

ANNUAL MEETING Nova Scotia FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Capitol Theatre -
KENTVILLE
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
DEC. 14, 15, 16

This Convention marks the beginning of a new year for the Nova Scotia fruit grower. The program is a very fine one. Important business, especially that with reference to a systematic, Valley-wide control of "Black Spot" and "Aphis" is coming before the meeting for action. Ladies invited to attend.

(Opening Session: 7.15 p.m., Monday, December 14th)

ERIC LESLIE, Secretary

New Stock

- One Car Cedar Shingles.
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DALHOUSIE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. George Buckler spent a pleasant afternoon at Mrs. Jane Marshall's, November 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Buckler, and Miss Grace Buckler spent a pleasant evening, November 25th, at Mr. Myers Gibson's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buckler spent part of the day, Sunday, 29th ult, with her mother, Mrs. Jane Marshall.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schurman, who has spent some weeks at Port Williams and Bridgetown, returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane Marshall, December 3rd.

Miss Grace Buckler, and Mrs. Clifford Buckler spent a pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jane Marshall, December 3rd.

The body of little Goldie Mederatt, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mederatt, of Darlings' Lake, was laid to rest in the family burying lot at All Saints' Church, December 4th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and family.

Rev. J. D. Townsend preached the funeral sermon at the home.

LAKE LA ROSE.

Miss Bertha Forcey was the Friday guest of Mrs. Arnold Harnish, of Lequille, November 27th.

Mr. Douglas Uhlman, of Greywood, was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Reginald Rice, November 29th.

Mrs. James Rice of Moschelle, spent the last end of the week at the home of Mrs. Eben Rice.

Mr. Bernard Mallman of Upper Clements, was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Bert Mallman, November 29th.

Miss Elsie Goldsmith of Perotte, has spent a few days with Mrs. Aubrey Rice.

Mr. Kenneth Mallman is visiting his cousin, Henry Mallman, of Upper Clements.

Mrs. Bertrum Mallman, who has been visiting her father, Mr. Robert Cummins, of Bloomington, has returned home.

Mr. Bertrum Mallman and sons Robert and George, were the Sunday guests at the same home.

Miss Bertha Forcey is visiting friends in Belleisle.

ADDRESS OF PRES. CHIPMAN OF A.C.F.A.

Review of Agricultural Conditions During the Year—Suggestions Made for Improvement of Apple Producing Conditions.

MEMBERS OF THE ANNOPLIS COUNTY FARMERS ASSOCIATION.

Gentlemen:— Following the custom of the many retired Presidents of this Association, I will make a brief review of the past seasons labours and the results thereof.

During the past year we have had very unusual weather conditions. During the month of January, we had temperature much lower than ordinarily experienced in the Valley, in some sections the mercury falling to 35 below zero. This was followed by a general break-up of winter in the early part of February with unusually mild weather following through the early spring months.

During our growing season, while we had some extremely warm weather, taking the summer through it has been unusually cool, with much less sunshine than we ordinarily get.

These adverse conditions did not appear to have a very unfavorable influence on the growth of ordinary farm crops as we have harvested good crops of Hay, Grain, and vegetables, which with the exception of Hay, are commanding a better price in the markets than usual.

In the Dairy Industry with its sideline of Pork, conditions have been very favorable, as prices for both butter fat and pork have been considerably higher than last year and should net the producers a fair margin of profit.

The one crop failure that we have experienced, a failure that probably has a greater influence on our prosperity than a failure in all our other crops combined, has been a very high and dirty apple crop. With the exception of a few individual orchards, this condition has been general in the whole county.

In these exceptional orchards, we find a good crop of clean Apples, where orchards in the same locality, receiving, apparently as good care, have produced a light crop of dirty fruit.

This is a problem that should require some very close study by our Government Officials whose duty it is to watch these conditions, and some method of control worked out that may be used in our future operations.

Prices for Apples on the English Markets, have been considerably lower for all grades than they were last season, and are running considerably lower than those realized for United States and Ontario Apples of the same grades. This difference in price may in part be due to the better fat and pork have been considerably higher than last year and should net the producers a fair margin of profit.

The surplus in many cases would be trucked to Halifax by team and figuring time spent at present day values the transportation cost more than car lot freight rates are from western Canada today.

In those days mixed farming was compulsory, but today with our modern transportation by land and sea, distance has been annihilated and the whole world is commercially, just one big community.

Why have we given up the production of wheat and beef, because western Canada can produce them much cheaper than we can, and is supplying our markets and us, with these products? Their production in Dairy products is increasing 20% each year, and considering that the same raw material used in the production of beef, are fed to the Dairy herd, is it unreasonable to predict that in the near future they will supply our markets with dairy products at a price we cannot meet at a profit.

In 1911, the Argentine produced three million pounds of butter, in 1922, fifty-eight million pounds, in 1923 sixty-eight million pounds, and during the first six months of 1924 she shipped three million pounds into the United States, in spite of a duty of eight cents a pound.

The whole Agricultural world has during the past few years engaged in dairying more extensively than ever before. Can we compete with the rest of the world?

In the Fruit Industry, while we cannot produce Apples of the appearance and quality of our competitors fruit, we can produce and deliver them on the English Market much cheaper than any of them.

Our chief competitors on the Great Britain Market in barrelled apples are the states of Virginia and New York. Let us make a comparison between their production and market-

ing costs and ours. I think, \$75.00 per acre would be a maximum price for good orchard land in this valley. In Virginia and New York it is valued at \$150.00 and \$200.00 per acre. In the Niagara District in Ontario, \$200.00 to \$300.00 per acre. In British Columbia, \$200.00 to \$400.00 per acre.

The American and Ontario producer pays 75 cents for his barrels against our price of 40 cents. In marketing our apples we have

a rail and ocean freight rate to the Great Britain market of \$1.22 per barrel. Virginia apples cost, \$1.53 per barrel, and British Columbia apples \$2.22½ per barrel, via St. John, N. B.

Labour is much cheaper in this valley than in any other apple producing district in America. Fertilizers are cheaper here than in Ontario, and I think as cheap as

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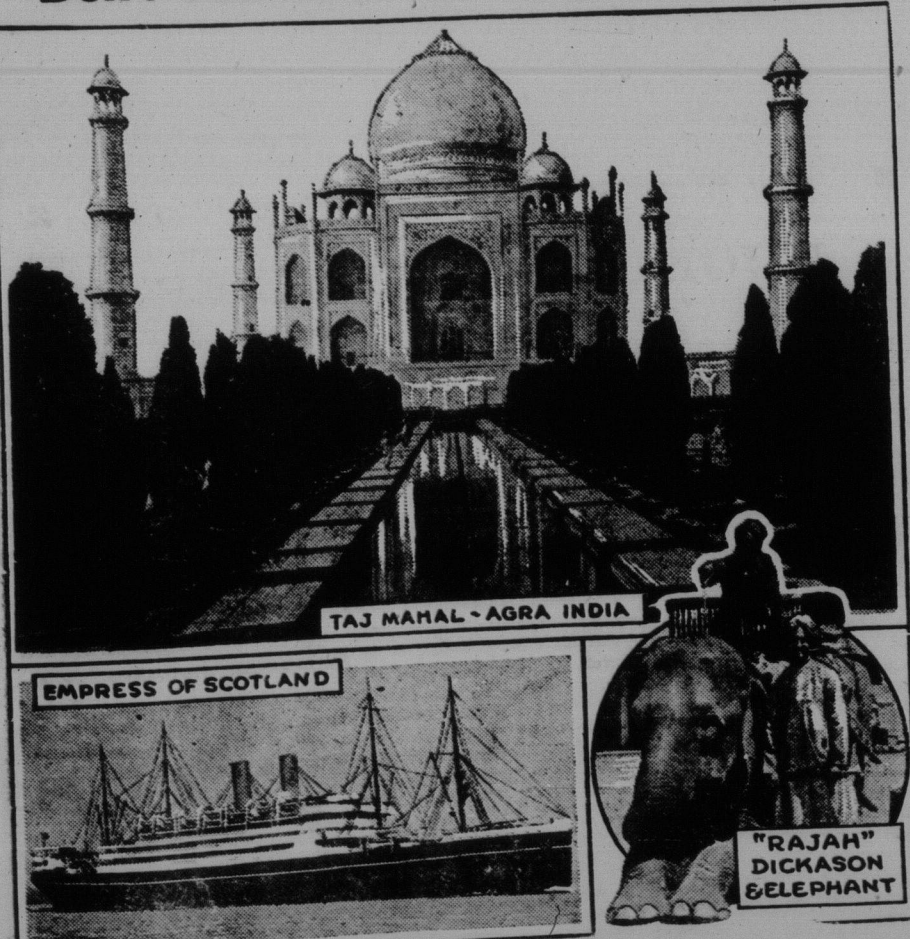
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rolls itself before the astonished eye. Thoroughly competent guides tell of the wonders of each place visited and conduct to every point of interest. There is no let-up in the continually changing novelties presented and the passenger stores up in the short period of four months enough memories to last a life time.

Some few of these are presented in the above illustration. The good ship Empress of Scotland is shown as she is just starting her long voyage. Taken from the jewel in stone—the Taj Mahal—bathed in sunshine, the concrete proof of a mighty conquest of a civilization that has passed, yet intact today as when it was first completed hundreds of years ago. Yet another scene is the bazaar of a small Indian city where the elephant that typifies India is seen kneeling to receive his master who is attired as a Rajah.

These are but a few high lights in a voyage that is crammed with new delights each day. If one were to undertake this voyage on his own initiative it would cost thousands of dollars and it is not at all likely that he could take in all that is offered on the Empress cruise in double the time. Further, he would certainly lose the atmosphere of luxury, efficiency and bonhomie which are the special characteristics of a voyage taken in common with men and women of his own class and outlook on life.

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