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THE Fall Exhibition at Kentville, Nova Scotia, of fruits, vegetables, flowers, poultry and dairy products is to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 1st and 2nd October next.

OUR St. John's correspondent tells us that the population of the Bay of Islands district of Newfoundland is only 2,000, and that the whole west coast from Bonne Bay down to Port au Basques is from 8,000 to 10,000.

BLUE eyes, yellow hair, a bewitching smile, a fawn-colored robe, and a crimson cap—such is the make-up of a young woman as depicted life size by the Howell Lithographing Co., of Hamilton, on their show card, and a pretty wall decoration the picture makes. We think her name is Marguerite. At least she holds one in her hand.

RETURNING from the United States to his native village in the spring of 1901, J. A. Lachance, of St. Evariste, Que., bought out a general store business with some moderate earnings he had accumulated. He has, however, not made a success of storekeeping, and already proposes that his creditors accept 75 per cent. of their claims amounting to \$3,409.

J. A. LOMME, general merchant at St. Johns, Que., whose embarrassment we lately noted, has made a proposition to pay his creditors 40 cents on the dollar. The statement of affairs, prepared by a Montreal accountant, shows liabilities of about \$35,000, with assets of \$26,000. It is probable that his offer will be accepted.

THERE are some noteworthy transparencies to be seen about Toronto during Fair time. One of them, when seen from the Bay is Mr. Larkins' gigantic electric sign, "Salada," which is the name of the Ceylon tea he sells so largely. Another is the decoration of the Temple Building with electric light by the thousand. The whole eleven-story building is outlined with them; the stories being indicated by lines of white light, the balconies and openings with colored lights. Verily, Oronhyatekha understands advertising. We wish we could believe the figures he advertises.

A SENTENCE from President Roosevelt's speech last week at Fitchburg is food for reflection. He said: "I feel that we ought to have the aim before us of getting some sovereign in whose courts those great corporations can be held to account." On this the New York Sun comments: The search for such courts need not be long. At this moment one of the greatest corporations in the country, the Northern Securities Company, is in Minnesota in a United States Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, answering to charges that it is unlawfully violating a statute of Minnesota; and this same corporation is also in the Supreme Court at Washington, answering to charges that it is violating a statute of the United States.

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