health, and it may be the preservation of life itself.

Your help, reader, is needed, and is needed now. Probably you have subscribed. If so, your subscription has been welcome. If not, it will be welcome. Personal service as well as money is requested. Talk to your neighbors, and have each of them do his bit.

Subscriptions may be either cash or by promissory note. J. L. Hill, Quesnel, is the secretary-treasurer, and the Bank of Commerce, Quesnel, are bankers for the fund.

## The New Cabinet

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. Mackenzie King was sworn in as Prime Minister this afternoon. His Cabinet was officially announced, as follows:

Saskatchewan—Hon. W. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture.

Alberta—Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior.

British Columbia—Hon. Hewitt Bostock, Minister of Public Works.

Nova Scotia—Hon. W. Fielding, Minister of Finance; Hon. D. McKenzie, Solicitor General.

Prince Edward Island—Hon. J. S. Sinclair, without portfolio.

Quebec—Hon. R. D. Dandurand, without portfolio; Hon. H. S. Beland, Minister of Soldiers' Re-establishment and Minister in charge of the Department of Health; Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice; Hon. Jacques Bureau, Minister of Customs and Excise; Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Ontario—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, Secretary of State for External Affairs and President of the Privy Council; Hon. G. T. Graham, Minister of Militia and Defence and Minister of Naval Service; Hon. Chas. Murphy, Postmaster General; Hon. Thomas A. Low, Minister without portfolio; Hon. W. J. Kennedy, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor.

WHEAT! Go to Hilborn's.

FOR SALE—Oliver gang plow and Massey-Harris mower. For particulars apply at this office.

J. J. Roddis, of Castle Rock, was in town for a day the latter part of last week, shaking hands with old friends.

WON'T YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR GIFT TO THE NEW HOSPITAL FUND? Cash subscriptions may be made to J. L. Hill, treasurer, or to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, or sent to The Observer.

## STOVE WOOD!

Let a white man saw your wood. I can deliver any quantity, in any length, as cheaply as you can buy cordwood and hire a Chinaman to cut it. Drop a line to Box 13 and I will call, or apply at The Observer office.

## TELEGRAPHIC

Belfast, Dec. 29.—A convention of Sinn Fein clubs in North Donegal unanimously adopted a resolution expressing satisfaction with the Irish peace treaty, and calling upon Dail members to ratify same. The urban council of Navan also adopted a resolution favoring ratification of the treaty.

Calcutta—Amid scenes of splendor the Prince of Wales yesterday opened the Victoria Memorial here, in the presence of an enthusiastic crowd. The building took fifteen years to complete.

Pearl River, N. Y.—Four bandits shot and killed the assistant cashier and clerk in the First National Bank here yesterday, and escaped after wounding a railway guard. It is not known whether they obtained any loot.

## Creamery Closing

The directors of the Cariboo Farmers' Co-Operative Association have reluctantly decided to close the creamery during the winter months. This step has been taken after giving the matter further consideration and on the advice of experienced dairymen, all of whom agree that during the months of January, February and March it would be impossible to run the plant, except at a considerable loss. Arrangements, however, have been made with the Fraser Valley Dairymen's Assn. to accept all cream shipped from this point, and also with the P. G. E. Ry. Co. for a flat rate from Quesnel and points south. These arrangements will be a great convenience to producers, and will enable them to ship cream as usual instead of having to commence making butter. All our members and patrons will be given notice respecting rates and prices as early as possible.—Com.

Hay for Sale, in any quantity: see C. L. Hilborn.

## Tenders Wanted!

Tenders are asked by the undersigned for the delivery, at the mill, of from 300,000 to 500,000 feet of sawlogs. Tenders must be in by Monday, January 1st, 1922. The lowest, or any, tender not necessarily accepted.

JOYCE & JOHNSTON.



G.W.V.A. CARIBOO CENTRAL BRANCH, QUESNEL.

The monthly meetings of this Branch are held on the 2nd Friday of each month, in the G. W. V. A. hall, at Quesnel, at 8 p. m.

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## Weather Report

The following are the weekly readings at the government station here for the past two weeks:—

Dec. 17	Max. 21	above	Min. 13	above
" 18	" 24	" "	" 1	" "
" 19	" 4	" "	" 25	" "
" 20	" 5	" "	" 25	" "
" 21	" 8	" "	" 20	" "
" 22	" 9	" "	" 24	" "
" 23	" 1	" "	" 21	" "
" 24	" 4	" "	" 20	" "
" 25	" 5	" "	" 20	" "
" 26	" 6	" "	" 20	" "
" 27	" 5	" "	" 19	" "
" 28	" 8	" "	" 20	" "
" 29	" 11	" "	" 1	" "
" 30	" 19	" "	" 10	" "

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In all cases cash must accompany the advertisement.

Address all communications and make all cheques payable to

THE CARIBOO OBSERVER

Box 28, Quesnel, B. C.

**PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAYS.**

The interesting statement of the president of the Bank of Montreal, made to shareholders of that institution at the annual meeting recently, contains a reference to the national railways which will be read with interest at this time. After pointing out that the annual fixed charge is \$66,000,000, and that the loss in operation last year was \$32,000,000, and that about \$150,000,000 would be needed for replacements and betterments within the next few years, Sir Vincent Meredith added: "I see no reason to change the views I have expressed to you on former occasions, nor do I look for any marked improvement in conditions as long as the roads continue under public - that is political - ownership and operation, which all experience condemns." Sir Vincent also reminded the shareholders that "in Great Britain and the United States the railroads were returned to private ownership because their operation by the government was resulting in financial chaos."

Among the directors present at the meeting was Sir Lomer Gouin, who was next day elected to the House of Commons. Sir Lomer had on the platform through the campaign expressed the same opinion on the public ownership and operation of railways as the president of the Bank of Montreal. He had declared that it was a more important issue than the tariff. There is little doubt but that this view is supported by commercial and financial circles in Montreal, and the two principal English-speaking journals of that city also share that opinion.

Sir Lomer Gouin, as well as his former cabinet colleague, Hon. Walter Mitchell, will strongly represent this view in Mackenzie King's cabinet. Their argument may not be made more logical,

but their influence will be strengthened by the solidity and size of the representation behind them.

Mr. Mackenzie King has been cautious in his commitments on the question, but some who will be called to his counsels from Ontario and the West have taken a strong position against the return of the national roads, or any part of them, to private control. The Globe, of Toronto, which is retaining its position as the chief monitor of the Liberal party in Ontario, is outspoken in its opposition to any restoration of private control. It has already commenced a campaign against the doctrine taught by the former premier of Quebec, and the financial and commercial organizations of Montreal. But while Sir Lomer can point to eleven ridings on Montreal Island carried by his party, The Globe has to acknowledge a solid nine elected in Toronto and suburbs against its political teachings: The Liberals on the prairies are also strong for public ownership. But again it may be answered that, judged by representation, there are no Liberals on the prairies - or Conservatives either. Before next year is up the question of national railways may be more alive than the tariff issue.

Most people are callous and indifferent over the destruction of our natural resources. They seem to lose sight of the fact that the wiping out of large forest areas by fire also means the obliteration to a large extent of our water power, so that the permanency and utilization of this great asset is also jeopardized, threatening not only the development of our industries but also transportation facilities, and the thousand and one other necessities of life which modern ingenuity has provided for our comfort, entertainment and pleasure.

2 foot Cedar Shakes for sale. Apply at this office.  
Fir Wood for Sale, 16 or 24 inch. Apply to M. Warden, Dragon Lake.

**LAND NOTICES**

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.  
In Cariboo Land District, Recording District of Quesnel, and situate south of McIntosh Lake.  
Take notice that Remi Lasseur, of 150-mile House, occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:  
Commencing at a post planted about 40 chains south - easterly from the s. e. corner of Lot 9430, thence south 20 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, and thence east 40 chains, containing 80 acres more or less.  
Dated November 1st, 1921.  
REMI LASSEUR, Applicant.

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

Church of St. John the Divine  
Rev. H. B. Allen, Rector.  
Matins, at 11.00 a.m.  
Evensong, at 7.30 p.m.  
Sunday School, at 10.00 a.m.  
Baptisms, etc.: 24 hours' notice is asked, where possible.  
The Rector would be grateful if cases of sickness are reported to him at once.  
In future, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in month, Holy Communion at 8 a.m., with Matins and late celebration at 11 a.m., and Evensong at 7.30 p.m.  
On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, Celebration at 9 a.m., with Matins and Litany at 11 a.m., and Evensong at 7.30 p.m.  
During the months of winter and early spring, the morning services will be held in the Chapel, instead of in the Church.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.  
Rev. J. A. Petrie, B.A., R.D.  
Sunday School at 11 a.m.  
Evening Service at 7.30.  
Service at Australian Ranch second last Sunday of each month, at 2 p.m.

**LAND NOTICES**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO PURCHASE LAND.  
In Cariboo Land District, Recording District of Cariboo, and situate on left bank of Fraser River adjoining Lot 9836 on south.  
Take notice that Annie Moore, of 150-mile House, B.C., occupation housewife, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:  
Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Lot 9836, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains more or less, to the left bank of the Fraser River, thence northerly along said left bank of Fraser River 80 chains more or less to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.  
Dated 30th November, 1921.  
ANNIE MOORE, Applicant.  
Per J. E. MOORE, Agent.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO PURCHASE LAND.  
In Cariboo Land District, Recording District of Cariboo, and situate on left bank of Fraser River about two miles south of Lot 9836.  
Take notice that Francis Sellars, of Spokane Lake, B.C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:  
Commencing at a post planted on the left bank of the Fraser River about two miles southerly from the south-west corner of Lot 9836, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains more or less west to left bank of Fraser River, thence northerly following said left bank of Fraser River 40 chains more or less to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres, more or less.  
Dated 30th November, 1921.  
FRANCIS SELLARS, Applicant.  
Per JOHN E. MOORE, Agent.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO PURCHASE LAND.  
In Cariboo Land District, Recording District of Cariboo, and situate adjoining Lot 4733 on east vicinity of Fraser River and Williams Creek.  
Take notice that Thomas Allen Moore, of Williams Lake, B.C., occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:  
Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 4733, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, and containing 320 acres, more or less.  
Dated 30th November, 1921.  
THOMAS ALLEN MOORE, Applicant.  
Per JOHN E. MOORE, Agent.

**Mining**  
In Cariboo. For information regarding prospects for the successful development of placer and dredging propositions, especially with respect to the recovery of black sand and platinum values, apply to  
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Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.  
In Cariboo Land District, Recording District of Quesnel, and situate in vicinity of Miocene.  
Take notice that Daniel D. Englund, of Miocene, occupation rancher intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:  
Commencing at a post planted about 60 chains east of S. E. corner Lot 4932, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, and containing 80 acres, more or less.  
Dated October 13th, 1921.  
DANIEL D. ENGLUND, Applicant.

Cariboo Land District; District of Cariboo.  
Take notice that Robert Cecil Cotton, of Riska Creek, B.C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:  
Commencing at a post planted about two and a half miles northwesterly from the northwest corner of Lot No. 179, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains.  
Dated October 11th, 1921.  
ROBERT CECIL COTTON, Applicant.

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In Cariboo Land District, Recording District of Quesnel, and situate south of Williams Lake.  
Take notice that I. Alexander G. Henderson, of Williams Lake, occupation clerk, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described land:  
Commencing at a post planted 1/2 mile s.w. of n.w. corner of Lot 9398, then 80 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 40 chains south, and containing 320 acres, more or less.  
Dated October 15th, 1921.  
ALEXANDER G. HENDERSON, WILLIAM HUNT, W. T. CAMPBELL, Applicants.

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**Rupert W. Haggren**  
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**PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT**  
The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.  
No fees relating to pre-emptions are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emptions recorded prior June 26, 1913. Taxes are remitted for five years.  
Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments, fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emptions.  
Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied Forces, or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from settlement to March 31, 1920.  
**SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LANDS.**  
Provision made for issuance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown Lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase, involving forfeiture, on fulfillment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. Where sub-purchasers do not claim whole of original parcel, purchase price due and taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.  
**GRAZING.**  
Grazing Act, 1919, for systematic development of livestock industry provided for grazing permits and range administration under Commissioner. Annual grazing permits issued based on number of acres, priority for established owners. Stock-owners may form Associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits for soldiers, campers or travellers, up to ten head.

**Correspondence**

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Editor Cariboo Observer:

The Cariboo Miners' Association recently organized has lived to pass the anniversary of its birth. While it has not achieved the success we hoped for in the way of due recognition, either by the government or the public generally, still it has an important aim in the promotion of the mining industry—the foundation of the district's prosperity, and the general goodfellowship of miners so essential to the business and social life of the district. It is not characteristic of prospectors to falter because the first year of their existence has not been ideal. In order to succeed, an organization, like an individual, must possess in abundance that indispensable trait—character.

Therefore our success and influence as an organization will be measured by the individual units that make up our membership, their zeal, energy and co-operation in legitimate advertising of the immense natural resources of the Cariboo district, while it is the duty of such an association to discourage wild, unreliable and exaggerated advertising. It should be the aim and duty of each member to do legitimate advertising, and to picture our great resources as favorably as possible to those seeking legitimate investment, in order to develop the resources of the district. The first essentials are common sense, and to be practical. In my address to the Association at its first annual meeting I was surprised to find that there was not a single exhibit nor an emblem of any kind to indicate that it was a meeting of miners, and not a gathering of Bolsheviks.

Just now there is undoubtedly an abnormal interest taken in mining. And when it comes to potential wealth and unexplored mineral territory, the Cariboo district has few equals. Every successful business man will tell you "it pays to advertise."

Therefore I would suggest that steps be taken immediately to make an exhibit of the various mineral rocks, black sand gravels, oil shales and precious stones—in fact any mineral product of the district. I would also suggest that a cabinet be made for the display of sample rock, and placed in some conspicuous position in Quesnel, for instance in the Cariboo Hotel, where most mining men stop when in town. That each sample depositor buy a box, similar to a post office box, and that a register be kept on the cabinet, with a short and sworn to report as to where the ore comes from, the name of the owner, his address, the size of the vein and its locality. The revenue derived from the rent of the boxes to go to the proprietor, or to who ever is in charge of the exhibit.

Thanking you for the above space and trusting that this suggestion may bear fruit, I remain,  
Yours truly,  
N. P. NELSON.  
(Black Sand Pets.)

**Seed Production Is Advocated**

The difficulties of importing field root and garden seeds during the war led to the production of these seeds in Canada, and proved that we have in this country conditions of soil and climate that are entirely suited to these crops. During war years the seed producing business of Europe became somewhat demoralized. Mr. George H. Clark, seed commissioner for Canada, who has recently returned from a tour thro some of the European countries, discovered that, because of the highly disturbed conditions in France and some other countries, very little effort is being made towards re-establishing the seed-producing industry. Considering the highly favorable climate for seed production in Canada, and especially in this province, Mr. Clark has expressed the opinion that field root and gar-

den seed production will yield a good living to growers in British Columbia who are competent and willing to give the necessary attention to the industry.

reports an even greater interest in the work this season, among the prairie farmers, than has been displayed in previous years.

**Shelter Belts**

One of the lines of work in which the people of Western Canada show the keenest interest is that of planting shelter belts across prairie farms and around the homestead buildings and garden. The Dominion Forest Nursery Station at Indian Head has been distributing trees, free, for planting on prairie farms since 1901. In the early years only a few hundred thousand trees per annum were distributed, but for the last four or five years it has averaged well up to five millions per year, and is likely to exceed that in the near future. As it takes a year to grow the seedlings or cuttings, it is necessary that application be made a year in advance, but this is not a loss of time because it enables the farmer to prepare properly the ground to receive the trees; and thoro cultivation is the secret of successful tree growing on the prairies. Mr. N. M. Ross, superintendent of the Indian Head Forest Nursery Station,

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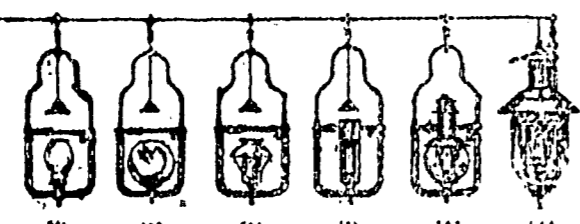
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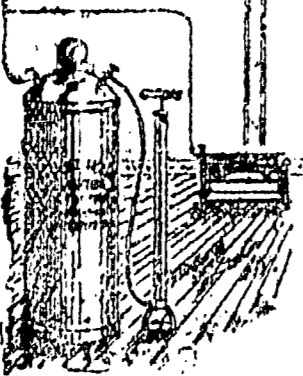
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