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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 23, 1903.

FARM LABORERS SCARCE.

The province of Ontario is feeling the drain caused by the movement of so many of its young men into the great west. Small farmers, believing the west offered them better opportunities, have gone there, and a great many men who went west and harvested excursions have remained and taken up land. As a result of all this, there is a genuine scarcity of farm laborers in Ontario.

On April 1st there were fifty-three farmers at the Union Station, in Toronto, looking for laborers, which they could not get. Wages used to run at from \$12 to \$15 per month and board, but now they get from \$20 to \$30 per month, with house free and certain perquisites, such as a cow, etc. Some of the farmers ask for the French-Canadian from Quebec, but the majority are looking for men from England, Ireland and Scotland.

The speaker read letters from farmers in various parts of the province, complaining of their inability to get men. In his opinion advertisements should be placed in English papers, and an effort made by the government to induce farm hands to come to Ontario. He made another suggestion which would probably have a good effect. It was that farm laborers should be given shorter hours and better treatment. It is a little surprising that a rich agricultural province like Ontario should not be in a better position with regard to farm help. Good farm laborers are scarce in New Brunswick also. Possibly the farmers themselves are somewhat to blame. The hours of work are long, and the conditions of the laborer not perhaps as favorable as it should be. It is nevertheless a fact that in St. John and other cities are many persons who would be much better off in every sense if they had steady employment with a good farmer who would give them fair treatment.

TRANSITION PERIOD.

The Toronto World rightly observes that this is a transition period in Canada. The rapid filling up of the west will cause a notable change in the point of view of the whole country. The new settlers will be new voters, with varied opinions on questions of public policy and administration. To quote from the World: Our public men must be prepared to deal with new conditions. Hitherto, although our country has looked large on the map, its population has been within a very small area. It has been found mainly in the Atlantic provinces, covering a small area; in a strip of land along the St. Lawrence; in that part of Ontario bounded by Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron and the Ottawa River. The centre of population and of political power lies far east of the geographical centre. The census, having been taken in 1901, gives little idea of the movement that is going on. When the country west of Lake Superior has one hundred representatives in parliament the whole point of view will be changed; the change will be in substance, though not in form, as that which occurred at Confederation.

ONTARIO'S NEW GOVERNOR.

The appointment of W. Mortimer Clark to the governorship of Ontario is thus explained by the Toronto World: "Three prominent Toronto men were mentioned for the position. For some years Government house has been practically closed. It is well understood that a lieutenant governor must have an income of twenty or thirty thousand dollars a year, as well as the ten thousand official grant, in order to satisfy the social requirements of the office. Neither Sir Richard Cartwright nor Hon. R. W. Scott could meet these obligations. One of the most likely candidates was Senator Melvin Jones. Another highly popular nomination was J. Kerr Osborne, and still another favorite was Mr. Mortimer Clark. One of these three it was known would be Ontario's next lieutenant-governor. Mr. Clark is a society leader."

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES.—On April 23, at the residence of Wm. Bennett, Harding street, Toronto, by Rev. W. J. Kirby, William Evans to Miss Jennie Harris, both of North End.

DEATHS.

MACKENZIE.—At Galesburg, April 23rd, of consumption, Charles E. Mackenzie, aged 22 years. He leaves a surviving mother, two brothers and five sisters to mourn his departure.

THE SANE TO DEATH.

NEWTON, Mass., April 22.—Battling until his strength was exhausted against the swift current of the Charles river as it flows beneath the Concord street bridge, Newton, died last night. Charles L. Tucker endeavored to save the life of his wife Louise, this afternoon. For 15 minutes, holding her body in his arms, he struggled to reach the shore, but his strength failed him at the moment when help arrived, and he was drowned before his eyes.

Tucker, who is 23 years old, is employed at J. E. Robertson's boatworks at Riverdale. It has been the custom of his wife to visit the boatworks each noon to bring him his dinner, when the two would go out on the river in a canoe and spend the hour together. They left the boat house at usual hour today and paddled toward Newton Lower Falls. When near the railroad bridge, Mrs. Tucker asked her husband to let her paddle. He changed seats to allow her to sit in the bow of the canoe, and in doing so, she leaned over too far and the craft was overturned.

RECENT DEATHS.

The body of J. N. Stevens arrived from Parrabro last evening, and the funeral was held from the depot. Rev. David Long officiated, and interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery. Mr. Stevens is survived by his widow, two daughters, and one son, who live in Parrabro, with the exception of one son, Hugh, who resides in British Columbia. The death of Silas Dakin, of Centreville, Digby county, N. S., occurred a few days ago. His wife was formerly Miss Louise Black, of Washademoak, Queens county, and is a sister of Thomas A. Black, the editor of this paper. Mr. Dakin was 75 years old, and leaves three children.

BORDEN BANQUETTED.

MONTREAL, April 22.—R. L. Borden, the conservative leader in the house of commons, was the guest of honor at a banquet tendered tonight by the Sir John A. MacDonald Club. The banquet was the brilliant success of 400 guests sitting down, including many senators and members of parliament. Mr. Borden in response to the toast of his health, which he delivered with great enthusiasm, made an eloquent speech in which he enunciated fully the conservative policy on the tariff question. The administration policy he declared as an adequate protective tariff that would preserve the Canadian home market for Canadians.

THE BUDGET SPEECH.

At Fredericton yesterday Hon. Mr. Tweedie resumed the budget speech. He discussed the various items of expenditure, the income tax, on education, on public works, on the administration of justice, agriculture and for other purposes, claiming that in each case the government considered well the interests of the province. To the future, he announced that the government would pass a new highway act and do away with by-road grants altogether. The province would be divided into districts with a man in each to look after roads and bridges, thus doing away with the present commission system as supervisors. He also announced that the government would increase the stumpage on crown lands and bring in a measure for manual training in the schools. In conclusion, he declared it was the government's policy to protect every interest, to guard the public treasury and promote the welfare of the province.

BARRED OUT.

(New York Herald.) Police censorship at the vaudeville entertainment at the Metropolitan Opera House last night in aid of the Actors' Home resulted in the barring of many well known theatrical people from the stage. Those whose intended performance the police thought would not be appropriate for a Sunday night concert were Lois Fuller, famous on two continents for her serpentine dances; Pauline Hall, Elsie Fay, who gained fame in Boston a few years ago by a character dance; Vernora Jarboe, Marion Manola, formerly "Jack" Mason's wife; DeKolts, a magician, and Valerie Burgess, a comic opera singer.

BRITISH FLEET.

HALIFAX, April 23.—Word has been received from Admiral Douglas that the flagship Arcturion and the fleet will not arrive here before May 25th. The military and naval programs for the celebration of the King's birthday for November 1st.

MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

At a meeting of the Carpenters' Union last night five members were added to their number. The annual dinner of the Fortnightly Toast Association was held at the Gilpin house on Monday evening last. An interesting programme has been prepared. It was decided at a meeting of the Toast Association yesterday afternoon to improve the walks in the vicinity of the Suspension Bridge and to advertise more extensively than heretofore in the American newspapers. Miss Ida King Tarbox returned last night from P. E. Island, where she has been singing in the Methodist church of Charlottetown and Summerside. They will assist tonight in the programme of the German street Baptist church, where a musical in connection with the entertainment course will be let her paddle. He changed seats to allow her to sit in the bow of the canoe, and in doing so, she leaned over too far and the craft was overturned.

PROVINCIAL.

The body of Charles Campbell, of Stanley, who was drowned in the Nashwaak on Tuesday has been recovered.

ANOTHER BIG SCHEME.

To Utilize the Power of Grand Falls. (Daily Telegraph.) There's promise of a big industry for New Brunswick, on entirely new lines, also, and it is referred to the legislature at Fredericton yesterday. It is the establishment of a plant at Grand Falls for reducing wood to pulp. The details of the project lie behind the application, now in the hands of the New Brunswick government, of the Electro-Manganese Company for incorporation with capital stock of \$1,000,000, and with the request for power to increase to 10,000 h.p. The applicants are Barton E. Kinsmen, of New York; Fred C. Sayles and Robt. W. Bayles, of Providence (R. I.); Harry McLellan, of New York, and Matthew Lodge, of Fredericton, and his brother, Sanford, of this city, are the solicitors for the applicants. The proposed Electro-Manganese Company wants the use of this great water power as part of their plan. Then they will erect their reduction plants, gather in the wood and bog ore with which New Brunswick is very well supplied and which have never heretofore been of any commercial value and will from them manufacture products for which there will be a good market.

The ores to which the company will pay particular attention are the ores of manganese and iron and they propose manufacturing ferro-manganese and speisulose with the view of ultimately establishing a steel plant in connection with the works.

SHOT BY ACCIDENT.

Tragic Death of John D. Fraser of Gardner's Creek. John D. Fraser, a respected farmer of Gardner's Creek, met with a frightful death yesterday morning, the top of his skull being blown off by the charge of a shot gun. Mr. Fraser lived with his sister on his farm. On Saturday last their father, who was in a good health, placed and this filled Mr. Fraser with the desire to have a shot.

Yesterday morning he decided to try a shot to get his gun. A few minutes later his sister was startled to hear the report of the weapon and rushing up stairs, they found Mr. Fraser lying dead, blood streaming from his forehead and the gun which had done the awful work and this led to the theory of suicide. Dr. Gillmor, of St. Martins, was called to the scene to get the body. He examined the body and found it panned a jury and during the afternoon he conducted an inquest into the unfortunate man's death and the jury found it was accidental.

SMALLPOX AT ROGERSVILLE.

MONTCTON, April 22.—Dr. Bourque, chairman of the Kent Co. board of health, and Dr. Hays, of Newcastle, yesterday discovered a nest of smallpox two miles from the station at Rogersville. There are eight cases of smallpox and nine houses have been quarantined. Eight in Kent Co., close to the county line, and one in Northumberland Co. It is alleged that a local physician has failed to report after visiting some of these cases repeatedly.

At Dorchester today Aldrich Tibbings, a boy of fifteen, belonging to Moncton, was tried before Judge Wells in the speedy trial court for stealing from the McManus store in Memramcook, and was given three years in penitentiary. Simon Casey pleaded guilty to forgery and was sentenced to two years. Fred Dolson and William White, both of Moncton, and charged with larceny, elected to be tried by a jury.

THE LATE SIR OLIVER MOWATT.

The funeral of Sir Oliver Mowatt in Toronto yesterday afternoon was attended by members of the dominion and provincial governments, parliament and the legislature. The thousands of citizens lined the streets. Principal Canon of Knox College conducted the services at Government House, delivering an eloquent eulogy on the dead statesman.

SHE WAS WELL-INFORMED.

(N. Y. Herald Express.) Job Twain is telling this one on Mark Twain: "In the old days shortly after Twain's first book was put off the press, he was asked for his autograph by a young woman. Flattered by this touch from the wing of Fame, he looked around for something on which to inscribe his 'two-foot' non de plume, and espied a copy of his book. On the fly leaf of this book he wrote name and date, and handed the volume to the fair petitioner, saying: 'Maybe that book will be worth a great deal of money some day.' 'Thank you,' said the young woman. Then, wishing to show her knowledge of the value of signed copies, she continued: 'Of course, I know that without the signature the book never would be worth anything.' 'Coughs, colds, sore throats, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Crescote lozenges, ten cents per box. All drugists.

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Extension Tables of finely quartered Oak, handsome golden finish, highly polished sideboards and Buffets of Golden Oak in newest designs. Oak Dining Chairs, substantially made, with cane and leather seats. Unexcelled values in Hardwood Dining Chairs, China Closets in great variety.

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An extensive variety of Suits of fine golden finish Quartered Cut Oak. Two piece suits (Bureau and Commode) to go with Brass and White Enamel Beds, of Mahogany, Oak and White Enamel. Splendid value and new designs of Brass Beds and White Enamel Beds with Brass trimmings. In Elm Bedroom Suits we show exceptional values. Our \$12.50 Suit is well made and well finished at a low price. Dressing Tables, Cheffoniers, Folding Beds and Dressing Mirrors in new and handsome designs.

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Baby Carriages, Go-Carts, Pullman Sleeper Carriages, Dolls' Carriages, Boys' Express Wagons and Wheelbarrows, Folding Sewing Tables, Step Ladders, Folding Ladder Chairs.

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S. M. STEPHENSON.

A N. B. Man Who is Now a Millionaire—His Great Dairy Farm.

The American Lumberman of April 18th prints a portrait and biographical sketch of Samuel M. Stephenson, of Menominee, Michigan. Mr. Stephenson was born in Carleton county, N. B., in 1831, but when six years old removed with his family to Maine. When but ten years old he worked in the Maine woods for \$7 per month. When fifteen he went to Delta, Michigan, and went to work in a lumber camp. He had just thirty cents left when he got there. He and his brother, Isaac Stephenson, worked together for a time after he had grown to manhood. Today he is a millionaire. He is vice-president of the Kirby Carpenter Co., president of the First National Bank of Menominee, a stockholder in the Stephenson Bank of Marquette, Wisconsin, and has been a member of both state legislature and state senate, a republican delegate to national conventions and four successive terms a member of congress.

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