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INVEST IN ORCHARDS

The members of the Board of Trade and the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association could not perform a more useful and valuable service than to teach people with some money to invest the merits of home investment.

Why should not an orchard in New Brunswick be as attractive to the investor as a rubber plantation, a mining venture or a railroad in Mexico, an orange plantation in Florida or California, or an alleged gold mine in Colorado?

The writer of the prospectus for the orchard proposition would have plain sailing. He could show, on the highest authority, that apples of as good quality as any in the world can be raised in New Brunswick, which has all the advantages of soil and climate. He could point out that the great British market, which wants its apples by the cargo and wants them in enormous quantities, is within easy reach, with freight rates and conditions of transportation favorable. He could show that excellent fruit lands can be got cheaper in New Brunswick than in other apple raising provinces and countries. All this and more he could set out in a prospectus that would be at least as attractive as those concerning foreign ventures which have beguiled the dollars from so many New Brunswick investors; and it would have the advantage of being true.

Therefore we suggest that the members of the Board of Trade and Fruit Growers' Association have here a fine opportunity to render good service to the province. Why should not joint stock companies to develop great orchards multiply in New Brunswick? Why should not men with enough money to purchase a good orchard, and a desire to live in the country, find it possible in New Brunswick to pursue that course?

These are questions which should be given serious consideration by leading men in the cities and rural communities. There is a great opportunity at our doors. The magnificent display at the rink this week, and the statements made by orchard experts from other provinces, as well as the testimony of English visitors, should give such an impetus to fruit culture as would produce splendid results within the next decade.

THESE LITTLE ONES

The Times recently directed attention to a notable advance during the past few years in relation to education, the public health, the care of children and the treatment of jail prisoners. The present movement to secure an act providing for the better protection of women and children is another illustration. That was a very interesting and important meeting at the mayor's office yesterday, and the citizens should not only desire but lend their influence to secure practical results. In the case of certain children, as in the case of confirmed drunkards and vagrants, there is need of a law and an institution. Reform in such matters can only be hoped for when the proper machinery is provided. This is entirely lacking in St. John at the present time. There are too many children who are not getting a fair start in life, and they would still be helpless if they did. The children's court, the detention home and a well organized Children's Aid Society would do a splendid work in this city as they have in so many others. In reality, St. John is not in the van, but bringing up the rear of this great movement for a better citizenship. Addressing the National W. C. T. U. convention in Milwaukee on Monday, Dr. Louise C. Partington of Boston put the case for the children in this terse sentence:

"We insist that as much care be given to the breeding and welfare of children as is given to improving stock in horses and hens."

Discussing the same subject from the standpoint of the church, Rev. Dr. Blake at a Sunday School Institute in Boston this week, said:

"We are coming to see that the great business of the church today is not to save men from drunkard's graves, but from being drunkards in the first place. We are coming to see that the business of the church is to hold the children in the kingdom of God and never to have them get away."

Until such time as all parents have the inclination and the power to care for the little ones, there will be need of children's courts, detention homes, and state interference in cases where conditions tend to the development of youthful delinquents.

GATHERING INFORMATION

The Canadian Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Education is now pursuing its enquiries in Boston. The Boston Globe has an interesting interview with Dr. James W. Robertson, in which he said:

"Here around Boston and in some parts of England we have found more that will be helpful to us than we did in Germany. This is due very largely to the similarity of government, of language, of social organization and of general ideas here and in Canada. Consequently we are going to spend considerable time in Massachusetts trying to cover as many different types of schools as we can. We intend to visit Worcester, Springfield, Fitchburg, Fall River and New Bedford. And it is fortunate that we have had such a cordial welcome here around Boston. All have been frankly communicative. Nowadays leadership is coming more and more from the commercial ranks. Just as the High School, designed in the past to give special training for classical and literary pursuits, filled its place, so people preparing for other vocations should have opportunities equally helpful and effective. Nor should these industrial schools be connected with the old classical ones. They should be put on an independent basis and given an equally fair chance."

Dr. Robertson told the Boston Globe that while abroad the commission found Ireland to be a leader along lines of industrial education. There, he said, all classes are provided for as well as all localities. Flourishing farm schools exist in many places. In one place they found a director with as many as 200 "colonists" in his charge, all cultivating large plots of land.

The report of this Royal Commission, having Dr. Robertson as its chairman, should be of immense benefit to Canada.

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS

The British Weekly of Oct. 15 contains a statement which gives tremendous force to the plea that the vacant areas of the overseas states should in some way be utilized to relieve the congestion and the poverty in the great centres in the mother country; or that the landed estates in England should be made to support a larger portion of the population. The difficulty, of course, is that these people are not eager and perhaps not at all fitted, for agricultural life. But what a revelation of wretched conditions we have in the following from the British Weekly:

"In London over 1,000,000 persons are members of families, the total earnings of which are not more than twenty shillings weekly. Taking five persons as the average in such families, we are compelled to ask what kind of food can be purchased for what boots and clothing (no matter what kind of weather) can be obtained for the rent of three shillings, or even four shillings per room, has been paid? How can either physical or mental development exist amid such conditions? Here is no margin for sickness, for insurance, for books, for pictures or for holidays. In such a home there is nothing but poverty grinding under its feet the health of body, decency of life, comfort for the present and hope for old age. The church must declare against such a condition of life, which is lived by millions of our fellow citizens in England today."

The Liberals of Ontario lost no time in choosing a new provincial leader. Mr. N. W. Rowell is a man of high character, and though not widely known politically in the province, he may prove to be the right man in the right place.

Mr. Rowland Hunt, Unionist M. P., if he is correctly reported, must be a most glib person. He is reported to have asked in parliament if President Taft did not proclaim his desire to break up the British Empire, and if Ambassador Bryce did not further his scheme by bringing about that result. In Canada, during the election campaign, there was a purpose to be served by one party stirring up prejudice against the United States, but Mr. Rowland Hunt does not appear to have informed himself upon the subject.

MORNING LOCALS

The Salvation Army congress was brought to a close last night with a special meeting in the Charlotte street chapel. Brigadier Abney conducted the service and Col. Pagniere was the principal speaker. The annual meeting of the Log Cabin Filling Club was held last night. It was reported that the club house at Loch Lomond had been broken into and several articles stolen. J. E. Wilson, M. P. P. E. W. Noble, John Ross, R. J. Armstrong, J. H. Noble, George W. Smith and C. A. Gurney were elected directors. Mr. Ross was elected president. Mr. Gurney was vice-president and Mr. Paul secretary-treasurer. Mr. Jean gave a French lecture yesterday afternoon in the school room of Calvin church on the "French Peasant at Home." He described in an interesting manner the customs of the people in the country districts.

Leonard P. Quinlan has been appointed steward of the government steamer Stanley in place of Steward Cogswell who has resigned. Mr. Quinlan was formerly on the Lecland.

It was reported yesterday at a meeting of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Board that Rev. Dr. J. G. Brown is expected in the city for the Laymen's Missionary Convention on Nov. 20. The treasurer reported a double the receipts of last year. Six new missionaries, it was said, are soon to leave Toronto for India. Rev. Mr. Glen-dinning and wife are now on their way there.



LEGES LEGUM

Self may be the first law.
If self be deaver and be nearer than thy soul,
What is man if born not for another?
Fair Aquinas fitting Aristotle with a cord,
While humble Francis found the ass a brother.
Time, and eternity to complete the whole.

Preserve thyself! this do!
Perhaps more pallid than the murky ooze
Of earth,
But still the same, and man,—mighty
Voice of God—
Must give—and this is love—what he be worth.

Love is then the first law.
And love is nearer and much dearer than thy life.
Courage born of love makes martyrs
Firm.
For love doth conquer every earthly strife;
And every virtue wears a veil of love.
Which only eyes may pierce with love's most rife.
Therefore if thou wouldst live, and live
Eternally,
Preserve thy love for this is life.
EYEN BRUCE MACKINNON.

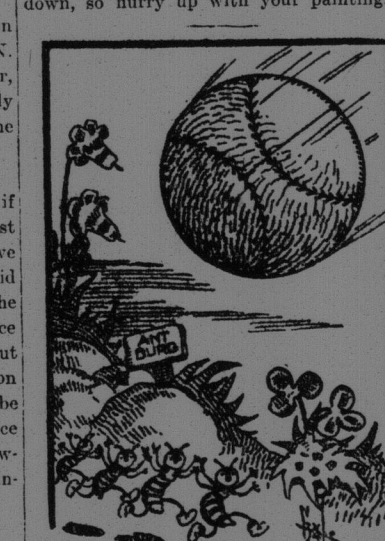
IN LIGHTER VEIN



NOT HIS FAULT.
Algy—I wrote her a poem on my new typewriter. It began, "How like a flower your face is."
Betty—What did she say?
Algy—That wretched machine wrote it.
"How like flour your face is!"



STEP LIVELY, PLEASE.
Farmer—I see you are painting those old trees.
Artist—Yes, I am, but it's no business of yours. Instead of interfering with me, you had better get on with your work.
Farmer—Well, my work is to chop them down, so hurry up with your painting.



RETURN TRIP.
"Run for your life, folks! Here's Halley's Comet back again!"



A SLIGHT ERROR.
Editor—Here, what's this stuff you just turned in?
Reporter—A swell Scotch wedding.
Editor—Well, you want to learn how to spell first. You say here "The groom entered with his bony bride." I suppose you mean "bonny."

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OF REV. L. B. GIBSON

New Brunswick Minister Who is
Asked to Take Charge of
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(Montreal Witness.)
The Rev. Dr. L. B. Gibson, M. A., B. D., who, as announced in last Saturday's Witness, has been chosen by the congregation of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church in Wellington street, as its next minister, is at present pastor of the church in St. Stephen, N. B.

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