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BRITISH SETTLERS MOST DESIRABLE

Beach Thomas Famous War Correspondent Writes Up Charms of Annapolis Valley

The London Daily Mail is a paper with a circulation of one and three-quarter millions. It has recently inaugurated a World Tour of Inquiry, and one of its foremost writers, Sir William Beach Thomas, has started on this tour. It is a tour principally into the prospects and opportunities for British settlers, men and women alike, in the broader and less crowded lands separated from Great Britain by broad seas. The overseas British Dominions, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc., will receive first consideration, and people advised to seek homes therein.

Sir William has made part of his tour, has visited us in the Valley and written up some of our opportunities and resources. From the Daily Mail of May 29th we take the following extracts:—

IN AN APPLE PARADISE How the Immigrant Starts.

Halifax, N. S.

On landing at Halifax I grew interested in the fortunes of five Scandinavians who were emigrating to Nova Scotia and I altered my route to see the part of the country they had selected. They had all been brought up on the land, one in Denmark, one in Holland, and three in Sweden.

All had engaged themselves as farm laborers on the north side of Nova Scotia, "where the apples come from," and most farm produce besides. It is one of the very few parts of any country in Europe or America that have not suffered this year from depression among their farms and farmers. Indeed, it claims a world record.

For three consecutive years the apple trees have been heavy with apples and business has been good. Over 2,000,000 barrels were sent away last season. The little town of Kentville in the middle of the apple country was stiff with commercial travellers who had come in the wake of the money.

Was such fortune due to luck or skill? A persistent belief prevails throughout this apple-growers' paradise that science has found the secret of steady production. The people believe that where the right land is chosen—above the frost-line and out of the sand—production of No. 1 apples may be surer than the production of No. 1 Manitoba wheat; and that the key of success is small regular applications of nitrate of soda in the spring.

TRIBUTE TO MEN OF KENT

I drove through some of the best of the country with Prof. Blair, the head of a five hundred acre Federal experimental farm. He had just paid a visit to England to attend the Daily Mail Apple Show—for which his admiration was unbounded—and careful, almost canny, man of science that he is, by Scottish descent, as by training, he has a most just faith in the future of the industry and of the country.

Along with everyone else that I spoke to on the subject, he wants immigrants, lots of immigrants, to develop the wealth that is as yet only scratched. And it is to Britain he looks. The British emigrant is preferred before all others, with perhaps an exception in favor of the Scandinavian. "The very best men we have had," one official said, "have been from Kent and South Wales."

The best possible sort of immigration has been tried, and is succeeding even beyond expectation. In the neighborhood of Wolfville, the most attractive little garden town—it is also a university town—I over saw Mr. Oliver Hind, a generous worker among the boys of Nottingham, endowed a little fruit and general farm, called Farm Dukeyne, where vary a dozen boys of seventeen years or so, are sent and given a year's training.

Prof. Blair, who has recently begun to take a leading part in the scheme, holds that when their year is up these boys are even more useful than country trained workers. They are less haphazard, more skilful, more alert, more scientific. If only other benefactors would set up similar farms in other Provinces on the model of Mr. Hind!

A LESSON IN HOW TO BEGIN

The farmers and their "apple Paradise" that lies between Windsor and Digby along the Bay of Fundy demand a description to themselves; I must return for the moment to my Scandinavians.

They did not come in a hurry to Nova Scotia through news of this latest bout of productive prosperity. Their decision was of older standing. They had made long inquiry into the possibilities of the land and had definite arrangements with farmers.

They are to start as laborers on the following terms: They receive in dollars the equivalent of 25 a month in addition to free board and lodging and washing. They live with the

LAWRENCETOWN

Dr. Henry Foster, of Reading, Mass., has been visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Foster, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Phinney, also Mr. Regan and little grandson, of Wolfville, were week-end visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phinney.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Walker spent a few days last week at Margaretville, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Balcom.

Miss Irene Phinney is visiting her cousin at Windsor and was accompanied by Miss Marjorie Phinney who is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. M. Antman, of Kentville.

Dr. R. G. D. and Mrs. Richardson and child are spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bishop, a guest of the former's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Warwick, of St. John, have taken possession of their home, formerly owned by Messrs. Chas. and Owen Ollerhead.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. H. Whitman, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Stella, and Miss Peters, went to Sydney last week to visit relatives.

Clyde M. Brown left on Tuesday, the 11th, for Truro, where he will take the course at the Summer School of Science.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Banks and little daughter, of United States, are guests of his sisters, Miss Sadie Banks and Mrs. Horace Reid.

Miss Georgie Ray and her brother are visiting their mother, Mrs. James Ray.

Willoughby Phinney, son of Dr. W. S. Phinney, is taking the course at the Summer School of Science, Truro.

Mrs. Nickerson, of Boston, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. T. A. Patterson, last week.

Rev. E. J. Grant, representative for "The Maritime Baptist", occupied the pulpit in the Baptist Church on Sunday morning, the 16th inst.

Recent guests of Mrs. C. S. Balcom were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Balcom, Margaretville; Miss Cora Balcom, St. John; Mrs. Henry Schreider, Seattle, Wash.; Miss Marion Balcom, Paradise; Dr. H. Foster, Reading, Mass.; Mrs. F. O. Foster, Lawrencetown; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Walker, Miami, Florida. The last named guests expect to remain until September.

Mr. Lewis Balcom, of Trenton, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balcom, also his sister, Mrs. T. B. Bishop.

BELLEISLE

Miss Hilda Gesner is visiting her uncle, Mr. Perry Parier, Aylesford. Mrs. Maria Gesner and daughter, Marjorie, have returned to their home here.

Mrs. Clifford Bent has returned from a pleasant motor trip to Halifax where she was the guest of her brother, Mr. Chas. Chipman.

Mrs. Lemuel Elliott and son Roscoe, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bent.

Mr. Rupert Woodward, Boston, is visiting his son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodward.

Mrs. Wm. Best and Miss Agnes Mills, Granville Ferry, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Gesner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodwin and Miss Mary Goodwin returned on Saturday to Boston, after spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodwin.

Mrs. Albert Woodworth has returned after spending a few weeks with her father.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Loring and family are spending their vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dodge.

CUTWORM'S HISTORY

Could you give me the life history of the cutworm? BUG.

REPLY: The eggs of the cutworm are laid in late summer in fields of grass, weeds and herbage, and hatch early enough for the young worms to feed for a few weeks in the fall, mostly on grass. They spend the winter in the ground in earthen cells which they build about themselves and when the ground has been plowed and seeded in the spring they are ready for the first plants to come up. The adults leave the ground, transform into moths and fly away in July or August. They have grayish-brown forewings and silky white hind wings.

farmer and are treated—on the small, but not always on the larger, farms—as "one of the family," sharing the life of the farmer, indoors as well as outdoors.

Every 25 they save is the value of an acre of good land; and it is long odds that before many years they will all be yeoman farmers in some measure, working a little, it may be, for others, selling a little timber off the land that they will be steadily clearing for the apple trees. Such is the near future that they sketched.

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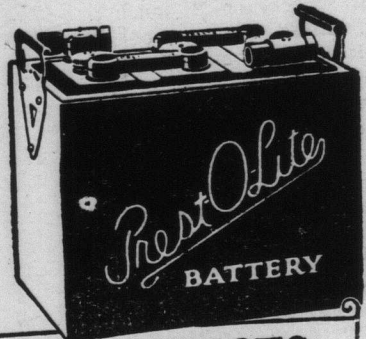


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