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THE MILK SUPPLY

The action of the board of health in moving for a proper inspection of St. John's milk supply will be endorsed by every citizen, and should receive the unanimous support of the municipal council. The fact that milk which has been considered good enough for consumption here has been shut out from Boston is enough to rouse the public to action in this matter; and it is also declared there are people in the city having scientific knowledge of the conditions which should but do not prevail in relation to St. John's milk supply who do not use the milk at all. The movement, therefore, to have a thorough inspection of the sources of supply, and to ensure also the delivery of all milk in proper condition, should be universally supported. It is especially important in the summer season that the milk supply for infants and other small children should be pure and of high quality. While there are not such extremes of heat here as in Montreal and Toronto, and while the infant mortality is much smaller in proportion to population, yet the mortality could be lessened if the milk supply were guaranteed pure and if young mothers were given more instruction in regard to the feeding and care of babies. The first requirement can at least be met. Let us have a milk supply which will not be shut out from Boston, but which shall be held up by St. John and other cities as a model for imitation. The board of health are not only to be congratulated, but they should be heartily supported in this movement.

FAIRVILLE SETS THE PACE

If the citizens of Fairville continue to manifest the community spirit which has been so strongly in evidence of late there will be a very special reason why the people who wish to move from the city into a less congested area will choose Fairville and its neighborhood. Those who are looking for a new place of abode are invariably attracted by evidences of what is called the community spirit, because they realize that it means continued improvement of living conditions. In relation to sanitation, public health, schools and playgrounds, and all that makes for health and enjoyment in life. All who have been noting recent events hereabouts have observed an awakening in Fairville which promised important results, and the movement culminated last evening in the organization of a community council which has Dr. J. V. Anglin at its head, and which is representative of all churches, social and benevolent and other organizations in the town. The purpose of the council is to improve living conditions, and to bring to bear upon the solution of social problems the united forces of the whole citizenship. A beginning will be made by providing a supervised playground for the children during the summer, and there is also an excellent prospect that an athletic field for the young men and older men, which would also be a recreation field for all, will be provided. The suggestion of Mr. Linton that what is known as the Freeman's Park be secured and converted into a perpetual playground is worthy of prompt attention. The old athletic ground beyond the Marsh Bridge might today be a public playground, owned by the city, if seven years ago the city had been willing to purchase it at about one-fifth of what it would probably cost today; and today that field is the site of a mill.

But the Fairville people are thinking of more than this. It is evident from what was said at last night's meeting that a cleaning-up campaign for the town will be inaugurated. There is also talk of providing a bandstand, and why not also a band? Why is it not possible to get a group of young men of the town who will form themselves into a band, and make that their contribution at the beginning of this new era of community welfare?

It was an inspiration to see more than fifty earnest men devoting two and a half hours last evening to the thoughtful consideration of untiring their forces to improve the living conditions of the town. The St. John board of trade would be fortunate if it could secure at its meetings as large an attendance of men really in earnest. The people of Fairville have not only set St. John an example, but they have set an example to the towns and cities throughout the provinces. They have organized the first real community council that has been formed in the lower provinces. They do not start out with too ambitious a programme, but propose to do first the work lying nearest to their hand, and go on from that to the accomplishment of other reforms.

Nothing could be finer than the spirit which characterized last night's meeting. There was no question of class or creed. The spirit of the meeting is expressed in the sentence, Mr. J. S. Woodsworth lately left with us: "If we pray aright let us work together."
 Congratulations to Fairville, and may its example be an inspiration to the citizens of St. John, who will shortly be called upon to consider also the question of organizing a community council.

A VITAL QUESTION

There was an interesting discussion in Newcastle on Monday evening on the question "Why are people leaving the farms?" It is a fact that people are leaving the farms, and the proof is found in the great scarcity of vacant houses in all the villages and towns of New Brunswick at the present time. People are moving in from the country. A movement of this kind appears to be inevitable under the conditions which at present exist. Perhaps if there were better roads, a development of the co-operative community spirit, and the introduction into the country of more of the attractions of life which the larger centres offer, there would also be a movement from the cities and towns toward the country, to counterbalance the drain which is now a really serious matter in all the agricultural districts. The subject discussed with much intelligence at Newcastle should be given thoughtful consideration in all communities, the cities and towns included; for one of the advantages of a city is to have a flourishing country behind it. Board of trade would be doing a good service to consider this question, and to endeavor to find a way of bringing about a healthy development of rural communities. The question is one which affects trade, and therefore comes fairly within the scope of such organizations.

"We have removed the saloons from Fairville," said one of the speakers at last night's meeting, "but what have we put in their place?" This searching question should stimulate the new community council.

The proposal of Commissioner Potts to construct sidewalks of a permanent character should be endorsed by the city council and the citizens. Only work of a permanent character, except where a little patching is urgently needed, should hereafter be tolerated in the streets and sidewalks of St. John. If it is possible to add substantially this year to the mileage of permanent pavement in the city so much the better.

The fact that the winter export traffic at St. John shows a decline of more than five million dollars compared with the figures of the previous season should stimulate the St. John delegation to speak plainly and firmly when they go to Ottawa. Such action on their part will be the more necessary because Mr. Borden has appeared as a defender of the Guelph agreement. Mr. Hasen's attitude in relation to that agreement is now a subject of interested speculation.

HORTICULTURE ON THE DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

At the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa and at each of the branch farms and stations distributed over the dominion a large amount of investigation-al work is carried on year by year in the growing of fruits, vegetables and flowers. The purpose of this work is to discover and develop not only improved varieties and strains of these crops but to find out the most successful methods of culture for the different provinces and districts.

The result of last season's work has been brought together in a summary prepared by W. T. Macoun, dominion horticulturist, and the superintendents of the branch farms and stations and issued in Bulletin No. 77, copies of which are available to all who apply for them to the publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

Referring to apples at the Brandon, Manitoba farm the bulletin states that a large number of hybrid trees are doing well. These are stated to be bearing fruit which makes excellent preserves and jelly.

At Lethbridge, Alberta, culture with and without irrigation was carried on. Sections dealing with ornamental gardening are especially interesting and instructive to those who take pride in the appearance of their home surroundings.

An immense red fir tree about six feet in diameter was cut down recently in Albany, Or., and was found to have a heart of solid and genuine charcoal, for about 15 feet up from the ground. No other fir tree has ever been found to contain such a large quantity of charcoal.

Dick Williams, a fisherman of Beloit, Miss., caught a freak recently in a fish 12 inches length, 6 inches wide, and perfectly transparent.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

THURSDAY, MAY 7.

Hon. William Cameron Edwards, millionaire lumber manufacturer and member of the senate since 1908, reaches his seventieth birthday today. He was born in the township of Clarence, Russell County, Ont., and started in the lumber business when he was quite a young man. He is known familiarly as "Don't Worry" Edwards, for it has always been one of his principles not to let business cares interfere with his health. "I never heard of a man who made anything out of worrying," says Senator Edwards. "On the other hand I have heard of many men who have lost their health and ruined their business through worrying. It seems to me that worry is a great waste of energy. If men would only utilize the vital force required for worrying and put it into good hard work there would be fewer business failures in this and in all other countries."

Also born today—
 J. W. Allison, Dartmouth, N. S., born in Newcastle, N. B., 1851.
 H. T. Bovey, formerly of McGill University, born Devonshire, England, 1852.
 C. H. Keefer, Ottawa, born Rideau Hall, 1851.
 Hon. J. H. Leppie, Louisville, P. Q., born Riviere du Loup, 1850.
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 —Chicago Record-Herald.

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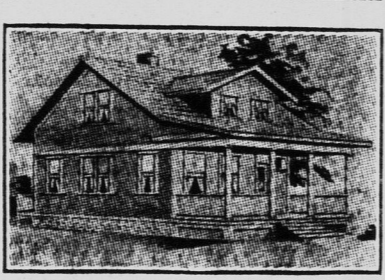
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