EXPERT GIVES GOOD ADVICE TO NEW BRUNSWICK FARMERS

M. O. Malte, of Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa, Finds That Growing of Grass Seed and the Like is Sadly Neglected in Maritime Provinces—Has Visited Fairs.

M. O. Malte, of the Department for the Development of Fodder Plants of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, is in the city at the Royal. He has been making a tour of the various provinces of the dominion in connection with his department to study the needs of each with especial regard to the growing of fodder such as timothy, clover, turnips and mangels. The growing of fodder on the home farm, Mr. Malte says, is scarcely yet fully appreciated by the farmer. It has many advantages both from the point of view of economy and from that of seed raising.

Here in the east, he says, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in his judgment, offer splendid opportunities both with regard to the soil and the climate for the wholesale growing of these cattle foods. And yet in the various fairs he had visited there was a preponderance of cereals on view and very few roots or fodder plants. The maritime provinces were capable of producing a splendid quality of clover, grasses, and hay, but the growing of seed of these especially, had seemed to be neglected, and it was here that he thought the farmers were behind and if only they could be induced to start the growing of seed to some extent it would quickly mean ready money in their pockets, and a surer return on their planting. Under present conditions should those places such as the northern states of America or Central Russia or any of the places where the New Brunswick farmer obtains his seed at present have a bad crop, the farmer is compelled to purchase his seed from Chili, the old country, or some other seed raising country, and that seed, unless it is acclimated, is more likely than not to be winter killed, as it will be set under different conditions from those which governed its growth. Not only would there be a surer return from home grown seed but the quality would be much improved.

Too much emphasis, Mr. Malte says, cannot be placed on the value of these foods for cattle and horses. For instance, the food value of turnips and mangels is three times as great as that of corn, and the ideal conditions here should be taken advantage of to a much greater extent.

The experimental farm management is at present experimenting carefully with many different varieties of grasses and roots, and in five or six years a score of varieties of timothy and red clover should be available.

Mr. Malte will leave for Fredericton today and while there will go further into the requirements and conditions of the province.

FAIRVILLE MAN DROWNED AT PARTINGTON PULP MILL

William Strachan, the Watchman, Fell Into the Water and Body Was Not Found Until Eight Hours' Later—Leaves Wife and Five Children.

Monday, Sept. 30.

William Strachan, of Harding street, Fairville, was drowned yesterday morning at 11 o'clock while attending to his duties as watchman of the Edward Partington pulp mill.

One of the workmen engaged in cleaning the boilers of the log piler of the pulp mill had occasion to go to the canal bridge and he was startled to see the watchman sinking under water. He at once gave the alarm and every effort was made to locate the body. It is believed Strachan was going along the boom out to a scow when he fell off.

The tugs Daniel and Edward P. were immediately put to work removing the logs from the place where the man had gone down and millmen, assisted by the Fairville firemen, were set to work grappling for the body. The search was continued throughout the day and finally at 7 o'clock in the evening the body was found under a scow about twenty feet from the canal bridge by William Green, of Fairville.

It was said in Fairville last night by friends of the deceased that Mr. Strachan had been subject to heart trouble and it was supposed that the watchman had fallen into the water after such an attack, but Coroner Macfarland said that death probably resulted from accidental drowning.

Mr. Strachan was fifty-two years of age and is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter.

The first member of the family of the deceased to learn of the sad occurrence was the son, who went to the mill with his father's dinner and was shocked to find that his father was dead.

FARMERS PAYING DEARLY AS RESULT OF THE DEFEAT OF RECIPROCITY

Boston and other American centres as markets for Canadian produce certainly look very desirable from the standpoint of the Canadian farmer, but the duty on such produce is too high to admit of much profit after shipping to these points. In Boston during the last week the prices of produce have been much higher than in New Brunswick and with reciprocity in natural products the farmers of New Brunswick could now be getting much larger returns for their goods.

Creamery butter which is selling in Boston for 33 cents a pound brings 28 cents in St. John. A comparison of some of the prices in the Boston and St. John markets will be of interest. The Boston prices given were taken from the Boston Globe of Thursday while the St. John prices were secured from local merchants on Thursday. The prices given below are wholesale prices.

	In Boston.	In St. John.
Creamery butter, lb.	$0.33 to $0.34	$0.28 to $0.30
Tub butter, lb.	0.31 " 0.32	0.26 " 0.27
Cheese, lb. ...	0.00 " 0.18	0.00 " 0.15
Eggs, doz. ...	0.40 " 0.42	0.00 " 0.35
Beef, lb.	0.14 " 0.15	0.10 " 0.11
Dressed fowls, lb.	0.18 " 0.19	0.17 " 0.18
Hay, per ton	0.00 " 25.00	0.00 " 19.00

OBITUARY

Miss Mary Cronk.

Friday, Sept. 27.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Mary Cronk, widow of the famous ship captain, Capt. David W. Cronk, commander of the New Lampedo, which ran between St. John and British ports before the staemships were on the route. Captain Cronk has been dead probably forty years. Mrs. Cronk, who was a daughter of the late Peter and Ellen Cassely, and was seventy-six years old, had been ailing for some time, but her death yesterday morning was quite sudden. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

W. C. Gibson.

Friday, Sept. 27.

The death of W. C. Gibson, who conducted a jewelry store in King street for many years, took place last evening at his home, 139 Duke street. Mr. Gibson, who was 69 years of age, had been ill for the last two years. He was a member of the Coburg street church, and had been a Forester for many years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Miss Ada and Miss Lena, and four sons, William T., George and Harry, of St. John, and Frank C., in Sydney. Mr. Gibson was born in St John and had been a resident all his life. The news of his death will be heard with sincere regret by a wide circle of friends.

Miss Irene Robinson.

Friday, Sept. 27.

Many people in St. John will be shocked to hear of the death of Miss Irene Robinson, youngest daughter of James Robinson, lumberman and ex-M. P., of the North Shore, which occurred at Millerton yesterday morning. She had been ill since January, but her death was entirely unexpected. She was an exceedingly bright and popular young lady, and had a host of friends who will regret to hear of her death.

Miss Robinson was a graduate of McGill University in Montreal, and also of McDonald College, Ontario, and her fellow students in both colleges will sympathize with her parents in their great loss. Although only young she had traveled extensively on the continent, and gave promise of a very brilliant career.

Joseph Mason.

Friday, Sept. 27.

At his home in Apohaqui, Kings county, Joseph Mason, a retired farmer, passed away yesterday at the age of 76 years. He had been ill for some years with stomach trouble, and since March his illness had been serious, and the end was expected at any time. He had been confined to his bed, however, for only about two weeks.

Mr. Mason was, in his early life, a blacksmith by trade, but took up farming at the head of Millstream at a time when he had to clear his own land. His property was in the parish of Carsonville, and before he retired it was noted as the best cultivated farm in the neighborhood. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and enjoyed the reputation of being upright in all his dealings. About two years ago he retired from active life and came to this city, where he lived for a year with his daughter, Mrs. George Scott. He then went to Apohaqui, where he purchased a house and had just finished making it comfortable a short time previous to his last illness.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters—Mrs. George Scott, of St. John; Mrs. J. C. Bettison, of New York, and Mrs. Wilbert McLaughlin, of Haileybury (Ont.); and six sons—Beverley, Bert and Frederick, of Kings county, and John, Everett and Herbert in the State of Maine. He also leaves four brothers, Alfred, Malcolm, William and John, all in Kings county, and one sister, Mrs. Allan, in Port Elgin. There are a large number of grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. McLaughlin were with Mr. Mason at the time of his death. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

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Rev. Father Kenny.

Guelph, Ont., Sept. 26 — Rev. Father George B. Kenny died here early this morning after a lengthy illness from anaemia. He was aged seventy-two. Father Kenny was a son of the late Hon. Sir Edward Kenny, once administrator of the government of Nova Scotia. He was born in Halifax, became a barrister in 1862 and practiced in Halifax. He abandoned the law and was ordained to the priesthood in 1874.

He was professor at St. Mary's Jesuit college in Montreal from 1887 to 1891, superior at the College of the Immaculate Conception in Guelph from some years, and later returned to Montreal. He came here to spend his last days, being for sometime in very feeble health.

Father Kenny was a Jesuit.

Miss Helen McFarlane.

Sussex, Sept. 27—Miss Helen McFarlane passed to her rest Thursday night after a short illness of heart trouble. Miss McFarlane lived with her brother, Wesley McFarlane. She was forty-four years of age and leaves to mourn, one sister, Mrs. Armour Mills, and five brothers—Wesley John, James, Armour and King. The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, interment at Kirk Hill. Rev. Mr. Mitchell will conduct the services.

W. E. Tatten.

Saturday, Sept. 28.

Word of the death of W. E. Tatten at North Head, Grand Manan, was brought to the city yesterday by the steamer Grand Manan which arrived yesterday morning. He was a large shareholder in the Grand Manan Steamship Company, and was manager. He was about sixty-five years of age, and is survived by his wife and three children. The latter are Sydney at Gannett Rock, Mrs. Lois Lateman of North Head, and Miss Vera at home. He had been ill only about two weeks.

R. C. Brown.

A Vancouver paper of recent date says: Rev. A. R. Stacey, of Wesley Methodist church, yesterday afternoon officiated at the funeral of the late Mr. Reginald Cameron Brown, who died on Wednesday at Seattle. The deceased was the second son of the late Hon. C. P. Brown, of Manitoba, and was born at Winnipeg thirty-two years ago. For nine years he was secretary to Lord Strathcona in London, a position he left to engage in the brokerage business in Winnipeg and this city. A week ago he went to Seattle on a business trip and died after an illness lasting little more than a day. The pall-bearers yesterday were Messrs. John McLeod, George Davidson, A. C. Brown, R. W. Brown, A. Lowes and A. G. Halstead.

The late Reginald C. Brown was a nephew of N. W. Brown, of Middle Southampton, the late Hon. C. P. Brown's home.

Judson Currie.

Hartland, Sept. 28—The funeral of the late Judson Currie took place from his late residence at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Currie, who was 81 years of age, has been in poor health for the last few years, but on Thursday morning was in better health and spirits than usual. He dropped to sleep at 9.15 a. m., and by 9 had passed peacefully to rest. He was of sterling character, loved and respected by all who knew him, and was a deacon of the Baptist church from the time of its organization.

The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Schurman, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Jenkins, Trafton and Fitzpatrick.

He is survived by his sorrowing widow, two sons and four daughters. The sons are Harry, of Boston, and Arthur at home. The daughters are Mrs. Page Boyer, of Hartland, and Mrs. Warren Estey, now en route to Vancouver; Lillian, of Boston, and Sarah, at home. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

R. J. Wilson.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 29—(Special)—R. J. Wilson, one of the best known figures in Halifax for half a century, died suddenly last night at his home. He was taking a seat when without warning he expired. Mr. Wilson had been for thirty years secretary of the Halifax board of school commissioners and for a long time was lay secretary of the Nova Scotia diocesean synod and secretary of the board of governors at King's college, Windsor. He was an old temperance man, a member of the masonic body and an officer of the Nova Scotia Historical Society. Mr. Wilson was 77 years old.

Mrs. H. B. Brown.

At noon Saturday occurred the death of Mrs. Brown, widow of Hazen B. Brown, at her residence, 27 Sheriff street. Before her marriage to Mr. Brown, who died about two years ago, she was Miss Lizzie Owen. She was a native of this city and had resided in the North End all her life. For the last fourteen years she had been an invalid, but it was only recently that her illness took a fatal turn. She is survived by three sons, Hazen B. and Oscar of this city, and Harry in New Hampshire; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Kitchen of this city, and Miss Dolly at home, and one sister, Mrs. James Banks, also of St. John.

WEDDINGS

Love-Gamble.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of James Gamble, Greer Settlement, Wednesday evening, Sept. 25, when his daughter, Laura May, was united in marriage to James Henry Love, son of William Love, of St. Martins. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. J. Leroy, of St. Martins, in the presence of many of the friends and relatives of the pair. The house was prettily decorated with flowers. The bridesmaid was Miss Arvilla Hapey, of Greer Settlement, and Marion Gamble, sister of the bride, acted as flower girl. The bride was given away by her father. Bert A. Gamble acted as best man. The bride, who is very popular among her friends, received many valuable presents, including linen, silver, glassware, etc.

Donald-Reid.

Summer Hill, Sept. 26—A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Methodist church here at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a large number of friends of the happy party. The principals in the happy event were Miss Jennie E., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Reid, and Hugh Donald. Rev. Mr. King officiated.

The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers, autumn leaves and ferns. As the bridal party entered the church the wedding march was rendered by Miss Eva Donald. The bride was handsomely gowned in white duchess satin with pearl trimmings and wore a bridal veil with wreath of lilie of the valley. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas tied with satin ribbon. The only ornament worn by the bride was a handsome bracelet, the groom's gift. The bride was attended by her cousin, Mrs. W. E. Jackson, as matron of honor, who wore a handsome costume of white marquisette with net trimmings. Albert C. Reid, brother of the bride, was groomsman. Mr. and Mrs. Donald will spend their honeymoon in Boston. On their return they will reside at Summer Hill.

White-White.

The marriage of James B. White, of Elmsdale, and Miss Bessie L. White, of Long Reach, took place on the 25th inst. at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Estey, only the immediate relatives of the parties being present. The bride was attired in a handsome white silk dress and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The pair were unattended. After the ceremony luncheon was served.

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. James Christie left Saturday evening for Brownville Junction to conduct the examination of the members of the C. P. R. branch of the St. John Ambulance class.

Mrs. C. H. LaBillois, of Dalhousie (N. B.), wife of Hon. C. H. LaBillois, and her daughter, Miss Alma La Billois, are guests at the Wilhelmina, Mountain street.—Montreal Star.

The Elder Dempster steamer Sokoto arrived in port Saturday from Halifax on her way south. On board the steamer were fifteen Chinamen, who were going to points in the West Indies. While in port they were under police guard, but none attempted to escape and the steamer sailed again in the evening.

At the board of health offices during the last week fourteen deaths were recorded from the following causes: Hemplegia and heart disease two each, and suicide, marasmus, consumption, septicaemia, premature birth, general debility, acute indigestion, gastro enteritis, bronchopneumonia, and chronic endocarditis, one each.

The annual convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities will convene in St. Stephen on October 23 and 24, and it is expected that it will be one of the most successful conventions of the organization yet conducted. An interesting programme has been arranged, to include addresses on live topics of interest to all the members, and for the betterment of conditions in general, as well as for improved legislation.

About thirty feet of the north wall of the warehouse occupied by the Thorne Wharfe & Warehousing Company, collapsed soon after 6 o'clock on Friday evening, doing damage to the extent of $2,000. Several men had a narrow escape when the wall fell. Among them was A. E. Fleming, a member of the company which occupied the building, who had just left the premises before the accident occurred.

The inquest into the death of John Quigley, who was killed at Aurora on the night of Sept. 10, has been concluded by Coroner Berryman. John Stears, a C. P. R. engineer; J. B. Charters, conductor; Owen McDonald and Charles Keating, brakemen, gave evidence. The jury brought in a verdict that Quigley was killed by being run over by a C. P. R. train, but that the C. P. R. was in no way responsible for the death.

An interesting find, which recalls the early history of St. John was made last week by Simeon Mallory, caretaker of the Queen Square. While digging in one of the grass plots he discovered a couple of ancient copper coins. The oldest was dated 1744 and bore the image of King George II. The other, which appeared to be a Spanish coin was of the date of 1837. The coins were so badly encrusted that it took some careful work to clean them so the inscription would show.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kenney (nee Beveridge, of Andover, N. B.), are expected here shortly. The expect to make Vancouver their home. Mrs. Jardine, who is visiting in the east, spent last week at Petitcodiac (N. B.), the guest of Mrs. M. B. Keith. Mrs. Andrew Robb, of this city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Fraser, at Rexton (N. B.). Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Charlton, of Middleton (N. S.), have arrived in the city and are stopping at the St. Francis.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The coal company, headed by Sir Thomas Tait, which took over large areas in Queens county, reported making excellent progress in the work of development. One shaft has been completed and shipments from it are now being made. Another shaft is nearing completion, and as soon as it is finished work will be commenced on several others. The company is undertaking the work on a much larger scale than has been seen in Queens county, and will greatly increase the output from the coal fields in that district.

A large bear and her young cub were seen on Friday evening in the Manawagonish road by a young man, living in that district. On hearing footsteps the bear turned and stood still for nearly half a minute, looking in the direction of the spot where the young man had dodged behind some shrubbery. After this she walked slowly into the woods. The bear, it is said, was a very large one but did not appear to be troublesome. It is also said, that bears have been seen in the vicinity of the place several times during the latter part of the summer.

The steamer Oconee, which was placed on the river service this summer was damaged Saturday morning in her trip down river, as she was making her wharf at Indiantown. The Hampton was lying outside and the other had to come in at her stern. The signals were given properly until just before the wharf was made when the bell to the engineer failed to connect satisfactorily and the Oconee plunged sidelong into the Hampton, striking amidships just on the two protectors at the stern of the moored steamer. Quite a hole was staved in the side of the Oconee, and it will be several days before she is again on the route.

While many St. John people are making money on real estate these days, one citizen discovered last week that instead of making money he had been losing it for some years. The discovery was made when he was arranging the sale, at a nice figure, of a property which he had been holding and paying taxes on, for a long time. When the lawyers completed the search they found that he had no title to it, but that it rightfully belonged to one of his relations. He not only lost the property and the chance to make a profit on it, but was out the money he has paid in taxes. He is now taking steps to recover this amount from the city.

Fire which broke out in Brunswick street about noon Saturday in a house owned by Alex. Baird did considerable damage to that building and the one adjoining owned by W. J. Crawford, and occupied by him, T. C. Whitenect and H. R. Crawford. The Baird house was occupied by Louis Young and Charles Snodgrass. The blaze, which spread quickly, is thought to have started from a defective chimney. Mr. Baird estimates his loss at about $500 with no insurance. Neither of his tenants had any financial protection. Mr. Crawford had $2,000 on his house and furniture and estimates the damage at about $1,200. His tenants carried no insurance.

HAVELOCK PASTOR ACCEPTS NEW CHARGE

Rev. S. J. Perry Going to Cole's Island Church—Preaches Farewell Sermon.

Havelock, Sept. 30—Rev. S. J. Perry preached his farewell sermon in the Steeves Settlement Baptist church yesterday. Rev. Mr. Perry has been some two years in charge of the group of churches at Intervale, Kinnear, Steeves, and Wheaton Settlements, also Lewis Mountain. He has received and accepted a call from Coles Island, Queens county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. H. Alward left this morning for Evans (Ill.), twelve miles from Chicago, to visit their son, V. L. Alward, who is in business there.

Wesley W. Duncan, who went west recently on a visit to his son in Alberta, returned last week. He speaks highly of the west, but says New Brunswick is good enough. Mr. Duncan visited a number of New Brunswickers in the west, all of whom are doing well. John Chapman, who left here about twelve or fifteen years ago, has a 1,000-acre block of land and is said to be worth considerable.

Mrs. Scott left for her home today at St. Marys (N. B.), after visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred. H. Alward, of this place.

Mrs. George Gorham, of Newtown, Kings county, left for her home today, after visiting her father, J. Ford Alward, of Havelock. The latter is eighty-seven years of age and is as active and hale as a man of sixty.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Keith and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Seely, of Havelock, were at Lewis Mountain on Wednesday attending the wedding of Stewart Brown and Miss Lottie Prosser. The bride and groom left for their future home at Sussex this morning.

Michael Kelly, of St. Martins, gave a couple of lectures on temperance recently at Steeves Settlement. It is expected that he will organize a lodge of the I. O. G. T. next Thursday evening at Killam's Mills. As there is no suitable place to hold it in Steeves Settlement, all will attend at Killam's Mills.

BALKAN STATES ON VERGE OF WAR

(Continued from page 1.)

obtaining a written declaration of amity from the Servian government, the Servian minister, Dr. Nenadovitch, has sent another important communication to the porte. This follows a communication which the minister addressed to the porte on Saturday respecting the stoppage of Servian ammunition after permission had been given for its passage through the Turkish lines.

In reply to this, the Turkish foreign minister said that the consignment was detained because of the doubtful attitude of Servia. On the declaration by the minister, that the Servian policy was unchanged the Turkish foreign minister asked for a written statement embodying these assurances.

The present note invites the porte to adopt a definite decision within 48 hours either to sanction the passage of the ammunition or return it to France. The communication is couched in friendly but energetic terms. It is understood that failure to comply with the conditions will lead to the departure of the minister.

Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 30—The officers of the Greek army reserve here have received telegraphic orders to join the colors immediately.

London, Sept. 30—A Constantinople despatch says that all Greek vessels have received orders to leave Turkish waters.

Germany Fears the Worst.

Berlin, Sept. 30—The German foreign office is prepared for the worst in the Balkans since the issue of the mobilization orders in Servia and Bulgaria. The possibility is taken into consideration, however, that the orders have been issued for tactical purposes and to bring pressure to bear on the porte. The exact aims of Servia and Bulgaria in mobilizing are their own secret, and it is thought war may possibly break out without a formal declaration. The great powers, however, none of whom desire war, will continue their endeavors to prevent it until the last moment.

Greece Prepares for War.

Athens, Sept. 30—The Greek government in agreement with other Balkan states, tonight ordered the mobilizing of her forces by sea and by land. The reason given for this step is apprehension on the part of the Balkan states that the mobilization of the Turkish army and the disquieting internal condition of Turkey might induce the porte to seek a way out of the difficulties in war.

Denies Receiving Ultimatum.

Constantinople, Sept. 30—The foreign minister denied tonight that the government had received an ultimatum either from Bulgaria or from Bulgaria and Servia jointly.

A SUFFRAGETTE ARGUMENT.

(Miss Horniman at Manchester.)

"I am afraid that at least ten per cent of gentlemen who have the vote have to be brought out of the public house to be taken to the polling booth. I have been told by other gentlemen who know that voters are brought out of the public-house at the psychological and the physiological moment so that they shall vote for the side that leads them to the poll. (Laughter.) I don't think that will happen to us. We shall walk to the poll. I don't think we shall need a motor to take us; we shall walk to the poll, soberly and record our vote by ballot. So long as people are more or less bribed the rich man gets in; not the useful man. When the next election comes—when we have the vote—there will, probably, be some very comical attempts at bribery and corruption. Beautiful gentlemen, with lovely waxed moustaches—(laughter)—and most becoming dress will come round and bring us chocolates and flowers—(laughter)—but at any rate they will not have us muddled by beer."

When silk is spotted with grease, rub it with French chalk or magnesia, then hold the spotted portion near the fire. The chalk will absorb the grease and can be brushed off, taking the chalk with it.

WORD LOYALTY IS SOMETIMES MISLEADING

Lord Milner Discusses Questions of Great Importance to Great Britain

SPEAKS OF HOME RULE

If Canada Contributes to Naval Defence, He Says, She Should Have Voice in Government of Empire in Proportion to Such Contribution—Eastern Canada Place of Great Opportunities.

"I am an Imperial Unionist, and it is my ideal to see all the nations under the British flag remaining united forever and standing together as one nation before the world."

"The word loyalty is sometimes misleading. If it stands for devotion to the mother country alone or to Canada alone it is not good business. The Briton may feel a stronger love for his own part of the empire, and the Canadian may feel a strong attachment for his own country, but both are capable of a common devotion to the empire, primarily as a group of self-governing nations, all owing allegiance to the British Crown.

"If Canada's loyalty to the empire leads her to contribute to its naval defence, I think it is only right that she should have a voice in the government of the empire in proportion to such contribution."

These are some of the views expressed by Viscount Milner, of St. James, in an interview granted to a reporter yesterday morning. Lord Milner, one of the foremost imperial statesmen of the day, who has given twenty years' of distinguished service to the empire in South Africa and Egypt, is now making a tour of Canada.

In appearance Lord Milner is a typical Britisher; tall and well built, of distinguished appearance and commanding presence. His years' of service in high positions are indicated in his authoritive bearing, but have not lessened his geniality and his approachableness.

Referring to the fact that this was not his first visit to Canada, Lord Milner yesterday morning expressed his regret that he had not been able to visit the eastern portion of the dominion on his last trip four years ago, and is now making amends for this. He was deeply impressed with the western country, but since landing this fall he has been as much impressed with the east.

"You have a great country in the maritime provinces," he said. There are many advantages here which the newer country in the west does not enjoy, such as the interest attaching to the history of this portion of the dominion, more attractive living conditions and greater beauty of scenery than in other parts of the dominion, with the exception, perhaps, of British Columbia, which is also a beautiful country. There seem to be great agricultural possibilities which have not yet been developed, and I have been struck by the industrial opening of which the people of the east are beginning to take greater advantage.

"You have splendid harbors, and there will be ample business for all of them, as the rest of the country continues to develop. I do not think that your facilities for communication with the old country or with the rest of Canada are yet adequate, however."

When asked regarding his opinion of the destiny of Canada, Lord Milner said that he could not pose as a prophet, but his hopes for Canada are embodied in the words quoted at the opening of this article. Speaking of the loyalty of the dominion, he said, "I think that many of the Canadian people have been too busy developing this enormous country to think much about questions of loyalty, but, in my experience, when it has been put to them, the majority feel as I do that their loyalty should be to the empire and that they wish Canada always to remain a part of the British dominions, and to see her play a great and ever greater part in the imperial family.

"In this connection the east has played a great part in upholding British ideals in the dominion by sending so many of her best men to the west, where they take a leading place and assist in maintaining British ideals among the many settlers who are flocking to Canada from all parts of the world."

"By remaining in one imperial union and continuing to uphold all that is best in our civilization, the British Empire will be an enormous power for good in maintaining political ideals."

"I place before you an ideal, but I do not pretend to tell you how this ideal is to be achieved. Such practical problems as are involved in imperial defence must be worked out by each part of the empire. Anything that Canada may decide to do in this respect will be gladly welcomed, and we not look a gift horse in the mouth. I care more for the spirit than for the contribution itself. If it is right in principle for Canada to contribute to imperial defence, I feel, and the majority of our people in the old country feel the same, that she ought also to have a voice in the government of the empire in proportion to such contribution. As an imperial organization the various countries should stand together in the presence of other nations, but I have no cut and dried plan to suggest."

"I believe that the vast majority of the British people are in favor of giving Canada voice in the councils of the empire. Our idea of Canada is not as a tributary nation, but as an ally and an associate, and this applies to all colonies capable of self-government."

Speaking of the home rule discussion in Great Britain, Lord Milner said that the question at stake seemed to be whether Ireland should continue in the same relation to Great Britain as one of the provinces does to Canada or whether she should assume a position more similar to that existing between Canada and Great Britain. He did not wish to commit himself to any expression of opinion regarding the merits of the controversy, and said that if a referendum was taken on the subject, he believed that that people of Great Britain would found to be almost equally divided.

"It is unfortunate," Lord Milner continued," that questions such as these should become the subject for party divisions instead of being dealt with entirely on their merits. I am not what could be termed a good party man. Twenty years in the government service has given me the habit of considering questions on their merits, rather than as party policies. I recognize the necessity for political parties, but I see great evils in the party system.

"I have been sorry to observe that the evils of the party system are not confined to domestic problems, but have intruded themselves into the discussion of matters of imperial importance. There seems to be a tendency for the Liberals and Conservatives of Canada to take sides with the parties of the same name even on questions which are not affected by their political ideals and which bear no relation to their own policies. It is natural that they should unite on some subjects such as the tariff, but in other matters political lines should not be extended from one country to the other. I strongly favor anything which helps to break down these lines and which helps towards the consideration of every problem on its own merits."

SALISBURY ITEMS

Young Lad Badly Injured by Kick of Colt—Personal Matters.

Salisbury, N. B., Sept. 30—A young lad, son of Thomas Taylor, a prominent farmer of North River, Salisbury, met with what narrowly escaped being a fatal accident on Sunday morning. The boy went to the pasture where a number of colts were feeding, and called one of the young animals up to him. When quite near the boy the colt wheeled and kicked up its heels, one of its hoofs striking the boy on the back of his head, severing a small artery and making a nasty scalp wound. The boy lost considerable blood before Dr. Atkinson, of this village, who was hastily summoned, could reach him. It is thought that the boy will be all right again in a few days.

William H. Best, of River Glade, was in Salisbury today to meet two of his nieces who have been visiting their home in Albert county and will spend a few days with Mr. Best before returning to Boston. Mr. Best, who is in his 94th year, is a remarkably well preserved man for his age.

Miss Carrie Wilmot, professional nurse, who has been spending the summer here with her mother, Mrs. M. Bentley Wilmot, left on the Canadian Pacific express on Sunday afternoon for her home in Fall River (Mass.) Miss Wilmot will make short visits with friends at St. John and Portland (Me.) on her way home.

Miss Nettie Carter, who has been spending a couple of weeks here with her father, Capt. J. W. Carter, left on Saturday to resume her studies at the Worcester (Mass.) City Hospital training school for nurses.

Charles Lewis, a former Salisbury man, who has been in Portland (Me.) for some years, arrived in Salisbury Saturday evening and is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. John H. Bleakney.

IS THERE A SCHEME TO WRECK THE G. T. P.?

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degrading of the National Transcontinental east of Cochrane helps the C. P. R.

Enter the minister of railways.

One of Hon. Frank Cochrane's first administrative acts was to make the National Transcontinetnal Commission a one-man affair. The former commissioners were relieved from office and Major Leonard, a former C. P. R. engineer, became sole commissioner responsible to the minister of railways. Then two special commissioners were appointed to inquire into the construction of the National Transcontinental, Lynch Staunton, K. C., and F. P. Gutelius, the latter up to the time of his appointment by Mr. Cochrane being general engineer in charge of construction on the Lake Superior and eastern divisions of the C. P. R.

Thirdly, Mr. Cochrane last session practically shelved the Georgian Bay canal scheme, which would have been another competing route to the C. P. R. But the improvement of the French river was embarked upon, thus giving a waterway as far as North Bay, where the railway company could again take over the waterborne traffic.

Increasing the Grades.

Now comes the increasing of the grades on the N. T. R., east of Cochrane, the effect of which will be to divert traffic which would go over it to Quebec and the maritime provinces and make it come instead via Cochrane down the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway to North Bay, and thence to the seaboard via either the C. P. R. or G. T. R. lines.

Furthermore, raising the N. T. R. grades through comparatively easy and temporary construction work will enable Mr. Cochrane and the new commissioner to lessen the estimates of the late government for the work, though the character of the road will, of course, suffer. Then, too, perhaps when an election is due it might be found politically profitable to have large contracts to hand out to reduce these very grades and make them conform to the standard of the portions of the line already built.

It is also worth noting, in view of the next election, that a well-founded rumor says Mr. Cochrane will not run again in Temiskaming, but will seek to supplant Hon. George E. Foster in North Toronto. The latter is suggested for the post of Canadian high commissioner and diplomatic representative of Canada in London under Premier Borden's scheme of closer imperial union.

Why the Grand Trunk is Silent.

The question naturally arises as to why the Grand Trunk Pacific Company does not do more than file a formal protest against the change of grades. Two reasons are given. In the first place, the G. T. P. Company is seeking another loan of $15,000,000 from the government this coming session to finance the completion of its mountain section. Consequently, it desires to stand in well with the powers that be.

Secondly, it is an open secret that the Grand Trunk would prefer to haul western traffic from North Bay to Montreal or Boston or Portland over its present lines than to use the National Transcontinental from Cochrane east.

A change of grades on the N. T. R would violate the Grand Trunk Pacific's agreement under the act of 1903 for leasing the government line, and it is stated by an official of the company that action to void the agreement will be taken if the road is not built according to the act.

Hon. Frank Cochrane may possibly be able to give good or at least plausible reasons for the changed instructions to engineers on the N. T. R., but so far these have not been forthcoming.

Certainly the situation now has a decidedly sinister look and the dominion's interests, especially those of the west, are apparently being grossly sacrificed for party or private advantage.

The revolving breakfast tray is a comfort which American women would do well to borrow from their English cousins. It makes it possible to do with less service.