

### THE CLIMATIC VAGARIES

Observations Made by Mr. Thomas F. Anderson in a Trip Provinceward

(From The Boston Transcript.)

Some recent remarks on the subject of climatic vagaries were a piece of good fortune for the Nomad's readers, for they have brought this pleasant account of the observations made by Mr. Thomas F. Anderson, in a trip Provinceward: "On Thursday evening, November 17th, I departed from the North Station, Boston, on the Halifax steamer, the weather being wet and muggy with no snow in view. Next morning, going through Maine and New Brunswick, the jingle of sleigh-bells was heard at each station, for there were several inches of snow on the ground, with a couple of feet of the beautiful reported some miles in the interior. There were also reports in the St. John morning papers that the St. John river was frozen over between Fredericton and Gagetown, the earliest freeze-up on record, with two exceptions. By the time we reached St. John, around midday, the snow had entirely disappeared, and at Moncton, the great New Brunswick railroad centre, there was only a trace of it. The Petcodiac River, by the way, was tide-full, so that I missed the pleasure of seeing the famous "haze" in Halifax, the next day, the weather reports announced that that city was the warmest spot in Canada, and it certainly felt so to those who had come east dressed for blizzards.

"After two days of rain, fog and mist and a little snow, the Monday morning sunrise gave promise of the first fair day in about a week, and the pilgrim from Boston sped westward on the Dominion Atlantic train for Yarmouth, wondering what new vagaries of weather the day would bring forth. He was not long in finding that out, for at Windsor Junction, where the road begins to climb to its highest altitude (about five hundred feet), a night's snowfall had transformed the country into a picture for which the conventional description "fairyland" seemed tame. The flat, downlike mantle covered the trees, spruces and other evergreens in a wonderful combination of white and green, while all of the leafless trees and shrubs were encased in its clinging embrace, so that for miles the landscape was a continuous symphony of Christmas trees crowned with cotton wool and millions of ostrich plumes, tropical palm-fronds and other fantastic creations. Even the thin wire fences had assumed the properties of heavy enameled cables.

The enchantment of the picture presented by the reflections of these wonderful snow pictures on the glassy surface of the lakes and ponds which they encircled is difficult to describe. The hundreds of 'tourists' who had been revelling in the summer scenery and climate of Evangeline's land only a few weeks before would have enjoyed a rare and almost thrilling contrast, could they have returned at that moment.

"It was literally too good to last, for suddenly, when the outskirts of Windsor, at the head of the Bay of Fundy, had been reached, the snow had miraculously disappeared, and again was there a vivid 'contrast of climate.' Even the brown of the fields on the Halifax side of the province had merged into verdancy, especially in the depressions; and where the apple trees on the 'backbone' of the peninsula had borne nothing but snowy decorations, here there were even some with leaves still green, to say nothing of red-cheeked apples as yet unpicked.

"Grand Pre and storied Minas Basin, with their sentinel Blomidon in the background, were shortly in view, and here, too, the meadows retained much of their summer greenness; and the bronze Evangeline, standing in the new Grand Pre park in stately but buoyant attitude, seemed to be inviting the spirit of summer rather than pronouncing its benediction. None of the scores of head of cattle to be seen in the historic Acadian meadows a few weeks back were in evidence, but everywhere they rested were to be seen prosperous-looking stacks of marsh hay piled up by the farmers against the coming long and cold winter, even as they had been erected by the ancient Acadian farmers prior to 1755. It was a semi-melancholy brown-green landscape with gray overtones, and Blomidon appeared to have retired within himself, for his mantle was unmistakably 'misty and mournful'.

"Rather saddening was the sight of hundreds of barrels of neglected and wasted apples that were to be seen on the trees and beneath them throughout the entire seventy miles of the famous orchards of the Annapolis Valley, and I was told by a visiting expert that not less than ten per cent. of the 1,500,000 barrels of apples that ripened in the Valley this year had been allowed to go to waste. Think of it! At least 150,000 barrels of apples that many a family in both Canada and the United States would have been eager to enjoy, utterly eliminated as a factor in human subsistence. Someone ought to page Mr. Hoover.

"It was 'brite and fair' whilst we lunched in the cosy private car of General Manager George E. Graham, of the Dominion Atlantic System, as we wound around the sinuous shores

of Annapolis Basin to Digby. At Weymouth, where our train travelled to take aboard a few tons of live lobsters for the ever-hungry Boston market, I picked a red clover in full bloom—and there was sleighing only a few miles away across the Bay of Fundy! "And when the red sun that we had seen rise in splendor in Halifax finally sank to rest in his glorious bed of pink rose-leaves behind Lake Annis, it was indeed the end of a perfect day of Indian summer!"

**HAMPTON**

Mr. Curtis Foster and Mr. Allison Tompkins spent the week end at their home.

Mr. Chester Graves, of Aylesford, is visiting at the home of Mr. John F. Titus.

Mr. Allen Beanson left on Friday, December 9th, for Amherst to attend the exhibition.

Mr. Simeon O'Neal has been visiting at the home of his brother, W. H. O'Neal, and other relatives.

Mr. Everett Mitchell killed a pig six months' old that tipped the scales when dressed at 295 pounds.

The W. M. A. Society held their annual Crusade meeting on the evening of December 9th at the home of Mrs. John Templeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Poole, who spent last summer in Clarence, have moved back and are occupying part of Mr. Edgar Titus' house.

On Thursday evening, December 8th, the friends of Mrs. Norris Mitchell gave her a pleasant surprise at her home, when our pastor, Rev. D. W. Dixon, presented her with a very handsome Casserole and a silver metal fork in recognition of her faithful service as organist. Mrs. Mitchell, though taken by surprise, received the gifts with much pleasure, at the same time thanking her friends for their kind remembrance.

**WANT A WARSHIP!**

There are about two hundred obsolete warships which the Admiralty want to sell lying in ports around the British Isles.

Anyone can buy a battleship or light cruiser if he is willing to give a guarantee that it will be broken up and not used for war purposes.

Every part of a ship is dismantled and disposed of, and all the delicate scientific instruments are sold.

It takes forty men twelve months to break up a warship. Those ready for disposal belong to the 1906 to 1908 classes, and include Dreadnoughts and lesser types of vessels.

**Fig On Both Ends**

Obnoxious Young Gentleman (picking up a piece of pork on the pig of his fork): "Do you call this pig?"

Pretty waitress (sweetly): "To which end of the fork do you refer?"

### MINE BOSS SAYS HE WAS HELPLESS

Arizona Man Was Simply Down and Out and Couldn't Even Move Himself

Harry E. Scott, a well-known mine boss, whose address is Box 683, Tombstone, Arizona, writes:

"I was down and out nearly all the time with rheumatism and finally got to where I couldn't move, even to feed myself. My wife thought I would never get well again, and she knew my condition better than anyone else. "I was absolutely helpless when my wife started giving me Tanlac and in four days I ate a hearty meal for the first time in many months. Tanlac put me on my feet and I'm back on the job working hard and feeling just fine. I have gained eighteen pounds in weight, too."

Tanlac is sold in Bridgetown by S. N. Weare, and by leading druggists everywhere.

### BAPTIST NOTES

According to the Christian Register, which has made a careful investigation of the matter, the number of students enrolled in thirteen of the leading theological schools of America for the present year is 1,506 as against 1,299 in 1914, an increase of 15.9 per cent. The Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, has the largest enrollment and shows the largest gain. The number for 1921 is 345 against 235 seven years ago. Boston University School of Theology comes next with 277 this year and 238 in 1912.

The World-Wide Church News reports that the ingathering among the Baptists in Siberia is growing so rapidly that it is probable that Dr. W. B. Glass, one of the leading missionaries of the North China Mission, will soon be transferred to Siberia and made superintendent of the work there and in Manchuria.

At a meeting of the Chicago Young Men's Christian Association held October 11th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir George Williams, founder of the general organization, it was announced that John Wanamaker had donated funds sufficient for the erection of a building in Moscow, Russia. This is the sixth Young Men's Christian Association building given to foreign lands by Mr. Wanamaker, the other five being in Madras, Calcutta, Kyoto, Seoul and Peking.

Baptists are coming into prominence in China as well as in many other lands. Here are several Chinese people of eminence who are Baptists: The mayor of Canton, the secretary of foreign affairs, the chief surgeon of the military hospital the wife of Sun Yat Sen, and the wife of the ambassador to Great Britain.

On account of declining years and feeble health, Marion Lawrence, the great Sunday School leader, is retiring from the secretaryship of the World Sunday School Association. He has served in many capacities, beginning his work in the Sunday School organization as a superintendent of a Congregational school in the State of Ohio. His administration has been characterized by vigor and dignity blended into a program of constant progress.

Chief Rabbi Kook, of Jerusalem, has announced that a new Yesh'bah will be founded in the Holy City for the purpose of instructing men of priestly and Levitical parentage in their duties in the temple. This includes formulas of sacrifice. The rabbi believes this to be an urgent necessity, since he is persuaded that the rebuilding of the temple is near at hand. It will seem strange to see the Jews beginning ritual sacrifices to Jehovah in Jerusalem in this day of the world.

### AGED VOTERS

Probably the oldest voter in Ontario was Mrs. McDowell, of Janetville, who passed her 107th birthday.

Among the thousands in the County of Kings who realized the high privilege of the franchise on December 6th and cast their votes were Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schofield, of North Alton. Mr. Schofield was born August 13th, 1821—90 years ago. Mrs. Schofield was born February 12th, 1825—96 years ago. They were married August 25th, 1854—sixty-seven years ago. Both are hale and hearty, and enjoyed the right to vote at the Federal elections.

The Caledonia Gold Hunter says. Caledonia has probably the distinction of having the oldest woman voter in Nova Scotia. She is Mrs. Rebecca Parker, mother of Geo. J. Parker, and is ninety-eight years of age. Intellectually bright, and a great reader who does not need glasses.

Mrs. Edward Beals of Bear River, aged ninety-eight years and 2 months, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Brooks, was the oldest voter at Centreline.

Mrs. Annie Todd, of Dalhousie, who will be 100 years July, is said to be the oldest voter in this county.

Mrs. Pitzen Cress, of Deep Brook, aged eighty-eight years, was the oldest voter in Deep Brook.

There have been many very interesting instances of longevity among the voters throughout the rural districts of the province, but perhaps the most extraordinary combination comes from Shelburne County, where there were three brothers and a sis-

### DEEP BROOK

Mrs. Mary Lowe, of Clementsport, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Hubert S. Vroom arrived home Friday from Boston.

Mr. G. L. Benson is in New Brunswick on a business trip.

Mrs. F. W. Rice is spending a week at Smith's Cove, guest of Mrs. Oscar Morgan.

Mr. Robert J. Vroom returned last week from Annapolis Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Payson arrived home Tuesday, 6th inst, from Bellows Falls, Vermont.

It is pleasing to note that Mrs. John E. Rawding is recovering from her serious illness.

Mrs. Frank H. Dittmars has returned from Bear River, where she spent several days with relatives.

Capt. Osborne Ray has returned to New York, after a short visit with his father, Mr. James Ray.

Mrs. John D. Spurr returned last week, after having spent two months visiting relatives at Hantsport, Paradise and Annapolis Royal.

The marriage of Mr. Corey G. Harris, of Deep Brook, and Miss Marjorie Potter, of Clementsville, took place at the home of the bride, Wednesday morning, 7th inst. They have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

**APPRECIATING OUR EFFORTS**

A Montana subscriber writes: "I wish to congratulate you. The MONITOR is a very different paper from the one published a few years ago, and I for one very much appreciate the change."

A subscriber writes from Hollywood, California: "Enclosed find check for \$2.00 for which send The MONITOR another year. I have been here for thirty-three years, and cannot do without my home paper."

One from Penacook, N.H., says: "Give us lots of Village Notes. I find that quite often there are three or four weeks that we do not see any items from our home village and we are therefore disappointed. This is why we take our home paper, so that we may hear from "Home Sweet Home."

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### THE IMPERIAL FRUIT SHOW

The Annapolis Valley Cider Co. Wins Second Prize For Cider Apples

The official list for prizes in the Imperial Fruit Show at the Crystal Palace, London, have just been received. It is gratifying to note that the Annapolis Valley Cider Company's English branch (under the name of H. Whiteway & Co., Ltd.) obtained second prize for cider apples open to the whole world. No less than thirty varieties were shown, all of which were apples specially grown for making into cider and not suitable for table or culinary use. The first prize was awarded to E. Vincent of Worcester, England. The cider apple and cider making section was one of the most popular features in this fruit show, as the following extract from the London Daily Mail will show:

"WINE OF THE ORCHARD"

"The cider section was packed with people watching the whirring press which cut and pressed the little cider apples and squeezed the sweet juice into the vats. Cider firms were busy all day cutting wires and popping corks as they pressed upon their visitors the rich vintages of the orchard. From 3 p.m. until late in the evening the theatre was packed with visitors watching a series of fascinating films illustrating branches of the fruit-growing industry and listening to lectures. For the first time a film was shown giving in picturesque form the story of cider-making. The scenes were taken specially for the Fruit Show on the famous orchards of Messrs. Whiteway at Whimple, Dorset. Out of a bottle of cider danced the spirit of the orchard into a spirit scene with blossom-covered trees. While the wondering audience watched, the trees were covered with fruit which women picked. The whole process of cider-making was then illustrated. The film will be given during the Show, and, like everything else in the Crystal Palace, is free to all visitors."

**A TIMELY WARNING**

A contemporary gives the following advice to its delinquent subscribers: "If you have frequent fainting spells accompanied by chills, cramps, convulsions, chilblains, epilepsy, and jaundice, it is a sign that you are not well and liable to die any moment. Pay your subscription in advance and thus make yourself solid for a good position in the next world."

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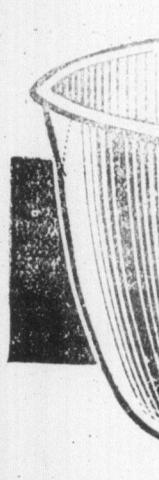
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