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## MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### Committee Reports and Consideration of Bylaws Principal Business.

Mayor Acres and Ald. McArdle, McCallum, Schnitter and Webster were present at the regular meeting of the city council on Monday evening.

A letter from the poundmaster stated that it was too much to feed an impounded animal on 50 cents a day. Filed.

The chairman of the water and light committee reported this was about the time of the year that the water reservoir was usually cleaned. The reservoir was leaking badly, and the city engineer had recommended that the city procure a composition known as Aquitite Liquid Coating for mending the leaks. A sufficient quantity to repair the entire reservoir would cost between \$300 and \$400, but the chairman of the committee did not think that the council would be willing to spend that amount for this purpose at present, and so he recommended that a trial order of about \$75 worth of the composition be purchased as means of testing it. The city engineer was authorized to proceed with the work of repairing the reservoir, after investigating the best means, at a cost not to exceed \$75 or \$80.

The chairman of the water and light committee reported that the lawn sprinkling hours were being violated by the caretakers of a couple of our public buildings. The clerk was instructed to notify them to do their sprinkling within the hour limits. The chairman also reported that many complaints had come to him about automobile owners removing the mufflers from their cars.

The chairman of the health and relief committee reported that the back yard of the Sheads block had not yet been put in sanitary condition, and that a barn near Percy Clark's house needed the attention of the board of health. The chief of police was instructed to make the owners of these premises comply with the health bylaw.

Ald. Webster was appointed chairman pro tem. of the cemetery and parks committee during the absence of Ald. Harkness.

Mayor Acres thought that some steps should be taken to observe the Golden Jubilee of Canadian Confederation in an appropriate manner. He had interviewed the ministers of the various denominations in the city, and they had all agreed to prepare special sermons bearing on the occasion for Sunday, July 1. Owing to the short time intervening between that date, he was of the opinion that this was the extent to which the city could go in observing the event.

The street sprinkling bylaw was reconsidered and finally passed.

Ald. McArdle was granted leave to introduce a tax rate and tax levy bylaw, and also a tax rebate bylaw.

Both were advanced to the third-reading stage.

Ald. McArdle gave notice that at the next meeting he would ask leave to introduce a mayor's remuneration bylaw and also an aldermen's indemnity bylaw.

### Petty Thieving

Whether the turning of so many people to gardening who have never done any gardening before results in an appreciable increase in the food production or not, it should improve the moral standards of many. A large number of boys and youths who have been in the habit of foraging in vegetable gardens and fruit orchards without getting the consent of the owner or making any recompense for what they take, are likely to be put to work on the farms or in the gardens, and through that experience they will learn to appreciate the farmer's right to his produce. Working in a garden is an occupation that conduces to respect for ownership; it enforces upon the worker a moral perception of the fact that the fruits of the earth do not grow freely for whoever happens along.

Robbing orchards and gardens has not been exclusively the diversion of the irresponsible small boy and the undisciplined village or city loafer. Farmers all over the country have country have complained of the depredations committed by people who come in automobiles and carry off strawberries, raspberries, corn, pears and apples, according to the season. Such thieves de luxe work usually on Sunday. "Day of rest!" exclaimed an indignant victim. "It ought to be a day of arrest! But it never is. They always get away with it."

The garden or orchard thief who uses an automobile in making his "get-away" is less likely than the corner loafer to be legitimately busy on some one's land this summer. But perhaps he will be drafted for military service.

### Radical Repairs

The Boggs River & Northern railroad was putting into effect a most rigid regime of economy. Locomotives were patched and repaired with old parts and pieces until O'Leary, the shop foreman, threatened to break down under the strain.

To cap the climax, one day a worn-out looking locomotive was sent to the shops, and O'Leary was told to give it a thorough examination and to report what would be required to put it in first class running shape. That same afternoon O'Leary, having completed his inspection, dispatched the following note to headquarters:

"No. 36—in today. To put in complete repair: jack up her whistle and build a new engine underneath."

### METEOROLOGICAL

The following is the minimum and maximum temperature for each day during the past week, as recorded by the government thermometer on E. F. Laws' ranch:

	Min.	Max.
June 22—Friday.....	64	46
23—Saturday.....	68	38
24—Sunday.....	60	51
25—Monday.....	71	43
26—Tuesday.....	79	44
27—Wednesday.....	82	45
Rainfall.....	1.62	

## COAL MINES WILL REOPEN TUESDAY

### Commissioner Armstrong Announces That Agreement Has Been Signed

CALGARY, June 28.—The coal mines in District will be reopened next Tuesday.

The way was paved for the resumption of operations by the inquiry conducted by R. F. Green, M.P., who established a basis that he considered fair and then recommended to the Ottawa government that a commissioner be appointed with powers to enforce operation. W. H. Armstrong was appointed commissioner, and backed by the powers that the government gave him as a result of Mr. Green's report, has been able to report that an agreement has now been signed between the operators and the men.

It is assumed here that under these circumstances the actual exercise of the full authority Mr. Armstrong had been given will be unnecessary, but under the order in council which appointed him he retains his special powers until three months after the war. So far it has been necessary to use them partially only.

Local officials of the Granby company think that they that they will be able to resume operations at the Granby smelter in this city in two or three weeks.

## NEWS OF THE CITY

Knox Presbyterian church will hold special services next Sabbath, July 1st. 9.45 a.m. sharp, Sunday school and adult Bible class; 11 a.m., the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed. Any member of any evangelical church will be made welcome to participate in this service. 7.30 p.m., a patriotic service will be held to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Canadian confederation. The names on the soldiers' roll of honor will be read and given prominence. The printed programs for Canadian Sunday schools entitled "His Dominion" will be the order of service. Believing this is a time for national loyalty to God and empire, let this service be a rally of the Sunday school scholars and all members and adherents of the church. The senior and junior choirs will be in charge of the music. To strangers and those who have no church home a hearty welcome is extended. Rev. M. D. McKee, minister.

During the windstorm yesterday the meteorological instruments at E. F. Laws' ranch were blown down and put out of service. Mr. Laws also had a fine barn ruined by the storm, besides losing a number of fruit trees.

Dr. E. R. Northrop and two sons, Seymour and Jay, of Spokane, were visitors in the city on Monday, the doctor being called here on a pro-

fessional visit. Mr. Northrop was one of the pioneer physicians of Grand Forks, and Masters Seymour and Jay were very glad of the opportunity to accompany their father to this city, as it gave them a chance to revisit the place of their birth. They traveled in a Franklin auto.

Joseph Conrad, an old timer of the Cascade district, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning at Billings, where he was employed in the mill. Coroner Kingston held an inquest, and a verdict was returned that deceased came to his death by taking an overdose of patent medicine containing chloral. The remains were shipped to Missouri for burial.

W. J. Cook this week received a letter from his son Ralph, who is now in a convalescent hospital at Hastings, England. The writer states that on June 3 he received a visit from Bob Kerr, and that the latter's language was as forceful as it was when he was conductor on the Phoenix hill branch of the Great railway. In the casualty list five or six weeks, Mr. Kerr was reported as having been killed in action.

The windstorm which passed through the valley yesterday was the severest that has visited this section for a number of years. Some trees were levelled to the ground and a number of outbuildings were capsized. Had a German Zeppelin been caught in the talons of the storm king, we venture to say that the navigator would not have had any time to kill innocent women and children.

The general store of M. Morris at Danville was entered Wednesday of last week, and the safe blown open. All the furniture in the office was completely demolished. The front door of the safe was opened. The last combination was badly damaged, but held intact, and only a small amount of money, not exceeding \$15, in a purse in the front part was taken.

The Cascade Ladies' Aid will hold a garden party on the lawn at the home of Mrs. F. W. Smith on Monday, July 2. Ice cream, strawberries and cream, lemonade and tea will be served. Grand Forks friends, on their way to the lake, are invited to visit and partake of the good things.

Monday, July 2, being a Dominion holiday, the post office will be open for one hour only, from 2 till 3 p.m. Letters and papers for box-holders will be sorted as usual upon arrival of trains.

### Discouraging Appreciation

The mayor of the town had been asked, says the Yorkshire Post, to assist in the annual entertainment given at Christmas to the inmates of the parish workhouse. He consented with great complaisance, and went made up as Father Christmas. For a time his antics and pranks were the delight of the company.

A scrap of conversation he chanced to hear, however, put a damper on his enjoyment.

"Ain't he enjoyin' of hisself?" remarked one old man to another. "Wot a treat it is for the likes of be! But why can't they let all the loonies out on a night like this?" "Well," replied the other, "mebbe they ain't all so harmless as this'n!"

## AMERICAN TROOPS LAND IN FRANCE

### Pershing's Advance Guard of Regulars Arrive Safely

The first contingent of American troops landed on French soil on Tuesday and was succeeded by a second contingent on Wednesday. The troops, who are Gen. Pershing's regulars, landed amid the frantic cheers of the people.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The advance guard of the mighty army the United States is preparing to send against Germany is on French soil tonight in defiance of the German submarines thousands of seasoned regulars and marines, trained fighting men with the tan of long service on the Mexican border, in Haiti or in Santo Domingo still on their faces, have been hastened overseas to fight beside the allied troops on the western front.

News of the safe arrival of the troops sent a new thrill through Washington. No formal announcement came through the war department. None will come probably till Major-Gen. Pershing's official report has been received. Then there may be a statement as to the numbers and composition of the advance guard.

Press dispatches from France, presumably sent with the approval of Gen. Pershing's staff, show that Major-Gen. Sibert, one of the new major-generals of the army, has been given command of the first force sent abroad under Gen. Pershing as commander-in-chief of the expeditionary force.

### Waste Not, Want Not

A single slice of bread seems an unimportant thing. In many households one or more slices are thrown away every day. Sometimes quarter or half loaves find their way to the garbage pail, yet one good-sized slice of bread weighs an ounce and contains almost three-quarters of an ounce of flour. The American department of agriculture estimates that, if every one of the 20,000,000 homes in the United States wastes, on an average, only one slice of bread a day, the country is throwing away daily over 14,000,000 ounces of flour—more than 875,000 pounds, or enough for more than a million one-pound loaves a day. In a full year at that rate there would be a waste of more than 319,000,000 pounds of flour, or more than 1,500,000 barrels—enough to make at least 400,000,000 loaves. Since it takes 4½ bushels of wheat to make a barrel of ordinary flour, the waste represents the flour from about 7,000,000 bushels of wheat. The average crop of wheat is not quite 15 bushels to the acre. It would, therefore, take the crop of some 470,000 acres to provide a single slice of bread a day for every family to waste. An army of farmers, railway men and flour mill employees must work to produce that quantity of flour, and many freight cars and thousands of tons of coal are required to get it to the consumer. When there are so many ways to make use of stale bread it is inexcusable to waste it.

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Progress with the compulsory service bill in the federal house seems to be rather slow, but the indications are that it will eventually be passed. There are also unmistakable signs that a general election will follow the passage of the bill. As The Sun predicted a couple of weeks ago, the measure has shattered party ties. The greatest defection appears to be from the Liberal ranks.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's argument against conscription would have been sound in time of peace; but in his entire speech, as reported in Hansard, there is not a single word to indicate that the empire is now engaged in a titanic struggle against a ruthless foe, and therein lies the weakness of his argument. Canada may as well resort to conscription now as later on. There are no signs of a speedy termination of the war, and if the conflict lasts for two or three years longer, as some authorities predict, it is a certainty that in the end she would be compelled to adopt compulsory service or withdraw from participation in the war.

The people of Canada want conscription of man power, and they also want some efficient and workable system of conscription of wealth. The latter neither party has so far evolved. The one that formulates the best plan will undoubtedly draw a considerable following from the masses.

The presence of a couple of contingents of American regulars on French soil will likely work wonders in sustaining the morale of the French army. The French and the Americans are bosom friends, and they can be depended on to work harmoniously together.

With the settlement of the coal miners' strike in the Crow's Nest, the outlook for the mining industry in British Columbia never was brighter than at present. Locally, our new resident mining engineer will undoubtedly be an incentive to renewed development work.

The Golden Jubilee of Canadian Confederation will be commemorated in all the Grand Forks churches next Sunday, when special sermons bearing on this epochal event will be preached by the ministers. This will be the only manner in which the half-century anniversary of confederation will be observed in this city, and all people who wish to pay tribute to the historic occasion are extended a cordial invitation to attend these services.

The appointment of L. W. Shatford, member for Similkameen, to the Dominion senate, will necessitate a by-election to fill the vacancy in that district. This will be a real test whether the new provincial government is gaining or losing popularity in the interior.

No housewife should let the increased price of sugar keep her from preserving all the fruit and berries that she can get. A little figuring will show that the increased price of sugar is about half a cent to the quart jar.

The great clothing manufacturers who determine the styles for men's garments are agreed that the war will considerably modify

next year's fashions. Because of the anticipated scarcity and high price of wool, there will be no patch pockets, no cuffs on the coat sleeves and no turned-up trousers. If the war lasts two or three years, there will be no pockets of any kind. They will not be needed.

A Canadian patriot may be described as a man willing to go hungry in order that a British or French soldier on the firing line may get a square meal.

Let no man of military age the idea that the U-boats will be exterminated in thirty days.

Fixing coal prices is now a question of academic interest, just as, next winter, when the government gets around to it, will be the fixing of ice prices.

## NEWS OF THE CITY

Thomas Benninger, of Christinlake, was brought to the Grand Forks hospital on Monday, having been injured by a falling tree.

Aubrey Price, of Laurier, was in an auto accident at Cascade on Monday. He was only slightly injured.

As anticipated by The Sun, the circus last Saturday was a one horse affair, composed principally of tame animals and wild men.

Misses Lillian Bertois and Ethel Carlson came up from Cascade on Monday to write on the entrance examination.

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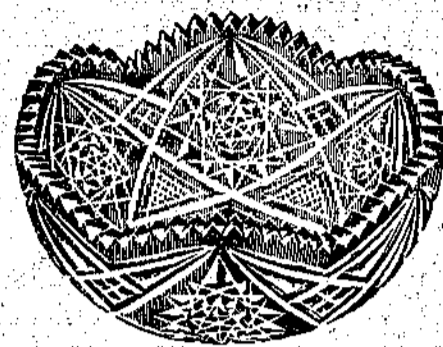
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### BRIGHT FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT

A hopeful view of the fruit and vegetable marketing situation this year is taken by Manager Lowe, of the Okanagan United Growers. He states that present indications lead to the belief that despite the British embargo on apples, the American competition on the Canadian prairies will not be nearly so keen as many had expected.

He bases this opinion on the fact that recent reports show a marked decrease in the anticipated American apple crop, which government experts now place at half of last year's yield. This is particularly noticeable in Washington state, where the crop is said to fall short of that of last year by a million boxes.

It is believed in Vernon that this year Vancouver dealers will give the preference to Okanagan apples, as well as other valley fruit, and Mr. Lowe believes the outlook on the prairies by no means discouraging. The Okanagan United Growers' manager believes that farmers should be in no hurry to dispose of their potatoes, onions and other field crops, as stiff prices will probably rule during the fall.

### STUMPING MACHINES FOR THE FARMERS

Hon. John Oliver, minister of agriculture, has authorized the purchase of a limited number of stumping machines to be applied to Farmers' Institutes on a deferred payment system. This action on the part of the minister of agriculture is the outcome of a number of requests which have been received by the department from Farmers' Institutes.

In giving the Farmers' Institutes this opportunity to purchase machines the department assumes absolutely no responsibility and makes no recommendations regarding the comparative efficiency of the various types of machines on the market. The deputy minister and superintendent of institutes, Wm E Scott, was witnessed several demonstration and at each one the results have been satisfactory.

The department of agriculture will supply application forms to any Farmers' Institute on request. These forms must be signed by the president, the vice-president and the directors and also by five members of the institutes. Freight charges on the machines must be paid by the institute from the factory. Terms of payment for the machines: One-third on delivery; one third in one year, and

the remaining one-third in two years. No interest will be charged on unpaid balances, but interest at 10 per cent will be charged on overdue payments. Institutes that fail to make their payments promptly will not receive their per capita grant on account of membership, but this sum will be devoted towards the payments due. The department recommends that all institutes securing these machines adopt a plan whereby a fixed charge of so much per diem be paid by members who use the machine. By this means a fund will be provided towards paying the cost of the machine and the depreciation in value.

### Infertile Eggs Keep Longest

A million eggs a day is the amount usually consumed by Great Britain in normal times, although the consumption at the present time has been greatly diminished, as many of the sources of supply has been cut off on account of the war.

At the present time Canada needs every egg that it is possible for the hens to lay, and it is important that these eggs should be of the best and that they should be infertile, so that they will keep well during the hot weather.

The breeding season for poultry is over and it is important that all poultry keepers should dispose of or isolate the breeding male. Some people think that the hens will not lay so well if there is no male bird present, but this is not the case, as in most cases the presence of male fowls tends to decrease, not increase, the egg yield.

It was estimated that last year over \$3,000,000 was lost in Canada through fertile eggs being marketed. A temperature of a little over 70 deg. will start incubation, and this temperature is often considerably exceeded in the grocery store windows. In nine cases out of ten when fertile eggs are exposed to this heat incubation will start.

This loss can be eliminated by removing the male bird. Infertile eggs may become strong and musky when exposed to unpleasant odors, but they can never get into the condition in which fertile eggs are often found to be when broken by the consumer.

Another reason why the male birds should be dispensed with at the end of the breeding season is the expense of keeping them. If marketed at the present time they will probably bring in a few cents a pound more than they will in the fall, and in addition the 50 or 60 cents' worth of feed necessary to keep them in good condition until that time will be saved.

During the hot weather the eggs should be collected at least twice daily, and should be stored in a sweet

cool place. In good-sized eggs should be marketed as often as possible and the containers should be in first-class condition. Small and dirty eggs should be used by the poultry breeders themselves, and should not be placed on the market.

### Thinning Fruit.

As soon as the "June drop" is over in the orchard it is time to start thinning the tree fruits. Usually, the varieties of fruit which are the most advanced are thinned first. Generally apples, pears and peaches are thinned when they are about the size of a hickory nut and the thinning should be completed before they are double that size.

Thinning is necessary because a tree often sets more fruit than it can possibly bring to perfection, as the fruitgrower and the consumer understand perfection. It is necessary that each tree carries all the fruit it can possibly bring to perfection, but no more. The removal of some fruit at an early stage of its growth helps materially towards securing the maximum duty of the trees in many ways.

It is impossible to go into the method of thinning tree fruits here, and the reasons why it should be done are also too numerous to mention. A limited number of horticultural circular No. 22, "Thinning Tree Fruits," is on hand at the department of agriculture, Victoria. A copy of this or the many other publications in stock can be obtained as long as the supply lasts.

J. H. McCulloch, district agriculturist with headquarters at Kamloops, has resigned from the service of the provincial government to take a position in Winnipeg. Mr. McCulloch made his headquarters at Quesnell for several months, but recently his district was enlarged and his headquarters transferred to Kamloops. George C. Hay, who has been stationed at Telkwa for the past year and a half as district agriculturist, has been transferred to Kamloops and will fill the position vacated by Mr. McCulloch.

The books of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power company will be closed on July 18 for the dividend of \$374,362 to be disbursed on August 1.

You can not reach The Sun's numerous readers except through the columns of The Sun.

The Sun is always a live issue in Grand Forks.

### Addressing Mail to Soldiers

In order to facilitate the handling of mail at the front and to insure prompt delivery it is requested that all mail be addressed as follows:

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  - (c) Name.
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