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### The Development of the West Coast Farm Lands.

In the address of the Hon. J. F. Downey, Minister of Agriculture and Mines, to the Rotary Club, his references to the natural resources of the West Coast, and the need for better transportation facilities are timely, and let us hope, are in the nature of a forecast, since they were uttered by the representative of the greater part of that coast. For the first time in its history the member for St. George's is a Minister of the Crown, and it is particularly fitting that he should be at the head of the Department of Agriculture and Mines. Year by year the people on the West Coast are giving more of their attention to farming, and many of them are confining themselves entirely to the one industry. It is very desirable that our people generally wherever it is possible should cultivate their land, and such thrift deserves encouragement, as it adds to their food supply and considerably reduces their living expenses. It is not, however, by such efforts as these that an agricultural industry will be established. For that we must look to the people who, living in the districts which possess natural advantages for farming, will make it their sole occupation. It is work which demands the whole attention and energy of those engaged in it, and in every month of the year there is some special work to be done.

St. George's District offers greater advantages for such an industry than any other part of the Island in its rich soil, its less variable climate, and—what is perhaps more important than anything else,—in the natural inclinations of the people. Since the earliest settlers came there, from the West Country, from the Channel Islands and from Nova Scotia, which was the first landing place of many of these pioneers, they have been engaged in pushing back the forests and draining and cultivating the land.

While that part of the Island has wonderful agricultural possibilities and many natural advantages, it has also many drawbacks which can be removed. The honourable member for St. George's has always been an ardent advocate of agricultural development. During the time when he previously represented the district he did much to encourage the industry, and now that he is the guiding hand in our agricultural policy we anticipate an era of progress.

One of the greatest deterrents to the farmer has been the absence of markets. The establishment of a town at Grand Falls has helped to remedy this to some extent, and the city in the making at Corner Brook will prove a further stimulus. The success of one industry invariably helps to benefit another, and in a like manner the development of one section of the community tends to uplift the whole, provided the policy

adopted is not prompted by personal interests. If in his speech the member appeared to make comparisons somewhat detrimental to the eastern side of the Island, without doubt he had in view ideas which, if carried out, would be advantageous to the country generally.

Transportation has retarded farming on a big scale more perhaps than anything. The railway runs through a great part of the farming country, but the land must be linked up to the railway line. New roads, improved roads, and bridges are imperative if the landowners are to succeed. With such formidable rivers intersecting the country as the Codroy, River Brook, Crabb's, Barachois, Robinson's, Fischell's, Flat Bay, Little Barachois, and St. George's—to refer to but one section of the coast—transportation other than by railway is impossible between one part and another. Operations in this direction have already begun, and under the able management of our Government Engineer, Mr. T. A. Hall, Little Barachois has been bridged and there is under construction a bridge of giant dimensions in the Codroy Valley.

Not one of these rivers can be bridged except at considerable outlay, but when the advantages of such an expenditure are considered, the wisdom of undertaking the work cannot be questioned. Apart from the interests of the farmer, they would be of great benefit to the community generally, and to the tourist, a continuous road community generally. To be one of the greatest attractions.

One has but to glance at our list of imports to realize in what a great measure the country would benefit as a whole were an active agricultural policy decided upon. It is not an exaggeration to say that practically everything agricultural that we import can be profitably raised in the Island by private enterprise.

It is the duty of a Government to give every encouragement and to offer every facility to such ventures once it has been proved that they are economically sound, that they will provide employment, and that they will flourish without Government subsidies.

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### Distinguished Scholar and Preacher

COMING TO ST. ANDREW'S.

In response to the unanimous invitation of the Kirk Session, Dr. Geo. Hanson of Montreal is coming to our city for "A Week's Teaching and Preaching," beginning Sunday, October 14th. Before coming to Canada Dr. Hanson was for 12 years the Minister of Marybone Presbyterian Church, London, and during that time became recognized as one of the outstanding religious leaders in the Metropolitan area. Among the best known of which are "A Chain of Graces," a devotional work, and "An Apology for Christianity," dealing specially with the evidence of Christ's Resurrection. In a church noted for its preaching ability, Dr. Hanson is regarded as one of its strongest preachers. There will be nothing denominational about the services, they will be for all and the general public will be invited to share in them. A detailed programme of the services will appear later.

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### Lorna Doon Lost at Bonavista.

The following message was received this morning by the Inspector General from Sgt. Gardiner, Bonavista: "Schooner Lorna Doon, on way from Labrador with 500 quintals fish, was lost last night near Bonavista. Capt. Rideout and crew saved, but lost all their effects."

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### The Feast of Ingathering

The Feast of Ingathering, known also as the Feast of Tabernacles or Succoth, will be observed for one week beginning to-day, September 24th, the concluding day being Tuesday, October 2nd.

Following so close upon the great religious holidays of the Synagogue the harvest feast attracts less attention than it intrinsically merits. For, despite its primitive origin and agricultural setting Succoth is capable of yielding the modern worshipper sober joy and a spiritually enlivening message.

Its Biblical basis is Deuteronomy 16:13-14 where it is said: "Thou shalt keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in from thy threshing floor and from thy winepress. And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow that are within thy gates." Reference to the Feast of Tabernacles is also made in Leviticus 23:34-43, and in other parts of the Pentateuch.

That our national Thanksgiving day is directly patterned on this ancient harvest festival or Israel admits no longer of dispute or doubt. The Pilgrim Fathers being earnest and devout scripture readers transferred the harvest festival of Israel to our own American environment.

In ancient Israel this harvest feast was of great importance. People in large numbers wended their way to the central sanctuary in Jerusalem bearing palms and fruits. The procession became in course of time a pilgrimage feast and was so known in later years. In connection with the celebration of this festival prayers were offered for rain and dew.

There is an obscure reference to this custom in the last chapter of Zechariah. The popular outburst of joy there mentioned is echoed throughout the liturgy of the Harvest Festival.

Both in the synagogue and the home the festival bears a joyous aspect. It is indeed a season of gladness. The worshiper is reminded of and impressed with God's goodness and mercies which endure forever. The bounties of the earth are intended for all mankind. This confidence is voiced with great conviction so that no one may fancy the earth is a vale of tears or the abode of gloom.

According to the preachment of the Synagogue the feast of Succoth is the messenger of Israel to humanity on the dignity of labor and the value of the toil by which human beings obtain their daily bread. Whatever sustains mankind is precious and dignified in proportion to the amount of toil expended on it.

Particularly stressed on this feast is the notion of God's protection over Israel throughout the centuries. As God protected Israel during the forty years of his wandering in the wilderness, so hath God shielded him during the centuries of his subsequent pilgrimage over the earth.

During Succoth week it is now customary for all American congregations to decorate their places of worship with harvest symbols such as fruits and flowers and grain. Some congregations even erect a booth as the prime symbol of the occasion reminding and exhorting for the larger service of the old and young that Israel was a pilgrim and a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, preparing in isolation humanity.

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### McMurdo's Store News.

EVERY MOTOR CAR SHOULD CARRY A TIN.

Every owner of a car has had the annoying experience of a delayed start in cold weather due to his engine being "cold."

Gasoline, Kerosene, and similar products become less volatile in cold weather and in consequence it is more difficult to get an explosive mixture into the engine cylinders.

When Ether, which is far more volatile than gasoline, is mixed with the latter in the proper proportion a ready explosive mixture is formed in the cylinder.

We have now a supply of this Special Motor Ether, and every car should carry a tin. It is put up in a screw cap, leak proof tin, easy to open and close. It keeps the Motor Ether till the last drop is used. Price 80 cents and 45 cents a tin.

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**TRAIN NOTES.**—The incoming express arrived in the city at 2 p.m. Yesterday's west bound express arrived at Bishop's Falls 1 hour, 10 minutes late.

**MINARD'S LINDMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS.**

### Lady Fractures Arm.

Miss Minnie Vigners met with a painful accident at her home, King's Road, yesterday afternoon, when she in some unaccountable manner, fell over a flight of stairs and fractured her left arm near the elbow. Miss Vigners was preparing to go motorising with Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Moore when the accident occurred. The injured limb was set at the hospital yesterday afternoon, and the patient, who bore her sufferings with fortitude is now doing as well as can be expected.

### Awarded Masters' Certificate.

Mr. John Whelan, Placentia, was awarded his Masters' Certificate on Saturday by Examiners English and Major. Mr. Whelan, who served with the Blue Puttees in Gallipoli and France, was for some time in command of the sloop, Edith Cavell, owned by Penny & Sons, Ramea. Congratulations.

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### Painful Accident.

Mr. Thomas Lockyer, wharfinger at Crobie & Company's, suffered a broken leg on Friday last. He slipped in front of Mr. George Crobie's motor car, and the wheel went over his leg as Mr. Crobie was in the act of turning his car on the wharf. Mr. Lockyer was removed to the hospital where the broken limb was set on Saturday morning. He is doing as well as can be expected, but it will be some time before he will be able to get about again.

### Fire on S.S. Manoa.

OFFICERS' QUARTERS GUTTED.

Yesterday at 4 a.m. a fire broke out in the quartermaster's quarters on S.S. Manoa, and before it was quenched the room was practically gutted.

When the blaze was discovered the ship's fire fighting apparatus was brought into play, but it was nearly a half hour after that all danger had passed. The four officers who occupied the room lost practically all their belongings. The city fire companies were not called out as it was seen that the ship's apparatus was sufficient to cope with the blaze.

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### Personal.

Mrs. Walter Lawlor was amongst the saloon passengers by the Sylvia for New York on Saturday.

Mr. Harry Pedgrew, the druggist, who has been confined to his bed seriously ill during the past week, now shows signs of improvement.

Master Robert Thomas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thomas left by the Sylvia Saturday to enter the Agriculture College at Truro, N. S.

Hon. S. K. and Mrs. Bell left by the Manoa this morning on an extended visit to Montreal and American cities.

Mr. C. R. Bell also left to resume his studies at McGill.

Miss E. Driscoll returned by Saturday night's train after spending a most enjoyable holiday at Blackhead, B.D.V.

Rev. G. Lightbourn, who was here on vacation, returned to Toronto by the Manoa today.

Mrs. James H. Thomas, who underwent a serious operation at the General Hospital last week is now greatly improved. Her many friends will be glad to know of her satisfactory progress.

Mr. J. D. Bourne who has been doing Sunday supply work at Topsall is leaving the home of his parents, 38 Franklin Ave., by to-morrow's express en route to Boston, where he will enter upon a college career.

Mr. H. Ellis, left by the Manoa today to resume his studies at McGill.

Miss Gladys Forward who has been teaching in St. John's for the past two years, left by the Sylvia Saturday to take up the teaching profession in "and over New Brunswick." We wish her every success.

Mr. J. J. Robert, Supt. Branches Royal Trust Co., in Canada, who has been visiting the city on his annual inspection, leaves by to-morrow's express en route to Montreal.

Mr. A. R. Stansfield local agent of the Edison Gramophone Co. has accepted a lucrative position with the Armstrong-Whitworth Co. at Corner Brook, and leaves shortly to take up his new duties.

Mr. H. J. Russell, Manager Government Railway, and Mr. F. Pittman, the General Passenger Agent are at present on a tour of inspection along the Bonavista Railway.

S.S. Belle has cleared from Battle Harbor for Patras taking 10,294 qtls. codfish from Baine Johnston & Co.

### Motor Smash Up.

OCCUPANTS ESCAPED UNINJURED

Two motor cars, one of which was owned by Mr. W. E. Burns, and the other by Mr. J. Miller, collided with considerable force at the junction of Circular and Rennie's Mill Roads yesterday afternoon. Fortunately none of the occupants were injured. Mr. Burns' car was proceeding east along Circular Road and Mr. Miller was coming up Rennie's Mill Road from the Bridge. Both cars reached the junction simultaneously, and the impact occurred almost before seen by the drivers. Mr. Miller's car was hurled across the road to the sidewalk and had the dashboards carried away, the headlights smashed to pieces, and the engine considerably damaged, while the radiator of the other car was crumpled up and the engine put out of action. Both drivers claim that they gave the usual warning on approaching the corner. This is one of the most dangerous junctions in the city as the surrounding property makes it impossible to notice the approach of cars from any other direction.

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### Henry Peddle, Crane Repairman at Works IS CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Caught in the gears of a crane which he was repairing, Henry Peddle, a crane repairman employed in the open hearth department of the steel company, was instantly killed this morning, his body being terribly crushed and mangled by the revolving gears. The tragic accident occurred while Mr. Peddle was repairing a trolley on top of the No. 2 Shaw crane, when the operator ignorant of the fact that the unfortunate man was engaged at work on the crane, started the machinery, with the result that Mr. Peddle was drawn into the gears. Before his position was noticed, life was extinct.

The "Post" was informed this morning that as far as the crane operator is concerned, the tragedy was purely accidental, as he had not been informed of Mr. Peddle's dangerous position, and it is expected that the coroner's jury will exonerate him from all blame.

The late Mr. Peddle was a native of Conception Bay, Nfld., 28 years of age. He has been in the employ of the company for the past five years. A married man, he is survived by his widow and one child residing on Ferris Street, Ward 4—Sydney Post, Sept. 20th.

### Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle arrived at Argentia 10.10 a.m. yesterday.

Clyde left Lewisport 8.30 a.m. to-day, on Green Bay route.

Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques 6.55 a.m. yesterday.

Home leaving Humbermouth this afternoon.

Kyle at Port aux Basques.

Meigle left Cartwright 5.30 p.m. Saturday.

Sagana at St. John's.

Malakoff arrived at Port Union 10.20 p.m. yesterday.

Stuel left Greenspond early this morning.

Senet on Northern Labrador.

Sebastopol left St. Jacques early this morning.

Prospero not reported.

Watchful was last report at Twillingate, coming South.

### Yacht Josephine Chartered.

The American yacht Josephine, which was purchased in New York by Mr. Geo. R. Parsons a few years ago, has been chartered by Mr. Harry J. Crowe in connection with his enterprise at White Bay. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Parsons had a trial spin in the yacht, going as far as Cape St. Francis, and found everything working satisfactorily.

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### Had Eye Injured.

On Saturday Mr. Thomas Hussey whilst engaged in opening goods cases at an uptown store was hit in the eye by a piece of strapping. He suffered great pain and had to be removed to the General Hospital. Yesterday Dr. Fox performed an operation on the optic.

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