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can continent is better known to the apple it is comparatively short lived. export apple trade than is the An- I have frequently beaten all competiin and year out this section figures in western Canada and the states on conspicuously in apple shipments to King, Gravenstein and Ribston, alpareils are particularly desirable appareils are particularly desirable appareils. the United Kingdom, competing with though I have lost on Baldwin. fruit shipped from New England, New York and the middle west. For the "There are many trees in various por-

slightly better. Few other commercial apple pro- grafted or double worked. Valley. Perhaps the nearest the latter in this respect are the Pajaro valley alternate years of a medium to large of Middleton has secured an of California with its famous Pippins and Bellefleurs, possibly the Hood for kitchen use. Another tree 1 know ment during the past five years. BRIDGETOWN, N. S. and Bellefleurs, possibly the Hood of is in the Gaspereaux valley. It is river Valley of Oregon and isolated sections in the eastern states. It is of large growth and bears a small estimated by local buyers and ex- red fruit of good quality. I am told standard that it was once. A New porters that fully 75 per cent, if not there is a tree in Annapolis county York exporter is among these "knockmore of the Nova Scotia crop finds its in the orchard of John Ingles, of ers" and growers in the Annapolis way to the United Kingdom and Bentville, with a girth of fifteen feet valley take exception to his derogamostly to London.

Hants and Annapolis. The heaviest 1750. That would make them, if ieconfined to, the counties of Kings, grad can be relied upon, about 150 sult, feels sore. O. T. Daniels confined to, the countries of kings, producing district is embraced in a

mitory including Wolfville, Port William, Aylesford, Berwick, Windsor, Falmouth and Kentville. Other important shipping towns are Annapolis, Bridgetown, Middleton, Kingston, ond, and Baldwins third.

and to twenty-nve anousand marrors bealthy we expect fruit, and usually to be sent out of Nova Scotia in the and there are sent across the Bay of get it if we give the trees good at-AYLESFORD, N S Fundy to fill out space in steamers at tention." St. John, N. B. Of shipments of Nova AN INDEPENDENT EXPORTER. Scotian apples for the season 1905-6, LAND SURVEYOR eighty per cent went to London, nine "The writer had along talk with R. ways be warmed for dairy cattle. It Scotian apples go direct to the Lon- He consigned 9000 barrels in this way, ers which can be utilized. don market and the fruit has secured and in spite of higher insurance, quite a hold on buyers there. Grow- placed the apples at London in good ers in the province are each season en-shape and claims he made money by mands of London consumers, with days.

tire district for production. As a mat- Liverpool.' The all water freight from were elected was only six weeks. About ter of fact the bulk of the fruit is Halifax to Liverpool ranges 60 to 85 February 1st the first steps were takgrown in the Cornwallis and Gasper-cents and it costs 12 to 13 cents to en. The election on the question of eaux valleys and over Windsor way get our apples by rail to Halifax. incorporation was held on February rather than being confined to the The original cost of barrels is about 19th. We got our act through and lower county. TALKS WITH A PIONEER GROWER. containers. From 120 to 300 barrels the first town election was held. Pro-

single shot Iver- producing sections of Nova Scotia Scotian crop of export apples to tide- figures were 102 to 21 against. and interviewed several growers and water. Johnson guns at exporters. Among the pleasurable exto the handsome orchard of J. W. Bigelow on the outskirts of Wolfville. ers have averaged, I should say, A complete stock of Mr. Bigelow was for twelve years around \$2 to 2.25 f. o. b. for their ammunition on hand president of the Nova Scotia fruit around \$2 to 2.25 f. o. b. for their fruit. In 1904-5 the market was cown also

English and Portland
cement, selenite and calcined plaster always
n stock at right prices

growers' association and is still affiliated with that organization in a responsible position. Although above three score and ten, he is vigorous and takes more pride in keeping up his orchard than many a good house keeper does in maintaining her home.

Mr. Bigelow's orchard consists of twenty acres of matured trees and fifty acres of young trees. The owner is ty acres of young trees. The owner is a firm believer in giving his orchard ing. I should judge that the acreage

heavily with potash, bone meal and nitrate of soda. It is estimated that Nova Scotia apple growers pay out nearly two hundred thousand dollars per year for fertilizers.

"I spend one thousand dollars per annum fertilizing my fifty acre apple orchard," said Mr. Bigelow. "To this is attributable the growth and full bearing of trees. Several varieties of apples are staples here, although Justice Weatherby, George Brown. be LAXATIVE BROMO Quinne is attributable the grown and the Bruggiste refund money if it bearing of trees. Several varieties of apples are staples here, although Luue is on each box. 25c.

W. W. Wade, and Bear River Drug Store.

Is attributable the grown and chell. Over Grand Pre way are one apples are staples here, although Ribston Pippin and Blenheim seem the most popular with London buyers and generally sell well there. The Store A. C. Starr at Starr Point has one

the utmost attention and tertilizes devoted to new orchards has enlarged heavily with potash, bone meal and fully 25 per cent during the past five

Howard Bligh & Sons have 5000 trees wick, R. S. Eaton of Kentville and A. S. McDonald of Upper Dyke are progressive orchardists. Mr. Bligh is shipping master at the port of Halifax, but finds his orchard a profitable adjunct. He exports considerable quantities of fruit, having warehouses throughout Hants, Kings and Annapolis counties. The writer visited Mr. Bligh at the latter's office in Halifax, and found him optimistic over prospects for the future of the apple export trade. "Our Nova Scotia fruit Probably no other integral apple former grows to perfection in this is well established in the London marproducing section of the North Ameri- section. While Blenheim is a splendid ket," said he, "and no doubt larger crops than we have been enjoying in recent years could be sold in the Unitnapolis valley of Nova Scotia. Year tors in other apple growing sections ed Kingdom, to good advantage. In

ples to send to the mother country.' While the yield varies greatly from past decade average annual exports of tions of Nova Scotia," says R. W. season to season, returns for a series apples from Nova Scotia have been 320,000 barrels, ranging from as low the age of one hundred years are still that during the past five years, J. Elas 52,000 barrels in 1897-8 to as high healthy and bearing full crops of liot Smith of Wolfville has averaged as 615,000 barrels in 1903-4. For the past three years the crop has not proved a full one, yet exports have averaged around 350,000 barrels or are still some twenty trees in bear- George H. Starr of Port Williams \$263 ing. Some of them have been re- C. E. Sheffield of Upper Canard \$225, F. H. Johnson of Bridgetown \$225, R. ducing sections of the American continent export so large a percentage of trees still in existence. One is on the and E. J. Elliot of Clarence \$304. the total crops as does the Annapolis farm of Pres. John Donaldson, of Some of these have only small tracts,

fifty feet; spread of branches sixty feet. The only data we have of the York man, owing to the fact that a THE IMPORTANT
APPLE DISTRICTS feet. The only data we have of he few years ago he made a good thing age of these trees is the tradition that Nova Scotia apple production cent they were full grown and bearing wien out of Nova Scotia apples, while the 

However this may be, the writer "One must not suppose that all our beard the same complaint, although mark. It is simply a case of the sur- al resident export buyers. They did vival of the fittest, favorable location, not attribute this state of affairs so wish you to observe in your contribudeep soil, good drainage, etc. Ray much to any general slump in qual-Bridgestown, Middleton, Kingston, deep soil, good drainage, etc. Ray much to any general slump un quark mond Clark who owns the 1000-tire mond with Kings and Ribston Pippins see the expulsion of the Canadian French booves Nova Scotia apple farmers to and were top-grafted 50 or 60 years leave no stone unturned to send ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF MAR. 1. send more riddles or puzzles. Halifax gets by far the greater por- ago. They bear good crops. In every abroad the best fruit possible. No tion of the Nova Scotia apple crop large orchard we find some trees fail- doubt the present stringent fruit No. 1-1, Mabel; 2, Grace; 3, Hattie; destined for shipment to England, aling at 20 years of age, while others marks regulations now enforced by 4, Helen; 5, Bertha; 6, Etta; 7, Eva; though in some seasons fifteen thousand to twenty-five thousand tharrels years or more. As long as they are much to do in causing choicer apples

## COWS NEED WARM WATER.

During the winter water should alper cent to Liverpool, and fifteen F. Harris, a leading exporter at Wolf- pays for all kinds of live stock, but is When they are 22: 4, The platter, but thousand barrels to Glasgow. In ad- ville. Mr. Harris gained considerable especially desirable for cows producdition thirty-eight thousand barrels attention a or ale of years ago ing milk. No cow can digest her food found their way to France and in thee through his "bucking" steamship if she is compelled to drink ice water, neighborhood of nine hundred harrels companies by sending apples abroad a shrinkage of milk always results. to South Africa. The bulk of Nova on a little barkentine called the Skoda There are many makes of tank heat-

### NOVA SCOTIA'S NEWEST TOWN.

deavoring to cater more to the de the venture. The woyage consumed 22 "Nova Scotia's newest town, Lockemainds of London consumers, with days.

beneficial results. The general public "It costs a flat rate of ninety time," said Mr. Frederick W. Sutherin referring to Nova Scotian apples cents per barrel to get apples from land of that place to the Chronicle. seems to consider that the Annapolis 'the Annapolis valley to London," "From the time the first step was valley comprises practically the en said Mr. Harris, and 80 cents to taken until the Mayor and Council 25 cents each for standard 96-quart gazetted and on the 12th of March can be loaded to the car, with the portionately the vote on incorpora-Recently an editorial representative average about 150 barrels. Thus it tion was also a record one being alof this journal traversed the chief takes 2500 cars to get a fair Nova most five to one in favor of it. The



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## PUZZLE CORNER.

Dear Boys and Girls,-You will see following contributions and the nice we have made some progress this letter accompaning it. week as we have some new contribu- Dear Editor,-I am very interested offer prizes. There are a few rules we of our own and I hope it will con-

REHEADINGS.

No. 2-1, Supper, Upper; 2, Spain, Pain; 3, Sword, Word; 4, Clock, Lock; 5, Fred, Red; 6, Harm, Arm.

1. Wedding ring; 2, Doorbell; 3, po pie; 5, M and H will make us mush; 6, The Pulpit; 7, When it is made into a ruler.

No correct solutions of puzzles of got them partly correct were: Owen W. Graves, Bridgetown; E. M. Fairn, Aylesford; Fannie K. Dodge, Belleisle; C Emmerson Parker, Granville Ferry; Aberdeen, Middleton,

If Freda M. Brooks and Fannie K. Dodge will send answers to their puzzles we shall be pleased to publish them. Contributions from E. M. Fairn will be published next week.

### I. BEHEADINGS.

1-Behead something used in making liquids and leave a merchant's money drawer, again and leave indisposed. 2-Behead a place for trade and leave rent, again and leave a mineral. 3-Behead to locate and leave fine needlework, again and leave one. 4-Behead a bit of fire and leave pleasure ground, again and leave a building mentioned in the Bible.

P. UZZLER. SPELLING BY NUMBERS. 1-Five hundred, plus one, plus one thousand, equals what word? 2-One hundred, plus naught, plus fifty, plus five hundred, equals what growth.

3-Fifty, plus one, plus five hundred, equals what word? 4-One thousand, plus naught, plus fifty, plus five hundred, equals what

naught, plus five hundred, equals what 6-One hundred, plus one, plus five, plus one, plus fifty, equals what word? ATLAS.

Whole I am composed of nine letters neaning a cloister. My 1, 2, 3, 7, 9. is needed for my

My 2, 4, 8 is used in a boat. My 1, 4, 9 is what we all are long-

ABERDEEN. 1-When tomorrow is yesterday, today will be as far from the end of the week as was today from the beginning of the week when yesterday

was tomorrow. What day of the week is today? 2-I'm a hint: It may be a look or

a word. Great grandfather wore me well powdered I've heard.

I hit ball in a game where the skilful succeed: I'm a letter that's always before you

3-My first is to injure, my second a kind of grain, my third a period, my whole-one of the United States.

### CONTINDRUMS 4-Why is wind blind?

5-What is it from which you take the whole some will remain? 6-What great country will remain y beheading the first letter of anoth-

country? 7-Spell a tree backward and get a girl's name. 8-How should a wife resemble roast

9-How did Henry the Eighth differ rom other men as a suitor? 10-In men I embody ripe learning

and reason. t a Thanksgiving dinner I'm always in season. Though I'm prized by the cook and no

What were Greece and its greatness and glory without me? HIDDEN GIRLS NAMES. 1-"Gabriel Lajeunesse!" they said;

'Oh yes, we have seen him.' 2-By fairy hands their knell is rung.
3-Men are but children of a larger 4-As an agricultural country,

France surpasses Great Britain.
5—The bad die young.
6—Does Bob eat rice? 7-Sir Walter Scott wrote the "Lady of the Lake." 8-On a large portion of the Sahara desert no rain ever falls. 9-After a pleasant journey we reached Naples, the largest city in

11-On February 21st, 1702, William III fell from a young horse and broke and shook his chain and wrung his 13-0h, be my friend, and teach me

to think.

4-She bore to the reapers at noontide flagons of home-brewed ale, ah! fair in sooth was the maiden.