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INTERESTING LETTER FROM A MONITOR SUBSCRIBER IN NEW JERSEY

Dear Editor—

The weekly visits of the Monitor are greatly appreciated. Thanks to editorial enterprise and a staff of faithful correspondents scattered over the County, it brings to us all news of any importance, that is transpiring in the home land. Regret to hear such gloomy reports of the apple crop. An important source of revenue to the farmers will be cut off to an important degree and will, no doubt, be severely felt. It is a satisfaction, however, to be informed that other crops are good, and will, in a measure at least, offset the shortage in apples.

The New York papers this morning inform us that the Underwood Tariff Bill has passed the Senate in Washington, and as it proposes important reductions in import duties on agricultural products the effect should be very beneficial to the farmers in Nova Scotia. Prices of everything in that line have reached a very high point here, and whilst it is hoped by the concerning class that this tariff reduction will reduce the cost of these articles, no doubt the figures will still remain pretty well up.

Quite an amount of interest has been excited in this country over the escape of Harry Thaw from the Matteawan Asylum in New York State, his subsequent arrest in Quebec and the long drawn out legal proceedings for his deportation to the United States. The arrest of Wm. Travers Jerome, former District Attorney of New York City, and present Deputy Attorney-General of New York State, at Coaticook, Que., for alleged gambling created considerable amusement, as Mr. Jerome when in charge of criminal prosecutions in New York, was particularly severe upon this offence. Thaw's wife, Evelyn Nesbit, is now filling an engagement at Hammerstein's Theatre, 42nd St. and Broadway. She has been a drawing card for this theatre since she arrived and this escapade of her unfortunate husband seemed to bring her more vividly before the public mind. Your correspondent, moved by curiosity to see the lady who figured so conspicuously in connection with the slaying of Stanford White several years ago at Madison Square Roof Garden, went to the theatre last week and saw Evelyn and Jack Clifford give what they said was an exhibition of modern ball room dancing. She is a very pretty woman, very graceful in her movements and her soft melodious voice filled the large building as she thanked the audience for their cheers. It is said she receives five hundred dollars per day during this contract and even at that big figure, she is a profitable investment, as the great play house is packed at every performance, standing room being at premium.

Lord Haldane, the High Chancellor of England, landed in New York from the "Lusitania" on Friday the 29th August and received a most cordial reception, was motored over the city and on Saturday Morgan conveyed him to West Point in his palatial yacht "The Corsair." After inspecting the Military Academy there he was conveyed by special train to Montreal, where he addressed the Bar Society, and returned to New York on Wednesday in time to catch the Lusitania on her return trip to England. Certainly rapid transit, but made possible by the great advance in modern systems of transportation. I notice by the papers that the great

steamship concerns have decided that the gigantic ships recently added, to the transatlantic trade are too expensive and cumbersome and that the "Imperator" of the Hamburg-American line is to be rebuilt and her immense proportions materially reduced.

New York just now is in the throes of a Civic Election. The best elements of both parties have formed what is known as the Fusionist party, the chief object of which is to destroy the power of Tammany. They have nominated J. P. Mitchell, at present Collector of Customs of the Port of New York, an exceedingly clever young lawyer and a pronounced enemy of the Tammany party. They also nominated the present District Attorney, C. S. Whitman, for the office he now holds. Murphy, who controls Tammany, has secured the nomination of Elw. E. McCall for mayor and as a master stroke of political cunning, has endorsed the nomination of Whitman for District Attorney. Whitman has brought to bear upon Tammany methods all the power of his high office ever since his appointment, but he is a very popular man with the better classes, hence his endorsement by the man against whom he has directed his heartiest assaults. Meantime Mayor Gaynor has been nominated by the Independent Democrats and to his nomination has been attached an endorsement of two gentlemen who were nominated by the Fusionists for important places in the city government. This to an outside observer is a very ridiculous mixup, and no one can predict with any certainty the outcome. The battle is hardly on yet, but soon there will be exciting times in the great metropolis.

With the advent of September the holiday season is over; people are rushing home from holiday resorts, schools and churches are re-opening, the beaches and other summer resorts are closing, and everything points to Fall again. This week has been the mardi-gras at Coney Island. It ends on Saturday night when this great watering place closes for the year. I was down there Monday night when the King and Queen were crowned, and a great parade took place. It was certainly a magnificent spectacle. It is estimated that over 200,000 people were at Coney Island that night. Everything passed off without any disturbance. It was certainly an interesting occasion. The different trolley and elevated railway systems handled the immense crowd without a mishap.

Bloomfield where I make my home, is progressing,—new buildings being erected,—a fifty thousand dollar theatre well advanced,—important street improvements, and in many other ways things are moving in the right direction. The postmaster is a Republican and the Democratic party being in power, his official head is demanded. But when the Congressmen for the district undertake to do this he is confronted by demands from a half dozen or more who want the job, each claiming that he is best entitled to it. Meantime the present occupant is holding the fort. Possibly you may have some such experiences as that in Nova Scotia. If so it only goes to show the troubles that beset politicians no matter where they are located.

But I must not trespass upon your space further.

Very sincerely,
P.
Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 10, 1913.

Celebrate Founding of Louisburg

(Sydney Record.)

A celebration to commemorate the foundation of Louisburg in 1713 was decided upon by the meeting of citizens in Mayor Gunn's office this morning. The celebration will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 20.

Those present were J. S. McLennan, chairman; Warden H. C. LeVatte, Mayor A. D. Gunn, Sydney; Mayor W. A. MacKay, North Sydney; E. C. Hamrahon, Dr. J. K. McLeod, Rev. J. W. Godfrey, H. C. Butchell, Ven. D. Smith, Walter Crowe, A. N. McS. McLennan, H. C. Burchell and Egan, Sydney, and Dr. Morrison, Louisburg.

The site of the old town, the ruins of the fortresses, was decided upon as the scene of the celebration and a financial committee consisting of J. S. McLennan, H. C. Burchell and Warden LeVatte was appointed to arrange for the necessary funds, which it is estimated will require in the neighborhood of \$300.

It was suggested that the amount be raised by public subscription; but the representatives of the different towns present and the warden expressed the opinion that there would be no trouble in raising the necessary funds in an official way.

Warden LeVatte stated that he thought though Louisburg would hardly be willing to shoulder the whole burden, "he was confident that the city of Louisburg would extend their hospitality to the visitors. "We have a good deal of pride in Louisburg, and I am sure our citizens can be depended on to look after the entertainment of the visitors."

A general executive committee of J. S. McLennan, H. C. LeVatte, H. C. Burchell, Dr. Morrison, F. McDonald, E. C. Hamrahon and Rev. Mr. Draper, were appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for the carrying out of a suitable programme and it was decided to extend invitations to Premier R. L. Borden, Premier C. H. Murray, Sir Charles Townsend, Dr. Armitage of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, Sir George Garneau, of the Canadian Battlefields Committee and Senator Poirer.

The committee met immediately after the adjournment of the general meeting and forwarded the invitations by wire.

Tomorrow evening Messrs. J. S. McLennan, H. C. Burchell and Warden LeVatte will appear before the Louisburg council and discuss the celebration with that body.

An exhibition of relics of the old occupancy to be made in Sydney, will also be undertaken by the committee, the details of which will be announced later.

The practical movement which may result from the celebration is the establishment of a Cape Breton branch of the Nova Scotia Historical Society. Warden LeVatte suggested that a movement should be instigated to have the Louisburg battlefields taken over by the Canadian Battlefields Commission. There was considerable discussion in favor of this and a resolution will in all probability be introduced into the corporate bodies of the county favoring the same.

The advisability of establishing a local society to arrange for such events as the present, was also broached by Mayor Gunn. Mr. Crowe concurred with His Worship, stating that the outcome would probably mean the establishment of a branch of the Canadian society, or a Cape Breton branch of the Nova Scotia Historical Society. The matter was left over to be an outcome of the celebration.

THE INDIAN PROHIBITED FROM PATRONIZING POOL ROOMS IN ALBERTA.

Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 12.—With a view to encouraging the red man to work and save his earnings, the lieutenant-governor-in-council, sitting in Edmonton, has passed an order that hereafter "No Indian is to be permitted to enter any pool or billiard room or bowling alley in the province of Alberta." It is also provided that any proprietor failing to observe the order shall be subject to the cancellation of his license. William Alexander Wilson of Edmonton, who has been appointed pool room inspector, is charged with the enforcement of the law, which was enacted at the last session of the provincial legislature. With pool playing, intoxicating liquor and gambling under the ban, about the only things left for Indians is farming, trapping and horse racing, said a member of the Cree tribe in Edmonton today. "Probably it is for the best," he added, "but it is spoiling a lot of fun for the younger men."

Minister of Justice Ordered Thaw's Deportment

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—The Minister of acting Minister of the Interior, issued the order directing the deportation of Harry Thaw, explained the reasons for his action in a statement to the Canadian Press today. Mr. Doherty pointed out that as acting Minister of the Interior, it was his duty to enforce the provisions of the Immigration Act. He had done that simply and nothing more. Thaw, he said, had entered Canada illegally and a board of enquiry had ordered his deportation. From that order an appeal had been taken to himself. It had been considered, and rejected and under the law the fugitive had been deported forthwith. Asked as to how this action of his could be reconciled with the court order for Thaw's production in Montreal on Monday, Mr. Doherty said:

"There has been no order or anything purporting to be an order restraining the Minister from the exercise of his functions. The order was to the officers of the Immigration Department, then in custody of Thaw. By my orders he has been taken in charge of other officers and taken across the border. I saw absolutely no reason for refraining to do my duty, and carry out the law merely because counsel for Mr. Thaw questioned the constitutionality I have no doubt. We will be able to justify before the courts the action which we have taken."

William Travers Jerome, rushing hither in a special train, will assume charge of the case for New York State tomorrow morning. Thaw, as a ward of the State, returned to Manhattan. Meantime Thaw is being detained, charged with no crime, held on no warrant. Fearing kidnapping, at the hands of officers from New York, he asked for a special guard, and Chief of Police Keiley rose in twelve special deputies, all armed. They were patrolling the streets about Thaw's hotel to-night.

At 9.30 o'clock tomorrow morning Judge R. N. Chamberlain, of the Superior Court, will hear the application of Thaw's lawyers for a writ of habeas corpus. Application for the writ was first made this afternoon, but the judge, being occupied with another case, said he could not then consider it.

The camp at Aldershot opened on September 9th. It is estimated that 6,000 men are under canvas. There are seven military bands, and every regiment is carrying full strength.

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Cape Cod Has Big Cranberry Crop

Yield of Fruit From Bogs This Autumn Estimated at 1,500 Car-loads.

The indications are that a million dollars' worth of cranberries, the largest crop in many years, will be taken from the Cape Cod bogs this year. Picking will begin in September. It is estimated that 1,500 freight cars will be required to move the crop.

The loaded cars on the various lines will be picked up once a day and collected at Middleboro. At Middleboro the "Cranberry Special" will be made up. This will run every day between Middleboro and Taunton, leaving Middleboro at two o'clock in the afternoon. At Taunton the cranberry cars will be attached to the regular fast freight trains for the west via the Harlem River and Maybrook gateways and for Canada via Concord Junction. New York city will get its cranberries by way of the Fall River line and Boston's cranberries will come chiefly from points along the South Shore between Duxbury and Marshfield.

Cranberries represent an agricultural specialty in which New England has secured pre-eminence. Only New Jersey and Wisconsin really attempt to compete with the Cape Cod cranberries, but the latter are generally recognized as surpassing all others in quality.

The bogs where the Cape Cod cranberries are grown now cover six thousand acres. Across this low, sandy stretch of country one can see hundreds of these bogs, level patches of green in the early summer, turning to red as the berries ripen toward the fall, and crossed by many dikes through which the owners let in the water to flood the bog if a heavy frost is threatened. Thus they save the vines from being killed.

It costs from \$300 to \$1,000 to make an acre bog in the Cape Cod district, depending on the character of the ground. Land suitable for bog purposes brings \$100 an acre. However, a yield of one hundred barrels an acre is ordinarily expected and this means a net income of from \$300 to \$500.

CANADA WILL BE THERE AT THE PANAMA SHOW.

It is Promised Dominion Will Make an Exceptionally Good Exhibit.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Plans and preparations are now under way for the Canadian building at the Panama exposition. The building will cost about half a million dollars, and it is proposed to have a most elaborate and comprehensive exhibit. Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, who returned from the Old Country this morning, stated that he had talked the whole question over with W. Hutchinson, Dominion Exhibition Commissioner at Ghent, where he was in charge of the Canadian display, and they had decided to make arrangements for the finest exhibit the Dominion has ever made. There will be no such thing as boycotting the big exhibition by Canada. Mr. Hutchinson will return to Canada in the autumn to consult with the Government and to start making arrangements for the Dominion's display.

Mr. Burrell spent some time in Belgium and Holland studying the methods of intensive farming. He has returned with many ideas, which he hopes to put into effect in Canada, though the conditions are entirely different. The Minister also took up with Hon. Mr. Runciman, the British Minister of Agriculture, the question of the embargo on cattle.

"It is useless to expect any change at the present time," said Mr. Burrell.

"The embargo amounts practically to the same as a protective duty on British cattle."

Mr. Burrell would not talk on the navy question.

The Shelburne Home for the Poor, one mile from Shelburne town, was burned on the 12th; loss \$7,000, insurance \$4,500. The fire came from a defective flue. The thirty-four inmates escaped and are now housed in adjoining buildings and tents.

THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY

Running Through Ten States and Twenty-one Cities Will End in Montreal

By the first of January, 1915, it is already marked. This will enable tourists to locate exactly and without trouble the hundreds of places of interest along this great highway. Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York City, is specially interested in this feature of the project.

HOW THE SCHEME WAS FIRST PLANNED.

Two years ago when plans were being talked of for a celebration of one hundred years of peace among English-speaking nations, the suggestion was made that the building of an international highway between Canada and the United States would be an important and most appropriate feature of such a celebration. At the outset it was planned to build a road from the metropolis of Canada to the metropolis of the United States, so the "New York-Montreal International Highway" was started. The idea appealed very strongly to the people on both sides of the Canadian line. Ex-President Roosevelt, Wm. H. Taft, at that time President of the United States, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Lomer Gouin, Governor Dix, Mayor Gaynor, of New York City, and Mayor Guerin, of Montreal, and many others expressed their deep interest in the project.

Letters from the United States and Canada pointed out that the construction of this highway would stimulate communication, contribute to the business and social relations, and be a great boon in many other ways to both countries.

Sooner or later there was bound to be a fine modern highway from Canada down through the Atlantic Coast States to the southernmost city of Florida; connecting all these large and important centres of population. Leading as it does through regions of great scenic beauty and historic interest, like the St. Lawrence River, past many battlefields of the Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War; through the cotton fields and tobacco plantations and orange groves of the South—it is obvious that this road meets the requirements of the growing number of motorists. The peace celebrations and the enterprise and enthusiasm of the people along the route have hurried along the work.

A century of peace has wiped out the hard feeling between Great Britain and the United States. The construction of the International Highways connecting the United States and Canada, rendering communication easy and pleasant between the two countries will wipe out the last vestige of chance for any serious misunderstanding to arise in the future—Montreal Witness, Sept. 9.

The Quebec-Miami Intercolonial Highway crosses the Canadian boundary line near Rouses Point, N. Y., on Lake Champlain, near Fort Montgomery, an old fortification erected by the United States about seventy years ago, and now slowly falling to ruin. It has been suggested that a part of the granite in the old fort be torn down and used in the erection of a Peace Arch to span the International Highway at the point where it crosses the Canadian frontier.

A movement has been started to put up markers at all points of historic interest along the Quebec-Miami International Highway which are not

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