

REAL ESTATE THE BEST INVESTMENT IN CANADA

DEVELOPMENT OF PROVINCE WILL KEEP PAGE WITH CITY

Increased Interest being Manifested in Agricultural Possibilities of New Brunswick—Many Western Farmers May Come—Montreal Company May Establish Smelter—Local Real Estate News.

One of the features of the boom in real estate has been the increase of interest in the farming proposition in New Brunswick. A farmer from Saskatchewan who has his family with him, has been in the city for a few days and has gone to Kings county, where he will look around for a farm. To a local business man he said there was every probability that scores of western farmers would come east and locate in New Brunswick in the next few months.

Alfred Burley, real estate agent of Princess street, when asked if there was any indication of a migratory movement from the west, said he had received quite a number of letters from people in Saskatchewan, inquiring about farming opportunities in New Brunswick.

"What is the reason the westerners give for wanting to come east?" Mr. Burley was asked.

"Mostly they write that they don't like the climate," was the answer. "In the winter the temperature is 20 or 30 degrees below zero for weeks at a time, and they don't appreciate that sort of thing. The Englishmen who are used to a mild climate find the western winters peculiarly irksome, and say they will be glad to come back to New Brunswick, if they can get lands here. Many of my correspondents write that they have to melt ice in the winter in order to provide water for their cattle. One man wrote me that farmers living within a radius of 3 or 4 miles had to come to his homestead for water practically the year around, as he had the only well in the district."

"Another thing the western farmers complain of is the high cost of necessities, especially of fuel. Men who write me asking about farming opportunities in New Brunswick say that if they can procure suitable farm lands in this province, they will be glad to come here, and that scores of their friends will follow their example. They want a more congenial climate, such as they can find in this province, and also they want some of the social advantages which can be found here and not in the west."

Quebec Farmers Here.

A number of farmers from the Province of Quebec were in the city during the first of the week. They made some enquiries about market conditions, and the price of lands at various points in the province, and stated that they would come to the province after the snow vanishes to make a personal inspection of lands in various parts of the province. They added that there were quite a number of farmers in the Province of Quebec who were considering the question of moving to New Brunswick, believing that this province has a great future before it.

The superintendent of immigration has received recently quite a number of enquiries about farm lands in this province from parties in Maine, Oregon, California and other parts of the United States. Yesterday four or five immigrants sent out by Mr. Bowdler, provincial representative in Great Britain, arrived in the city and were sent on to various parts of the province. Every boat arriving in St. John from now on will have a number of immigrants who intend to locate in the province, and a large personally conducted party will be brought out by Mr. Bowdler in April.

The communications received recently from Mr. Bowdler state that intending immigrants are booking every day to come out with him in April, and that the indications are that the party will be a large one.

The indications of increasing interest in the farming opportunities of the province, combined with the promise of the governments, local and federal, to give more assistance to the promotion of immigration to the province, will, it is believed, assure the rapid agricultural development of the province, a development which will naturally be reflected in the industrial and commercial progress of St. John, the chief trading center, as well as the greatest manufacturing town of the province.

This feeling is expressing itself in the increasing interest of city people in the real estate developments, and a greater readiness to invest. Outside parties are eagerly seeking bargains in real estate, but most of the recent purchases have been made by St. John people.

To Examine Coal Areas.

T. P. Burchill, of Montreal, arrived in the city yesterday, and left for the coal areas there. It is said that Mr. Burchill represents prominent financial interests in Montreal, which, realizing that New Brunswick is about to enter upon a forward movement, and knowing that the taking over of

THE TEXTILE CO. ANNOUNCE AN INCREASE

Montreal, March 13.—The Dominion Textile Company, which has just announced a general increase of wages of 5 per cent. The increase takes effect from March 11. Eleven mills and 4,500 employees are affected by the raise which will cost the company about \$125,000 a year more in wages. Eleven mills in which the increase will take place are situated as follows: Five in Montreal, one in Kingston, one in Montmagny Falls, two in Magog, one in Halifax, and one in Moncton.

The Central Railway by the C. P. R. will make possible the opening of the coal areas of Queens county, which will get hold of some of the coal properties there with the object of developing them. It is said that a Montreal company are considering the question of establishing a plant near St. John, in which the Queens county coal will be used for the purpose of smelting ore.

Real Estate News.

The Eastern Terminal Realty Company is having a steady sale of their lots on Courtenay Bay. D. B. Pidgeon, the manager of the company left for Montreal last evening on business connected with local real estate operations and it is rumored that he will close up some important transactions while away. The Eastern Terminal Co. has completed the transfer of the property on Princess street occupied by S. T. Golding's livery stable to Short Brothers, who will move there from their present quarters on Union street.

The property in the rear of the Centennial school, Brussels street, has been sold to outside parties by Geo. H. Waterbury.

The following transfers have been recorded in the last few days:

City of St. John to Samuel McClelland, \$600, property on Rodney street, Carleton.

G. H. Evans to Esther J. wife of W. G. Miller, property at Lancaster.

Miss Caroline Joyce, to E. R. Macdonald, property on Prince street, Carleton.

Samuel Linton to W. G. Miller, \$600 property at Lancaster.

Theodosia A., wife of C. B. Lockhart to Louisa, wife of R. S. Ritchie, property at Lancaster.

Teresa Morris to A. H. Lively, property at Simonds.

Trustees of Gideon Prescott to H. R. Lawrence, \$100, property on Union street.

A. G. Ross to L. R. Ross, property at Portland.

Among the leases registered is one from John Hannah to Messrs. Emerson and Fisher, \$3000, property near Courtenay Bay.

James Driscoll sold five lots in Crouchville on Tuesday to city parties.

Messrs. Allison and Thomas have made a quick turn over in Brussels street. They bought a piece of property in that thoroughfare from George T. Waterbury. It has a frontage of 33 feet near the Centennial school, and has since been sold by the purchasers to some Winnipeg parties at a good advance.

The issue of the Saturday Post, Winnipeg, for March 9, contains a two-column bird's eye view of the projected improvements at Courtenay Bay as they will appear when completed. The picture is a very good one. The water is put down as 35,000 feet long instead of 2500 feet.

NEWS OF WEEK IN SACKVILLE

Sackville, Mar. 9.—W. I. Goodwin, of New Westminster, B. C., who conducted a book store here in recent years, has been the guest of friends in town this week.

Arthur Ayer received a kick from a horse on Wednesday causing a compound fracture of his left arm.

F. A. Dixon is attending the immigration convention at Fredericton as delegate from the Sackville board of trade.

The Epworth League enjoyed a sleigh drive on Thursday evening going to Dorchester and spending the evening skating to the music of the Dorchester band, at the rink, afterwards attending a bean supper in the Methodist church schoolroom.

Mrs. A. Lucas, left on Tuesday for New York, called there by the serious illness of her sister.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church held a tea and fancy sale on Tuesday evening. The proceeds amounting to upwards of \$50, will be devoted to church purposes.

Sackville's Col. Laidlaw held a meeting of shareholders on Thursday and although less than a year old, find business in a satisfactory condition. Directors are Dr. Secord, C. C. Ayard, J. L. Dixon, H. M. Wood and Dr. Elgin.

H. M. Wood and R. Trites are attending the opening of the legislature in Fredericton.

The death of Mrs. James Long occurred at her home here on Tuesday after a short illness, aged 30 years. Besides a sorrowing husband she leaves two young children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Green, Foundry street, two sisters, Mrs. William Seaman, Sackville, and Miss Sarah, at home, also two brothers, George and Wallace, of Sackville.

After a few days illness of pneumonia, Deacon Matthew Allen passed away at the advanced age of 85 years. Previous to his illness he was a remarkably active man for his age. Left to mourn are one daughter, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Winnipeg, two sons, Dr. David Altona, Pa., and Coleman, at home. Two sisters, Mrs. Wells Trenholm, Amherst; Mrs. Thomas Wood, Port Philip and one brother, Johnson, of Port Elgin.

Henry A. McAlmon, a respected former resident of Dorchester, died at the home of his nephew, Rufus Crossman, Port Elgin, on Sunday. The funeral was held on Monday, interment taking place in Fernwood cemetery.

Mrs. Julia Bulmer, formerly of

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the ceremonies, becomes inspired. He begins to froth at the mouth and believes himself to be conveyed away to the land only seen in dreams, where dwell the never-dying gods. He becomes possessed and talks wildly, then suddenly he falls into a trance. At this moment the music ceases and the Quawal remains apparently insensible for 15 or 20 minutes. At length someone begins to pipe very softly and the aged priest comes to life just long enough to give warning that any non-Yezidi who may be present must be turned out.

On being reassured on this point he again becomes possessed and utters words in rhyme and signs to the accompaniment of soft music until his head droops down and he falls beside the basin of water. Then follows a dead silence. All the Yezidis crouch down and gaze at the Quawal and the peacock in the water before him.

Presently there is a slight commotion in the water, and a soft voice is heard, whereat the Quawal comes to his senses and tells the people that the god Malik-Tawas has entered into the peacock from the water. He then asks questions and the image is supposed to reply, uttering prophecies. When the god is thought to have said all that he had to say the priest places the peacock on a pedestal and all present kneel down and kiss it. Then follow music and dancing and the peacock is made to "dance" also. Finally all disperse after kissing the hands of the Quawals.

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