

WESTERN DUYS FARM IN YORK CO

After Fruit Raising in British Columbia He is Convinced New Brunswick has the West Beaten.

A man who has conducted a fruit farm in British Columbia, for some time, as well as engaging in other enterprises, took over one of the government's ready-made farms in York County, yesterday, a reporter of The Standard being a witness to the signing of the agreement. Although unwilling to allow his name to be used in an interview, the gentleman from British Columbia was willing to talk about his experiences in Canada, and to give his opinions about the East and West.

"I came from England about 21 years ago, and have been all over Canada," he said. "I would not attempt to draw comparisons between the provinces. They are all good. Having been in Winnipeg and the prairie provinces, when the harvest was in, I had an unholo horror of the idea of braving the imagined perils of a western winter; having seen the wonderful growth of the west in the last twenty years, I have great faith in the future of the whole country.

"Why did I come to New Brunswick?" he asked. "The only province where you can get real good land at low prices, and it is the right time to get into the province and take up land. There will be a great change here in the next five years. If New Brunswick is properly advertised in the old country lots of people with capital will come here to work the land with hired help, and it only means an influx of people to put up the value of land."

"Is a reaction coming in British Columbia?"

"I see no reason to suppose that. About 100,000 people went into British Columbia last year; the resources of the province are only being scratched and while immigrants pour in there will be no reaction.

"But there are difficulties about fruit ranching there. In a good valley you have to pay from \$125 to \$150 per acre for bush land, and it will cost from \$125 to \$200 per acre to clear the land. Any kind of labor costs \$3 or \$3.50 a day. Chinamen, though splendid market gardeners, are no good for orcharding.

"British Columbia fruit growers have been getting splendid prices for apples on the prairies; anywhere from \$1.75 to \$2 per bushel of 40 pounds. But last season they were sold at about \$1.25 per bushel, and the growers of Oregon and Washington dumped huge quantities of apples in our market. The B. C. fruit growers have not got to the point of marketing their fruit on a comprehensive co-operative basis, but that will come."

SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE IN DIPLOMATIC STAFF

Madrid, March 11.—Several important diplomatic changes were made by the King today. W. Ramirez De Villa Urrutia, Ambassador to Great Britain has been transferred to Paris. A Merry Del Val, minister to Belgium, has been appointed ambassador at London.

The Marquis De Villalobos, minister to Morocco, has been appointed to the post at Lisbon, while Marquis De Villalobos, the minister at Lisbon has been transferred to Brussels. Marquis De Villalobos was formerly minister to the United States.

JAPANESE COALING DONE BY GIRLS.

Coaling at Nagasaki, Japan, is an interesting sight, being done entirely by girls. Big coal barges bear down upon the ship as it approaches the shore, and as soon as it comes to anchor a rough ladder is placed between the liner and the foremost barge. On each rung of it a girl takes her place. Men in the barge quickly shove the coal into shallow baskets, holding half a bushel each, to the sound of a monotonous chant, and these baskets then pass from hand to hand up the living ladder with marvelous celerity. Each girl seizes one and swings it straight up in front of her, above her head, when it is caught by the next girl. Down a second ladder, likewise packed with girls, the empty baskets pass in similar manner back into the barge to be refilled. Barge after barge is emptied in this way. The monotonous chanting never ceases; the living elevator goes on hour after hour with its never-ending stream of baskets, until the last bunker is full, when the ladders disappear as if by magic and the ship is ready to proceed on her voyage. A Pacific Mail steamer will "bunker" 2,300 tons of coal in six and a half hours, an average of 333.4 tons an hour, or nearly six tons a minute—an almost incredible record.—Wide World Magazine.

LATE SHIPPING.

Schooner Arrivals.
New York—Schr. Waco, St. John; Frances Goodnow, St. George, N.B.; New Haven—Schr. Arthur M. Gibson, St. John.
Hull—Schr. Calabaria, St. John, N.B.; Jost, New York; Rebecca C. Whilden, New York.
Sailed.
Newport News, Va.—Schr. Singleton Portland, Me.
Delaware Breakwater—Schr. C. A. Allen, Calais, Me.
Steamer Arrivals.
Portland—Acanth, London.
Liverpool—Maurelga, New York; Manchester Importer, St. John, N.B.; Plymouth—Austonia, Portland.
Legg—Montfort, St. John, N.B.

TO DISCUSS EIGHT HOUR DAY POLICY

The Builders Exchange Decide to Ask Mayor to Call Public Meeting for this Purpose.

As the outcome of the meeting held under the auspices of the Builders' Exchange, last evening, it was decided to ask the Mayor and the Board of Trade to call a public meeting to discuss the eight hour day question, and the housing problem generally. All citizens and union officials interested in the eight hour movement were invited to attend the meeting last evening, but though there was a goodly number of members of the Builders' Exchange, and officers of trades unions present, it was said the only citizen not directly interested who attended was W. Frank Hatheway.

While the discussion was mainly confined to the eight hour question, there was a good deal of talk about the housing conditions of the city, and the necessity of doing something to assure the workmen a decent house to live in.

Many of the employers were in favor of the eight hour day, though they seemed to think it would need some explanation to the public as it might mean increased cost of building operations. Spokesmen of the unions argued that there was something wrong, as in cities where the eight hour day prevailed, and wages were much higher than in St. John, the cost of buildings was lower than here, or at any rate the workers could get much better accommodation in the housing line than they could here for a smaller percentage of their salaries.

One of the arguments for the eight hour day was that today men, in order to get a decent house, had to live a great deal farther from their work than formerly and needed more time to get back and forth.

All the mason contractors admitted that if the bricklayers and masons wanted the eight hour day at 55 cents an hour, nothing could stop them getting it, as most of the younger and ambitious bricklayers had departed from St. John, leaving only a few men to do the work here. The contractors also admitted that the bricklayers needed all they could get, as they seldom worked more than six or seven months in the year and averaged about \$500 a year, a small enough wage nowadays.

James Myles declared that if the bricklayers were to get an eight hour day and 55 cents an hour, that seemed to be a foregone conclusion, he would be ashamed to ask the carpenters to work nine hours for \$3.00. One of the questions discussed was as to the possible effect of the eight hour day upon the building operations this year, and the idea of having a public meeting called by the Mayor and the Board of Trade on the 25th inst., seemed to be to give the public, who pay the contractor's bills, a chance to say what they think of this aspect of the matter.

George Hennessey of the bricklayers, said he saw no objection to such a meeting, but did not see that the general public had sufficient knowledge to judge what was good for the building trades. With the workers it was a question of getting a decent living. Up to five years ago he had been able to save money, but prices were so high now most workmen were just about able to make ends meet.

Some of the contractors did not see that the public meeting proposed would do any good, but finally a committee consisting of H. L. McGowan, Mr. Myles, and Mr. Christie were appointed to talk the matter over with the Mayor and President Robinson, and ask them to call a public meeting if they thought it would do any good. All the unions in the building trades are moving for an eight hour day, the plumbers on the first of April and the others on the first of May.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Dufferin.
Mrs. H. L. Burpee, C. P. Phillips, Woodstock; Geo. L. Prouse, F. McIntyre, St. John; Charlotte, J. A. Ball, Dawson, London; H. A. Chandler, Campbellton; Mrs. J. Lamb, Mrs. W. W. Stockton, Mrs. Frank Roach, Sussex; Mrs. Arthur, Pictou; Miss B. B. Windsor; P. J. Beaurie, Montreal; W. Palmer, Dorchester; H. B. Raines, Halifax; J. H. Corcoran, Moncton; Davis, Montreal; Mrs. J. D. Black, Fredericton; Kate McLean, Delta, B. Toole, Moncton; J. A. Phinney, Fredericton; T. Tanner, London; L. Webb, Port Hawkesbury.

Royal.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brankley, Chatham; H. W. Livingston, Toronto; F. H. Galleha, Detroit; J. J. Taylor, Fredericton; A. T. Green, C. E. Oak, Bangor; A. Liane, Montreal; Jas. B. Morgan, Charlottetown; C. M. Rogers, Toronto; G. H. Hooper, D. M. Condon, H. M. Wide, Halifax; G. Wilson, London, Eng.; H. A. Flakysen, Truro; A. J. Bonageris, Shediac; J. O'Mour, Lubec; A. Bonner, I. L. Christie, Boston; G. K. Jay, J. D. McCallum, E. A. Reilly, Montreal; T. P. Gallagher, Moncton; G. C. Farish, Halifax; A. MacKenzie, D. McCaran, V. Grindall, Montreal; G. W. Sendoker, Grand Mere; L. C. Landers, Sussex; Miss Parker, Fredericton; J. Graham, Yarmouth; Mrs. Walter James McWha, St. Stephen; J. A. B. Cowles, N. Y. Victoria.
H. Taylor, Hartland; H. A. Adams, Brookville; J. H. Chisholm, Halifax; J. H. Mersereau, Chatham; Hugh Jardine, J. W. Kierstead, M. B. Jones, Moncton; B. Archibald, W. Marshall, Halifax; J. Garneau, Quebec; Miss K. Doherty, Amherst; Mrs. J. Houdreau, Buctouche; Mrs. C. H. Gallant, Shediac; W. J. Miller, Smith Falls; R. V. Carleton, Montreal; Geo. K. Kilburn, Fredericton; Robt. Smith, Vancouver; Peterkin, Lunenburg; C. K. Howard, Fredericton; J. H. Sproul, H. S. Craig, Hampton; Ed. Chittick, Lepreau; J. Collier, L. Black, N. B.; Mrs. W. Newman, St. Stephen; Beatrice E. Mitchell, Vancouber; E. A. Fawcett, Perry Point.

PROMINENT SOCIETY WOMAN SUING FOR DIVORCE



MRS. ERIC B. DAHLGREN

Mrs. Lucy Drexel Dahlgren is suing her husband, Eric B. Dahlgren, for a divorce.

The Dahlgrens both belong to notable families. Mrs. Dahlgren is of the Drexel family of Philadelphia, and her father, before his death, was a member of the firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co. From her father's estate she inherited great wealth.

Mr. Dahlgren is a son of the late Rear Admiral Dahlgren, who made a fortune out of the gun bearing his name.

WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAMME ARRANGED

Commissioner Wigmore has Much Work Outlined for Coming Season—Anticipating Growth of City.

In order to provide for the growth of the city the Water and Sewerage department has arranged a programme of work for this year a good deal bigger than anything attempted for some years past. The laying of water and sewerage mains along Douglas avenue from Gregory's corner to the bridge will be a large job, and will be undertaken this spring. The water department has made arrangements for the laying of a new main through the park to increase the pressure on Mount Pleasant, and the pipes are already on the ground. Good progress is being made with the Adelaide Road sewer.

In addition to expending about \$25,000 on renewals this year Commissioner Wigmore expects to do new work to the value of \$50,000 or \$75,000. At yesterday's meeting of the commissioners the question of utilizing the old 12-inch main running to Little River for the purpose of supplying the sugar refinery with water was brought up. The pipe is intact as far as the One Mile Bridge, but between that and the Marsh Bridge several sections have been cut out, which, however, could easily be replaced. At the same time the question of utilizing the old 12-inch main running to Little River for the purpose of supplying the sugar refinery with water was brought up. The pipe is intact as far as the One Mile Bridge, but between that and the Marsh Bridge several sections have been cut out, which, however, could easily be replaced.

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IN THE COURTS

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of William Smith, late of the West Side, constable. Last will proved whereby the testator gives to his daughter Annie, wife of William Amos, \$100. He then gives some furniture to his wife and directs that the money spent by him on her house and premises shall belong to her in lieu of any further interest in his estate. The rest of his estate he gives to his six children in equal shares, namely: to his sons, William B., of St. John, engineer, and Albert John, of New Orleans, engineer, and his four daughters, the said Annie Amos, Jane, wife of William A. Cunningham; Mary, wife of Alfred McAloney, and Agnes, wife of William Forsyth, and he appoints his said daughter Annie Amos executrix, who is sworn in as such. No real estate. Personal estate \$1,522. Amos A. Wilson, K. C., proctor.

Estate of William McNamara, late of the Parish of Simonds, farmer. Last will proved whereby the deceased gives unto John Lee, of the said Parish of Simonds, brick manufacturer, the executor and trustee therein named, all his estate real and personal upon trust to sell and after the payment of his debts to divide the estate into four parts and to pay the same equal shares to his son William, and his three daughters, Annie, wife of James Boyle, of the said Parish of Simonds; Johanna and Ella McNamara. The said John Lee desiring to be relieved from the execution of the trust renews, and joins with the children of the deceased in a petition for the appointment of the said John Lee as administrator with the will annexed, and she is accordingly sworn in as such. The real estate consists of property in the Parish of Simonds valued at \$250. Personal estate valued at \$250. John Lee, K. C., proctor.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT OF THIS CITY

Thomas Gilbert Passed Away Last Evening—Member of Prominent Family and Large Real Estate Owner.

One of the oldest and best known residents of the city passed away yesterday in the person of Thomas Gilbert, whose death took place at his apartments in the Dufferin Hotel. Mr. Gilbert was in the 93rd year of his age. About two weeks ago he was taken ill and confined to his bed, and owing to his advanced age his death was not a surprise. Besides his wife he leaves one sister, Mrs. Wilson of Paddock street, to mourn.

Mr. Gilbert was born in St. John in 1820. His father was the late Henry Gilbert, who carried on an extensive business in St. John, operating a flour mill on the Marsh Road, building and sailing ships, as well as conducting a large mercantile house. His grandfather was Colonel Thomas Gilbert, who served in the British army during the American revolution and came to this province in 1783. Col. Gilbert was a descendant of an English family that located in Massachusetts in 1630. On his mother's side the late Mr. Gilbert was a descendant of Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth colony.

Mr. Gilbert completed his education under a private tutor, and began his business career in his father's store. After the retirement of the elder Gilbert he engaged in the shipping and lumbering business in company with his three brothers, Bradford, Henry and James. The firm carried on a large business, and his shipping ventures took Mr. Gilbert to many parts of the world. He made many trips to England, and the outbreak of the American civil war found him in New Orleans.

In 1866 Mr. Gilbert retired from active business and since then has been occupied with the management of his large landed estate in the city and vicinity.

While Mr. Gilbert never held any positions in public life he was long identified with the business affairs of the city. He was a vice-president of the Bank of New Brunswick for a long time, and a director for 28 years. In 1876 he was married to Marion Ferguson, daughter of Francis Ferguson, a native of Scotland, who was for many years head of the firm of Robert Rankine and Company of St. John. He had no children.

His brother George Gilbert, who was Judge of Probates in King's county, died about five years ago, and the other brother, James and Bradford, died some time ago. One sister, Mrs. Scovil, is dead, and the other, Mrs. Wilson, is still living in the city.

Mr. Gilbert had a very generous disposition towards the unfortunate, and though he disliked publicity, and never made a parade of his charities, was a liberal giver of money to various causes. In his passing St. John loses a citizen whose life constituted a link with the past, as he was one of the few survivors of the families who were identified with the growth of the great shipping fleets of St. John.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2.30 p. m. from Trinity church.

held up by the derailment of an engine.

Some of the passengers left the train at this point and came in on the car line, while others stayed and reached the city about seven o'clock. The engine derailed at Fairville was coming to the Union depot to take out the Boston express.

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Salves Can't Cure Eczema

In regard to skin diseases, medical authorities are now agreed on this: Don't imprison the disease germs in your skin by the use of greasy salves, and thus encourage them to multiply. A true cure of all eczematous diseases can be brought about only by using the healing agents in the form of a liquid.

WASH THE GERMS OUT.

A simple wash: A compound of Oil of Wintergreen, Thymol and Eucalyptol as combined in the D. D. D. It

TO HOLD PALESTINE EXHIBITION SOON

Church of England Sunday School Association Met Last Evening—Horace Porter Reads Paper.

The bi-monthly meeting of the St. John Branch of the Church of England Sunday School Association was held last evening in Trinity church school room. The president, Rev. G. A. Kohring, presided.

The reports showed a splendid programme for the year including the papers which have been allotted to the different speakers for the meetings to be held in the various Sunday schools.

Stanley Olive was elected secretary-treasurer.

Horace Porter read a paper on "Giving," which was appreciated by all. The recommendation of the executive committee to organize a Palestine exhibition was carried. A committee consisting of the president and a member of each city Sunday school was appointed with power to act and report at the next meeting.

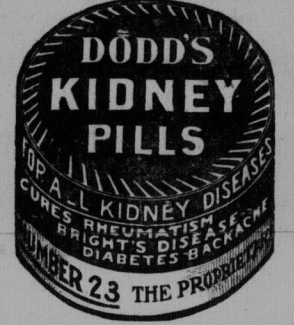
GRAND DUCHESS ILL.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The second daughter of Emperor Nicholas, the Grand Duchess Tatiana, is suffering from typhoid fever at Tsar Skos-Salo. It is announced that her condition has not given rise to any alarm. Grand Duchess Tatiana was born in 1897.

Today at the Opera House.

Billy Allen's Musical Comedy Company which has already created a furore at the Opera House will give two performances today. The matinee bill will be "The King of Kokomo," and this evening "Mr. Plaster of Paris" will be produced.

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