

A GOOD YEAR EXPECTED IN AGRICULTURE

Secretary Daggett in City Yesterday—Sheep Raising Prospects on Grand Manan—Outlook Good for Apples.

J. B. Daggett, provincial secretary for agriculture, who was in the city yesterday, was very enthusiastic about the agricultural movement in the province. Mr. Daggett has been attending the farmers' picnic at St. Stephen, and he left last evening for Sussex to look into certain matters in connection with the dairy school there.

"The Department of Agriculture is taking an active interest in the matter of instructing our farmers in regard to the possibilities of drainage," said Mr. Daggett. "The ditching machine purchased by the department will be in hand in a few days. We will put it to work at first on the Dominion No. 1000 demonstration farm near Fredericton, and then at Fredericton Junction. After that it will be sent about the country, in the order of the applications received from the Agricultural Societies. We hope the work of this machine will develop among the farmers a greater appreciation of the importance of drainage.

"The arrangement made by the department for the field crops competition is attracting a great deal of attention, and has been received from all parts of the province," added Mr. Daggett. "We hope it will add good results to the work as poultry raising is now very high."

After leaving St. Stephen Mr. Daggett went to Grand Manan to look over the situation there.

The Sheep Industry.

"The question of sheep raising is beginning to engage the attention of the public," he said. "One of the best places for sheep raising in the country is on Grand Manan and the smaller islands, and there is a feeling that the people there are beginning to realize the possibilities. I talked with one man who has a herd of about 150 sheep, and he told me that he got the only ewe he had ever obtained from his sheep farm.

"There is a lot of interest on Grand Manan and the smaller islands about sheep raising, and we expect others will go into the business. If you know anything about sheep you will know that there is no mutton which has the flavor of mutton raised on islands surrounded by salt water. I don't know whether the superior quality of sea island mutton is due to the sea air, or to the fact that the sheep eat a great deal of dulse and seaweed; but I know that the mutton from the islands of Grand Manan has a sweetness that you will find in mutton raised in other parts. The department hopes to see an extensive development of the sheep raising industry on Grand Manan and the smaller islands."

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LIBERALS FAVOR DISPOSAL OF I. C. R. TO COMPANY

Instead of Policy of Expansion and Improvement Which Government Would Follow, Opposition Members Would Have People's Railway Exploited for Private Gain.

The announcement that the government are changing the system of management of the Intercolonial Railway, and will place the control in the hands of F. P. Goulet as commissioner, is confidently believed will lead to great expansion of the people's railway. The wide experience of Mr. Goulet in the practical and successful operation of railways coupled with the proposals of the government to purchase branch lines, it is expected will bring most beneficial results to the I. C. R. In contrast to it is instructive to note the tone of the speech of W. M. German, member for Welland, and one of the leading Liberals at Ottawa. Mr. German saw no future for the I. C. R. as it is now recommended to the government to sell it. The following is an extract from Hansard of April 25th:

Mr. German: I wish to place myself on record as being diametrically opposed to this government acquiring any further railway lines or keeping the railway lines that they have. I wish to place myself on record as being absolutely and positively opposed to the government of Canada owning and operating railway lines. We have the Intercolonial Railway, and the best thing the government of Canada can do is to get rid of it at the earliest possible moment, on the best terms they can possibly secure, I have heard some talk about the Canadian North-west railway leasing it.

Mr. Jameson: If the hon. gentleman is in favor of the government of Canada disposing of the Intercolonial Railway, would he take the same ground with regard to canals owned by the government of this country?

Mr. German: I have heard that suggestion made frequently, but no person in cost accounted to seven cents. Mr. Perley at the time had suggested to the steamship men that there was an abuse.

Mr. Perley could not see how the necessary jurisdiction to deal with ocean rates could be given to the railway commissioners. The government, however, will be quite alive to the necessity of doing everything possible to establish fair and reasonable rates. It is time that the government should be authorized by a commission and the government could act upon the facts brought out at the investigation.

Mr. Pugsley Objects.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley objected that there was too much government by commission. He advocated an investigation by the railway commission and a report thereon to the House of Commons. He emphasized the importance of the question and stated that it was before the government at the present time.

TWO IMPORTANT MATTERS BEFORE HOUSE YESTERDAY

Continued from page 1.

The movement of grain and flour between North America and Europe has been a question taken up by the authorities of Canada, Great Britain and the United States and a solution found.

Mr. Frank Oliver, who followed, proposed to find in Mr. Meighen's argument a proposal for the British to export wheat in order to help the Canadian miller. Mr. Oliver said that in his opinion the consumer would be benefited by the miller's monopoly in Canada as from the ocean rates. He said that the government could relieve the situation without the conference proposed by Mr. Meighen, by looking after the monopoly in transportation on the Great Lakes, a monopoly made possible by legislation of the present session.

A Difficult Question.

Hon. George Perley, acting minister of trade and commerce, in speaking for the government, referred to the great sums spent by Canada in the development of the means of transportation. He said that the expenditure were to be destroyed through the increase of ocean rates, Canada would be no better off. Yesterday was a difficult one, Mr. Perley said, but a remedy had been found, as a remedy had been found in the matter of railway rates by the establishment of the railway commission. The ocean rates seemed to be higher than they were, but they had increased very rapidly without any good reason being shown for it. This increase was, however, world wide. The question was, whether the rates from other parts of the world, the rates from the United States had been increased just as had the rates from Canada.

Suggests a Commission.

Mr. Perley pointed out that the wheat rates were fixed by the amount of wheat offered for export. Six weeks ago the question of rates had been discussed at a meeting of the millers and steamship men. The millers urged that there should not be a difference of more than two or three cents as between wheat and flour while the steamship men claimed that the difference should be five cents.

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ARTILLERY BAND IN PLEASING PROGRAMME

Their Annual Concert in the Opera House, Last Night, Greatly Enjoyed—Miss Blenda Thompson Charms.

The stirring martial strains of patriotic music, dreamy waltzes, operatic selections and a number of instrumental and vocal numbers combined to make the annual concert of the Artillery Band in the Opera House last evening one of the red letter days in the annals of musical entertainments in St. John. The Artillery Band has always ranked among the premier military musical organizations in the Maritime Provinces, and the skill with which they performed last evening added fresh laurels to the many wreaths they have already captured.

Unfortunately the audience was not so large as the merits of the performance warranted, but the orchestra and dress circle were fairly well filled, vacant seats being more numerous in the balcony and gallery. Many of the officers of the various local regiments were present and the bright colors of their uniforms scattered throughout the audience lent a martial air to the gathering. The concert was under the patronage of Lieut. Col. B. R. Armstrong, and the officers of the regiment, most of whom were in attendance.

Much of the credit for the vocal portion of the concert belongs to Miss Blenda Thompson, whose two solos were rendered in finished style. Both were encored and the audience showed themselves not to be chary in giving applause where it was so well deserved. Miss Thompson's selections, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," and "Symphony," were particularly adapted to her voice, which was heard to the best possible advantage. Another feature of especial merit was the ladies' quartette, consisting of the Misses Stamer, Brown, Blanch and McLean, who were heard in two selected numbers, and as an encore a negro dialect song, "The Wren," a piccolo solo by Bandman Louis Nye was rendered in a creditable manner and the second, "Sensach nach der Helmath," a saxophone solo by Bandman H. H. Williams was well received by the audience. Both solos were played to an accompaniment by the full band.

Perhaps the most arduous part of the evening's work devolved upon the members of the band who were upon the stage throughout the entire entertainment. Their selections included a "Coronation March," from the opera "Le Prophete," "Overture to Tancredi," "The Angels," from Scenes Pittoresques, "Overture to Semiramide," selections from Il Trovatore and an American sketch of a descriptive nature. The last number is deserving of especial praise. The theme was a coon's dream of the past. The coons are heard in the distance, marching to a camp meeting, then comes the dance of the old folks, a whistling chorus, the dance becomes exciting and finally the vision closes with the strains of the "Old Folks at Home," some of the bandmen singing the words while the remainder played the air. The entertainment was brought to a close with the National Anthem, the members of the band and the audience rising, and the latter dispersed, satisfied that they had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

THE TWO MEN BOWLING COMPETITION.

In the two-men bowling competition on Black's alleys last night, Gordon and Cosgrove won from Brown and Stubbs, defeating their opponents by 2 points.

The scores were:

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| Gordon | 92 | 83 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 427 | 85 | 23 |
| Cosgrove | 84 | 74 | 85 | 83 | 86 | 422 | 84 | 23 |
| Total | 162 | 157 | 165 | 164 | 169 | 844 | | |
| Brown | 94 | 78 | 92 | 106 | 84 | 456 | 91 | 14 |
| Stubbs | 68 | 81 | 73 | 68 | 78 | 388 | 77 | 15 |
| Total | 156 | 157 | 167 | 170 | 164 | 844 | | |

Games This Week.

Tuesday—Moore and Harrison vs. Sullivan and Armstrong; Black and Gilmore vs. Froshay and Howard.

Wednesday—Burton and McLeod vs. Morris and Logan; White and Beattie vs. Archibald and Stubbs.

Thursday—Kiley and Slocum vs. Cosgrove and Harley; Froshay and Howard vs. McLeod and Burton.

Friday—Kiley and Slocum vs. Cosgrove and Harley; Froshay and Howard vs. McLeod and Burton.

Saturday—Cosgrove and Harley vs. Sutherland and Irvine; Black and Gilmore vs. White and Beattie.

AN OFFICER INJURED.

Quebec, May 5.—Major Roy, R. C. G., while riding on St. Anne street Saturday, pitched from his mount and sustained a fracture of his ankle.

A PURELY HERBAL BALM, BEST THING FOR THE TENDER SKIN OF CHILDREN, YET POWERFUL ENOUGH TO HEAL AN ADULT'S CHRONIC SORE; HIGHLY ANTI-SEPTIC; EASES PAIN AND SWELLING SOON AS APPLIED—THAT IS ZAM-BUK. REMEMBER IT IS PURELY HERBAL—NO MINERAL POISONS, NO ANIMAL FAT. POWER AND PURITY COMBINED!

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| Full Moon | 20 3 18 |
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THE LATEST MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

SERIOUS INJURY TO THE S. RANGELEY.

Rena A. Percy Changes Owners—Lumber for North Shore Lumber Trade—Wage Increase—Marine Personals

SAVED BY A MIRACLE.

The Maine Central steamer Rangeley, which arrived at Portland Thursday from Bath after being ashore, was hauled out on the marine railway Friday morning for examination. It was found that her injuries were greater than at first supposed, and it is almost a miracle that the whole bow of the steamer was not stove in when she struck the ledge going at full speed. Her stem was badly twisted as a result of the collision and several of her plates were also bent. At least four new plates will have to be installed in addition to the length of the bow which was bent. The steamer has a very straight stem, which was fortunate in this case, as had she been modelled forward the same as a majority of steamers the damage in all probability would have been much more serious. The work of the Bath Iron Works mechanics will be done on the railway for fully a week and will cost the Maine Central probably \$10,000.

SCHOONER CHANGES HANDS.

Schooner Rena A. Percy, which was sold some time since by the J. W. Trefethen Co. to Gloucester parties, has again changed ownership, having been sold to the Warren Fish Co. of Passamaquoddy, Me. Capt. John Stream, her well known skipper, will not take charge of the Gloucester schooner Georgia.

TO CARRY LUMBER.

Advises from Portland, Me., state that the steamer Appenide had been chartered for the season by the International Paper Co. to Gloucester, and would here from Chatham and Dartmouth. The steamer was last reported at Bahia on April 14, and will probably get here again for her first cargo about the last of May.

LONGSHOREMEN'S WAGES RISE.

The rate of wages for longshoremen at the principal ports on the Atlantic coast has been fixed at 25 cents an hour, those working in the holds 20 cents, and gangway men 30 cents. The rates apply to men working on the transatlantic and coasting lines.

CAPT. PARSE RETIRES.

Capt. Parse of the American-Hawaiian Line steamer Minnesota, has retired, and given up his home at New York, and has returned to his home at Seaside, Ore. Capt. Curtis of the steamer Oregonian succeeds him.

TAKING A HOLIDAY.

Capt. J. E. Lindsay, who has been in charge of the steamer Bay State for the past month will now be enjoying a vacation, will now take a short respite himself before returning to the Konebec steamer for the season of 1913.

MARITIME MISCELLANY.

Marine Hook, May 3.—Tug Valley Forge, which passed up the morning reports saw nothing around on the dywine Shoal. (Steamer Nelson, which reported around there, has apparently fouled the shoal and is in a bad position; holds are filling.)

Portland, May 4.—The fishing steamer Philomene, which arrived here on Thursday from Boston, left for the eastward Saturday in search of pollock or herring, both of which are keeping pretty well out of sight at present.

Halifax, May 5.—The government ice-breaker Earl Grey will be seven days longer in the drydock than expected, effecting of her annual overhauling. In another month the Minto, which has been working on mail service between the mainland and Prince Edward Island, will come to Halifax to fit out for a season's work in Hudson Bay. She is now undergoing repairs at Charlottetown. As there is considerable marine and fisheries department work left undone in this district for the Montserrat, she will remain for several weeks longer before proceeding to Quebec to resume her service on that station.

Richmond, May 6.—When the three-masted schooner Empress, now at Richmond competing for cargo for New York, has been emptied at that port she will load coal for the cruise over to Liverpool, whence she has been fixed by Hendry, Limited, to carry box boards to New Hampshire.

Liverpool, N. S., May 5.—The tern schooner Wm. Jones has left Rockland, Maine, in ballast for Liverpool, where she will load box boards for Boston, shipped by the W. H. McElwaine company, for whom Hendry, Lim. Red, are agents.

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