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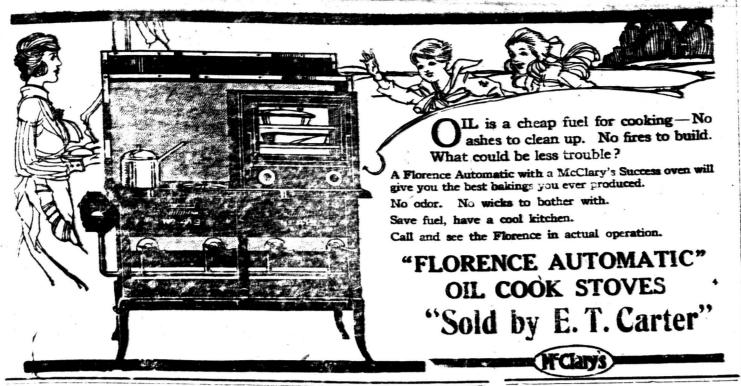
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War Chemicals. War needs greatly increased the demand for many chemicals in this country, but of all the so-called heavy chemicals, caustic soda has, perhaps, been the most in demand. Indeed, so pressing has been the need for this particular commodity in the war industries that its manufacture on this continent more than doubled since 1914, and even so it has been necessary to place a virtual embargo on its export.

A Fish Story. The average annual catch of menhaden for the last eight years was about 500,000,000 fish, which, with the refuse collected in canneries, produced about 60,000 tons of scrap and 85.000 barrels of oil. The largest recorded catch was in 1903, when about 1,000,000,000 caught.

Food, drug and tobacco plants throughout the country employ 125,-

## 000 women workers.

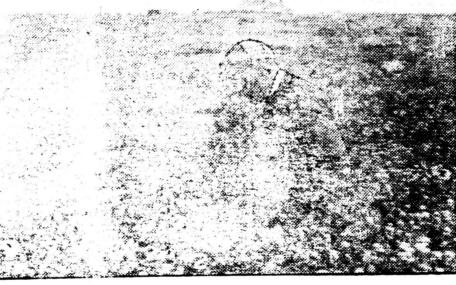


During the last three years Mo Don H. Bark, Chief of the Irrigation Investigation Division of the Depart ment of Natural Resources of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been conducting a number of experiments in the growing of clover seed in Southern Alberta, and has met with surprising success. Before coming p to Alberta in 1915, Mr. Bark was for several years connected with various trrigation enterprises in Idaho. IE3 experienced eye noticed that the clover growing on lawns, ditch banks and waste places in Alberta, from the boundary line to as far north as Edmonton, gave promise of good results. This promise was fully confirmed when he shelled hundreds of heads that he gathered. They revealed a large quantity of seed of unusually good quality.

The following year, therefore, he arranged for several plots to be been very satisfactory. Not only seed of an equally good grade being pohave they proved that clover seed produced. On the above basis, this But much better results were secan be grown successfully in South- represents a gross return of more cured with white clever on the same ern Alberta, but they have also than \$100 an acre. shown than the seed obtainable is of The following example related in 1.144 pounds of machine run seed. an exceedingly high quality, with the Mr. Bark shows the prolific nature of which when thoroughly recleaned

eld well above the average. the of the largest plots planted Alberta: rune of \$149.60 per acre. But such was the quality that after a thorous. est possible grade of seed. At this tory with equally favourable results, income.

total yield of 20% perms an excellent kind were this area in 1917



(1) Ablike clover at Carceland, Alberta.

(2) Field of alsike clover at Tilley, Alberta. tion Farms of the Canadian Parific pound, the returns secured were very therefore, amounted to \$114,93, or Railway situated in the irrigation satisfactory, despite the poor stand \$36.31 per acre, not a bad return for block, east of Calgary, Alberta. The and indifferent growth of the clover, one season from land that cost only results of these experiments, which Last year the yield from this pact fifty dollars an acre, although the have been continued ever since, have was somewhat better, 200 pounds of crop was continued rather disap-

est possible grade of seed.

Spring's retail prices each acre pro- Three and a half acres planted to Now that the possibilities of grow-

clover under conditions in Southand we ched 1,033 pounds. ver seel is now being sold on the during the first year was three and. In the fall of 1917, a one-acre lawn Calgary and Winnipeg markets at a half acres, which were planted to of Kentucky Blue Grass and Wolf sixty-five cents a pound. The grower, a mail acres, which were plant. This Clover at Cassils, a small station therefore, might reasonably expect area produced the following year 2.- west of Medicine Hat, on the man to receive fifty cents a pound for re-617 pounds of an excellent quality of line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, cleaned seed in large quantities. On machine run seed per acre; an aver-appeared to contain enough rive this basis the gross return from the age yield of 748 pounds, or approxi- clover heads so that it would pay to three acre plot would be no less than untely twelve and a half bushels, harvest it. This accordingly was \$501.50. As in the case of the alsike per acre. This seed could have been done, and the area threshed 105 clover, the actual cost of handling sold readily, without recleaning, to pounds of White Clover seed of an was carefully kept. It amounted to dealers at twenty cents a pound, excellent grade and quality. This \$110.20 cr \$36.73 an acre. It will be which would have given a gross reviewed, therefore, produced over \$50 seen, therefore, that the actual net of seed, though it was not profit from these three acres was d for seed production purposes, \$391.30, or over \$130 an acre. With ... Bark has gradually extended such results it does not take many ever ten bushels per acre of the high- his experiments over a larger terri- acres to provide a man with a good

spring's retain prices tach acres of alsike clover at Rosemary, north of ing clover seed on the irrigated lands Brooks, Alberta, were harvested for of Southern Alberta have been prac-At the same place another plot, seed in 1918, and although the stand tically demonstrated, it will not be comprising almost an acre and a was only fair, an average yield of long before every farmer in the disthalf, was planted to white Dutch 250 pounds of seed per acre was pro- trict is growing at least a few acres. clover in 1916. This crop had not duced. Complete records were kept The demand for high-class seed is so looked very well throughout the sea- of the cost of handling this area, and greek, and likely to be greater in the son, the stand having been thin and at the rate of forty cents per hour future, that the danger of causing a the growth rather indifferent, yet a per man, and fifteen cents an hour glut on the market is very remote, of per horse, worked out at \$62.07, or and the grower can rely on good d from \$17.73 per acre. The total seed pro- prices. There is little doubt that d duced was 865 pounds, which at within the next few years the induss this twenty cents a pound, is worth \$177. try will assume considerable proporseed was warth at least and cents a The net profit from the three acres, tions in Southern Alberta.

THE PRINCES ISLAND.

Another Incident Added to Their Long History.

A great many persons are interested in the Princes Islands, in the Sea of Marmora, where the warring factions of Russia have been asked to send delegates for a conference at which it is hoped the internal disensions in the vast Slav dominions can be composed.

It would seem that the Peace Conference in Paris may have had the number of the Princes Islands in mind as well as their geographical location when they we named as the place of meeting ebruary 15 ons in Russia. for the warring fa There are nine islands-enough for each group of delegates to have an island to themselves should such a course of segregation prove expe-

The islands lie from 10 to 15 miles southeast of Constantinople, near the Asiatic shore. Four of them are inhabited, and the largest of the group, Prinkipo (also called Pityusa, meaning 'rich in pines') has a population of more than 10,000. Turks and Greeks being about equal in number. The islands in modern times have been popular as summer resorts, ow-

ing to the salubrity of their climate and their proximity to the Turkish Few islands have a history more poignant with tragedy, with high hopes and shattered dreams, with diabolical machinations of empire wreckers and makers than these few

square miles of earth washed by the waters of the Marmora. The very name is significant of their past, for in the days of the Byzantine empire they were the retreats, either forced or voluntary, of princes and princesses who had fallen into disfavor at the nearby court.

Each island of the group could tell its own story of famous exiles. None is more pathetic, however, than that of Proti as the prison of the deposed Emperor, Romanus IV, called Diogenes. The life of this ruler reads like one of the fictitious romances of Cleopatra's days. He was a distinguished young soldier descended from a Cappadocian family. Having been implicated in a conspiracy to depose his sovereign, Constantine IX, he was condemned to be executed for treason. While being led to his death, according to one account, he caught the eye of the empress regent, Eudocia Macrembolitissa, who instantly fell in love with him, granted him a pardon and shortly thereafter married him. After his coronation as emperor he led three successful expeditions against the Seljuk Turks. but his fourth campaign, against Alp Arslan, was a disastrous failure.

Compelled to pay a large ransom for his release, Romanus returned home to be defeated at the hands of a pretender to the thorne. Blinded, he spent his few remaining days of abject misery imprisoned in a monastery on the highest point of

On the island of Antigone, the great patriarch, Methodius, spent seven years of his life imprisoned

with two brigands. On Prinkipo, which is now dotted with fine residences and gardens, the traveler is shown the ruins of a convent in which eleven centuries ago the remarkable woman, Empress Irene I, was imprisoned for a time. A poor but beautiful orphan of Athens, Irene married Emperor Leo IV and soon became the true ruler of the Byzantine empire. Upon the death of her husband, she assumed the reins of Government for her tenyear-old son, Constantine VI. For a decade her reign was distinguished by firmness and wisdom. Then began the conflict with her ambitious son, which terminated in the greatest blot upon her career, the capture of the fleeing youth, his return to Constantinople, which, by his mother's orders, his eyes were gouged out. It would seem that the ancients had good cause to interpret an eclipse of the sun, which took place about this time, as a sign of heaven's horror at

Another famous prisoner of Prinkipo was Zoe, the wife of three emperors—Romanus III, Michael IV and Constantine IX.

such a deed.

One of the most populous of the islands is Halki (also spelled Chalcitis and Khalki) where there is a naval college and a theological college. A Greek commercial school occupies the site of an ancient monastery. At the entrance to the school is the tombstone of Sir Edward Barton. English Ambassador to Turkey during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. On the island of Plato the peace delegates will find a castle, built after the model of Windsor Castle. It is now falling into decay. Once it was the summer residence of Sir Henry Bulwer (the famous author of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of American history), when he was British Ambassador at Constantinople. Upon his retirement, the one-time British Ambassador at Washington sold the island to the Khedive of Egypt, whose family still owned it at the outbreak of the world war."

Japanese Barbers.

The barbers of Osaka, Japan, who number 4,500, have approached local authorities with a proposal to establish a training school for knights of the razor. It has been complained that "many barbers in Osaka have not that elementary knowledge of surgery absolutely necessary for their vocation," and the better qualified wish to compel all intending to enter this profession to pass final examinations at the special

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