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Mill Owner Meets With
Dangerous Accident.

ANAPOLIS, N. S. Jan. 10, 1894.
B. M. Goldsmith, of the firm of H. C. & B. M. Goldsmith, mill owner here, met with a
severe accident recently. He was at work
about the engine when a stream of water
from an inch-and-a-half flow off pipe struck
him full in the face and eyes. There were
thirty pounds of steam on at the time and
the burn received was a very severe one. It
is reported that no physician was called and
so relief experienced for some days after the
event. Then Mr. Goldsmith's brother, his
partner, fell in with a man who gave him
something for the burn. The "something"
proved to be a half box of Perkins' Indian
Herb Ointment. He used it at once with
most soothing effect. In three days his face
was entirely well and without even a scar.
It is understood that Mr. Goldsmith has
written a letter to the Grocer Company, giv-
ing full particulars of his cure.

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COUNTY OF WESTMORLAND, S.S.
TO THE SHERIFF of the
County of Westmorland, or
any Constable within the said
County.

Whereas John Manning Hicks, surviving
administrator of all the goods, chattels and
credits which were of Nathan Hicks, late
of the Parish of Sackville in the said
County and Province, at the time of his
death, has filed an account of his adminis-
tration of the estate and effects which "were
of the said deceased, and proved that said
account may be passed and allowed as re-
quired by law. You are therefore required
to cite the said John Manning Hicks as
said surviving administrator and all others
interested in said estate and effects, to ap-
pear before me at a Court of Probate to be
held in the office of the Registrar of Pro-
bate at Dorchester within and for the said
County on Tuesday the twenty eighth day
of August next at ten o'clock in the fore-
noon to attend the passing of said account
as prayed for.

Given under my hand, and the seal of
the said Court, this twenty fourth day of
July, A. D. 1894.

S. O. K. SIGNED.
CHAS. E. KNAPP,
FREDERICK W. EMMERSON,
Regis. ar of Probate, Judge of Probate,
Cou. of Westmorland,
County of Westmorland.

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Cou. of Westmorland,
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THE OLD MAID.

Once she was all timidity,
Frigidity,
And by foolish people she was held in
scorn.
During not all her soul her own-deprecat-
ing.
Hesitating,
Apologetic manner, all forlorn.

Home but for witless witticism
Criticisms,
Ecstasies,
She must smile, as if she liked it, though
At foolish funnigrams incisive,
Surmises,
Deductions.

Fired at her by the empty-headed cad.
Now she airs her views impressively
Oppressively,
Stormy seas assail her lonely bark, 'tis
true.
Yet on the glides with temerity,
Dexterity,
Hilarity.

For now she can "paddle her own canoe".
Plain or Pretty

The great burning question of the hour
is: Has the pretty girl become a terror
in the land?
The London girl who eloped with her
father's coachman the other day was
pretty.

The Berlin bride who became stage-
struck, and joined a travelling theatrical
company, looked decidedly pretty.
The New York maiden, who drowned
herself because her young man could
"only be a brother" to her, was exceed-
ingly pretty.

The pretty girl, therefore, instead of
being a thing of beauty and a joy for-
ever, is of often a delusion and a snare.
It is the plain girl who is never found
breaking her father's heart or her hus-
band's head.

It is the plain girl who, although she
may have an aching heart has a level
head.
It is the plain girl, with a pug nose,
freckled face and red hair, who never
considers the tongue of scandal to wag.

First Girl- Freddie took a great deal
of wine at dinner yesterday.
Second Girl- I noticed it.
First Girl- It went to his head.
Second Girl- Dear me what a lonely
place for it to go to.

Higgins- There comes Begg, I don't care
to meet that fellow. I asked him to
lend me \$10 one day last spring.
Higgins- He ought to have let you
have it to go to.

Higgins- Well, you see, he did.
The Marquis Van Dickens (at the
swell ball in London)- Surely I have
seen your beautiful face before, Miss
Saulson! Miss Saulson- More's
likely. Pa used it on all his patent
medicine ads as "after taking."

There is a charming story going the
rounds of a proud American, mamma in
London. She was speaking of her
daughter and said that she was a "peer-
less beauty. But she won't be so long,"
she added after a moment's pause, "if I
can help it."

GENERAL NEWS.
Five men can easily hold down
lion, but nine are required to hold a
tiger.

There is no public money is spent for
brass bands that for schools in the
Argentine provinces.

A single corporation controls more
than nine-tenths of the entire
world's product of diamonds.

The piles which served as the founda-
tion for Troy's bridge over the
Danube, A. D. 105, are said to be still
visible at low stages of water.

A New York syndicate has been
formed for the purpose of buying an
island off the coast of Maine, stocking
it with black flocks and engaging in the
fur trade.

Some people call the stormy petrel
the "lamp bird." It is so only that
the fishermen of St. Kitts stick a wick
in the mouth of a dead specimen, light it
and it burns for an hour.

A rattlesnake, owned by Arthur
Hayes, of Erin, Tennessee, has not
tasted a particle of food during the
nineteen months of its captivity.

Octave Thane, who has been study-
ing the labor problem at Pullman, says
that he finds among the working
classes of that town a curious and
firm belief that the strike was actually
won by the strikers.

Alaska's mail service has heretofore
been dependent upon Esquimaux dogs.
Reindeers, however, are so much better
for the purpose that the government
has imported several families of Lap-
landers to teach the natives of Alaska
how to train and use this animal.

The test for symmetry is to turn a
man with his face toward the wall. If
he is perfectly formed his chest will
touch it, his nose will be four inches
away, his thighs five the tips of his
toes three.

Branding live stock with a
dressed mule by electricity has come
largely into use. The ham is held only
for a few seconds against the white
hot electric brand, and a clear, deep-cut
impression remains. It is extremely
rapid and clean.

The number of millionaires in Eng-
land is not so great as one might be-
lieve. According to the report of the
income tax officials there are in Eng-
land seventy-one persons with an annual
income of \$250,000, over 1,100, draw
\$50,000 annually, and only about 10,000
have an income of \$10,000.

A Danian sword is made of
alternate layers of iron and steel, tem-
pered so nicely that the point can be
bent back to the hilt, the edge so keen
that it will penetrate a coat of mail,
and so fine a polish that the Moslem
can use it as a looking glass to arrange
his turban.

Personals.

Editor Charles A. Dana, of the New
York Sun, has just celebrated the seven-
ty-fifth anniversary of his birth.

Queen Victoria purchases almost
every new book of note published, and
her expenditure on literature of all sorts
is over £11,200 per annum.

The remotest historian has dis-
covered that even Mrs. Browning drop-
ped three years from her age, so that she
was 40 instead of 37 when married to
Browning.

Says Dr. Simon Baruch, a famous
physician of New York: "More cold
bathing, more fresh air, less meat, less
tea and coffee, and more milk, cream, cheese,
bread and butter, with easy-fitting cloth-
ing, will rejuvenate and be the salvation
of our workmen."

Justice Vanwart has been appointed
Justice of the Divorce and Matrimonial
causes in New Brunswick, vice Judge
Fraser, recently appointed Lieutenant
Governor of the province.

Rev. H. McGinn, of Philadelphia,
arrived at Halifax with three priests
seeking rest and recreation. On Tuesday
morning of last week at two o'clock he
was seized with paralysis, and at three
o'clock he was dead. He was 59 years
old.

Dr. M. Matland King is all the fad in
London now. She is a physician and lec-
tures to fashionable ladies on the laws of
life for themselves and their children. As
royalty has put the seal of approval on
her work, she is doing admirably and
making money.

Hon. W. H. Sattor, who was one of
the delegates from New South Wales, at
the Colonial conference, has been ap-
pointed a member of the new ministry
just formed in that colony. He is vice-
president of the executive council, with-
out portfolio.

Mr. John Burns M. P., both because
of his name and because he is of Scottish
descent, ought to have something of the
poet about him. The other day he was
said to contribute a verse to one of the
albums which are the chief trophies of
modern life. John wrote as follows:
Born in struggle, reared in strife,
Agitator all my life.
Blessed with health; my only wealth
My sin guide wife.

A curious detail of Napoleon Bonaparte's
costume was the religious cap with
which he kept hung around his neck the
little leather envelop, shaped like a heart
which contained poison that was to liber-
ate him in case of irretrievable reverses
of fortune. This poison was prepared af-
ter the receipt that Catin had given to
Corvisart, and after the year 1808 the
emperor never undertook a campaign
without having his packet of poison.

William Morris, the poet, has made
the interesting discovery that housekeep-
ing is one of the most difficult and im-
portant branches of study. "People like their
eye brows," he says, "over women master-
ing the higher mathematics; why, it is
infinitely more difficult to learn the de-
tails of good housekeeping. Anybody can
learn mathematics, but it takes a lot of
skill to manage a house well." This, Mr.
Morris thinks, is a reason why women
should continue to devote themselves to
housekeeping.

The death occurred at Shubenacadie
of the other evening of F. R. Parker, an
advanced age of 94 years. Mr. Parker
was a justice of the peace for 70 years
and a member of the Presbyterian church
for the same period. He represented
Hants county in the house of assembly
from 1836 to 1879 and Colchester from
1883 to 1887. He was a prosperous far-
mer and did much in advancing agricul-
ture in East Hants and South Colchester.
Mr. Parker leaves a widow, three sons
and three daughters to mourn their loss
of a kind and affectionate husband and
father.

Of Sergeant Arabin, who had not a
clear method of speech, it is related that
he said to one criminal, "Prisoner at the
bar, if ever there was a clearer case than
this of a man robbing his master, this
case is that case." At another time he
said, "Prisoner at the bar, you have been
found guilty on several indictments, and
it is in my power to subject you to trans-
portation for a period very considerably
beyond the term of your natural life but
the court, in mercy, will not go so far as
to lawfully might go, and the sentence
is that you be transported for two periods
of seven-years each."

Dr. Emil Young, professor of physi-
ology at the University of Geneva, is in
great distress concerning the future of
our race. He suggests, in an essay in
La Semaine Littéraire, that in course of
a thousand years the human race may
have lost the necessity of the use of legs,
and retain those members of the body
solely as ornamental survivals. Men re-
fuse more and more to walk though walk-
ing is the wholesome of physical exer-
cise. Steam, electricity, the rope rail-
ways, tricycles, and bicycles have chang-
ed the aspect of Swiss touring, as he says
in his own generation. "Everybody
seems anxious to get everywhere any
way except by the use of his legs."

Another generation, he supposes, our trav-
elling balloons will hang outside our
windows, or our electrical coaches stand
outside our doors. They will be produced
so cheaply that every man will have his
own chariot. Hence our legs will be-
come superfluous, then they will be crum-
pled and shrink to hideously small dimen-
sions, until at last they will finally dis-
appear. Our arms, on the contrary, will
correspondingly lengthen and strengthen.
"While our legs remain," says Dr. Young,
"let us march all we can."

THE FARMERS' PICNIC.
The farmers' picnic and agricultural
conference started at three o'clock Tues-
day last. The large pavilion in Victoria
park was handsomely decorated with
flags and spruce. A large number of
leading citizens occupied seats in the
pavilion. Long before the proceedings
began the space to the east of the
pavilion was crowded with farmers,
farmers' wives and farmers' sons and
daughters. Their excellencies arrived,
accompanied by Mayor and Mrs. Tur-
ner. Three cheers were given, and
again the counties brought their kodak
into play. This time she took a shot
at the audience. Then she came to the
front of the pavilion and engaged in
conversation with the people, explaining
to them the kodak and what it had
just accomplished. Old and young
crowded around and listened to her
words with the deepest attention and
admiration.

FARMERS' AND DAIRYMEN'S ADDRESS.
Mayor Turner then called upon Mr.
Starr to read the address of the Farm-
ers' and Dairymen's association. The
address was as follows:
To His Excellency the Right Honorable
John Campbell Hamilton Gordon,
Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General
of the Dominion of Canada.
May it Please Your Excellency:

On behalf of the Farmers' and Dairy-
men's association of Nova Scotia, we,
the officers of the association, desire to
express our pleasure at the presence of
your excellency and her excellency the
Countess of Aberdeen at this farmers'
conference.

Our gratification on this occasion is
all the greater from the knowledge that
your excellency and your highly es-
teemed consort have always shown a
deep interest in agriculture, and in the
welfare of the people who depend upon
the most honorable of pursuits for a liveli-
hood.

We are deeply sensible of the honor
accorded upon us as farmers and dairy-
men by your presence with us to-day,
and how easy it is to make it not pay.
The important position occupied by the
farmers in the social and commercial
life of the country. Our wives and
daughters also are under a deep debt of
gratitude to the Countess of Aberdeen
for the lively interest she has taken
to promote their happiness and well-be-
ing.

May we not hope that this visit of
your excellencies will mark the start
of improved conditions all along the line
for us as farmers. The Almighty has
been very good to us in that He has en-
dowed us with the gift of the soil, and
portions of this fair Canada of ours.
We are blessed with a salubrious cli-
mate and a naturally fertile soil, and
availing ourselves of the grand oppor-
tunities at our command we are making
rapid strides toward advancement, and
we think we are within the bounds of
modesty when we claim that our Farm-
ers' and Dairymen's association has had
something to do towards the improve-
ment of farming conditions in our pro-
vince.

Our association is but in its infancy.
Its birth has been brought about
largely through the efforts of Col. Wm.
Blair, now superintendent of the Mar-
itime Experimental farm, a gentleman
who has devoted the greater part of his
life towards the uplifting of the agricul-
ture of this province, and a man to
whose aid the farmers of Nova Scotia owe
a debt of gratitude. But we feel that the
chief credit for the practical existence
of our association is largely due to the
efforts of our popular and efficient Gov-
ernor, Dominion dairy commissioner, Prof. James
W. Robertson, for it has been by his
enthusiasm and always practical coun-
sels and aid that the association has been
able to accomplish the measure of
good which has been done, and through
his direction we are now preparing to
place branch associations in all our
counties and thus reach the farmers of
the whole province.

While we know we have lagged be-
hind other sections of Canada in the
agricultural race, we feel that this has
been caused rather by want of knowl-
edge than from a lack of ability, and
we have faith enough in the intelligence
of our farmers to believe that with the
generous aid of our federal and provin-
cial governments, through the depart-
ments of agriculture, they will speedily
take a position in the front rank of
the agriculture of Canada.

Our province, with its special adap-
tability for the profitable growth of
root and fodder crops, its acres of al-
most inexhaustible fertility, providing
us with hay lands second to none on
the continent, and our rich pastures plen-
tifully supplied with pure water, offers
peculiar inducements for the settlement
of dairy farmers from the old world,
and we trust that this visit of your ex-
cellencies may tend to call the attention
of old country farmers to our province as
a promising field for profitable dairy
farming.

We desire to assure you of our loyalty
to her most gracious majesty the queen,
whom your excellency so worthily repre-
sents in our Dominion, and we trust
that your excellency and the Countess
of Aberdeen may be spared to witness
the good results of this visit to the
farmers of our province, in the increased
interest in agriculture and in the rapid
advancement in growth and usefulness
of the Nova Scotia Farmers' and Dairy-
men's association.

Signed on behalf of the association.
J. RUTHERFORD, President.
PAUL O. BLACK, Secretary.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.
Your Honor Mr. Mayor, Ladies and
Gentlemen:
I recognize and appreciate the loyalty
and the hospitable greetings implied
and conveyed by this address. I thank
you also for the information it contains
with reference to the great and in-
creasing interests which you represent,
and I think your address forms an ap-
propriate opening to this great confer-
ence. (Applause.) Even the very ap-
pearance of this gathering affords
grounds for congratulation. It indicates
that the farmers of Nova Scotia are on
the alert. There is no exhibition here
to-day- at least no exhibition of stock or
implements to attract this large attend-

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to them the kodak and what it had
just accomplished. Old and young
crowded around and listened to her
words with the deepest attention and
admiration.

FARMERS' AND DAIRMEN'S ADDRESS.
Mayor Turner then called upon Mr.
Starr to read the address of the Farm-
ers' and Dairymen's association. The
address was as follows:
To His Excellency the Right Honorable
John Campbell Hamilton Gordon,
Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General
of the Dominion of Canada.
May it Please Your Excellency:

On behalf of the Farmers' and Dairy-
men's association of Nova Scotia, we,
the officers of the association, desire to
express our pleasure at the presence of
your excellency and her excellency the
Countess of Aberdeen at this farmers'
conference.

Our gratification on this occasion is
all the greater from the knowledge that
your excellency and your highly es-
teemed consort have always shown a
deep interest in agriculture, and in the
welfare of the people who depend upon
the most honorable of pursuits for a liveli-
hood.

We are deeply sensible of the honor
accorded upon us as farmers and dairy-
men by your presence with us to-day,
and how easy it is to make it not pay.
The important position occupied by the
farmers in the social and commercial
life of the country. Our wives and
daughters also are under a deep debt of
gratitude to the Countess of Aberdeen
for the lively interest she has taken
to promote their happiness and well-be-
ing.

May we not hope that this visit of
your excellencies will mark the start
of improved conditions all along the line
for us as farmers. The Almighty has
been very good to us in that He has en-
dowed us with the gift of the soil, and
portions of this fair Canada of ours.
We are blessed with a salubrious cli-
mate and a naturally fertile soil, and
availing ourselves of the grand oppor-
tunities at our command we are making
rapid strides toward advancement, and
we think we are within the bounds of
modesty when we claim that our Farm-
ers' and Dairymen's association has had
something to do towards the improve-
ment of farming conditions in our pro-
vince.

Our association is but in its infancy.
Its birth has been brought about
largely through the efforts of Col. Wm.
Blair, now superintendent of the Mar-
itime Experimental farm, a gentleman
who has devoted the greater part of his
life towards the uplifting of the agricul-
ture of this province, and a man to
whose aid the farmers of Nova Scotia owe
a debt of gratitude. But we feel that the
chief credit for the practical existence
of our association is largely due to the
efforts of our popular and efficient Gov-
ernor, Dominion dairy commissioner, Prof. James
W. Robertson, for it has been