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### MANITOBA HAS RODENT PLAGUE

Pair of Rats Will Produce Twenty Million Offspring in Three Years

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—(By Canadian Press)—Manitoba is menaced by a veritable rodent plague and according to reports the fields are so badly infested in certain localities as to cause alarm. While the provincial department of agriculture has information of serious damage by rats and mice to grain in stacks and storage, the situation so far has not reached the stage where renewal of the "rat virus" campaign of a few years ago, is regarded as necessary by the authorities. Measures, however, are being taken in affected areas to eradicate the destructive pest.

Manitoba has no native rat, authorities point out, except of course, the muskrat. All the rats in the province have come in during the past twenty years, chiefly from the United States. According to Prof. V. W. Jackson, of the Manitoba Agricultural College, a pair of rats, given plenty of room and food, will produce 20,155,292 offspring in three years. One rat will eat two pounds of grain a year and do damage to a great deal more. The cost of upkeep per rat has been estimated at \$1.80 in Great Britain, \$1.20 in Denmark and \$1.00 in France. The United States department of Agriculture, according to Prof. Jackson, estimates that there are 350 million rats in that country and that they cost the nation \$200,000,000 a year—that of that the equivalent of 200,000 farmers are kept busy raising food for rats. Rats have been known to attack live animals and fall pigs have died as a result of having holes eaten in them. The rodents occasionally gnaw the hoofs of horses until they bleed.

Except under unusual conditions, an actual plague of rats in Western Canada is regarded as improbable, says Prof. Jackson. Deep snow traps the rats and unless he is fortunately situated as to food and drink during the winter months, his numbers are greatly reduced. When food runs short, rats eat their young and often each other.



TIMBER SALE X 7370.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands at Victoria not later than noon on the 21st day of January, 1926, for the purchase of Licence X 7370 to cut 650,000 lineal feet of Cedar Poles and Piling on an area situated about three miles west of Port Clements, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Island District.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber. Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

### LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land in Queen Charlotte District Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situated at Shannon Bay.

TAKE NOTICE that Robert C. Gosse of Vancouver, B.C., occupation landowner, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on an unnamed island, 5.50 deg. W. (14 chains, more or less) from southwest corner of Lot 1548, Q.C.L. Range 5; thence following meandering of shore line of said island to point of commencement, and containing 2 1/2 acres, more or less.

### LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land in Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Coast Range 5, and situated on South Rachel Island.

TAKE NOTICE that Alfred Swanson, of Prince Rupert, occupation landowner, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the south point of South Rachel Island, then around high water mark to the point of commencement, and containing 60 acres, more or less.

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### PRAGUE HAS ART SCANDAL

Minister of Health Orders Removal of Nude Statuary From Academy

PRAGUE, Dec. 29.—Prague also has its art scandal. A new State Institute of Health was to be opened, and one of the professors of the Academy of Art was entrusted with the work of external decoration. Without consulting anyone, he decided that the main entrance would be improved by allegorical figures of Health and Strength placed on either side, and that these figures should be nude ones of a man and a woman.

### NEW POWER LINE ALMOST COMPLETE

Switch Lines Yet to be Installed on Shawatlans—Dry Dock—Elevator Connection

According to a report made to the council by the superintendent of utilities and read at the council meeting last night the installation of a 13,400 volt line from Shawatlans Lake to the dry dock and from the dry dock to the elevator had been completed with the exception of the installation of two switch lines at the outer substation. The switch lines will be installed when minor articles necessary to properly completing the work are received and the elimination of other work done temporarily to assist in making a more rapid change over will also be carried out.

### VALHALLA LODGE HOLD XMAS. SOCIAL

A very successful Christmas dance and social was held by the Valhalla Lodge last night in the Metropolitan Hall. About 50 couples attended and dancing was thoroughly enjoyed to delightful music furnished by Arthur's orchestra. Refreshments were served during the evening. Ald. Oscar Larsen acted as master of ceremonies.

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### NEXT MONTH'S SOLAR ECLIPSE

London Scientists Leave For Sumatra To Make Observations

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Dr. F. J. M. Stratton and Dr. F. W. Aston, the Nobel prize-winner for his work on isotopes, have left England for Sumatra, where they will make observations in connection with the total solar eclipse which will be visible there on January 14 next.

As is now well known, it is only possible to observe the solar corona on the occasion of a total eclipse of the sun. The corona is a very faintly luminous structure, about as large as the sun itself, composed of gases and perhaps dust which surround the sun at very great distances. It has its own bright line spectrum, and includes one so far unknown line, which is very bright and well-defined in the green portion of the spectrum. This line has hitherto been attributed to an unknown hypothetical element provisionally called "Coronium," but is suspected to be due to some quiet well-known type of atom, in a state which can only exist under the circumstances found in the corona.

Whereas the position of the spectral lines in the corona is pretty well known, Professor E. A. Milne, of Manchester, has been able to make certain predictions of their relative intensities on the basis of the Bohr theory. The pressure in the corona is similar to that in a very high vacuum. Atoms can travel very long distances between collisions with other atoms and manifest their properties more or less undisturbed. It follows, therefore, that the conditions in the corona for verifying astrophysical theory are much more satisfactory than those which would or can be obtained under artificial circumstances in the laboratory. Dr. Stratton will, therefore, concentrate during the eclipse on the endeavor to verify Professor Milne's predictions.

### DOG AS DETECTIVE IS NOT INFALLIBLE

Too Apt to Follow Wrong Scent, Often Misleads Police Officer

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The tests in connection with the Police Dog Training School in Grunewald, near Berlin, show such unsatisfactory results that Major Most, the former head of the school, advocates the discontinuance of the police officer. Major Most has long maintained that it is impossible to prevent the dog's following a false scent once it has crossed the original one.

Several trainers took up the challenge. The results bore out the theory that police dogs are excellent protectors of the man on duty, and the finest means of catching the criminal since he has been seen or started running, but must be considered untrustworthy when it comes to finding an unknown delinquent after some time has elapsed. Hitherto their evidence has been considered practically unimpeachable in country districts, where thefts of livestock and such like have led to their constant use over large tracks of country.

It is true that without further evidence the law does not prosecute any person found guilty by the dog who barks around him in triumph after long hours of seeking, but any such of the village as the criminal, and suffers in reputation accordingly. The dogs in question are nearly always German sheep dogs or wolf hounds, person is branded by the inhabitants known abroad as Alsatians.

### WIRELESS REPORT.

8 a.m. DIGBY ISLAND—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.16; temperature, 40; sea smooth; 11.50 p.m. spoke City of Vancouver 400 miles from Victoria inbound.

DEAD TREE POINT—Foggy, calm; barometer, 30.90; temperature, 36; sea smooth.

BELL HARBOR—Cloudy, light north-east wind; barometer, 30.01; temperature, 37; moderate swell; 6 p.m. spoke steamer Alameda bound Seattle for Ketchikan 257 miles from Seattle; 10.30 p.m. spoke Motorship Norco bound Seattle for Ketchikan 290 miles from Seattle; 3.45 a.m. spoke steamer President Jackson bound Japan for Victoria 1912 miles from Seattle.

Not a DIGBY ISLAND—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.12; temperature, 48; sea smooth.

DEAD TREE POINT—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.02; temperature, 47; sea smooth.

BELL HARBOR—Cloudy, fresh south-east wind; barometer, 30.90; temperature, 49; moderate swell.

### LOCARNO TREATY AND GERMAN AVIATION

Practical Result Expected in Berlin as Result of Agreement

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The negotiations agreed upon in London on the subject of Germany's future in the air, which were to have begun yesterday in Paris, are looked upon in Berlin as the first practical materialization of the spirit of Locarno. It is not believed that the postponement will be of long duration. "Back to Versailles" is, paradoxically enough, the slogan of German aviators in this connection, for the restrictions imposed at the London Conference in regard to size and carrying and climbing capacity gave a death-blow to German aerial progress, which the Treaty had apparently not foreseen. It is significant that these negotiations will occur just at the moment when Germany's two big air companies, the Aero-Lloyd and the Junkers are merged into one big concern.

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