

Maritime Farmer.

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The Recent Show.

In all seasons except financial, the Horse and Cattle Show may be considered a great success. The display of splendid animals was really fine, alike creditable to our breeders and the Government that so generously fosters the business of agriculture. The future must be full of success to New Brunswick stock breeders and farmers, and their success means advancement to the best interests of the Province. Everybody was sorry that the bad weather interfered with the full success of the Show, and in the connection the Park Association are deserving of sympathy. Its members, ably seconded by the Government, labored to the best of their ability to ensure a triumph, and they succeeded in all points except making the thing pay. However, the Association is not composed of men who very readily become disheartened, and we hope to see continued the good work energetically commenced. Next year there is no reason why we should not have a big show. We have a new agricultural society composed of the best blood for miles around, and this organization will no doubt co-operate heartily with the Park Association.

The result of the sales of the Government stock must have convinced the country present that the administration have done wisely in expending a portion of the revenue to improve the breeds of cattle, horses, sheep, and swine. The animals brought fine prices, especially the sheep, and the introduction of so much thoroughbred stock into the province must produce most satisfactory results. Hon. Mr. McEllen seems to have displayed excellent judgment in his purchases abroad, and the breeders here nobly came to the front when the stock was offered for sale.

The Price of Bread.

The immediate cause of the high price of flour and the extra cent on the bread loaf says the *Sun*, is easily traced to one Hutchinson, a Chicago speculator, who bargained for large quantities of wheat to be delivered on a certain day, and then bought up all the available supply. The result was that when the dealers looked for grain to fill their contracts it could not be found. Before they could sell to Hutchinson they had to buy from fifty per cent. more than he paid them. On wheat, contracted to be delivered in September, Hutchinson made anywhere from one to two million, while he forced the price up thirty or forty cents per bushel. He is repeating the process in respect to contracts for delivery in October, November, December, and other dates up to next spring. The price has thus been worked up two or three cents per day. The rise in the price of wheat is of course accompanied by a corresponding movement in flour. Housekeepers find that a barrel of flour which cost them \$5.50 a few weeks ago, cannot be had now under \$7.50. In three days the price has gone up seventy-five cents. Yesterday the bakers added a cent to the price of the two pound loaf.

It was said above that the Chicago speculator was the immediate cause of the rapid rise in price. But he precipitated an event that was bound to come sooner or later without him. Wheat is high because the world's wheat crop is short. Every bushel raised, and all that is left from last year's crop will be wanted to feed the hungry before the next crop grows. No man could have forced up the price and kept it up if there had been a large surplus of grain in the west. The man Hutchinson, who is so much abused has certainly taken some of the profit of the rise in wheat, but he did not yet own. We doubt very much if he has made the workmen pay more for their bread than they would have had to pay a few weeks later in any case.

It is predicted in Boston that flour will rise to ten dollars before spring. The present rise of two dollars the barrel means, if the price holds for a year, that the New Brunswick people must send away about \$700,000 more than last year to pay for their bread. It means an additional outlay of \$12 to \$24 for the family of the working man. Yet the fact must be taken into consideration that flour has been unusually low for the past year or two, and that half the increased price so far may be regarded as a return to normal conditions.

The Freshets.

The great rain storm and the consequent freshets have caused great destruction and inconvenience to many public interests, some details of which will be found in our news columns. It is wonderful what an amount of grumbling a railway block will cause now-a-days. Not very many years ago the people of New Brunswick got along quite comfortably without railways or telegraph wires or daily newspapers, but now we cannot very well do without these modern conveniences. Business is at a standstill almost, by a few hours interruption of the mails, and a block on the railways is almost unbearable.

The result of recent rain has been most disastrous on the railways and to private and public property in other directions. Such torrents are unique at this season of the year. However, a few days lively work among the railway men will restore communication, but the loss to the companies will be very considerable. The Government's bill for the repair of bridges will also foot up to a handsome sum.

Hon. Mr. Johnson, the *Unit* hope in Shelburne, has declined appointing General Laurier for the Commons, and Mr. O'Connell, a young Halifax lawyer has been assigned to the office.

A Manitoba Scandal.

Under the heading "A Second Pacific Scandal," the *Winnipeg Free Press* makes most damaging accusations against the members of the Manitoba local government. It says that four days after being sworn in as Premier, Mr. Greenway gave a letter promising certain railway legislation to the promoters of the Manitoba Central in return for a promise by the promoters to pay him \$12,000, ten thousand being for the general elections fund, and the balance for his own election, as he feared opposition. These charges of corruption and jobbery come from a newspaper of the same political faith as the Manitoba Premier, and his attacks upon Mr. Norquay and his attacks upon the Conservative administration. The *Free Press* has been the leading Liberal paper in the Northwest for years and assisted Greenway in upsetting the late government. Mr. Greenway denies the charges made against him, and is suing the *Free Press* for criminal libel.

To-morrow is the day set for the visit of the young German Emperor to the Pope. At the interview, which will be one of the most picturesque of modern times, William is to be led through room after room in a state procession, each chamber to be filled with ecclesiastical and lay dignitaries, until he reaches the throne room. Here the Pope, standing in front of the throne, attended by a few cardinals will receive the Kaiser and request him to be seated in a chair on the right of the throne. Then after formal compliments and conversation the Pope will lead his guest to his private apartments where they will have a long and secret interview. All this has more than mere pictorial significance. It means peace at least for the time. France and Russia may still separately or conjointly as much as they please. They are powerless to break the combination, of which the young Kaiser is the visible head.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Summary of Foreign, Dominion, and Provincial Happenings.

Gathered from every Quarter.

Senator Ross, who died at Quebec last week, left an estate of \$100,000. Axel Paulsen, the Norwegian skater, will visit America again this winter. A young man has died at Port George, Annapolis county, N. S., from the effects of swallowing poison. The harvest of corn in the United States will be over 2,000,000,000 bushels. Of this only four per cent. is exported.

Rev. E. Wallace White of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Newcastle, has received a call from Knox church, Galt, Ontario.

A Paris firm has produced porous glass for window panes. The panes are too fine to see through, but they assist in ventilation.

A new beverage has been invented in France, intermediate between beer and wine, and which is to be sold under the name of *celery wine*.

At Campbellville, Thursday, Medley Brown came by William Best, a well known character of the place and fatal results. Best, best left the country.

James W. Brown, the bigamist, was lately sentenced in Detroit to four years and a half in the State Prison. He had twenty-three wives, seven of whom were present when he was sentenced.

R. S. White, Conservative, was elected in Cornwall, Ontario to the House of Commons Wednesday, by a 112 majority, defeating Stubbs, a disaffected Conservative who was supported by the Grit party.

Two young Germans in Berlin fought a duel with pistols. The duelists were both married, and the fight was a disgraceful one, with slight injuries to themselves and serious damage to the machines.

Thirty-four Dominion bye-elections have taken place since February, 1897, of which the government party have been successful in twenty-three. The Grits have won only about one in four of the total number.

The celebrated D. D. Currie case will probably be among the earliest cases reached at the sitting of the Supreme Court which opened yesterday. In this case the Methodist conference are called upon to show cause why Rev. Mr. Currie should not be reinstated.

David Lovely, in attempting to turn his horse and carriage out of the Eastbrook bridge, Carleton County, Saturday night, got off the road and his horse falling ten or twelve feet down a bank, struck on a stone and was killed. None of the occupants of the carriage were injured.

The English Government has decided to abandon the project of forming companies of mounted infantry for the Egyptian Campaign from the regiment of Foot Guards. This determination has been made in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining suitable horses suitable for men of the physique of Guardsmen.

The corn chaffing factories throughout the State of Maine closed their work on Saturday last, with only one or two to one-half the peak expected at the planting season, and a considerable portion of what was put up of a reduced quality, on account of the frost. Nothing like it has ever before occurred in Maine.

At the close of the Provincial Exhibition last week, the other day, Premier Fielding said he had the pleasure of announcing that he had completed negotiations for the purchase of a property situated on Bible Hill, Truro, which is to be adapted to the purpose of the agricultural school already formed in connection with the Normal School at Truro. The farm purchased embraces 100 acres of choice land.

The Maori football team, who have come to try conclusions with English football players, are all good, and the English team is not at present. They are twenty-five good-looking, strong, and of them being full-blooded Maori, they are all of the same color, and are reported to be wonderfully active.

A horrible accident took place at Mc Donald's Point, Queens County on Wednesday, which resulted in the death of W. Moffatt of that place, who had charge of a grist mill owned by George Day. The body was found standing erect with the right arm terribly mangled and wrapped around the shaft of the mill. A view of the surroundings at the time the body was found would suggest that while grinding Mr. Moffatt had discovered a waste of flour on its passage to the bolt, and got upon a barrel to remedy the defect, with the result above stated. Owing to the absence of the family, the body remained undiscovered for some time, when a man came to the mill with a grist and was horrified to find the dead man as above described. An inquisition was held by Coroner Abely and a verdict of accidental death returned.

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ADISAPPROUS DIV.

Immense Damage at many Points.

Railway Communication Blocked By Washouts and Bridges Gone.

Heavy Loss on the Nashua.

The heavy rains that set in Saturday night, and continued almost uninterruptedly till Monday night, has made havoc with many public works of a most important character. The storm seems to have been quite general throughout the province, but the greatest damage is reported from along the St. John river valley and along the line of the Northern Railway and the New Brunswick Railway.

The train service in all directions has been simply paralyzed, and the greatest inconvenience has been experienced in business circles by the non-arrival and non-departure of mails. The only train arriving in Fredericton Monday was the western one, which was five hours late and the only one that departed and reached its destination was that of the Gibson branch to Woodstock. The Northern and Western trains which leave the city of Brunswick street at 7 A. M., only reached a point this side of J. R. McDonald's, one mile from Gibson, Monday, a washout some thirty feet wide and twenty feet deep having been made there. Men are now hurriedly engaged filling it in, and a train will probably be able to pass through the ditch there this morning.

The bridge over the Nashua near Penikese is almost entirely gone, and with it the telegraph wires, which have interrupted communication between Gibson and points beyond Cross Creek. It will take two or three days at least to get the bridge, and until then regular communication cannot be established unless by transfer.

On the New Brunswick Road, the damage has been most extensive. Says the *Telegraph* of Tuesday:—"The scene in the despatcher's office of the N.B. railway, last evening, was one of the most that could be imagined. The constant clicking of the telegraph instruments told of almost numberless orders being despatched and received from the line of the washout. The telephones were frequently broken into requisition also by persons who were anxious for information. A notice was posted on the ticket agent's window to the effect that this morning's train at 4.40 would only run as far as Wolford, and that there would not be any train for Woodstock, Fredericton, St. John, or any point west of Wolford until further notice. The washouts reported are between Wolford and Hoyt stations. There are about four or five places where the water has completely undermined the track rendering it impossible to take an engine over. The Boston train was stopped at Fredericton Junction, yesterday morning, and was therein from Fredericton. The latter and the other bound trains from St. John, and the places from which they started. The washouts are from 100 to 300 feet in length and from four to twelve feet in depth. They were despatched before daylight this morning from every available place for the scene, and a large crowd of people gathered to witness the most serious is caused by the overflow of Quig's lake."

The mail matter is considerably mixed up. The first mails and papers from St. John, which reached here last night by boat. The best arrangements possible were made yesterday for the handling of the outward bound western mail, which was sent from St. John by the Intercolonial Railway to Richmond Junction, and the rest of the United States mails, with several passengers, came here by boat and were forwarded last night by special train.

In and around Fredericton the storm was very severe. The St. John river rose Monday at the rate of six inches per hour, and the rise continued all day yesterday. The flood, which is the greatest ever known in the river, is a perfect torrent, and Mr. Gibson said to the *Telegraph*, that his 35 year old residence at Maryville, has never seen the Nashua nearly as high as it was yesterday. At Maryville the damage has been most complete. The new high water bridge from Mr. Gibson's store to his cotton mill has lost two spans and one pier, these sections having been swept down river and into the Glaizer booms. These were to have been seen at Mr. Gibson's mills, but now will be left to the St. John river. The old high water bridge above Mr. Gibson's saw mill is almost completely gone, and over one million feet of lumber is now being swept down river and into the Glaizer booms. These were to have been seen at Mr. Gibson's mills, but now will be left to the St. John river. The old high water bridge above Mr. Gibson's saw mill is almost completely gone, and over one million feet of lumber is now being swept down river and into the Glaizer booms. These were to have been seen at Mr. Gibson's mills, but now will be left to the St. John river.

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Show, Sale and Races.

A FINE DISPLAY, GOOD PRICES, PLENTY OF SPORT, But Very Bad Weather.

The Prize Winners and Stook Purchasers.

The clerk of the weather evidently ordered the worst article he had for Fredericton last week. He seemed to have stored up all the available water in the universe to pour in torrents on the unfortunate heads of our visitors. Monday was fine—beautifully so—and this encouragement to the promoters of the show, races and sale, but on Tuesday the rain commenced to descend and it continued to pour steadily till Wednesday evening. The weather cleared and Thursday was fine, but Friday was as bad as Sunday and Wednesday. Saturday partially cleared, but down came another rain Saturday night and it fell incessantly till Monday evening. How did the weather operate on the people? It is very difficult to say, but the promised visitors away from the city, and made it most unpleasant for the other half of the week. Hundreds of dollars out of the pockets of the Park Association, the merchants and the people generally; it practically closed the horse and cattle show Wednesday, it postponed the races and the sale, and again Friday afternoon, and sent lots of the visitors home without having seen the full programme.

The show opened Wednesday morning in spite of the rain, but there was only a meagre attendance, people not caring to wade through mud and water up to their knees, even if by doing so they could see the finest exhibition of horses and cattle ever shown in the lower Province. But it is not the show, but the credit to the stock raisers of the Province and to the Government, which has taken such an interest in the advancement of stock improvement, that the show was held. The horses and cattle alone was a feature that attracted the attention of hundreds, and the result of the show will be seen in the list of prize winners and stook purchasers.

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