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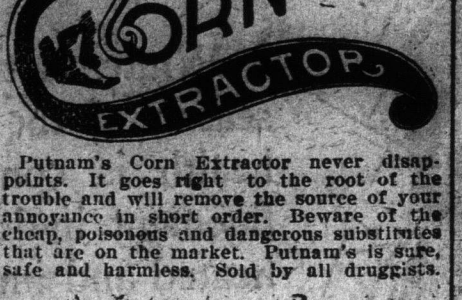
PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. April 13—Str Amaranthia, Taylor, from Glasgow, S Schofield & Co, gen cargo. Str Cumberland, Spies, from Boston, W G Lee, mdse and pass. Sch Three Sisters, from Boston, hal. Sch Foster Rice, Berry, from Providence, F Tuttle & Co, bal. Sch Wanda, Wagner, from Halifax, J W Smith, naval stores. Sch Clayton, McDade, from Yarmouth, J W Smith, hal. Sch Genista, Scott, from Joggins, J W Smith, coal. Sch Harry W Lewis, Read, from Jacksonville for Dorchester, in for harbor. April 14—Str Lusitania, 2,577, Jones, from Liverpool, Troop and Sea, mdse and pass. Str Glen Head, 964, Kennedy, from Belfast via Swansea, Wm Thomson and Co, bal. Str Cabot, Holmes, from Lunenburg, R F and W F Starr, coal. Sch Three Sisters (Am), Burrie, from Lunenburg, John E Moore, bal. Sch Willie Marshall (Am), 281, Hunter, from Lunenburg, Peter McIntyre, B. Dickson, from Lunenburg, Laconie, 15, Dixon, from North Head, Portland, 22, Lagerlof, from Grand Harbour, J. A. Fox, 15, Banks, from Clementport, Speedwell, 82, Black, from Quaco, J. A. Fox, 15, Banks, from Clementport, 18, Osginger, from Tiverton, Electric Light, 34, Dillon, from Digby, Meteor, 12, Griffin, from Lunenburg, 10, Morley, White, 50, Seely, from Advocate Harbor, Alma, 70, Reid, from Alma, Ida M, 88, Tufts, from Lunenburg, 29, Dickson, from Tiverton, Forest Flower, 25, Ray, from Margareville, Three Links, 21, Sterling, from Sackville, Yarmouth, Parker, 4, Shaw, from Yarmouth, Clitzen, H, Woodworth, from Bear River, J H Goody, 28, Comans, from Metegans, J. O. Oliver, 15, Hawkins, from fishing, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, cramps, cold, summer complaint, nausea, cholera, and other ailments, penetrating and effective remedy for all pain, whether internal, external or local.

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THE WEST INDIES

I. C. Stewart Discusses Trade Possibilities in That Direction.

A Promising Field Where Canada Should be Better Known Than at Present.

Systematic and Sustained Effort is Necessary—The People Are Willing—Some Pointers for Exporters.

I am thoroughly convinced that there is a very promising field for the development of trade between Canada and the West Indies.

Mr. Stewart, with plenty of vigor and energy, and a renewed physical vigor, arrived in the steamer Duart last Sunday. He was accompanied throughout the trip by Mrs. Stewart. Others who came up on the steamer were Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell and son, C. S. Pickford and son, Sheriff Archibald and Mrs. Archibald, H. H. Brown and Mrs. Brown, and others. Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. W. B. Demerara, Capt. Whitch, R. N., and Lieut. Currie, R. N.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart went south in January, and have since visited Barbados, Trinidad, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent, Martinique, and Guadeloupe. Mr. Stewart frankly observes that he writes an article on West India trade before he went down. It followed him down there, and one day he had the curiosity to read it. He says he will never again attempt to describe the trade of a foreign country, unless gathered by standing on the sidewalk in front of it.

In addition to interviewing merchants and taking copious notes on all the islands, Mr. Stewart engaged a steam grapple in Barbados and in Trinidad, and secured important statistics from leading importers, going very fully into a discussion of trade in such lines as Canada is in a position to supply. In addition he secured copies of the blue books of the islands giving statistics of trade. In fact he returns with a vast amount of practical information, which he has gathered that is needed for an intelligent discussion of trade with the islands. Mr. Stewart says he was everywhere received most cordially, and everywhere he found a hearty feeling in favor of more trade with Canada, if it could be brought about. But to bring it about the Canadian must go to work in a business-like way, not spasmodically, and they must study the market and consult the prejudices of the people on the different islands.

At the present time, the sugar question is of great importance to the West Indians. If they can manage to get their sugar to advantage, it means prosperity. Prosperity means greater consuming power, and a larger market for Canadian products. It is in this trying period Canada could help the islands by getting their sugar to advantage. A sound basis for the sugar trade is a permanent market, which will win the lasting gratitude of the people and reap the benefit in profitable trade. Mr. Stewart believes Canada can do something, and he will have some suggestions to make on that point in a future issue.

But even under present conditions he maintains that Canada has lost and is losing excellent opportunities. The United States has a large and profitable trade with the islands. Canada should be able to compete successfully, if she has the same proportion to ship.

Take the item of flour. The trade of the islands, including British Guiana, requires considerably over half a million barrels per year. Trinidad, for example, requires 100,000 barrels of flour annually. The United States exports to Trinidad 80,000 barrels of low grade quality, selling at \$2.60 to \$2.85 f.o.b. New York. The balance is made up of high grade bakers, worth \$4 to \$4.10 f.o.b. New York, and extras, worth \$2.60 to \$3.90. Practically all of this is supplied by the United States, and a large time the trade was controlled by the New York city mills, and they still have the bulk of it. There was an impression on the island that flour to keep well in that southern latitude should be made from wheat grown in the north of Virginia. This idea was of Minneapolis exploded that idea. He went into the market with a blend that is largely composed of hard winter wheat, and it keeps longer than any of the others. Moreover, Mr. Stewart is bringing back a sample of Manitoba flour that went down to Barbados six months ago, and it is still in perfect condition. The real trouble with Canadian flour seems to be that in the first place the shippers do not stick to a few brands and ship regularly; and they do not ship in the American plan of making a barrel that weighs 48 pounds by packing it in a perfectly tight way. If there is a space of two or three inches at the top of it is bad for the flour, and the more ignorant buyers will not believe that it is full weight. Pillsbury, when he exploited the market, covered the island with peters, and then made regular shipments by every steamer till he got a hold on the market. Now he has a good trade. But every barrel of flour that is shipped from New York to the islands is inspected by a government inspector, and stamped. An inspection of whatever month it may be. Then the buyer knows how long it is likely to keep in good condition.

Then there is cheese. Ordinary Canadian cheese contains too much butter fat. It is too rich for that climate. When it is cut the oil oozes out and the cheese crumbles. The people want a cheese that will slice thin without breaking. The Americans found that out, made the kind wanted, and got the trade. One Trinidad firm handles 120 packages of 30 lbs. each per month. It is too rich for that climate. Canadians should be able to make this cheese and share the trade. Butter is another article we should

COAL AND OIL

Meeting of the Baltimore Railway and Coal Company.

Prospects for Albert County Shale—The Gaspe Oil Fields—Interview With Henry Higgins of London.

A meeting of the Baltimore Railway and Coal Co. was held in this city Monday. H. H. McLean is solicitor for the company, and among those present were Col. John C. Calhoun, Captain James Calhoun and Charles S. Daley, of the legal firm of Logan, Harby & Dunand, all of New York, and Henry Higgins of London, England, who is a director of the company, and who is also chairman of The Petroleum Oil Trust, Ltd., of London.

The company discussed matters connected with their proposed operations in Albert county, and it is understood will shortly begin operations on the branch lines of railway for which charters are now being asked in the Dominion parliament. Last evening Lieut. Col. McLean entertained Col. Calhoun and Mr. Higgins at luncheon in the Union Club, and gathered together a number of leading citizens to meet them around the festive board.

Capt. Calhoun, Mr. Daley and one of the company's engineers went to Montreal on the steamer. Mr. Higgins is chairman of the London company which owns the Gaspe oil properties. Interviewed by the Sun, at the Royal last evening, he said that his company had expended a large amount of money in sinking oil wells in Gaspe, where they own 50 square miles of territory and hold mining rights on 40,000 acres. More they have sunk 40 wells, and have constructed 75 miles of roadway. Experts declare that there is a great lake of oil under Gaspe, and as a matter of fact the company have found oil in every well bored, and in one notable case the oil spouted and threw out the boring plant, and the stream of oil rose seventy feet in the air. They have docks, vessels and stores at Gaspe Basin, with excellent quarters for their men, of whom some 200 are constantly employed. The company have expended a large amount of money and are confident that the lake of oil will be tapped in due time and prove a perfect bonanza for that part of Canada. The engineers tell them that there is room to sink 12,000 wells on their property. Mr. Higgins is convinced that the experts are right, and that a great oil industry will be developed.

Speaking of the Baltimore shale in Albert county, Mr. Higgins says he went over the property last autumn, and took samples of the shale to London, where experts informed him that it contained a large percentage of oil. Engineers have now gone up to sink tunnels and take out more of the shale, which will be taken to London and Paris, and practically tested in the leading gas works in Europe.

While speaking of the Baltimore property, Mr. Higgins said he believed there may be a great amalgamation of oil and coal properties in Canada, involving a capital of \$50,000,000. There is in England, he says, a great patriotic feeling now, which favors the production of oil by British capital on

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