

## Some Orchard Secrets

You cannot expect results if you neglect your orchard. It has to be cared for, and it is a confining business. It takes attention.

Just what attention means in the way of results was emphasized in an orchard I recently visited. Did you ever visit a Ben Davis orchard with hardly a tree missing because of blight canker? I had not, for a long time, until a neighbor took me thru that first orchard. The trees were far enough apart to leave elbow room, and as for crop, it could hardly be beaten. About all the trees had their branches braced. Under one tree I counted eleven places bracing the heavily loaded branches. Here the trees were kept growing vigorously, with cultivation and proper cover crops. The spraying prevented insects and fungus disease from weakening the tree, and the pruning nipped any budding canker before it could get a fair start.

Avoid planting too thickly, is the gist of another piece of advice from the grower. He told of an orchard planted too thickly and never thinned. It was absolutely gone to pot and for only one reason. The trees were never thinned out.

There are several things which the home orchardist should remember. The first is the choice of varieties, and in this you can well be governed by your experiment station.

The second thing is spraying—and you'll have to spray to get clean fruit, your spraying must be thorough. You can get along with three or four sprays, but you must spray. Again because of local conditions, your experiment station can give you the information you desire.

Conserve moisture. Cultivate, keep the weeds down. Your apple trees are a crop in the same sense as corn, only the apples are a perennial, and

live from year to year.

Prune the trees and keep the dead, diseased, and interfering branches out.

Finally, don't be afraid to ask questions. I believe that my neighbor knows more about apple trees than most any one in his county but do you know what he said? He said: "When I started in there were a lot of things I didn't know, and there still are. But I have put questions to the experts at the college and experimental station and I have tried to keep in touch with progress in orchard management as well as in other lines of farming. I have tried to learn the reason why as well as how. We have experimented and adapted methods to our own particular needs. But when we didn't know about something we found out from someone whose business it is to know, and who knows."

There you are; if you are interested enough to like your orchard, if you are interested enough to take an orchard problem to some one who knows if you don't know yourself, let me assure you, your home orchard will do as much for you in proportion to its size as the orchard here referred to did for its owners.

### BROKEN DISHES

A good lady of New Glasgow, who is practical as well, has found a sure cure for broken dishes. It is this:—If the dish to be mended can be tied together with a stout string then place it in boiling milk and left one hour, you can never tell the dish had been broken, and it can afterwards be put in boiling water without the pieces coming apart. This experiment has been tried and proven, and many broken dishes made as good as new.

—New Glasgow Enterprise.

### THE TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Telephone service has become a commonplace, so much a matter of course, that telephone users infrequently think of the nervous strain of the human force that keeps it in operation. The operators are hidden from us. We seldom see them face to face. We talk every day with those whom we would not recognize on the street. So we regard telephone service as mechanical and impersonal.

There is, however, a personal side to it, and the rector of St. Luke's Church at Evanston, Ill., has paid this tribute to those who conduct it. "Number, please." Uncrowned heroines of patience, gentleness, courtesy—these are our telephone operators. To sit for hours says "Number, please" in a pleasant voice, to give that soft answer which turneth away wrath; to suffer foolish gladly when they bawl a number in your ear or put the baby at the mouthpiece to hear the baby bawl; to say, quietly, "No party on your line now," knowing the receiver will be slammed at you; to be yelled at, howled at, denounced or derided, and yet to remember always that you are a public servant and never to lose your temper—some job!"

### PORT LORNE

It is with regret we announce the passing away of Mrs. Janet Sabean, which took place on Tuesday morning, Feb. 26th. Mrs. Sabean has been in failing health for some time, but not until the early part of winter was it known that her disease was that which doctors and kind care could not cure. She leaves to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate wife and mother, her husband, Mr. Isaiah Sabean, one son Larry, and two daughters, Mrs. Stephen Neaves and Mrs. Howard Neaves, all of Port Lorne, and Mrs. Everett Sullivan, of Nuthy, Colchester Co.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. William Long, of Alston, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. George Snow of Hampton, Mrs. Robert Neaves at present in St. John, Mr. Lewis Sabean, Port Lorne; Mr. William and Mr. Adelbert Sabean in the United States are brothers.

Mr. Sabean and family have the sympathy of many friends.

### FRENCH TO EXPEL GERMAN OFFICIALS

Dusseldorf.—The French, determined to rid the Rhineland and the Ruhr of German officials who are suspected of being trouble makers, have announced the expulsion of numerous officials from various parts of the occupied territory. The German people and their newspapers declare that French measures antagonistic to the populace would only serve to increase the resistance and bolster up the German cause. The more expulsions, they say, the greater they determine to stick it out.

The latest official to be expelled is Burgomaster Kotten, of Dusseldorf, who was escorted by French soldiers into unoccupied territory. He was ousted because of his refusal to carry out General Degoutte's orders, and publish his proclamations.

### RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON BOOTLEGGERS

Moscow.—The Russian Government declared war on bootleggers and manufacturers of illicit "moonshine" and the campaign duplicating in many of its scenes the situation in some of the cities of Canada's dry provinces. The sale of wines and beers is legal in Russia, but the soviet regime has continued the war policy established in 1915, of banning vodka and other stronger intoxicants.

These now are being made in huge quantities illicitly and nearly every one of Moscow's newly rich has his private source of supply.

### THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER

How dear to our hearts, is the steady subscriber. Who pays in advance at the birth of each year, Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly, And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says: "Stop it, I can not afford it, I'm getting more papers now than I can read;" But always says, "Send it; our people all like it."

The fact is we think it a help and a need.

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum, How it makes our pulse throb, how it makes our heart dance!

We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him— The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Edinburgh Sentinel.

### HERE IS YOUR CHANCE, GIRLS

We trust that our local speed girls will get a chance to cross sticks with either one or the other of the Valley Ladies teams before the Candlemas round hog hands into the Weather Bureau his icy mitt.—Vindoor Tribune.

### SPORTS QUICKLY MADE AND LOST IN BIG SHIPPING BOOM

A recent issue of the Amherst News says: "Hunt and deer are being slaughtered on a wholesale plan throughout the country. This was the assertion made to the News this morning by a citizen of Amherst who has been tramping through the various sporting sections of the country."

Scores of deer, does and yearlings have been killed off, moose have been driven from their parts into the deep, and the deer and stag have been crumpled with axe and rifle in different parts of the country. These activities are not regarded as secret. Deer meat and moose meat, it is alleged, can be secured on request. It is also rumored that small teams of camp, following the first fall of the snow, laid in their winter's supply of "beef" by locating moose yards and killing the occupants. Moose and deer, with the snow between three and five feet deep on the level in the woods, have little opportunity of escaping from attackers. In fact, the animals can only be forced into the deep snow by persistent pressure. Merely to show that the animals fear the snow—a farmer who resides near the town was travelling along the Tyndale Road. He observed a moose coming toward him, but thought that the animal would back off the road and permit him to pass with his tandem team. Instead, the moose crowded the first horse off into the snow and then pressed close upon the second horse. Only when the driver hit the moose across the neck with an axe handle, did the big beast plunge awkwardly into the snow and remain there while the team went past.

Near Port Greville, on the Parrsboro Shore, it has been alleged that sixteen deer were killed by one man this winter, while at another point on the Shore, it has been remarked that a full score has been slaughtered. At other points through the County, scores of the animals have been killed. In the Cobequids, moose and deer have been pursued and shot when founded in the snow.

There is no trouble for the man equipped with snowshoes to make a kill. He has only to start a moose or deer, drive it from the yard into the deep snow, until it loses all energy.

There will also be a dearth of partridge in the Spring months. These game birds, instead of roosting in the trees during the winter months, plunge into the snow, and using wings and feet burrow well into the drifts. But a sharp thaw and a freeze, with the resultant formation of a crust, keeps the birds prisoners until they die from starvation. As one sportsman said to the News: "A close season will be necessary for the next two years to restore the partridge to its old time status."

### MARGARETVILLE

To Community Club meets at the home of Mr. John McMurtrey on Monday evening.

A very interesting cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of J. P. Stronach on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. A. Balcom entertained a few friends at tea on Thursday evening.

Miss Gertrude Dorman is spending a few weeks with friends in Kentville and Wolfville.

Mrs. Avery Baker left on Friday to join her husband in New York.

Mr. C. E. Balcom and Capt. C. D. Baker returned from a trip to Halifax on Friday.

### BOARD OF TRADE OF KENTVILLE MEETS

Kentville.—At the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, George E. Graham gave a report of the Library Committee, showing a membership of 176; books, 1219, of which 819 volumes were fiction. The receipts totalled \$1,169.78, with an expenditure of \$1,109.25, leaving a balance on hand of \$60.53. The report was adopted.

Mr. Graham also spoke in favor of a publicity campaign for the purpose of inducing tourists to this Province. In 1922 59,000 people came through the Vermont gateway to Nova Scotia. He had conversed with different officials of the Government in regard to this matter, as well as with others, and it was deemed advisable to seek the co-operation of the people of Nova Scotia.

### SPORTS QUICKLY MADE AND LOST IN BIG SHIPPING BOOM

Cardiff.—Cardiff, one of the chief coal exporting ports of England, may truly be said to be a city of lost millions.

A tragic price is now being paid in that city and in South Wales generally for the wild riot of speculation and extravagance during the shipping boom in this country, that followed the armistice, when companies and capital values sprung up in a night, issues were subscribed several times over before they were announced. Men rose to fame and fortune almost in a week. Hundreds of pounds were turned into thousands, while thousands grew into millions, and Cardiff rose in a great golden bubble.

But the bubble, as was inevitable has now burst. Something like half the pre-war shipping companies have crashed to irretrievable disaster, while others just hang on desperately.

Men who two years ago owned half a dozen motor cars now walk, for cars, estates, houses, horses and furniture have been sold in the efforts to avert disaster.

Self-made millionaires who, for a brief period kept up vast establishments, with small armies of servants, now live in lodgings, and in case after case lavish display has given place to a poverty, that is all the more bitter by contrast.

The poorer classes also have suffered. When the enormous war demand was made for ships everyone rushed to speculate with money that in many cases represented life savings.

Now it is gone, and thousands of minor tragedies are being played out under the smaller roofs of Cardiff.

Many of the older and sounder companies have weathered the storm, but it is stated that even they are threatened with possible bankruptcy by German competition.

### PURSE OF \$150 GOLD FOR REV. D. J. NELLY

Wife of Medford Pastor Also Receives Gift.

Medford.—Rev. Denton J. Nelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church on Oakland Street, Medford Centre, for five years, was surprised recently at the close of the service and presented a purse of \$150 in gold and a pair of field glasses in connection with the observance of the 50th anniversary of his pastorate.

Mrs. Nelly was presented a basket of flowers and a gold bar pin, the gift of the members of the church and Sunday School.

The presentation of the purse was made by James A. Bovey on behalf of the congregation. Dorothy Pinkham, aged nine, presented the basket of flowers, and her twin brother, Richard, presented the field glasses.

Rev. Mr. Nelly expressed his appreciation of the gifts for himself and his wife.

His subject at the evening service was "The Great Dramas of Modern and Ancient Life." William Simons led the large chorus.

Rev. Mr. Nelly referred to above is a son of Mrs. H. S. Nelly and brother of Mrs. Burpee Chute, of this town. Both he and Mrs. Nelly have hosts of friends in Annapolis and Digby Counties who will be pleased to learn of this tribute to the esteem in which they are held by their congregation in Medford.—(Ed. Monitor).

### ST. CROIX COVE

Mr. Basil Hills and Clyde Marshall left on Friday, the 2nd, for Boston.

Master Frank Hall, of Central Clarence, spent last week with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall, of Central Clarence, visited his parents, the 11th.

Miss Eunice Brinton, of Paradise, spent the week-end at the home of her parents.

Miss Alice Beardsley has returned home after spending a few weeks in Port Lorne at the home of Mrs. Charles Beardsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Banks, of Port Lorne, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Hall.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 8th, a goodly number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall met at their home and gave them a surprise, the occasion being the Deacon's 70th birthday anniversary. A good time was spent in talking over by-gone days. The musical part of the company enjoyed a good sing, after which a bountiful lunch of cakes, pies and tea was served by the ladies. At the close of the evening some of the ladies proposed giving the Deacon a thrashing. The challenge was accepted. Result—Deacon the winner, proving to the onlookers that although three score and ten it requires more than two ordinary women to handle him. After extending congratulations and wishing him many more anniversaries, the company departed for their homes.

### AMENDMENTS TO TEMPERANCE ACT

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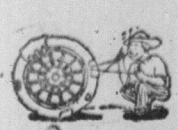
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### FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE

Destroys Capitol Theatre at Glace Bay.

The Canada Temperance Act, to be introduced in the Commons by Hon. D. McKenzie, Solicitor-General, have as their purpose to provide for the prohibition of importing, sending, taking or transporting into any Province in which the prohibition hereunder are in force, any intoxicating liquors and to provide penalties for violation of this Act; and to provide for the revocations when such have been declared revoked by order-in-council of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province affected.

Sydney.—Damage running close to \$50,000 was caused by a fire which practically destroyed the capitol theatre building, which occupied the most prominent business site in Glace Bay, at the junction of Commercial, Main and Union Streets. The building was a wooden almost triangular structure, with streets on three sides.