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BIG INCREASE IN POTATO EXPORTS

Progress Being Made With New Warehouse at West St. John

(St. John Telegraph-Journal)
There has been a great increase in the potato export trade from this port, and the efforts of T. W. Caldwell, M.P. representative for Carleton-Victoria, who has spent much time and energy assisting the farmers, are showing excellent results.

The new potato shed, now under construction at Sand Point, is a real necessity, owing to the immense trade that has been worked up between this port and Havana, and if the shipments continue to increase it may be found possible in the future to have still larger facilities.

With a good market in Cuba, the outlook for potato growers in New Brunswick and other parts of Maritime Provinces is reported bright.

The shed being erected at Sand Point, and adjoining the warehouse now being used, will soon be completed, but it will not be finished in time to be of much use this season, which will close in the course of a month. The most difficult part of the work is believed to be, namely, the driving of many piles. Yesterday afternoon carpenters were employed in putting the heavy beams in position so that the floor can be laid. This section of the work will be completed this week or the first of next, and then the frame work of the new warehouse will be started on.

The present warehouse has been taxed to capacity this season. It is heated by steam, but is not large enough for storing the large consignments of potatoes that are daily arriving from different sections of the country. Just as soon as the potatoes are loaded on board a ship the shed is filled up again, while hundreds of carloads await shipment in the C. P. R. and C. N. R. yards. Great care is taken against frost. There is a large heater in every car. There has been a comparatively small loss from damaged potatoes this season, although several hundred bags were frost-bitten after being loaded into the hold of a ship.

The Furness Withy Company, and Nagle & Wilmore are the local agents for all steamships in the potato carrying trade between St. John and Cuba, and each company shows a great increase both in the number of sailings and the consignments.

Messrs. Nagle & Wilmore, in a statement given to the Telegraph-Journal yesterday afternoon, showed that the total shipments made last season on steamers for which they were agents, amounted to 500,000 bushels, while to date for this season 300,000 bushels have been shipped. The potato export season starts on Oct. 1 and finishes about April 1.

The Furness Withy Company have handled to date this season 113,541 bushels of potatoes, against 89,384 bushels for last season. Last season the total number of sailings was 21, while this season there have been 35 steamers and one schooner.

The agents declare that the shipments this season will about double those of last year and look forward to increasing business every season.

PYTHIAN DIAMOND JUBILEE OBSERVED AT BATH

(Delayed in the mails)

Victory Lodge No. 26 celebrated the founding of the order of Knights of Pythias, which was in the city of Washington, February 19, 1864.

Chancellor Commander H. R. Kingston was in the chair. The entertainment committee, consisting Edward R. Marich, M. Vince Giberson and Murdoch MacKenzie (Deputy Grand Chancellor) furnished an excellent program, which was in part as follows: Selection by the orchestra, speech on Pythianism by T. W. Caldwell, M. P., duet by T. R. and Vivian Smith, speech by Rev. C. O. Howlett, selection by the orchestra. At 11:30 p.m. a par excellent lunch was furnished by the Pythian sisters, after which a very enjoyable dance was indulged in until the wee hours of the morning, music being furnished by the Florenceville orchestra.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Pythian Sisters for the appropriate and elaborate decorations supplied for the occasion.

BROTHERS DIE AT SAME HOUR

Clarence Nicholson of Connell, 68, was found dead at the barn where he went to milk on Monday morning. He leaves no family. His brother Edward, 28, died at the same hour at Vancouver where he had been living with relatives.

FIXING RATES FOR HARTLAND ELECTRIC

Twelve Cents For Lights and Minimum of Five Cents For Power is Asked by Company—Decision Later

An adjourned hearing of the application of the Hartland Electric Light Company was held before the Board of Public Utilities at St. John on Wednesday of last week. M. L. Hayward, L.L.B., solicitor for the applicants. G. F. Seeley, manager of the Company, called to give evidence talked respecting the manner in which the rate base was made up and the necessity for the company asking for rates of 2c per k.w.h. for lights and 5c for power. Reference was made to some opposition from the Town of Hartland, and a letter from Mayor McFarland was read in which the town dissented from the contention that Mr. Seeley's plant was worth anything like what it was represented and expressed an unwillingness to pay rates high enough to give a return upon a plant which they considered of little value and upon an item of \$2000 goodwill, which was included in the agreement of the Hartland Electric Company when it undertook to pay Mr. Seeley \$2000 for his plant, distribution lines, etc.

Mr. Seeley was cross-examined by Chairman Trueman and the members of the board with respect to many items which they considered large. The Town of Hartland asked for a rate of 10c per k.w.h. for domestic lighting and 6c for street lighting. The new company estimates its plant value at something over \$12,000 and asks for an eight per cent return upon that and for various sinking funds, depreciation, overhead expense, maintenance, etc., making their total requirements per annum in the vicinity of \$7000. The amount of current to be used will average, they think, about 2,300 k.w.h. per month and the return from this with street lighting and bridge lighting in addition and some return from power will leave them \$2000 behind their requirements.

The board promised consideration and intimated that its expert, Mr. Midram, would be sent to Hartland to investigate the condition of the old plant the character of the new transmission line erected, and to make a report thereon.

HOUSE BURNED IN FLORENCEVILLE

Florenceville, Feb. 23—Florenceville was visited by another fire recently, when the residence belonging to Rex Stephenson and occupied by Sam Jones and family was destroyed. As soon as the fire was noticed Mr. Jones started to a neighboring house with his wife and three small children. When he returned to the house he was only able to rescue a little bedding and a few small articles. There was no insurance on the building or contents.

The Rev. W. F. Haigh will hold services on Sunday as follows: Beaufort at 10:30, Glaserville at 2:30 and Argyll at 7:30.

SENTIMENT FOR GOV'T DEVELOPMENT

Was Strong—A Big Banquet by Grand Falls Board of Trade Monday

A banquet was held at the Curless Hotel, Grand Falls, on Monday, by the Board of Trade. Upwards of seventy-five delegates from points outside of Grand Falls were present. Edmundston sent the largest delegation, sixteen going from this place. The banquet was held in order to confer with the delegates from other boards of trade in regard to the development of the power available at Grand Falls and to show the government that sentiment is behind the movement for the immediate development of the latent energy which has been going to waste for thousands of years.

About 130 sat down to the tables at a little past eleven o'clock. Dr. Kilpatrick acted as toastmaster. After the loyal toasts had been drunk and the national anthem sung the toastmaster called upon Mayor Collins who proposed the toast to the guests of the evening. In his speech of welcome the mayor spoke of the population of Grand Falls and gave particulars regarding the industrial development and educational facilities which were there. Touching on the proposed embargo of pulpwood he said that as a chipper he did not believe that it was to the best interest of the province that pulpwood should be exported until hydro was developed and mill facilities provided for home manufacture. He was strong in favor of the development of Grand Falls by the government, feeling that they, the government, should co-operate with a private corporation. He proposed that in the interest of the province that a provincial board of trade should be established.

President Pirie of the Grand Falls board of trade next spoke, voicing his appreciation of the help which other boards of trade had given to the impetus to having the power at the Falls developed. He was followed by vice-president Rideout who gave a vivid picture of the raw material which was being shipped out of the province on account of lack of hydro-electric energy. W. M. Costigan in an eloquent speech, bristling with humour, gave the history of the undevelopment of Grand Falls, extending over a period of thirty years. He castigated the various governments which had given rights to provincial corporations and then had not completed them to live up to their agreements, but gave extensions of time. He said that the rights of the people had again and again been sold for a mess of pottage. Their attitude to this question savoured of the historical conversation which took place between the pot and the kettle. He called upon the present government to pass legislation at the coming session which would insure the immediate development of the available power.

Professor Theriault of the Edmundston vocational school responded to the toast to the ladies, and in a style which has made him famous in the northern parts of New Brunswick and Maine convulsed the gathering with his humour and brought out again and again in some unexpected place. (Continued on Editorial Page)

Town Topics

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybody's Tongue

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