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EXTERMINATION OF PRICKLY PEAR.

Commenting on a cable report from New York relating to the extermination of prickly pear by fungus diseases, the Minister for Markets and Migration (Senator James Wilson) stated yesterday that actions had been taken which have been successful on the matter, the cable message is being referred to the work being carried out by Mr. Arthur K. Leacock, B.Sc., of Adelaide University. Mr. Leacock was sent to America last August by the Commonwealth Government to study the Board to undertake investigations into the destruction of prickly pear with fungus and chemical means. Up to that time the best method was to cut out the plants and concentrate on the introduction of natural enemies of the pear, though the fact that the plants are very hardy and diseases were likely to be just as valuable and effective as the parasite insects. In 1922 the Queensland Prickly Pear Land Commission made a sum of £700 per annum available for two years in order to initiate investigations on these diseases, and Mr. Leacock was sent to America by the board. He received valuable assistance and advice from various experts in America, who were of the opinion that the disease had been introduced to Bermuda, which was rapidly destroying prickly pear. It might lead to more important work in other parts of the world, and would have to be carefully studied. The history of the fungus would have to be worked out, and the conditions favorable to its growth would have to be ascertained. Moreover, before any culture of the fungus could be brought to Australia, extensive tests would have to be carried out in order to ascertain that the disease was confined to prickly pear, and that it would not attack other cultivated crops or other plants of economic value.

Professor Arthur Lang Campbell, M.B.E., B.A., B. Eng., who arrived in Adelaide on Friday to take up his duties as Professor of Law at the Adelaide University, will begin lectures on March 15. The professor has had a distinguished academic career. He is also a keen follower of sport. His favourite hobby is tennis. He has expressed a desire to become acquainted with some lovers of that sport in Adelaide. In addition, he also plays tennis and golf. Professor Campbell has been in Adelaide before. He spent one month in Adelaide as a member of the censorship staff. Prior to that time he was tutor, and later vice-principal at St. Andrew's College, Sydney University. He received the latter appointment in 1916, and held it until last year, except for a break of 18 months, during which he was engaged in war service. Professor Campbell was Associate to Mr. Justice Rich of the High Court, between 1915-16, and was called to the Bar in the latter year. He then practised for some time, and during that period took an engineering course at the Sydney University. The extent of the professor's versatility is shown further by the fact that during the war he did intelligence work, and acted as interpreter to the censorship authorities. In 1922 he commanded the Sydney ship, the Australian delegate, as private secretary to the League of Nations Assembly. Professor Campbell is the author of a text book on the New South Wales Companies' Act.

Sir Donald Macdonald, who has been in New Zealand for the past month, returned to Adelaide on Sunday. He mentioned that he was passing through the North Island in connection with afforestation. His post visits to Government forests, and also took the opportunity of studying thermal phenomena in the Rotorua area.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.
The first term of the Elder Conservatorium for this year will begin on Monday, February 22—a week earlier than usual. The directors and members of the staff will be in attendance to interview new students and arrange timetables on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20. Full particulars of the various subjects and courses may be found in the manual of information to be obtained at the office of the University, where intending students may also apply for entry forms.

The appointment of Dr. E. J. Swan as officer of health to the Local Board of Health at Jamestown, in succession to Dr. H. D. Dunnington, who has resigned, was approved by the Central Board of Health at its meeting yesterday.

Dr. Martin Hagan has been appointed a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital in place of Dr. Johnstone who has resigned.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR GEORGE PARKIN.

Dr. J. C. V. Behan has received from the London office of the Rhodes trustees details of an appeal, recently launched for the purpose of raising a memorial to Sir George Parkin, the late Sir George Parkin. The appeal bears the signatures of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the late Lord Milner, Lord Rosebery, Mr. L. S. Amery (secretary of State for the Dominions), and many other men of note, representing all the parts of the Empire and the United States. The proposed memorial will form an integral portion of the new Rhodes House at Oxford, part of which is to be set aside for a library which will collect books, records and documents on all subjects bearing upon the history of the British Empire and the United States. The Rhodes trustees are prepared to dedicate a large wing of this library, and intend to place the whole, to Sir George Parkin's memory. Subscriptions are needed for the equipment and endowment of the proposed Parkin Library. Sir George Parkin was the first organizing secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship scheme. He paid extensive visits to Australia, and made many valuable suggestions, by his visits or has brought to the notice of their aims a richer combination of moral and intellectual gifts. A learner as well as a teacher, he was a constant source of inspiration both to boys and to men. With a fine presence and a winning manner, he had a ready and friendly sympathy, rare eloquence and literary power, and a character which inspired universal trust. It is hoped that many cases in Australia who were permitted to come into contact with him will contribute to the foundation at Oxford of a Parkin memorial library. Donations may be sent to Dr. Behan at the Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, Parkin, Adelaide.

Passed Intermediate at 14
Tryphenia Ellen Fisher, of Commercial road, Port Adelaide, and a student at the Woodville High School, has a scholastic record to be proud of. At the age of 14 years she has passed in the first class at 14 leaving University examinations with credits.

When she was 12 Tryphenia sat for her intermediate certificate, securing passing in seven subjects, including credit for French. In the recent leaving examination she studied for six subjects, and secured her best subject, French again proved her best subject. She gained a credit and was the fifth in the class.

According to the Adelaide University this is not a record. There are cases where younger boys and girls have passed the intermediate and leaving examinations. Tryphenia has been a scholar at the Woodville High School for four years, and received her qualifying certificate at the Port Adelaide Central School when she was only 10 years of age.

The youthful student is exceedingly fond of sport, and was a member of the Woodville High School tennis team last year. She is tall and well built.

There appears to be little advantage in securing the leaving certificate at such an early age. To enter the University of Adelaide in the case the student is only 14 years old, but desires to continue her studies. Sister brother, Walter Fisher, aged 12 years, was last year dux of the Port Adelaide Central School. His parents have decided that he shall follow his sister's footsteps and complete a four year course at the Woodville High School.

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STORY OF ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

The police are enquiring into the case of Mr. William Roberts, of Ranelagh, Adelaide, who was admitted to the Adelaide Hospital in Friday night suffering from a wound in the side, his head, alleged to have been caused by someone having knocked him down. Roberts stated that £40 was taken from him at the time he was assaulted.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

Attention is called to a notice appearing in our columns to-day, giving particulars of the forthcoming year. Entries must be made on or before March 1. Term begins on March 10, and lectures begin on the 13th. The University will be seen at the University.

News. 27-1-26

Mr. J. W. Wainwright, B.A., A.I.C.A., was appointed in Executive Council to-day to represent the Government on the Public Service Appeal. Mr. E. Treloar was appointed as the representative of the Public Service. Mr. Price will be seen at the University.

Prof. A. L. Campbell, the newly appointed professor of law at the University of Adelaide, took up his duties on Friday.

News. 12-2-26

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

15—Mr. F. W. Tidemann, B.E.

Mr. Frederick William Tidemann, who qualified for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering, was also granted a diploma in applied science and a Fellowship of the South Australian School of Mines.

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—Honorary Editor

MR. K. C. DUFFIELD, LL.B., who graduated at the University examinations.

At the University his study was at least successful. In 1924 he won the Stow law prize and the David Murray Scholarship. In 1925 he secured the Stow prize and the David Murray Scholarship for Roman law.

After the Commemoration celebrations Mr. Duffield was admitted to the Supreme Court. He served his articles with Mr. C. W. Hayward, and is now in the employ of that firm.

Tennis is his chief pastime, but while at school Mr. Duffield played a cricket and football. During the latter part of his career at St. Peter's he was also a rowing enthusiast.

He is the son of Mr. Arthur Duffield (Assistant Secretary for Lands).

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INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY CONFERENCE.

Forty nations have been invited to send delegates to the International Forestry Conference to be held in Rome from April 22 to May 5. On the one hand there is a daily increasing consumption of wood, despite the use of all kinds of substitutes, and on the other, production is insufficient. As a result, it is necessary to tap the reserves which have accumulated in the course of centuries. The day can already be foreseen when the forests will no longer suffice to meet the necessary requirements of the age, and there is therefore good ground for anticipating such a crisis, though possibly at a date comparatively remote. For this reason it is absolutely necessary, from the present time onwards, to follow a system that will maintain a careful balance between production and consumption. There are also numerous questions connected with the international trade in forest products, which can only be settled as the result of thorough discussion between the representatives of the various countries assembled in conference. It is also necessary to instruct the public as to the importance of forests in the general welfare, and to accustom them not to consider the forestry concerns of the age, but to have recourse to the sources of immediate profit, but to have regard to the future and the requirements of future generations.

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