

HUNTING SIGNS AND HUNTERS

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Punnichy.

It is heartening to see so many "NO HUNTING" signs in this locality. However, few people are aware that these signs must be the regulation size of at least one foot square, and must be posted at the four corners of one's farm.

I interviewed a member of our local R.C.M.P. for the purpose of learning the exact specifications. I hope that many of our readers will put up signs before the deer-hunting season opens again, and prevent the cruel slaughter we had last year. Not only were deer shot, but one of our neighbors lost a team of horses, while others lost calves and colts. One hunter (?) actually asked a local citizen just what a jumper looked like. Later the farmer found his buckskin colt shot.

Do not forget those signs!

THIRTEEN-STRIPED GOPHER

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I was aware that there were colonies of the little striped gopher south of Meadow Lake, but I do not recall ever observing any along the roads and highways. On May 11, while driving north on Highway N. 4 to Jeannette Lake, I noticed one of these gophers just south of Beaver River and another just south of the Otter Creek bridge. This point, which is north of the Waterhen River is in the forest, several miles beyond and cultivated land.

Gophers appear to be rapidly increasing. Some fifteen have been trapped recently in the cemetery on the N.W. corner of this town.

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OUR FLOWERS

Before the BLUE JAY appears again many of our lovely spring flowers will have come and gone. Ordinarily many are in bloom by the end of May, but this year, to our knowledge, not more than fifteen species had bloomed up to that time. The leaves were not even out on the trees on May 24.

This condition will mean that most of our spring and summer flowers will bloom **before** our next issue is printed, and we look and hope for some interesting reports.

Keep in mind that the Western Red Lily is the floral emblem of Saskatchewan. When these flowers start to bloom we expect every member of the Society to do his part in protecting them and advising that they be not picked indiscriminately. We will again welcome reports on the prevalence of the Lily.

Make an attempt this year to become acquainted with some flowers that you have not known by name before. We will be pleased to assist in the identification of any plants in blossom that have been pressed and dried.

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