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THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

Rev. J. B. Daggett, who this week takes up his duties as Secretary of Agriculture, fills a position created through the fact that the Commissioner of Agriculture is a medical doctor and does not understand farming. Mr. Daggett was born and reared on Grand Manan Island and in his youth had little opportunity to study practical agriculture. Early he became a preacher and for a number of years acceptably filled the pastorate of the Free Baptist church at Hartland. Energetic by nature his duties kept him busy and it was not until four years ago that he began his actual agricultural experience. He then became manager of the Hartland Poultry Yards farm.

Plainly the Flemming government does not consider practical knowledge necessary to earn the high salaries paid by the Department of Agriculture, since its chief officers are a doctor and a preacher. But Mr. Daggett was a "friend" who had been promised "consideration", and, besides, it was considered expedient to shelve him.

The St. Andrews Beacon comments as follows:

In a province that is so largely dependent upon agriculture as New Brunswick is at present, the office of Secretary of Agriculture should be held by a man who is either a graduate of one of our agricultural colleges, or a practical farmer of broad experience and training. To appoint a man who is lacking in such theoretical or practical experience, no matter how worthy or how honorable he may be in other respects, is an act of injustice, not only to the farmers of the province, but to the province itself. The agricultural interests of New Brunswick demand the very best that the government can give them. They require men at their head with a comprehensive knowledge of agriculture, men who, by reason of such knowledge, can suggest and advise and promote action or legislation that will tend to the advancing of the farming industry—men who can command the confidence of the farmers. This is not politics, it is sound common sense, and every farmer in the province will agree with us.

An Electric Road?

A Bangor Commercial prints a long article boosting the town of Van Buren. One paragraph in the article will cause the people of New Brunswick some concern. That paragraph is this:

"It is probable that the St. John Valley railroad, the new electrical road, will soon come to St. Leonard's as it has running rights over the Grand Trunk Pacific."

Our Neighbours

Bath.

The fine weather within the last week will enable the most of the potatoes to get harvested. The price here last week ranged around 20c.

Rev. E. C. Turner attended his appointment here in the Methodist Church and Rev. K. McLennan in the Baptist Church.

The attention of the Postoffice department at Ottawa is called to the need of a letter box at the upper end of the Town. We trust the authorities that be will see that those

people who reside on Mechanic Street have such a convenience supplied for them.

A number of persons attended the funeral services of the late David S. Jones at Bristol Sunday. Mr. Jones has one brother, James Jones, a resident here.

Mrs. Matthew Gallagher received her many friends at her residence here on Thursday last. She was assisted by Miss Mary Brennan and Maud Cummins.

C. T. Boyer of Florenceville was a caller here on Saturday last, also A. R. Foster, Police Officer of the C.P. Ry.

Gafield S. Larlee and wife and family are still in the west and do not expect to return here until about Xmas. Mrs. Larlee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manzer Thornton, reside at Calgary.

Albert Demerchant has purchased the James Guest residence and will in the future reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sherwood of Centerville were callers at Mrs. Sherwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Milberry, on Thursday last.

George Nixon and family are moving into the Cox House purchased some time ago from the heirs of the late Duncan Cox.

Fred C. Squiers, B. A., principal of the Florenceville Schools, and wife, spent Sunday in Bath.

James Jones and son, Wendell, arrived home on Saturday last from Perth where Mr. Jones has been engaged at mason work.

Bristol.

The village has just lost one of its oldest and best citizens through the death of David S. Jones, J. P., which occurred on the night of Oct. 17. Mr. Jones, who was 77 years old, came to Bristol when a boy and has made his home here ever since. When a young man he met with an accident which rendered him a cripple for life. Yet he always took an active interest in the welfare of his village, and assisted greatly in building it up. He was a member of the United Baptist Church and a devout Christian. He made a great study of church history and is the author of "Our Bible and How We Got It," a book quite widely known. He was twice married. His second wife formerly Miss Dora Gray, survives him. He leaves three children, two daughters, Mrs. Cyrus Giberson, and Mrs. Stanley Lockhart, both of Bristol, and one son, Clarence at home. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Waldon assisted by Rev. A. Giberson and Rev. C. C. Turner.

Michael Welsh has been confined to his room several days through illness.

Mrs. Howard Jacques who has been very ill is reported better.

On Wednesday evening a number of young people met at the home of Odor Boyer. The gathering was in the nature of a surprise to Miss Nellie Boyer. A pleasant evening was spent in music and games. Miss Boyer left on the afternoon train for Lowell, Mass.

Rosedale.

Mrs. Herbert Sewell had a knitting bee last week. All enjoyed a good time.

Rev. Percy Trafton of Hartland attends our regular prayer meetings on Friday nights.

Mrs. B. H. Harding and daughter, Jeanette, is visiting her father J. H. Sewell of this place.

Two young men of this place seem to have some attraction at Grafton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton visited W. B. DeLong's, Woodstock, on Sunday last.

Charlie Hamilton who has been working at Blaine for the past summer is expected home soon.

Mrs. David Phillips of Mount Pleasant is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Kearney, at present.

River Bank.

C. J. Sualley started for the west last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brooker were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Frank Emery, of Pioneer last week.

Mrs. Robert Rideout and son Samuel went to Florenceville Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy of Hartland were visiting her grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Hunter, recently.

Several of our people went to moving picture show.

Maude Dow is staying a few days in Florenceville East, the guest of Miss Amy Tompkins.

Mrs. James Bell, who has been ill is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McDonald has gone home to Stickney.

Wicklow.

The Baptist circle met at the home of Mrs. James McIsaac on Thursday. Mrs. Minard of Bath has been visiting Mrs. H. L. Olmstead.

Smith Brothers have been doing good work in this place with their gasoline thrasher.

Inspector Meagher visited our school on Friday.

Albert Drost's family have been quite sick with scarlet fever.

Miss Gladys and Nellie Estey drove to Centerville on Saturday.

Miss Thistle, our teacher, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Bishop of River de Chute.

Miss Janie Brooks is again in our midst doing sewing for the ladies.

Frank Sparks has returned from Caribou where he has been working.

Miss Fannie Maddox went to New York on Monday.

Mrs. James McIsaac spent Sunday with her sons at Florenceville.

Mrs. Patterson attended the District Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary at Florenceville on Thursday.

It is reported that Wiley Smith of Clearview is going to move with his family to Wicklow.

Mrs. Byron Hutchinson is home again after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ford.

Connell.

The dwelling house of Llewellyn Smith was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Odor Ebbett are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a young son.

Mrs. John Perry and Mrs. Joseph Grant returned home from St. John Saturday.

Mrs. Guy Holmes is visiting her parents in Houlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McKay gave a very delightful party to their young friends Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Teafford are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Birningham this week.

Wilnot McKay left Wednesday to work on the Valley Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall McDonald of Centerville took tea at George Nicholson's Sunday evening.

Lorenzo Ebbett and daughter, Cora, were calling on friends in Simonds Sunday.

John Perry was awakened Wednesday morning at three o'clock to find his buildings on fire, the wind was blowing very hard. They aroused the neighbors and by hard fighting the fire was extinguished without doing much damage.

Mrs. Carleton Turner is very low at this writing.

Mt. Pleasant.

The farmers here have been busy digging potatoes and report a very good crop.

Emery Kent's children are quite ill with whooping-cough.

C. Somerville and sisters from Biggar Ridge were the guests of Douglas and Jennie Clark, Sunday.

W. B. Harmon of Fredericton is visiting his niece, Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. Edward Clark is somewhat improved after her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cook were visiting Mrs. Nancy Cook, Monday.

Mrs. Catherine Stephenson and Miss Edna Drake have returned home after a short visit to relatives at McAdam Junction. They also visited St. Stephen, Milltown and Calais.

Miss Cassie McQuarrie was the guest of Miss Edna Drake Monday evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Kearney, Rosedale.

Arthur Lunn is threshing at Douglas Clark's.

Waterville.

Rev. E. C. Jenkins preached very acceptable to a large congregation on Sunday morning.

Miss Ronald was in the village over Sunday, she and Miss DeWare spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charlie Palmer.

The Ladies Missionary Society in connection with the Baptist church will hold a chicken supper next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Clara Porter, Upper Waterville.

Mrs. Allen McElroy left this week for York county where she will spend the winter.

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