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Suffers Drought

Interesting Experiment With Crested Wheat Grass—Lack of Home Town Newspaper Felt

By H. F. PULLEN

Burns Lake is one of the prettiest little towns along the line of the Canadian National Railway east of Prince Rupert. With a lake on one side and a wooded hill on the other, it gets away from that feeling of flatness which characterizes some places. While it misses the serene majesty of mountains like Rocher de Boule or Hudson Bay which make Hazelton and Smithers so attractive, it has a picturesque layout and those who live on the hillside have a view that is almost unsurpassed.

But there is more to Burns Lake than scenery. As is boldly announced in an arch of welcome, it is the entrance to Tweedsmuir Park and is the shipping point for the whole of the Francois Lake and Ootsa Lake farming country.

This year, unfortunately, Burns Lake has suffered from drought. While other places east and west have had a few helpful showers, there has been no rain at Burns Lake since the snow went away. The whole interior has been too dry for good hay crops and of these dry places the driest has been Burns Lake.

Interesting Experiment

It is possibly this tendency to dryness, which has often been a great advantage, that has made the farmers of the district turn to something which may tend to overcome drought. They are experimenting with crested wheat grass in place of timothy hay. It is said to give a good crop in the driest season because its root system extends for seven to ten feet into the ground. It is a perennial that improves each year. If the seed is threshed, the straw is almost as good as first class hay for feed. It will grow a crop where nothing else will. In fact this grass is looked to as the farmer's salvation both on the prairies and in any district that is likely to suffer from insufficient moisture.

One of the farmers who is giving crested wheat grass a trial is Fred Madsen of Danskin. He had a small acreage last year and sold his seed for 22 cents a pound. Others are trying it or planning to do so.

Ray Commons, manager of the bank at Burns Lake, is keenly interested in the experiment and is urging his customers to try it. The chief objection to it is that the seed is rather expensive just now and money is not plentiful. Unfortunately, Rev. Frank Bushfield has found it necessary to stop publication of his little newspaper "The Advance" owing to lack of sufficient support. This is a loss to the community. A home town newspaper seems very desirable and Burns Lake will soon be a good centre for a man who can run his own printing plant to operate.

Future Of Surf Point Undecided

Annual Meeting Held in Vancouver—Galloway Coming This Week

Decision was to be reached as to the future of the Surf Point mine of the Reward Mining Co. at Porcher Island, where operations are at present suspended following the fire recently which destroyed the mill, at the annual meeting of the company held in Vancouver last week. Immediately following the annual meeting, J. D. Galloway, managing director of the company, is expected from Vancouver, probably this week.

HALF-BREEDS ASK AID

EDMONTON, June 27: (CP)—The Dominion government will be asked to grant free fully equipped farms, education, medical and nursing care and free game and fishing licences to half-breeds President Allan J. Hamilton of the Dominion Independent Progressive Association, newly-formed half-breed organization, said. Hamilton claims to be a great grandson of Louis Riel, leader of the 1885 rebellion.

Exiled "King of Kings" Made in Marble



Sava Botzaris, prominent member of London's Yugoslavian colony, is pictured above with the sculptured head of Haile Selassie, exiled emperor of Ethiopia, which he recently exhibited at an art exposition at London. The former King of Kings is now living in England.

**MADE PULP
AND PAPER**

Late Senator E. W. Tobin Was Prominent Quebec Industrialist

OTTAWA, June 27: (CP)—Summoned to the Senate in 1930, Edmund William Tobin, whose death occurred last week, was a pioneer in the pulp and paper and newsprint industry in the province of Quebec. Through the Brompton Pulp and Paper Company, with which he was connected and of which he was afterwards president, he played a prominent part in building up the newsprint exports of Canada until they reached the strong position occupied today.

While he will be remembered principally for his connection with pulp and paper, Mr. Tobin met with success in other spheres of business activity and also in politics. He achieved a commanding position in Quebec as a lumber merchant. It was his association with lumber ventures which first brought him into touch with pulp and paper.

He sat as a Liberal in the House of Commons for the Quebec seat of Richmond and Wolfe from 1900 to 1930, being re-elected in the elections of 1904, 1908, 1911, 1917, 1921 and 1926. He was at one time Mayor of Bromptonville and Brompton Falls and warden of the County of Richmond.

His business interests included connection with the Lotbiniere Lumber Company, Trois Pistoles, Quebec (of which he was president), Federal Asbestos Company and Capital Trust Corporation.

Mr. Tobin was born at Brompton Falls, Quebec, on September 14, 1865. His parents were both of Irish descent. He began his business life as a general merchant and lumber dealer. In 1893 he married Elizabeth Jean Nott of Devonshire, England, and to them were born four children, Pearl (Mrs. Dr. Beaudry, Bromptonville), Kathleen (Mrs. J. H. Blue, Sherbrooke), Beatrice (Mrs. J. O. Asselin, Bromptonville) and Ashton. Deceased was a Roman Catholic.

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Annual Observance Yesterday in Memory of War Dead at Cenotaph and Cemetery

With about fifty persons including members of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, the Canadian Legion and Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion in attendance and the local unit of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and 102nd North B. C. Battery also represented, annual Decoration Day rites were observed here yesterday under the auspices of Queen Mary Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, with Mrs. S. V. Cox and Mrs. William Brass.

There was a procession from Canadian Legion headquarters to the cenotaph where a wreath was deposited by Mrs. A. T. Parkin in the absence of Mrs. H. L. Landry, regent of Municipal Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, who was unable to be present.

Then the Soldiers' Plot at Fairview Cemetery was visited, sprays of flowers and flags being deposited on the grave of each exserviceman whose remains lie there.

The order of service consisted of the singing of "O Canada," prayer by Mrs. A. T. Parkin, sounding of "The Last Post" by Bugler William Rance, two minutes silence in memory of the fallen, address by Rev. J. C. Jackson, pastor of First United

**Shower For Miss
Wadeai Mussallem**

Delightful Affair Held Thursday Evening With Mrs. A. G. Bartlett as Hostess

On Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. G. Bartlett, Seventh Avenue East, a shower was given in honor of Miss Wadeai Mussallem, who is to be married soon. A shower umbrella was prettily decorated and used to cover the gifts for the bride-elect. Bridge was played during the evening, the winners being Miss Kay Evans and Miss Catherine Eastman. Dainty refreshments were served about midnight.

Those present were Miss Audrey Wrathall, Miss Vivian Wrathall, Miss Helen Stamp-Vincent, Miss Mae Murray, Miss Mary Sim, Miss Nellie Lawrence, Miss Catherine Eastman, Miss Margaret Mussallem, Miss Wadeai Mussallem, Miss Kay Evans, Miss Katherine Johnson, Miss Ery Rivett, Miss Nellie Gurvich, Miss Beatrice Svenson, Mrs. E. Saunders, Mrs. Storrie, Mrs. P. Peterson, Mrs. A. Giske, Mrs. E. Olson.

Mrs. G. G. Funnell arrived on last night's train from Decker Lake to visit with her mother who has been ill for some time but is recovering nicely now.

Church, hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past," decoration of graves, the Reveille and "God Save the King." Capt. Ivan Halsey, Salvation Army, played the cornet in accompaniment of the hymns.

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