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SPLENDID AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES IN NOVA SCOTIA

Exceptional Chances for Extension and Improvement
Particularly in Dairying and Fruit Growing.

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Nova Scotia has many agricultural possibilities which are waiting for a progressive policy on the part of the farmers of the Province. Space will not permit us to touch upon more than two or three lines in which, it seems to the writer, there are exceptional chances for extension and improvement.

In an address before the Nova Scotia Farmer's Association at Digby two years ago I endeavored to show the possibilities of dairying in Nova Scotia and to point out some of the essentials for success. Two things are needed to improve the dairying industry and to put it on a more paying basis, namely, a better type of dairy cow and more attention to the production of cheap and suitable fodder crops, including the renewal and fertilization of many of the old permanent pastures.

The output of the creamery at Scotburn, in Pictou County, which has been operated for several years by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, has shown an increase during the season of 1909 of over one hundred per cent. The following extract from a letter received from the Secretary-Treasurer of that institution in this connection.

"This 1909 has been the best year in our history, in regard to the amount of cream supplied to the factory. The patrons are well satisfied with the financial returns and will endeavor to make advances next season. I wish to say that the establishment of the enterprise in this district has wrought a great change on the farms. We are farming better, have better cows, which are kept better, and make two hundred per cent more butter than before the creamery was started."

Other signs are not wanting to show that the Nova Scotia farmers are beginning to appreciate the advantages which dairying offers. The present production of butter and cheese in Nova Scotia does not suffice for local requirements. It is true that a considerable quantity is exported to the West Indies, but a larger quantity is shipped into the Province from other parts of Canada.

In the field of fruit growing Nova Scotians are well to the front in matters of cultivation and the care of orchards. Although there are many orchards which could be vastly improved if better methods were followed, it cannot be denied that the Province can show some of the finest apple orchards in the world. The writer ventures to suggest, however, that in the handling and marketing of the crop, there is room for im-

Mounted Police for Halifax

Six Members of the Force Will be Stationed in the Dockyard—Opening of Naval College.

Halifax is to have the Canadian mounted police. Six members of that corps are to arrive this month from Ottawa, and will do police duty at the dockyard, taking the place of the regular dockyard police. They will be here to add eclat to the opening of the naval college. That event is to be made memorable. The minister and deputy minister of the navy will be here for the occasion, as well as other prominent people. The lieutenant-governor, premier, judges and all high officials are to be invited.

Advance Program

Nova Scotia Farmers' Annual Meeting, Windsor, N.S., January 21th, 22th and 23th 1911.

Tuesday, January 24th—7.30 p.m. Opening address—Pres. H. S. Kennedy.

Address of Welcome.

Address—The resources of Nova Scotia, by Prof. M. Cumming, Secretary for Agriculture, Truro.

Wednesday—9 a.m.

Report of Directors.

Report of Exhibition Commissioners.

Introduction of New Business.

Wednesday—2 p.m.

Report of Superintendent Associations.

Discussion—The Future of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association, opened by the Secretary.

Address—Horse Breeding in Nova Scotia, Dr. J. Sladish, V.S., Truro.

Wednesday—7.30 p.m.

Address—"Drainage" Prof. W. H. Day, Guelph.

Discussion—F.L. Fuller, Prof. E. Archibald and others.

Thursday—9 a.m.

Election of Officers. Reports of Committee, Unfinished Business. Conference of Representatives of Agricultural Societies, on the "Future Policy of Agricultural Societies."

Thursday—2 p.m.

Address—"Raising" Wm. O'Brien, Windsor Forks.

Address—"Dairying" Prof. Edgar Archibald, Truro.

Thursday—7.30 p.m.

Address—"Rural Education" Prof. P. J. Shaw, Truro.

Address—"Some Important Factors in Fruit Growing" W. H. Woodworth.

"Skinning the Land"

(Ottawa Free Press).

At last week's conference of the farmers in the Opera House in this city, one of the delegates from Saskatchewan grew excited because a few years ago Hon. Sydney Fisher had gone west and had told the wheat growers that they were spoiling the land by lax methods of farming. He insisted that the farmers knew more about their business than did the politicians and asserted that they were not going to be told how to cultivate their fields by outsiders.

But Mr. Fisher is not the only man who is bold enough to tell the farmers the truth about their methods, even if the truth be unpleasant. In the annual financial survey of the Toronto Globe, William Weyte, second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, will say: "If ever there was an agricultural country in the world, Manitoba is that country. Our sole resource is agriculture. Yet this year there were imported into Manitoba over our line twelve million eggs. For our dining cars we are now bringing in chickens from Chicago. We are also importing cream from the United States."

"The trouble is that our farmers are wheat mad. They have made money with wheat, and they have not the labor that mixed farming involves. They can go away in the winter and leave the hired man to take care of the horses. The loss of wheat farming is universally recognized. The farmer is not selling his wheat, but selling his farm. He is not tilling the land, he is exploiting it. He is using his land, not like a farm, but like a mine."

"The warning is needed, but will it be heeded? We are afraid not. The western farmer, not satisfied with getting a free grant of land from the whole people of Canada, is now complaining of economic conditions, when in the majority of cases if he were to devote his time to scientific agriculture he would find that most of his grievances would disappear like snow before the spring sun."

"Skinning the land" has worked havoc in the western states; it will play havoc with the Canadian west unless it is ended.

County Hospital Recreation Hall Fund

The Treasurer, Rev. E. Underwood has us the following for publication:—

Previously acknowledged \$452.23

Proceeds of lantern lecture by Dr. Armstrong 11.30

Miss Lizzie Felton, Lawrence-town 1.00

Mrs. N. H. Phinney, Lawrence-town 5.00

Frank Charlton 3.50

Wm. A. Marshall 3.50

Mrs. Jas. DeWitt 5.00

Collecting card per A.F. Hiltz 2.00

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Mr. Warnford Dodge 5.00

Total to date \$483.27

Also the following list of subscribers to the annual Christmas fund, all of which is hereby acknowledged with many thanks, on behalf of the inmates of the respective County Institutions, for whose benefit it was so kindly given.

S.W.V. Pickup, M.P. \$10.00

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Miss Annie Ouhit 5.00

L. Hine 5.00

Mrs. Mary Parker 5.00

J. I. Foster 5.00

J. W. Beckwith 3.00

C. L. Piggett 3.00

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M. Fullerton 2.00

J. Harry Hicks 1.50

A. D. Brown 1.00

Wm. Jefferson 1.00

Rev. Dr. Jost 1.00

John Ross 1.00

Martha Roy 1.00

Mrs. G. W. Wilkins 1.00

E. Ruggles 1.00

L. G. DeBolis, M.D. .50

Mrs. J. W. Peters .25

A Friend .25

Grand Total \$74.25

P.S.—From the above list the names of several regular subscribers are missing. This is not intentional, but owing to the pressure of work in connection with the opening of the new Hall, Mr. Hiltz was unable to make a second call in cases where, on the first call, he missed seeing the contributor.

Nova Scotia's Future and Her People

Nova Scotia is only just coming into her own. The reaction from the western "boom" that is today favoring New England is going to be equally felt there, and the vitalizing influence of the advent of the great Canadian Pacific Railway is destined to be a most potent factor in this.

If her people will only encourage the transportation companies, advertise in every possible way the attractions and resources of the Province, encourage industrial and agricultural development as it is done in the United States, galvanize their local boards of trade and make them real factors in the uplift movement, build more summer hotels and bring some of the existing ones up to a higher standard; patronize their home industries loyally, hold frequent "Old Home Week" reunions, so that they may benefit by the quickening association with those of their friends who have lived a larger life, visit their relatives and friends in New England and Western Canada as often as possible, beautify their towns and cities, improve their highways, and, above all, teach more of civic spirit in their schools—if they will do all these things, there need be no more question about the future of the glorious country of Howe and Thompson, Archibald and Anand, Tupper and Fielding.—F. W. Bowes, in Halifax Chronicle.

Ask for MINARD'S and take no other

Boy Lost and Found

(Says the Dartmouth Patriot.)

Carl Hunt created a sensation on Sunday night by losing himself on the lakes.

It appears the boy, who is about eleven years of age, had left home about nine o'clock. No particular anxiety was felt at the lad's non-appearance at dinner, but when night set in and still no sign, the parents became alarmed and started a search. This search being unsuccessful the fire brigade was called on, and a thorough search made without avail.

Over one hundred men and youths spent the night searching both sides of the lakes and the lakes also for the missing boy without avail, but on Monday morning when the D. A. R. train was nearing Beaver Bank station the trainman saw the boy lying close to the track asleep and drowned with rain.

Conductor Clark took the child aboard and brought him to Halifax and handed him over to the police to return. The lad stated that he had gone to the lakes with his brother to hold the latter's walking boots while he was skating. The little fellow played on the ice for a while, and he then became cold and decided to start for home. Instead of doing so he went in the opposite direction, and walked all day and part of the evening without meeting any one.

Becoming exhausted he laid down to sleep. He had no food until fed by Conductor Clark. How the boy got so far away in the time is a wonder and the fact that he came out so near the rails is another.

Were Taking Short Cut From Sunday School

The Marriott boys attended the Presbyterian Sunday school at the head of the Arm, and, after school in company with a half dozen other lads, started home. The two brothers Ainsley and Myles with two other little lads, decided to take a short cut through the woods from the church and over Chocolate lake to their home, while Cecil Marriott, a cousin, with another lad, decided to walk home along the main road, which leads up past the lake.

The Marriott boys, with their two little companions, did not seem to realize their danger and started across the thin ice at the eastern end of the lake. When about twenty feet out from the shore Ainsley, the elder of the two, fell through the ice, and Myles, who was sliding along several yards ahead, turned back in an effort to rescue him, when he also fell in. Both lads were scrambling about in the water for nearly a minute when the elder one

Died of Yellow Fever

Leaving Bride on Ship

Word has been received of the death from yellow fever of Captain Martin Mende, who married, about four months ago, Miss Grace Oakes, of Weymouth, who is well known to many Bridgetown, having frequently visited her relatives here, the family of Mrs. E. C. Young. The marriage took place at Mobile, Ala., whether Miss Oakes went to meet the groom, who was about to sail for Montevideo as commander of the barque, Vance, on the trip out from Mobile, on which the captain's bride accompanied him; yellow fever broke out among the sailors, until ten were stricken. The captain nursed the sick men back to health, with the exception of one when he succumbed himself to the dread disease. He was ill for six weeks and died when nineteen days out from Montevideo. His widowed bride who had been his constant nurse and companion through his illness, showed great fortitude in her distress, and refused to allow the body of her husband to be buried at sea but had it towed in a row-boat behind the ship until it reached port, where the remains received burial in the beautiful cemetery of Montevideo. From Montevideo Mrs. Mende went by way of Germany to Norway, where she will remain for an indefinite time with the bereaved parents of Captain Mende, who have thus lost their third and only remaining son, two other sons having been buried at sea. The barque, the Vance, is owned by the father of the late commander, who is a wealthy shipowner of Norway.

Ecuador and Peru Quarrel

Lima, Peru, Dec. 30—A joint note from the mediating powers—Argentina, Brazil and the United States—was presented to the Government today, advising Peru to submit its boundary dispute with Ecuador to The Hague Tribunal.

The feeling here is that Ecuador will not accept the suggestion, and that war will result. The newspaper urges the Government to prepare for hostilities.

The latest achievement of the wizard Burbank is a mammoth seedless strawberry which he claims will supersede the present varieties of that most delicious of fruits.

WHILE RESCUING BROTHER LOSES HIS OWN LIFE

Boy Drowned while Returning from Sunday-School—
Narrow Escape of Brother and Several Companions.

"Lost His Life While Trying to Save That of His Brother."

This was the verdict of the coroner's jury into the death of Myles Marriott, a ten-year-old lad, who perished in the icy waters of Chocolate lake while on his way home from Sunday-School yesterday afternoon. The facts in connection with the drowning are of a particularly distressing nature and cast a gloom over the little colony at the head of the Arm, where the lad, who gave his life in an effort to rescue his brother, was so well known.

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caught hold of the ice and kept his head above water, but Myles did not have the presence of mind to cling to the ice and sank almost immediately.

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THE BODY RECOVERED LAST NIGHT.

The body of Myles was recovered at seven o'clock last evening by County Constable Umsh and two men named Keady and Drysdale. An inquest was held by County Stipendiary John McDougall and the verdict was that the lad lost his life while trying to save his brother. The lad was a son of Peter Marriott, who has a milk route, and resides on the Prospect road.

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