FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., July 28— Grave fears, which have been entertained in regard to the safety of Dr. E. B. Fisher, who went to Mexico last fall, have been set at rest by the news of his safe arrival in Texas. He went to Mexico in September to locate and, no word being heard from him, it was feared he had been killed by a rebel bullet. He writes that he was sick in a Mexican hospital for some time, and upon his recovery set out for Texas. He endured many hardships and had to travel 800 miles by mule. He expects to remain in Texas.

Judge Dykeman, of the Seattle superior court, formerly of Jemseg, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Almstead here after an absence of many years .

C. B. Foster, assistant traffic manager of the C. P. R., and W. B. Howard, district passenger agent, are here today conferring with the transportation committee of the board of trade.

A steam shovel on the Valley railway at Kingsclear, in which six Austrian laborers had taken refuge during a storm, was struck by lightning one day last week. All escaped with nothing more serious than a few burns.

The Phoenix mill started sawing this morning.

Mrs. E. W. Henry and family will leave on Wednesday for Saskatoon, where they will reside. Her husband, Dr Henry has been in the west for six years.

Patrolman Charles Marshall, of the Fredericton Police Department, has received word of the death at Sydney (C. B.), of his brother, William T. Marshall. Deceased, who was born in England 52 years ago, had been engaged in the hotel business with Mr. E. LeRoi Willis, first at the Dufferin Hotel, St. John, and afterwards in Sydney. He underwent an operation in New York last winter and suffered a relapse which proved fatal. The funeral will take place at St. John tomorrow afternoon.

Rev. J. W. Williams, formerly of Marysville, has accepted a call to the United Baptist church at Centreville, and will enter upon his new duties this week.

Fredericton, N. B., July 29—Although D. S. Crocket, M. P., has promise of the supreme court judgship it looks now as if there would be some delay over delivery. The act passed by the legislature last session creating an additional judgeship was to have been proclaimed on July 2 but there was a hitch, said to be due to Mr. Crocket's activity, and nothing was done. It is understood that Mr. Hazen has promised Mr. Crocket the first judgeship and the understanding is that Attorney General Grimmer will succeed to the vacancy which will be created by the early retirement of Chief Justice Barker.

The knowing ones say that the failure of the attorney-general to proclaim the supreme court act is due to dissatisfaction over the proposal to make Mr. Crocket his senior on the bench. Until the act is proclaimed no appointment can be made.

Mrs. Joshua Howard fell from a carriage at Macniquac a few days ago and fractured her hip. It is feared she is crippled for life.

Dr. Robert A. Hall, a graduate of Chicago University and recently on the staff of the North Carolina University has been appointed to the chair of chemistry at the University of New Brunswick in succession to Professor Carson.

Tramps have been very numerous in this section during the last few days and several arrests have been made.

Fredericton, N. B., July 30—Alexander Gibson, New Brunswick's lumber king, who has been indisposed at his home in Marysville for several days, took a serious turn for the worse yesterday and it is feared he will not recover. He was unconscious from three o'clock yesterday afternoon until three o'clock this morning. Today he is resting easily, but is not out of danger. If he lives he will be ninety-four on August 1.

It is reported that Smith and Merrithew, contractors on the Valley Railway have been awarded a contract to erect a building on the experimental farm.

F. B. Carvell, M.P., accompanied by Mrs. Carvell and a party of friends arrived from Woodstock by automobile last night and proceeded to St. John this morning.

A timber berth on Little Black river, Northumberland county, was sold at the crown land office this morning to George Cork, for the upset price.

Miss Lyle V. Kennedy, daughter of Robert S. Kennedy, of this city, is to be presented to King George V. and Queen Mary as one of the representatives of the Canadian teachers now touring Great Britain.

Miss Kennedy is a teacher at the Victoria school, St. John, and has many friends in Fredericton, having attended the Provincial Normal school here several years ago. Mr. Kennedy, her father, is a member of the mechanical staff of the Gleaner, having removed to this city from St. John several years ago.

When it was arranged that some of the party of Canadian teachers would be presented to their majesties, selections were made of representatives from each province. Two were chosen from New Brunswick, one of them being Miss Kennedy, while the other was Miss Wilson, of St. Stephen.

SALISBURY

Salisbury, N. B., July 28—Rev. J. B. Champion and Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Gowland returned home on Saturday from St. John, where they were attending the funeral of Mrs. Gowland's brother, L. W. Titus.

Horace Mitton and Frank MacNaughton left last week for a driving tour in Albert county. They will spend a few days at Hopewell Cape with Mr. MacNaughton's mother, Mrs. B. T. Carter.

John H. Bleakney left Monday morning for Vermont to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of his son, Charles, who was drowned last week. The body of the young man has not yet been recovered.

George McClure, of Worcester (Mass.), was in Salisbury last week, the guest of his brother-in-law, Capt. J. W. Carter. Mr. McClure went through to Sackville on Saturday to join his wife and son, who have been visiting relatives in Westmorland county for several weeks.

Mrs. Ralph E. Mitton gave a very enjoyable party on Friday evening in honor of her relative, Frank MacNaughton, a McGill medical student, who is spending his holidays with relatives in Westmorland and Albert counties.

Miss Louise Trites, who has been visiting friends at Brule, Shediac, returned home last week accompanied by her cousin, Miss McCarthy.

H. A. Belyea, station agent at Boundary Creek, and Mrs. Belyea were in Salisbury on Sunday spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baird, who have been spending a few weeks at Richibucto with their son, Harry Baird, returned home last week.

Jack Young, of Winnipeg, arrived in Salisbury last week and is spending a few days here with his cousin, Mrs. A. E. Trites.

APOHAQUI

Apohaqui, July 28—Dr. Miles E. Kierstead, Toronto, was the guest of his niece, Mrs. Edward Erb, for a short time last week.

Miss Georgie Chambers is enjoying a few weeks at St. Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Barton and family, of St. John, are visiting Mrs. Barton's mother, Mrs. Samuel Gamblin.

Miss Page, Carleton county, who has been enjoying a few weeks' visit with her friend, Miss Jennie Manchester, has returned home.

Miss Leach, St. John, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Alice Chambers.

Mrs. Joseph Mason and her daughter, Mrs. Bettinson, of New York returned on Saturday from St. John, where they have been spending a few days.

Mrs. Pritchard, Lowell (Mass.), is the guest of her mother, Mrs. L. Parlee, for the summer months.

Mrs. Harry A. Corbett and her sister, Mrs. John Kinnear, of Souris (Man.), returned last week from St. Stephen, where they have been spending a few days.

C. H. McGee, formerly of Petitcodiac, but now of the Canadian West, is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Geo. Gregg.

G. E. Connely, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Winnipeg, arrived on Friday, to spend a month with his parents, J. P. and Mrs. Connely.

Mrs. Ernest Chambers, of Lowell (Mass.), is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Nelson Secord.

Mrs. Matthew Northrup and little granddaughter, of St. John, are the guests of Mrs. Ivan Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Scribner and Miss Elsie Scribner, of Kingston, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy L. Folkins on Saturday.

Miss Dora E. Sinnott, Sussex, was a week-end guest of Mrs. G. B. Jones.

Geo. B. Jones, M. P. P., returned today from Ottawa, where he has been for a few days.

Miss Beatrice Sinnott, of Sussex, spent last week in the village, guest of her friends, Miss Muriel Jones.

Mrs. Thomas Sisson, of Roachville, is seriously ill, following an operation, performed yesterday.

John H. Wannamaker, Claresholm, Alberta, is a guest of John Burgess.

L. G. Urquhart is enjoying a week's vacation at his home, Hatfield's Point.

Edward Corbett, St. John, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McAuley, where Mr. Corbett is spending some weeks.

Mrs. John Kinnear, of Souris (Man.), leaves on Wednesday for her western home. Mrs. Kinnear will be accompanied by Miss Delia Snyder, who goes to Milestone, Saskatchewan, where she will engage in teaching.

The Misses Mildred and Jean Lawson, of Fredericton, who have been the guests of Miss Ada Connely, left on Friday for Norton, where they will spend a few days, after which they will spend some time in Gagetown, en route to their home in Fredericton.

Miss Ethel Strong returned today from St. John, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Thompson.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, July 27—A. W. Bray, recently appointed judge of probate, in succession to W. O. Wright, resigned, has been sworn into office by C. L. Peck, and assumed the duties of his new position. Mr. Bray now holds the offices of judge of probate, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the circuits.

Harvey Walton, of Chester, Albert county, has purchased the residence here owned by Captain P. R. Tingley, and moved in this week. Amos Wilson has bought Mr. Walton's property at Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Smith and child, who have been spending a couple of weeks at the former's old home here, returned to St. John on Saturday.

John Richardson, of Memel, continues in a very unsatisfactory condition of health. He is now under the care of Dr. Dash, of Hillsboro.

Two steamers are now at Grindstone Island loading deals.

There is reported to be considerable friction between the Shepody river lightermen and one of the big lumber shippers, which may possibly result in a strike by the former, if their demands are not granted. The lightermen claim they lost much time waiting for the arrival of the steamer, not being able to use their lighters elsewhere as they were already loaded. They are asking demurrage for the time lost, and it is said the shipper has refused this demand.

A demand for a settlement, coupled with a refusal to proceed with the lightering, unless satisfactory arrangements are made, has been signed, it is said, by nearly all the lighter shippers in the river, and should each side adhere to their present decision, a strike would appear to be imminent.

Earlier in the season, the same shipper paid the lighters at the rate of $1.50 to $2.00 a day per man, in the way of demurrage, but refuses to do so under present conditions. A report was in circulation today that the men stowing deals on the ships were looking for bigger pay and might possibly throw up their jobs unless this is given. The men are now receiving 26 cents to 30 cents an hour, and want 35 cents. They claim they lose considerable time through bad weather, and that they are not getting enough money for their work, which is laborious and carried on under considerable hardship.

Hopewell Hill, July 28—There is prospect of another plaster quarry being opened in this county. Drilling operations will be begun at once near Deacon Wilbur's property at Lower Cape, and there seems a likelihood that the work of quarrying will be carried on extensively should the prospecting show satisfactory indications.

A plant consisting of gasolene engine and drilling machinery has been set up and a thorough system of boring carried out. Some years ago a considerable amount of plaster was quarried a short distance from where the present operations are being prosecuted.

The members of the Baptist Mission Band gave an interesting entertainment in the church last evening. Miss Mary Payne presided and a programme consisting of recitations and singing was creditably carried out. Miss Achsah Mitton presided at the organ.

Deacon G. V. Peck recently presented the Baptist church here with a silver filler, to be used in connection with the individual communion service. The gift was much appreciated.

Miss Irene Wilbur, who has been residing in Massachusetts for several years, is visiting at the home of her brother, Deacon Wellington Wilbur.

Hopewell Hill, July 29—G. D. Prescott, M. P. P. of Albert, has sold the plant of the West River veneering factory to a Campbellton firm, who will transfer it to the latter place at once.

The factory at West River was in operation for several years, and a fine quality of hard wood veneering was produced. For some time, however, the mill has been closed down. It is understood the price paid for the plant goes well up in the thousands. The Campbellton firm that has bought is reported to have strong financial backing, and will manufacture furniture and veneering.

Mrs. J. C. Stevens is quite seriously ill and under the care of Dr. Carnwath, of Riverside.

Mrs. Geo. Hawkes, of Hillsboro, formerly of Lower Cape, who has been seriously ill, recently underwent a surgical operation, and is reported to be doing favorably, with good prospects of recovering.

Freeman Steeves, who has been living in Massachusetts for several years, is visiting his father, J. W. Steeves.

Mrs. Gay, of Lynn (Mass.), with her children, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Donald McCuspey, at Chemical Road.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, July 29—Dr. H. Sproul and Blackstock Matheson each lost a valuable cow this week through being poisoned by something picked up by the wayside.

Hay is a good crop throughout the Miramichi district this summer and all other crops are also looking fine.

Mrs. J. F. R. MacMichael has returned from a visit to Moncton and Kent county, accompanied by her mother-in-law, Mrs. MacMichael, of West Branch.

Mrs. David Petrie, after an extensive visit to her husband's relatives in Protectionville and Newcastle, has returned to Lowell (Mass.)

Mr. McCurdy, of the Halifax Herald, is visiting his brother, Rev. J. F. McCurdy, of Redbank, and his cousin, E. A. McCurdy, of the Royal Bank, Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hazen, of St. John, spent the early part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Creaghan.

Mrs. Annie Cameron and the Misses Donovan, Ella Donovan, Christina Breen and Annie Morrison, of Douglastown, has returned from the physical training course for teachers at Fredericton.

Edwin and Miss Eulah M. Stuart have returned from their visit to relatives in Fredericton Junction and Fredericton.

ST. GEORGE

St. George, N. B., July 29—Dan Gillmor, son of Senator and Mrs. D. Gillmor, arrived home yesterday. Dan is one of this year's graduates of McGill's law department and recently passed with credit, the provincial examination permitting him to practice his profession in Quebec.

Mrs. Goodwin Sparks, widow of Goodwin Sparks, and granddaughter of Major D. Flarthey, a pioneer in this section, died on Saturday. She was 81 years of age, a life-long resident of St. George and highly respected. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon from St. Mark's church.

Word was received here this week by Mrs. James Bogue of the death, in New York, of her brother, John Lynott, a former well known resident of this town. He was a son of the late Patrick Lynott and leaves a grown up family of sons and daughters, all residing in new York city.

Mrs. J. Kerr and three children of Boston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marshall, parents of Mrs. Kerr.

ST. MARTINS

St. Martins, July 29—Misses Vivian Fowler, Agnes Williamson and Marjorie Barnes, of Hampton, are spending several weeks in the village.

Mrs. J. A. Freeze and daughter Molly, of Sussex, are the guests of Miss G. Vail.

Dr. E. M. Wilson, wife and family, of St. George, are spending several days in the village.

Charles E. White, wife and family, of Sussex, are registered at the St. Martins Hotel.

Miss Nettie Thorpe and Mrs. Charles Brown, of Mace's Bay, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. H. W. Calhoun.

G. E. Reid and family, of Quebec, are registered at the Wishart House.

Miss Nan Nugent has returned home, after visiting relatives in St. John.

Mrs. Robert Walsh and son Gerald, of St. John, spent the week-end in the village.

Miss Lillian Carter, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Osborne, returned to her home in Amherst (N. S.)

Prof. Geo. White, who has been at Sydney (C. B.), attending the wedding of his nieve, Miss Grace Fownes, has returned to the village.

Miss E. Frazer is visiting relatives at Parrsboro (N. S.)

Miss Mildred Thorpe, of Mace's Bay, is the guest of Mrs. H. W. Calhoun.

Miss Julia Hatfield, of St. John, spent several days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hatfield.

Miss C. E. Henderson left for Lennoxville (Que.), where she will remain for the summer.

Mrs. Jos. Carson, who has spent the past winter at Alexandra (Ont.), with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Stewart, has returned to the village.

Mrs. D. Reid and family, of St. John, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith.

REXTON

Rexton, July 28—Mrs. Theo. des Brisay has returned to her home in Amherst (N. S.), after visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Jardine.

Miss Lou Abbott, of Bathurst, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Girvan, yesterday. She was accompanied by Mr. Kent and the Misses Kent, of Bathurst, who have been on an auto tour to St. John and return.

The Misses Maude and Eliza Duncan, of Campbellton, are visiting their cousin, Mrs. George Beattie.

Dr. Geo. T. Leighton and W. J. Smith spent Sunday with friends in Chatham and Newcastle. They made the trip by auto.

Miss Norman Smith is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Irving, Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Hebert went to Moncton Friday on account of the illness and subsequent death of Richard Hebert.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. LeBlanc were in Moncton Monday attending the funeral of Richard Hebert.

Miss Jane Forster, who has been very ill for some time, still continues very poorly.

Miss Emma Collet has gone to Point du Chene to join her parents, who have taken charge of a hotel there.

Mrs. R. A. deOlloqui and daughter, Miss Helena, went to Rogersville Saturday to spend a few days before Miss deOlloqui returns to New York.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, July 28—Mrs. D. W. Stothart, Newcastle, accompanied by two of her children, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phinney, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McMinn, left on Thursday to return to their home in Fredericton.

Miss Lawrence, of Boston (Mass.), is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis.

Mrs. Geo. A. Hutchinson was called home from Moncton on Friday by the death of Mr. Hutchinson's mother, Mrs. Edmund Hutchinson, Rexton. She left her own mother, Mrs. Powell, considerably improved.

Miss Gladys Hudson, graduate nurse, of Boston (Mass.), is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Hudson.

Rev. H. A. Meek, of Shanty Bay (Ont.), again conducted service in St. Mary's Church of England yesterday morning. He is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Sayre.

Miss Ethel White has returned from a visit to friends in Beersville.

Miss Bellveau, of Taylor Village, Westmorland county, came recently to act as stenographer for R. O'Leary.

Little Miss Maud Black is visiting her aunt, Miss Margaret Graham, Main River.

Miss Lizzie Irving is confined to her home with a severe cold.

Mrs. Peebles, of Boston (Mass.), is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Haines, the latter of whom is in failing health.

Mrs. Harry Irving and children, of Yarmouth (Me.), are visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. William McMillan and little daughter, of Portland (Me.), are visiting her father, John Curwen, South Side.

HARVEY STATION

Harvey Station, July 30—Haying has been begun on most farms in this section but little progress has been made owing to the variable weather. The crop is hardly up to the average. Grain and root crops promise well.

The Presbyterian congregation have had the old oil lamps removed from the upper church and an up-to-date acetylene light plant installed in their place, which is giving much better satisfaction. The new lights were put in by Messrs. McIntyre and Swan.

Miss Helen B. Slipp returned last week from a visit to Sussex and Halifax.

Among the summer visitors here are Mrs. Joseph Clark and Miss Susan Clark of Boston, who are guests at Robison's hotel; and Mrs. Edward MacConnell and children, of Dorchester (Mass.), who are guests at the residence of Miss Isobel Wilson.

The ratepayers of school district No. 12, in the parishes of Manner Sutton and Prince William, are putting up a new school house and now have it well under way and expect to have it ready for occupancy this fall.

A MESSAGE FROM A WOMAN TO WOMEN

"Every Woman Should Take 'Fruit-a-tives'"

Lakelet, Ont., May 12th, 1911.

"Kindly publish this letter of mine if you think it will benefit other women who might be afflicted with the diseases I have had in the past, but am now, thanks to "Fruit-a-tives," completely cured of. It is my firm belief that every woman should take "Fruit-a-tives" if she wants to keep herself in good health.

Before taking "Fruit-a-tives" I was constantly troubled with what is commonly known as "Nerves" or severe Nervousness. This nervousness brought on the most violent attacks of Sick Headache, for which I was constantly taking doctors' medicine without any permanent relief. Constipation was also a source of great trouble to me and for which the Doctors said "I would have to take medicine all my life," but "Fruit-a-tives" banished all these troubles and now I am a well woman."

MRS. FRED. GADKE.

50c. a box, 6 for $2.50—trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent prepaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

Regularity

of the bowels is an absolute necessity for good health. Unless the waste matter from the food which collects there is got rid of at least once a day, it decays and poisons the whole body, causing biliousness, indigestion and sick headaches. Salts and other harsh mineral purgatives irritate the delicate lining of the bowels. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills—entirely vegetable—regulate the bowels effectively without weakening, sickening or griping. Use

Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills

SOME CURIOUS INDUSTRIES

(From Tit-Bits.)

Quaint industries thrive in unexpected spots of our great manufacturing areas. One of the strangest is the making of spectacles for cows. This, though an unpretentious calling, is a very profitable one, and a Birmingham firm are kept busily employed all the year round as bovine opticians.

Siberian farmers prove the chief customers. On sunny days in spring their cows are set free to wander over the snowy plans. The reflection of the solar rays from the snow sets up a form of eye-inflammation in the animals, and so serious did such cases become that the cowkeepers had to discover a way to prevent the snow-blindness.

An enterprising member of the Birmingham firm, while traveling through Siberia, saw the opportunity of trade, grasped it, and now his firm are spectacle-makers-in-chief to nearly all the cows in Siberia. The glasses are made of darkened glass, fixed into leather frames, and are held in position by straps extending round the horns.

With a huge increase in the herds of milch cows in Siberia, consequent upon the demand in this country for Siberian butter and cheese, the business of the cattle opticians is a growing one. Canadian farmers are also adopting the system, and the possibilities of the trade are extending.

Tourists in the east like to secure "real" Indian or Chinese idols to bring home as trophies of their journeys. The wily Oriental, with a quick eye for trade, has laid himself out to cater for this demand, but he has the "real" idols made in bulk at wholesale prices in England.

In a squalid back court in a certain town in the Midlands there exists an idol factory. Quite a booming trade is done. Scores of Eastern "gods" are cast weekly. The chief ingredient in the idols' composition is a material left as a residue in the manufacture of galvanized sheet iron, a substance of practically no commercial value. The "gods" are made in the rough, are shipped in bulk to the East, where they are painted, and later on find their way into the bazaars as valuable articles for sale.

The tourist comes along, is fascinated with the appearance of the idol, purchases it, and later it will probably figure in a drawing-room in this country as a "real" Eastern curio. Thus the idol which, in the rough, was worth about 1s., may have been sold, after a few daubs of paint, in the East for £2 or £5. On its return to England the "god," originally made from a waste material, has become almost a priceless fetish.

The humble potato is put to some surprising uses. Under one process the outer skin is removed, the white flesh is treated with sulphuric acid and other chemicals, pressed by powerful hydraulic machinery into blocks which are cut and carved into various shapes and sizes, and sold as "ivory." The keyboards of cheap pianos and organs are often made from this "ivory," and it thus happens that people actually produce fairly respectable music through the medium of the humble potato.

Shark steak is a favorite dish with American epicures. We Britons, however, only require the shark skins. These are tanned by a special process into shagreen leather, which is used in many ways. The green, sheeny hand-bag of the lady, or the handsome cigar case of the gentleman, of which article each is so proud, is in all probability nothing more than the skin of a man-eating shark.

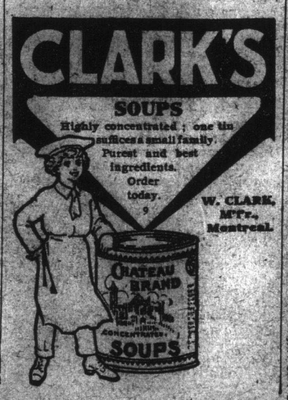
A Billion Eggs in Storage.

(N. Y. Journal of Commerce.)

Forty-five public refrigerators in the United States report the number of eggs in cold storage as 1,052,208,000 on July 1. This is more than eleven eggs for each man, woman and child in continental United States territory. Smaller concerns unreported would undoubtedly bring the total up to a dozen per capita. Sixty eggs are in the coolers waiting for you to buy them, if you have a family of five to provide for. We cannot resist the reflection that fresh ones would be better, that all of these were fresh at some time, and that the condition revealed is a most serious arraignment of our national system of distribution.

In some sections, as on Long Island, the express companies make a special rate on eggs, facilitating transmission from raiser to eventual consumer. In other parts of the country the parcel post must be relied on. In one way or another such direct commerce ought to be developed, and the indefinite extension of the storage plan ought to be discouraged.

There is justification for some storage of eggs. The winter supply is short without it. But that is not what a stock of a dozen per capita means, and any man with half an eye can see it.



HOW EXODUS HAS CUT INTO RURAL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Year Book Shows 353 Congregations in Maritime Provinces, 48 of Them Pastorless.

A striking commentary on the depletion of the rural population of the maritime provinces by emigration is afforded by an analysis in the Maritime Baptist a year book of figures. According to the article there were 353 churches with less than 100 members, many of whom are pastorless. The figures follow:

Eight churches with less than ten members each.

Forty-two churches with 11-20 members each.

Sixty-five churches with 21-30 members each.

Fifty-two churches with 31-40 members each.

Forty-three churches with 41-50 members each.

Forty-two churches with 51-60 members each.

Thirty churches with 61-70 members each.

Twenty-seven churches with 71-80 members each.

Twenty-five churches with 81-90 members each.

Nineteen churches with 91-99 members each.

Of these churches, too, it must be said that a large proportion of the "membership" is non-resident. In one country place a church of eighty-five has fifty members away.

The analysis shows 197 churches of 100 and over. These are divided as follows:

Of the remaining we have

Seventy churches with 100-150 members.

Thirty-three churches with 151-200 members.

Twenty-eight churches with 201-250 members.

Fifteen churches with 251-300 members.

Twelve churches with 301-350 members.

Sixteen churches with 351-400 members.

Ten churches with 401-450 members.

Six churches with 501-550 members.

One church with 551-600 members.

Two churches with 601-650 members.

One church with 651-700 members.

One church with 900 members.

RUSSIAN PEASANT PROPRIETORS.

How the State Is Supplying Land and Farming Implements.

London, July 19—The way in which the Russian authorities are working to improve the position of the peasant is told at some length in a report of the British vice-consul at Kharkoff, Mr. Blakey. "Public minded and devoted members of the Zemstvos," he says, "have ever given their time and ability to the work of raising the material and social wellbeing of the peasant. During nearly twenty-five years the Zemstvas have supplied him, on easy terms of payment, with seeds and agricultural implements, and with sheet iron to replace the inflammable thatched roofs.

"It is only in quite recent years that the peasant has been offered, through the medium of several public institutions, credits on a larger scale, and has been enabled to buy land, cattle, modern implements, or to build his hut, independently of the immediate harvest. Enormous tracts of land have been purchased by the government from estate owners, parcelled into small independent farms, and sold to peasants on long terms of payment.

"Credit is given against mortgage of grain, thus making him less dependent on the grain merchant. Money is advanced for the purpose of necessaries, and co-operative stores supplement the credit associations and Zemstvos in the supply on credit of goods at cheap prices. The government land commission, the Peasants Bank, the Zemstvos, small credit associations, and the loan and saving associations are all working for the betterment of the peasant."

Mr. Blakey states that definite excellent results have been obtained. On the other hand, he points out that it is but natural that the ease with which a peasant, who has been accustomed for generations to poverty, can now obtain land and money must lead to abuses. The price of arable land has risen from about £10 to £25 per acre during the last ten years, and the greed for land has induced the peasant to load himself with debts, which only a good harvest and high grain prices could justify.

"Then, too, easy credits cause careless spending. And since the public institutions have special facilities for procuring the instalment for the land, for the repayment of a loan, or debt to their stores, the merchant is often obliged to wait for payment until better times, while the peasant sees his meagre proceeds go toward the repayment of debts and interests. Thus we find an epidemic of bankruptcies following the wake of a bad harvest, and the peasant living on the leniency of his creditors."

How to Live Long.

Consequent on the letter of L. F. Duncan to the Times, telling how, on two meals a day, he has attained the age of 92, and is still in good health, has come the inevitable query from another veteran concerning smoking and alcoholic drinks. "R. 12,581" writes that Mr. Duncan's interesting letter confirms what has been practiced in his family for three or four generations, viz., two meals a day. "That moderate eating has been conducive to health and long life," proceeds the writer, "is proved by my grandfather reaching his 101st year and my father 88. Both my son and I are moderate eaters. Now for a shock for the teetotallers. We have never debarred ourselves from wine, but spirits have carefully been avoided. I fear I must give the anti-smokers a worse shock. All of us have been heavy cigar smokers. My grandfather smoked till within a year of his death, my father within a week of his death enjoyed a cigar, and I am still smoking from ten to twelve cigars a day." A representative of the Globe paid a visit to Mr. Duncan, who declared that he only smoked for one year in his life, and that he had only four glasses a year—champagne in each case—one on Christmas Day, one on New Year's Day, one on his wife's birthday, and one on his own.

RECTOR, WHO BURNED BIBLE, "HALF RIGHT"

Bishop Burch Says There is Some Truth in "Toadying" Charges

DR. HOUGHTON DIFFERS

Dr. Davidson Declared Episcopal Church Neglected the Poor.

(New York Sun.)

One member of the Episcopal church in New York said yesterday that the charges of the Rev. Dr. Charles Steele Davidson, of Virginia, who announced the church in a spectacular manner on Saturday, were absurd. Another high churchman said that there was some truth in them, but more of half truth.

Mr. Davidson burned his vestments and prayer book at the gate of Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, Saturday, calling the former "mere empty emblems of ecclesiasticism, the mockeries of a royal priesthood," and referring to the latter as "the fetish of a false worship, the idol of the diluted word of God."

He said the Episcopal church favored the rich and had no interest in the poor. He was rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles in Brooklyn in 1900.

The Right Rev. C. S. Burch, Suffragan Bishop, who is ill at his home in Riverdale, said that there was some truth in what Mr. Davidson alleged.

"There is some truth in his charges," said Bishop Burch, "but more of half truth. There never was a time, however, when the Episcopal church was endeavoring more to stretch out its hands to the poor than at the present time. This is being done with new means and more effectively. I don't know Mr. Davidson nor the circumstances of the case, and so I hardly feel any right to say anything about him."

"The man doesn't seem balanced," said the Rev. Dr. George C. Houghton, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, in East Twenty-ninth street. "Mr. Davidson's charges about the wealth of the church and that it is only for aristocrats, with no room for the poor, are really too absurd. There is nothing in that. It is absolutely untrue.

"I don't know any church, or any place, I might say, where poor and rich come together more and are treated alike more than in the pews of our church. The poor are put wherever they want to go.

"I know of no place where the aristocrats are more neglected and the poor really cared for—I don't mean putting a ribbon around their neck, but really cared for—food, clothing and so on. That man is not balanced."

It was on June 6, 1900, that the vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles, in Greenwood avenue, Windsor terrace, preferred charges against the rector, the Rev. Dr. C. S. Davidson. Neglect of duty was alleged. He was placed in charge of the church in December, 1898, at a salary of $800. In June, 1899, he asked for a vacation of two months and got it. It was asserted that he overstayed his time. He was also said to have called members of the church board various names.

On July 9, 1900, he was examined by a standing committee of the Episcopal diocese of Long Island. "Overbearing and domineering methods" were charged to the rector. All members of the vestry with the exception of one signed the charges against him. On October 6 Bishop Littlejohn upheld Mr. Davidson on every point against him.

In Cleveland Mr. Davidson had trouble as rector of St. Mark's church from 1901 to 1905. He often clashed with Bishop Leonard, and was reprimanded for allowing a pastor of another denomination to preach from his pulpit when the bishop had forbidden it.

To Arcady.

(By Isabel Ecclestone Mackay in The Canadian Magazine.)

"Tell me, Singer, of the way
Winding down to Arcady?
Of the world's roads I am weary—
You, with song so brave and cheery,
Happy troubadour must be
On the way to Arcady."

Pausing on a muted note,
Song forsook the Singer's throat,
"Friend," sighed he, "you come too late;
Once I could the way relate,
Once—but long ago; Ah, me,
Far away in Arcady!"

"Tell me, Poet, of the way
Winding down to Arcady?
Haunting is your verse and airy
With the grace and gleam of faery—
Dweller you must surely be
In the land of Arcady."

Slow the Poet raised his eyes,
Sad were they as winter skies.
"Once, I sojourned there," he said;
Then, no more—but with bent head
Whispered low, "Ask not of me
That lost road to Arcady!"

"Tell me, Lover, of the way
Winding down to Arcady.
Hidden joy your smile discloses,
Fragrant is your path with roses,
Glad your gaze and far away—
Where's the road to Arcady?"

"Stay me not! The hours are sweet!
Flying, flying are their feet;
Every moment I must hold
As a miser clasps his gold!
Follow, follow after me—
Here's the road to Arcady"
—The Canadian Magazine for August

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