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**PROVINCIAL NOTES**

A number of men interested in making a Driving Park in Windsor, with an exhibition building in connection with it, have formed a company which is called the West Hants Exhibition and Driving Park Co. with officers as follows: Pres. Walter J. Aylward; Vice-Pres. Walter F. Card; Secty.-Treas. E. A. Hill; Directors, Enoch Hennessey, Brooklyn; E. Gertrude, Hantsport; J. Fred Hill, Windsor; Chas. Burke, Avondale; Geo. O'Brien, Windsor Forks.

There will be a new development in electing in Manitoba, as radio equipment will be used for broadcasting campaign speeches. The plan will be that the ministers will make a number of speeches at broadcasting stations in the city to the electors of the Province. It is estimated that an audience of several thousand persons can be obtained by use of the radiophone. This will be the first time in the history of Canada that this method of electing has been tried.

Annapolis Royal can now boast of a first-class motor bus service, thanks to the enterprise of Albert Cole, proprietor of the Albert Street Garage. The bus is a new, up-to-date Ruggles sixteen passenger car, that provides convenience, comfort and rapid transit. The route is from the head of the old ferry slip, Granville Ferry, to Lequille Post Office. It is designed to serve the needs of the town better than an electric tram could. Mr. Cole deserves every encouragement for endeavoring to put Annapolis in line with the march of progress.

A novel idea has been advanced by R. M. King & Son, of Annapolis Royal. They are distributing free pumpkin seed and offering \$15 in prizes for the biggest "fruit" sent them in the fall for exhibition purposes at Annapolis fair time.

This offer is not limited to growers of seed furnished by them but the firm have interested themselves to the extent of purchasing special mammoth varieties which they are distributing gratis to applicants. Get busy, Mr. Farmer, and grow a pumpkin.

Encouraging reports continue to come from the various sections of the Annapolis Valley where enquiries have been made regarding the possibilities of the fruit crop this season. There seems to be every indication of a good crop. After the heavy crops of the past three years it might be expected that orchards would give signs of a needed rest this season. Yet such is not the case. The first buds this year have every promise of another full blossoming year, and we may expect that by the first of June our Valley will be a mass of pink and white bloom. Then, if our usual weather conditions continue, another million barrel crop may be experienced.

The new bridge across the Allan Creek on the road between Annapolis and Digby is now complete and open for service. The construction of this bridge was a long drawn out job, because of the unexpected difficulties encountered. The banks of the river are very soft and the mud is from fifty to sixty feet deep. To add to the perplexity, quicksands abound. It was therefore very difficult to get firm and secure foundations for the piers. Last autumn, when it was thought that the bridge was complete, the heavy fill at the east end had to be removed, an extra pier erected, and a forty-five feet concrete slab added to the structure. Winter closed in before the work was complete, and it had to be held over until this spring. By now it is happily completed, greatly to the relief of all concerned, especially the travelling public that for so long have had to take chances on the bent and twisted old bridge. This new bridge rests on six concrete piers and consists of "two one hundred steel spans with concrete floors and three spans of concrete slabs. It is a very substantial structure. The contractors were Reid and Archibald, and the work was done under the supervision of W. D. Robertson, Government Engineer.

It is not a question of France acting alone, if there is defiance of the Versailles treaty. We are signatories to the treaty which the House of Commons ratified. We are committed to it. In spite of all misrepresentations, we still shall stand for the policy of moderation and fulfillment.

The Prime Minister concluded by saying that the circumstances which had arisen rendered it unnecessary to refer to any discussions of recent weeks, and he hoped it would be unnecessary to resume those discussions and enter into the question of the effect of isolated action, declaring: "All I would say would be that I agree that any isolated action on the part of any of the Allies would be disastrous to the Entente between them."

Silas Gates and son have completed their large barrel factory at Middleton and now have it equipped and fourteen coopers at work. Mr. Justin Gates is in charge at that place.

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**TROSPPECTS GOOD FOR BIG CROP, SAYS DR. CUMMING**

Dr. Melville Cumming, Secretary for Agriculture for this Province, who recently returned from a trip to the Annapolis Valley and as far west as Yarmouth, says regarding crop conditions:

The outlook for apples in the Annapolis Valley is particularly good. The cold weather has prevented the apple blossoms from opening early and thereby becoming subject to danger from frost. The situation, he said, was very encouraging.

Dr. Cumming said that with sufficient rain and heat the outlook for a good hay crop and ample pasturage was also good this year, for there had been very little winter killing of grass.

**DR. CUTTEN NON-COMMITTAL**

Wolfville, N. S.—Dr. George B. Cutten, President of Acadia, has resigned from that institution. He placed his resignation before the Board of Governors at a meeting recently. When asked for his reasons for retirement, Dr. Cutten was non-committal. The statement issued by the Board of Governors stated that the President had resigned, but gave no reasons for his action. It is assumed, however, that he is accepting the Presidency of Colgate University, New York State, as has been intimated in recent despatches from there. His resignation from Acadia is to take effect from July 31st.

**GERMAN DEFIANCE IS NOT PERMITTED**

London.—With Germany undefiant, Premier Lloyd George had planned to make a brief statement on reparations in the House of Commons recently, but when John Robert Clynes, Labor member, opened the debate and attributed the present difficulties to the Government's election pledges of 1918, the Prime Minister launched into a lengthy defense of the reparations commission and the treaty of Versailles.

Mr. Lloyd George praised the German attitude towards the reparations commission and indicated that so long as she was not defiant, Germany could count on Britain's sympathy and understanding of the difficulties involved in meeting the treaty conditions. He declared, however, that there was no cause for disagreement between France and England, for should Germany refuse to attempt to fulfill the commission's proposals, Great Britain's place would be at the side of the Versailles signatories despite the misrepresentations which were being made.

Great Britain believed in the traditional policy of moderation and fulfillment, continued the Prime Minister, and he gave warning that isolated action on the part of any one of the Allies would be disastrous to the Entente between them.

"It is the policy pursued after Waterloo toward France when Prussia and Russia and the other victors urged that France be trampled," said Mr. Lloyd George. "The Government in that day refused to countenance such a policy; we are pursuing the same course. But if Germany is defiant, if she should say 'this treaty we decline to carry out,' it would be different. A German policy of non-fulfillment would be a policy of immediate disaster."

The season for gardening is here again. Too much encouragement cannot be given to the home gardener. Many towns have gardening contests to encourage these efforts. Perhaps this might be a wise idea for us to try.

**CANADA'S REVENUE IS INCREASING**

Ottawa.—Total revenue from customs and excise for May shows an increase of a million and a half in comparison with the total for May of last year. The figures are:—  
May, 1921—\$19,693,321.  
May, 1922—\$21,203,291.

There was an increase in all branches of customs and excise duties, with the exception of excise duties, which showed a decrease of \$22,100. The increase in revenue from excise duties was \$1,117,138; from excise taxes, \$409,993, and from sundry collections, \$4,936.

**CIVIL SERVANTS ON PAY ROLL**

Ottawa.—Canada has over 7,700 civil servants who are receiving smaller salaries than \$800 per annum, according to a return tabled in the House of Commons. The total of employees given as receiving \$600 per annum and less was 13,500.

**WAS FAMOUS ATHLETE**

The late Robert Laidlaw, of Dartmouth, N.S., whose death occurred in Montreal on Monday, was well known throughout the Maritime Provinces as a great athlete. He was one of the best hockey players that Dartmouth ever turned out, and he was the fastest skater of his day. He carried off all amateur honors, and then turned professional. He raced and defeated Hugh McCormack, of St. John, then the champion of Canada.

Mahone, N. S.—A particularly tragic drowning occurred at Mader's Cove about 9.45, when Wallace W. Eisenhour, 17 years of age, a well known Mahone young man, lost his life. The body was recovered several hours after the tragedy, lying in about twelve feet of water.

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