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Let's Talk About The Weather.

Expert Opinion Prophesies Poor Winter for the Coal-hauling Brigade--Green Christmas and One of the Most Open Winters Yet Recorded, with Disappointment For Lumbermen and Lovers of Winter Sports.

About this time of the year all classes of people, but more particularly the middle and poorer classes, begin to worry somewhat as to whether the ensuing winter is likely to be a severe season with much little snowfall, says the Sydney Record.

A prolonged period of keen frost and a plethora of "the beautiful" combine to make the winter months a haunting nightmare for those who through a limited income find it more or less difficult to keep the coal bin full.

FORETELLING TRULY.

About this date it has been the Record's practice to ascertain, from the many generally recognized signs, which nature provides, the probable conditions that are to feature the oncoming weeks of hear frost and snow. A year ago the prognostication given through the columns of this paper indicated a green Christmas and comparatively little snow for the remainder of the winter. That prediction proved to be absolutely correct.

THE COMING WINTER

What is the winter of 1911-1912 to provide in the shape of weather?

The prevailing winds for each half of the calendar year are unfailingly determined by the direction from the breezes blow during the Equinox, when the sun is crossing the equator, that is about March 20 to 23rd, and the same dates in the month of September. Now, during the autumnal equinox the winds were generally westerly, varying from southwest to northwest, and this condition has since been almost constant. Seafaring men claimed that this sign presaged an open fall and their judgement has once more proved sound. The month of October and so far November have been more like spring than autumn. The moon, too, is a source of inspiration for the mariner. By its southing or northing they judge, if during the period of the rapidly shortening day fight, Luna sets far to the south then mild and open weather will surely follow, if on the contrary she sets far northward the autumn days and nights will be bleak and blustery. Note the far southing of the moon at the present time.

NATURE INSTRUCTS MAN.

The woodman has many signs by which he judges the likely winter conditions and by these he lays his plans for his season's work in the depths of the forest.

ALMOST GREATER THAN HUMAN INSTINCT.

As the snowfall the most reliable indicator is that little insect the wasp to which nature seems to have given an altogether wonderful and unerring instinct. If the snow fall is to be generous and the carpet of white is to lie in some considerable depth over mother earth and to be early in its coming then these wise little creatures will build their nests

high up among the tree branches and contrawise if the snowfall is to be but light and late in coming their winter homes will be found directly at the foot of the tree trunk. The latter condition obtained during the pre-winter days a twelve months ago. Today these are actually built upon the ground, so that it may be taken as an almost certainty that there will be even less snow this season than last.

ALL SIGNS IN ACCORD.

Other signs as read by the man who habitually teams through the woodlands all bespeak a very open autumn and similar winter conditions to follow. The apple leaves still cling to the branches, the dogberries have not yet begun to fall, there is practically no beechnut crop, the robins, the snipe and others of the migratory birds are still with us.

A GREEN CHRISTMAS.

The consensus of expert opinion leans to the view that 1911-1912 will record a green Christmas. This will be disappointing to those who look forward to jingle bells and sleighing parties for this greatest of all the public holidays.

WILL IT BE COLD OR NOT?

As to frost. Following a mild autumn, high or low temperatures for the winter months may best be prophesied by means of the accepted sign of all seafaring men, the southing or northing of the moon during the month of January. Thus Luna setting far away to the northward will bring cold, biting winds from the north and northwest accompanied by prolonged periods of keen frost. As the moon appears farther to the southward so in like degree will the mercury readings be higher and the season milder and more open.

DISAPPOINTMENT VS. COMFORT

Lumbermen, livermen, teamsters, lovers of sleighing, snowshoers, tobogganists and the sportive schoolboy who loves a snowball battle, will feel like punching the face of the woodcraftsman who predicts a snowless winter. Lovers of skating—either outdoor or indoor, hockeyists, horse sportsmen and the devotee of the besom and stone will anxiously and lovingly watch the antics of the lady Luna during the initial days of the new year.

All signs fail sometimes, but the poor man has today the comforting assurance that all the usually accepted indications point to a small coal bill for the coming winter season.

WHAT AN OLD TIMER SAYS.

The veteran harbor ferryman, Captain William Clements, now approaching his four score years and to be generous and the carpet of white is to lie in some considerable depth over mother earth and to be early in its coming then these wise little creatures will build their nests

Yarmouth Harbor

BORDEN GOVERNMENT WILL SEE THAT VAST IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE PROVIDED C. P. R. PUT ON LARGER STEAMERS

The people of Yarmouth—and elsewhere, will be glad to know that it is the intention of the new government to do all necessary work in Yarmouth harbor, says the Times.

During the visit to Halifax last week of the Cabinet Ministers a delegation from Yarmouth waited upon the Prime Minister, to whom they made known the claims of this port. Hon. Mr. Borden was in sympathy with them and at once sent for Hon. Mr. Monk, Minister of Public Works, who gave the delegation an hour of his valuable time. Mr. MacGregor, marine superintendent of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, was the spokesman and in plain terms pointed out to the Minister what is required to make our harbor one of the very best in Canada. He knew exactly what was wanted and went into the most minute details. He surprised Hon. Mr. Monk when he told him of the immense passenger and freight business which was done here annually and so impressed was the Minister that he sent for Mr. Dodwell, at the same time requesting that he bring with him the harbor plan. The engineer arrived with his plan and went thoroughly into the question, informing the Minister that to make a good harbor for the purpose of receiving a large number of steamships and two million dollars. The interview then ended, Mr. Monk agreeing to do all that was required—provided the C. P. R. put on larger boats between Yarmouth and Boston.

This of course will be done, therefore our people may take it for granted that they will in the very near future have a harbor of which they may well feel proud.

Rev. A. Simpson Retires From Active Ministry

Rev. Allan Simpson, who, with his wife, says the Halifax Chronicle are so well known in Halifax, have for the last year or more, been residing in Bridgetown, in charge of the Presbyterian Church there. Mr. Simpson, some years ago, owing to ill health, had to resign the pastorate of Park Street Church, where he had preached for 25 years. He then went West, and had a thriving little congregation in a town in British Columbia. Again his health broke down, and he came back to Nova Scotia (after recuperating for a time) and settled in Bridgetown, hoping that his native air would act as a tonic and enable him to continue his labors for his beloved church. But again his health became impaired, and he has had to retire from the active ministry.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Simpson went to New Glasgow, where in a community of friends they will make their home. East or West, whatever or wherever his environment might be the Rev. Allan Simpson has always commanded the respect, admiration and affection of the entire community, irrespective of creed or class. His large liberal soul, his scholarly mind and his great Christian gentleness invariably have won for him a place in the hearts of all with whom he came in contact.

Before leaving Bridgetown members in the congregation called upon Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and presented them with substantial tokens of regard and affection in remembrance of their devoted friends in Bridgetown.

This week another Halifax clergyman, the Rev. John Duxton, will be inducted into the Presbyterian Church of Bridgetown, vacated by Rev. Mr. Simpson.

All our Nova Scotia colliers have been working full time and yet they could not supply the demand for coal, and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company have been compelled to buy coal to supply customers in Pennsylvania.

H. B. Clark Returns to St. John For Trial

Former Bank Manager Will Have to Face Two Charges of Theft.

St. John, Nov. 13—H. B. Clark the erstwhile manager of the Charlotte Street branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, who was discovered in New York by Pinkerton Detectives and arrested as he was about starting for Europe, a few weeks ago, arrived in this city this afternoon at five P. M. Clark, the prisoner, was brought on the train by way of Montreal. The prisoner was driven to the Central Police Station immediately on his arrival at two o'clock, and at once taken before the Police Magistrate who immediately stated the charge to him, and then ordered him to be remanded to the jail where a cell has been found and set apart for him.

Clark, after leaving the Magistrate's presence, was taken into the private office of the Chief of Police, and there had a consultation with W. B. Jones, of Sussex, who appeared in court on behalf of the prisoner. George W. Fowler, K. C. of Sussex, will defend.

Two warrants issued some time ago on the strength of which Clark was arrested, charged him with theft of \$2,477.27 in cash from the Bank of New Brunswick on March 29th, and the value of 100 shares of the bank's stock which he had sold on the same date.

When the train stopped at Sussex on the way to St. John this afternoon, Clark's wife entered the train and saw her husband. She kissed him fondly and pathetically and embraced him fondly. It was a touching scene and the appearance of the young couple told mutely of the painful emotions that struggled within them.

The extradition warrant issued at Ottawa in connection with this case is a distinct souvenir, being the first signed by the new Governor General, the Duke of Connaught, who signed at the top, only his Christian name "Arthur." There is an "X" in red ink, indicative of his Royal blood. It is in printed form.

For pains in the side or chest dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

New Auto Truck

The Halifax Chronicle 8th inst says:—The city's auto truck has arrived from the factory and was given a run yesterday by the agent, Frank Hillis. The vehicle was built by the Alden-Sampson Co., of Detroit, who make a specialty of trucks, and its capacity up hill is three tons. It has single three forward and double on the rear wheels, the tires being of solid rubber. A tip cart to fit on the truck will be built at the city workshops this winter, and a sprinkling tank will also be constructed. It is the intention to use the truck for street sprinkling through the warm and dusty weather, and also to utilize it with the box top for hauling broken stone and material and perhaps aid in the garbage collection service during the heavy season in the spring.

Italian Reverses

The jaunty spirit with which the Italians rushed into war with Turkey has been considerably toned down by recent developments, and the nation is beginning to realize the seriousness of the conflict upon which she has entered. Thus far, little has been gained beyond the almost unresisted occupation of Tripoli. The prestige of the first successful dash has been to some extent lost by subsequent repulses. Press despatches tell of an encounter in which the Italian army was beaten back by the Turks and Arabs. The invaders have been driven into narrower quarters, and there are reports of an outbreak of cholera among the troops. These repulses are no doubt only temporary but the Arabs are capable of harassing the invaders for some time.

Apples From Nova Scotia

Extract from report of Trade Commissioner E. D. Arnaud, Bristol, Oct. 11th, 1911, Contained in Weekly Report of the Department of Trade & Commerce, Canada.

The following is a copy of a letter which has reached this office from a large produce importing firm here which will be of some interest to shippers and especially to any who contemplate sending consignments to this market:—

"We have received two consignments of apples from Nova Scotia by the Royal mail steamers so far this season. The 'Royal Edward' which left Montreal on September sixth, brought for us about two thousand, five hundred barrels, consisting principally of No. 1 and No. 2 Gravensteins. The 'Royal George' arrived last week from the same port and landed for us one thousand, four hundred barrels. Here again the major portion of the consignment consisted of No. 1 and No. 2 Gravensteins. There were also small lots of Blenheim Orange Pippins, and Ribstones.

"The general out-turn of the fruit was most satisfactory. Without exaggeration we can confidently say that we have never seen fruit landed better. Out of the whole of the two parcels we only came across a about four or five sick barrels, and about half a dozen barrels that were out of condition. The Gravensteins were particularly good, but unfortunately arrived on a market already glutted with English fruit. The prices have moved on a somewhat low basis.

"The Blenheim Orange Pippins were exceptionally fine, and sold better, though not making anything like the price this fruit would under ordinary conditions. We are looking forward to a distinct improvement in the market, of which there are already unmistakable signs. We are quite convinced that consignments arriving during the next month, and therefore getting the Christmas demand, if landed in equal condition to the first lots, will make prices which are bound to be satisfactory to the senders."

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The King and Queen on Way to India

AN ENTHUSIASTIC FAREWELL SEND OFF TO THEIR MAJESTIES IN LONDON

London, Nov. 11—King George and Queen Mary left London this morning for Portsmouth to board a new liner Medina which will carry them to India for the imperial durbar to be held in Delhi next month. As this was their Majesties' last appearance in the capital for nearly three months, their departure was made with much ceremony.

Accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Princess Mary, and escorted by Imperial Horse Guards, they drove in an open carriage over a roundabout way to Victoria station. The streets were lined with people, who gave the king and queen an enthusiastic send-off.

There was a great gathering at the station. Those who had come to say farewell, included Queen Mother Alexandra, all the other members of royalty, the ministers, officials of the India office and diplomats.

The weather was typical for a London November morning. A gray mist prevailed. The king, in uniform of an admiral, rode in the first carriage. With him was Queen Mary in a blue dress, and furs. The Prince of Wales and Princess Mary also rode in the carriage. Cheering crowds greeted the royal procession along the route to Victoria station.

Victoria station, from which the public had been excluded, was filled with members.

"I do not believe there is any other medicine so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Ore. This remedy is also unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by all dealers.

Young Bank Clerk Fatally Shot.

G. W. Toombs, Ledger-keeper in Bank of Montreal at Lunenburg Found by Fellow-Clerk Lying in Pool of Blood.--Supposed to Have Accidentally Shot Himself While Examining Revolver.

Lunenburg, Nov. 13—A few minutes after five o'clock this afternoon the community was shocked to hear that G. W. Toombs, ledger-keeper in the Bank of Montreal had in some mysterious way fatally shot himself. He was alone at the time in the box, the accountant, H. W. Foban, being up stairs where the bank officials sleep, and on hearing the report of a firearm imagined that it was somewhere on the outside of the building, and he was not in a hurry coming down stairs. It can well be imagined that Mr. Foban received quite a shock on descending to find his fellow clerk lying in a pool of blood.

DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS

Mr. Foban at once gave the alarm. Mayor Kinley was the first on the scene and then Manager G. N. C. Hawkins, of the bank, and Drs. MacAulay, Penney, and Forbes were speedily on the scene, but too late to be of any service as death was instantaneous.

It is not certain whether deceased was examining the revolver or ordered to him.

wise, but there was no reason so far as is known for the young man to commit suicide as Mr. Mawking reports that his accounts were straight, and all his bookkeeping in good form. The theory of accidental shooting is most plausible, but that the Coroner's Jury now in session will decide.

A POPULAR OFFICIAL

Mr. Toombs was nineteen years of age, and an accomplished singer, and was most popular with all classes in the community. He was much sought after in musical circles, and his death has cast a gloom over the whole town. He was born in Charlottetown, his father being a leading wholesale produce dealer of that place. Undertaker Sweeney took charge of the body and after the inquest will forward it to Charlottetown tomorrow morning for burial. The bank officials are very much downcast over the accident, as the deceased was a great favorite with the community, and they were all very much attached to him.

Rev. J. F. Duxton Guest at Farewell Reception

Friday evening Grove Presbyterian church, Halifax, held a farewell congregational social, in honor of Rev. J. F. Duxton, the esteemed pastor of that church, who preached yesterday for the last time in his capacity as pastor. Practically all the congregation were present, together with a large number of friends of Mr. Duxton. There were addresses by the following city ministers: Rev. R. W. Ross, Rev. Dr. Stewart, Rev. C. M. McInnes, Rev. Anderson Rogers, Rev. Professor Falconer and P. F. Moriarty, Y.M.C.A., all of whom spoke in eulogistic terms of the faithful way in which Mr. Duxton had labored in Grove church for twenty-one years, and of the esteem in which he was held by members of the different denominations. Addresses were also given by Mr. Isaac Creighton and Mr. Wickwire. Mr. W. Cameron read an address to Rev. Mr. Duxton, and presented him with a purse of gold, on behalf of the congregation. Mrs. Duxton was also remembered, receiving a handsome piece of jewelry. The church choir sang a few selections during the evening, including a number by the Grove male quartette. At the close of the addresses the ladies served tea, which was heartily enjoyed by all, and a pleasant evening was thus brought to a close.

Golden Wedding Guests Find Aged Couple in Death

Mr. and Mrs. AUBREY had been asphyxiated on eve of CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Hammond, Ind., Nov. 7—Grief today took the place of joy at the house until yesterday occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Aubrey. They were found dead in their bed by the guests who had gathered to assist in the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of the aged couple.

Elaborate preparations for the festivities had been made and when a party of guests, among whom was Edward Aubrey, comptroller of the town of Hammond, went to the house, they found no sign of the couple. Unable to arouse anyone within, the door was broken down and it was found both had been asphyxiated by gas.

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Rev. C. DeWolfe White, rector of St. James Episcopal church, Kentville, for the past eleven years, has resigned and accepted a rectorship at Summerside, P. E. I.

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