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BRITISH CAPITALISTS VISIT BRIDGETOWN

Conveyed by Citizens in Autos and Carriages Through the Town, Visit the Graves Vinegar Factory, and Have Other Industries of Town Pointed Out to Them.—Leave Very Favorably Impressed.

Halifax, N.S., June 17th, 1912

To the Mayor, Bridgetown: "Would be pleased to have you and Council make informal call on British Manufacturers, who will arrive at Bridgetown about 4.45 today, remaining for a few minutes."

"ARTHUR S. BARNSTEAD" Such was the welcome message received in this town on Wednesday morning last, addressed to the Mayor. His Worship not being at home, the message was immediately forwarded to Mr. H. Ruggles, Town Clerk, and within a very few minutes a joint meeting of the Council and the Board of Trade was hurriedly convened, and arrangements as quickly made for the reception of the visitors.

It was decided to collect automobiles and give the British representatives a drive through the town and if possible visit some of the factories. The Bridgetown Band was also requested at a moment's notice to add their harmony to the welcome to be accorded.

At 1.30 a representative of the Monitor-Sentinel was asked to join the delegates to proceed to Middleton and use all the persuasive eloquence at their command to induce the capitalists to avail themselves of a brief stop of the train at Bridgetown, and so give the visitors a fair idea of the town's industrial and farming pursuits. Mr. J. E. Lloyd, accompanied by Mr. H. Ruggles and the representative of this journal, boarded the two o'clock train and having arrived at Middleton witnessed the arrival of the Somerville (Mass.) baseball team who were bent on securing new laurels.

Having about two hours to while away, a walk through Middleton and along the river bank, which is now in its most charming garb of verdant beauty followed. After inspecting the sewer being constructed and running into the river, which of necessity means an enormous outlay, the delegates returned to the station and awaited the arrival of the special train conveying the visitors.

The platform of the station presented a most animated appearance, the Mayor, Mr. Goucher, being surrounded by civic dignitaries, namely, Councillors Freeman, Bentley, Reagh, the Town Clerk, Mr. Gates, also Messrs. A. L. Davidson, M.P., and G. C. Miller, Dr. Sponagle and numerous others.

The clanging of the bell and the blowing of the whistle heralded the approach of the train, consisting of three coaches, with the engine nicely trimmed up for the occasion, the rear of the coaches flying Union Jacks and the Canadian mercantile marine flag.

The Bridgetown representatives, perforce, had at this stage to give preference to the Middleton delegates and in due time they were presented and introduced by Mr. Barnstead, Hon. O. T. Daniels, the attorney-general, and Mr. R. U. Parker, (D.A.R.) to many of the visitors.

gone on to visit Sydney—the engineering section.

Here's where "nil desperandum" fitted in. Our delegates nothing daunted, and ably assisted by Mr. Daniels, got to work in the short time at their disposal in the train, and eventually the promise was given that they would stop at Bridgetown for fifteen minutes, and avail themselves of a short auto ride.

Messrs. Ruggles and Lloyd were most actively engaged in bringing before the visitors the opportunities which were available for the investment of British capital in this part of the Valley, and one could plainly see from the interested attitudes of the visiting party that the eloquence of these gentlemen was not wasted in any way.

The Monitor representative tackled Major Savage, who was representing very large financial interests, and Mr. J. E. Locks, a large newspaper proprietor and editor of a prominent London newspaper, and questioned them as to their views and to the opinions already formed by the visitors of the Annapolis Valley. Mr. Locks said that not only were they astonished at the wonderfully fertile zone they had been travelling through but they were also astounded at the enormous orchards and everything pertaining to the farms. But they, nevertheless, regretted to see that mixed farming was not more generally indulged in, and he for one, drew comparisons between the Nova Scotian and the English farmers in this important respect.

The Monitor delegate, having lived for years in the Garden of England, the county of Kent, was compelled to admit the truth in this statement, but being now in close touch with many of the farmers of the Valley, he ventured to express the opinion that this position would in time right itself, particularly if new blood were infused by some of the British capitalists now lying dormant in British hands. He also pointed out that the British farmer had the chance here of securing excellent bargains at a price which meant only two or three years rentals of a farm in England, and with an immediate prospect of a return of the outlay for the fruit alone.

Major Savage, of the Essex Regiment, and representing very large financial interests, fully endorsed his colleague's remarks as to the fertility of the Valley as a whole, and was particularly struck with the cultivation of the soil between the fruit trees in the orchard, a thing almost unknown in England. He (Major Savage) was delighted with everything he saw, and said that no doubt there was a big future for the Annapolis Valley.

While the above conversation was going on, the gaze of the visitors was not concentrated upon the delegates, but one and all were keenly watching the country as the train glided by, and many were the admiring ejaculations called forth "Look at this!" "Wonderful!" "Superb!" and sundry other phrases were uttered again and again, and in too short a time the bell clanged, the whistle blew, and presto—Bridgetown.

Upon the train being brought to a standstill many town folk were seen upon the platform, all intently eager to give the visitors a cordial welcome.

Seven automobiles, kindly loaned by the following citizens:—Messrs J.W. Peters, (driven by Mr. Fred Bath); A. L. Beeler, W. Warren, Dr. A. S. Burns, Councillor J. K. Craig and A. B. McKenzie and Mr. F. Willett, and two hickory teams by Mr. A. L. Anderson were waiting at the station, and these were quickly filled (Continued on page 4.)

Obituary.

MRS. AMELIA MORSE PHINNEY.

Word was received in Paradise on June 8th that on the previous day, (June 7th) Mrs. Amelia D. Morse Phinney, widow of the late James Phinney, had died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Lindsey, 2 Park Avenue, Saxonville, Mass. The remains were brought to her old home village for interment reaching here on the afternoon express from Yarmouth on the 10th inst. A large concourse of people gathered at the station to bid a sad welcome to all that was mortal of an old and respected resident of the community. A procession was formed and the remains conducted to the cemetery, where in the family lot they were placed in their last resting place beside those of her husband, who had pre-deceased her some years. A very impressive open-air service was held at the grove, the Rev. A. M. McNinch conducting the last sad rites. The choir feelingly rendered such hymns as "Shall we gather at the river" and "Nearer my God to Thee" etc. The pall-bearers were J. S. Longley, G. L. Pearson, H. A. Longley and J. C. Morse. The floral offerings were very beautiful. Mrs. Phinney's son, William and daughter, Mrs. Lindsey, accompanied the remains. Mrs. Phinney was a life-long resident of this community, with the exception of the last few years, when she has been residing in the United States.

She was for fifty years a member of the Baptist church of this place and being a lover of flowers, it is said of her that she never entered the church services without a floral offering for the pulpit desk.

Mrs. Phinney, whose maiden name was Morse, was a direct descendant of Capt. George Barbour, the Puritan leader of Medford and Dedham. She was a first cousin of Judge Halliburton, the famous "Sam Slick."

Mrs. Phinney was in her 87th year, and is survived by five children; Wm. Halliburton, proprietor of the hotel, "Langham," and the hotel "Pemberton" of Boston; Louis C., of Boston; Mrs. D. MacKay, of Portland, Maine; Mrs. Chas. Whittier, of Boston, Mass.; R. D. Lindsey, Saxonville, Mass.—COM.

Town Council

At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council, Tuesday evening, 4th inst., with Mayor Harlow in the chair and Councillors Salter, Prat, McKenzie and Peed present, it was ordered that the following bills be paid:—

Dunlop Wire and Rubber Goods Co. for 300 feet fire hose as per agreement, \$315.00; E. A. Craig, repairs to crusher, \$4.90; Policeman W. E. Connell, for revolver and cartridges, \$7.50; Bridgetown Electric Light, Heat and Power Co., Ltd., for one quarter lighting streets and town hall, \$18.75; W. H. Thorne & Co., rubber belt for engine, crusher act., \$26.15; Karl Freeman, sundries crusher account, \$26.82; A. D. Brown, Registrar births and deaths, \$2.75.

A communication was read from the Annapolis Royal Board of Trade relative to civic taxation.

A resolution was passed renewing the contract made with the Bridge town Band on March 20th, 1899, which was as follows:—

"That if they (the Bridgetown Band) will furnish music to the public on the street or from a bandstand one evening each week, say 'Saturday evenings, for one hour' from 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock, during the summer months, the town will pay them \$2.00, for each performance, not to exceed the sum of forty dollars in one year."

Mr. Arthur Charlton, representing Bishop & Charlton, lessees of the "Primrose Theatre," appeared before the Council relative to a license fee for outside shows brought into town by them. The matter was referred to the license committee.

Turo as an Example

The Sydney Mags Searchlight says: "The Turo street sprinklers got on the job at five a.m., and not after the wind and dust have completed all the damage and annoyance possible."

The Visitors' Impressions of Bridgetown.

A. S. Barnstead, Superintendent of Immigration, who accompanied the British party on their Valley trip, made the following statement to a reporter of the Halifax Chronicle:—

THE BRIDGETOWN VISIT. "Arriving at Bridgetown, where it was first planned to make only a short call, opportunity was given to show the visitors a section of Bridgetown. The manufacturers were visited, and the beauty of Bridgetown, with its streets of shaded trees and pleasant situation at the head of tide water, did not fail to give the visitors a splendid impression. Not only so, but a feature of the reception at Bridgetown, which differed from that of any other point, was the presence of the ladies. The Bridgetown band was in evidence and discoursed sweet music. Many were the comments, after the visitors entrained, of the cordiality of the reception.

Bridgetown has been marked in their minds as an enterprising community that has had favors bestowed upon it by nature and deserves to have these utilized to their fullest extent by the advance of capital and labor. Bridgetown stands to gain much from this trip. I may say that the visitors each carried away with them souvenir bottles of the real apple juice that Bridgetown manufactures.

From Bridgetown the train, a little behind the schedule, left for Annapolis Royal, but arrived in plenty of time to visit the historic points of Annapolis Royal and see evidences of awakening on all sides. The new brick plant, as well as the other longer established industries that utilize the abundant lumber as the basis of their commercial expansion, were fully noted. The visitors partook of supper at the Hillside. Shortly after seven o'clock the special returned from Annapolis to make connection with the party at Truro. No stops were made except to leave the local men, who had accompanied the party from Kentville, Berwick and Bridgetown, at their respective home towns.

THEIR IMPRESSIONS.

The visitors expressed themselves uniformly surprised at the marvelous opportunities which existed in the Valley for the settlement of large numbers of people. They expressed the opinion that were the advantages more generally known Nova Scotia is a place where Britishers could live amidst surroundings not unlike those of their own country, enjoying the privileges of citizenship at the same time in a country with the advantages of education and pleasant social surroundings. Some of them were most interested in the settlement of these areas, and I have no doubt that from impressions created profitable returns will accrue.

It is interesting to point out that in the descriptive itinerary published by the Financial News in connection with this Canadian tour the Maritime Provinces and Nova Scotia are signalled out for special attention.

"Of Canada's Maritime Provinces," says the writer, Mr. Leonard Palmer, "these, the Maritime, are the least known of all in Great Britain, which fact accounts for the paucity of immigration. Canada was practically unknown in the British Isles before the opening up of the Great West, and since that opening up people have been so busy going there that no thought has been given to the more varied and congenial East.

"There is not a shadow of doubt but that a great number of good English and Scottish settlers would go into New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were they to be acquainted with the true facts relating to those provinces. The attraction of these Maritime Provinces, their variety, their wealth of raw material, their climate, their maritime facilities, and their access to all the great markets of the world render them pre-eminent from a manufacturing point of view. Great and general development is inevitable in this part of Canada within the near future.

"The coal sales of Nova Scotia in 1911 were 5,775,000 tons—the largest on record. In 1910 there were 400,000,000 feet

Supreme Court

The June term of the Supreme Court opened yesterday in the Court House, Bridgetown, Judge Russell presiding. Following is the docket:—

JURY CAUSES.
William Fader vs. Fred W. Harris
Mansfield White vs. John Irvin, K.C.
W. A. Marshall vs. A. L. Davidson
Minard Graves vs. O. S. Miller
Freelove Gillis vs. John Irvin, K.C.
David Joudrey vs. Barry W. Roscoe
William A. Fader vs. Daniel Owen
Leoland White vs. John Irvin, K.C.
Frank W. Pickles Co. vs. Daniel Owen
W. J. Telegraph Co. vs. W. H. Fulton
Herbert D. Starratt vs. O. S. Miller
D. A. Railway Co. vs. B. Webster, K.C.
Thomas Harper vs. Daniel Owen

A. Russell Palmeter vs. W. G. Parsons
NON-JURY CAUSES.
Elias G. Langley vs. Barry W. Roscoe
F. C. Lavers vs. McLean & Margeson
John Lucas vs. W. G. Parsons
Miles McMillan vs. Fred W. Harris
Obel Pinkney, Edith Huntress, Julia Aye, and Bertha Rebey, vs. McLean & Margeson
John Spurr vs. Frank Jones
William Sabians vs. O. S. Miller
N.H. Phinney & Co. vs. C. R. Chipman
John Hall vs. O. S. Miller
Caleb Slocumb vs. Barry W. Roscoe
Catherine Rafuse vs. Frank Jones
Kenneth Milberry vs. D. Owen
Thomas H. Chipman vs. O. S. Miller
James A. Whitman vs. Daniel Owen
Canada Fence Co. vs. F. Harris
Thompson vs. D. Owen

The following have brought suit against William M. DeBlois to recover claims from estate of his father, the late Rev. H. DeBlois—O. S. Miller, E. H. Trimpany, H. Lynch, Rector, Warden and Vestry of parish of Granville, Margaret M. Fullerton, F. J. Dittmars, George Robinson, John Gormley and George McClelland. D. Owen and O.S. Miller are acting attorneys.

Horticultural Exhibition for 1912

A meeting of the Special Prize Committee was held on Friday evening last at the office of Mr. H. B. Hicks, Bridgetown, there being a very good attendance.

The Committee went very carefully over the special prizes offered, and placed them according to the amounts and varieties.

It was decided to hold the Exhibition in the new warehouse on the west side of the D.A.R. station at Bridgetown.

The Secretary-manager, Mr. R. J. Messenger, this week is making a tour of the Valley in the interests of the Exhibition.

of timber cut in the province and one-half of it exported.

"Nova Scotia possesses the finest harbor on the North American Continent—that of Halifax.

"Sea captains would rather put into Halifax than almost any port in the world, owing to the uniform depth of the water, and the absence of adverse tides and other dangers.

"Nova Scotia possesses the greatest individual industry in Canada—that of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company at Sydney."

A DREAM COME TRUE.

"The stating of these facts in themselves is important," said Mr. Barnstead. "That they came and learned of them affords added testimony. They go away from Nova Scotia sensible, as never before, that within six days' sail of their own homes and business establishments there are to be found opportunities for the investment of capital, the employment of labor and the settlement of people of which they little dreamed. The vision they had been turned into a reality, and these Britishers, who have ever been individually and in their representative capacity millions of dollars of available capital, will be able to find employment for some of it in Nova Scotia. The delegation immediately represented the largest amount of capital that has ever been grouped together to cross the Atlantic on an investigating mission of Canada's resources."

BANQUET AT GRAND CENTRAL

In Honor of Representative of Nova Scotia Immigration Department and of Visiting Scotch Journalist, Representing "Glasgow Herald" and "The Scotsman," Making Tour of the Dominion.

The Grand Central Hotel on Saturday evening, was the scene of a hastily arranged banquet to welcome Mr. W. Wolf, Chief of the N.S. Agent-General's Staff in London, and Mr. R. K. Kennedy, representing the "Glasgow Herald" and "The Scotsman," Scotland's most important newspapers. Mr. Wolf, who deals officially in the Agent-General's office in London, England, with all classes of well-to-do immigrants to Nova Scotia, has been brought over to make a complete trip of the Province, so as to be able to give first-hand and up-to-date advice to those wishing to settle in this Province—both capital and labor. Mr. Kennedy, a gentleman of independent means, of Hawick, Scotland, is the owner of a large farm at Poplar Grove, Viking, Alberta, and while visiting his farm has been deputed by the above well-known Scottish newspaper to write up a series of articles concerning Canada's wants in agricultural and industrial pursuits.

Those who gathered at the Grand Central included Attorney-General, the Hon. O. T. Daniels, (chairman), Dr. Armstrong, (vice-chairman), Mr. W. Wolf and Mr. R. K. Kennedy, (guests) F. Bath, A. Charlton, E. Fisher, Capt. Salter, W. Warren, H. L. Bustin, J. W. Peters, E.A. Craig, Councillor McKenzie and the representative of the Monitor-Sentinel, F. W. McLewright. President Lloyd, of the Board of Trade, Mr. Beckwith and others would have been present but Saturday night trade prevented their attendance.

A most recherche repast had been provided by Host Silver, and, needless to relate, was most heartily enjoyed by all the participants.

After dinner the Attorney-General, in felicitous terms, extended a most cordial welcome to the visitors, and trusted that their short stay amongst us would be productive of the best possible results to the town as well as the Valley. In a most interesting speech he explained the difficulties of the Provincial Government, so far as it concerned immigration, were principally due to the fact that the finances of the Province at present were not large enough to deal with the situation as they (the Government) would wish to do.

The Attorney-General fully explained the scope of the new Act the Government had introduced as to loaning moneys to Nova Scotians and those coming from abroad wishing to settle and work upon the land, and hoped it would meet with a fair measure of success. The Attorney-General's speech was followed with the keenest attention by all present.

The toast of "Our Guests," coupled with the names of Mr. W. Wolf and Mr. Kennedy was proposed by the Attorney-General and heartily drank in "aqua pura."

Mr. Wolf, on rising to respond, explained that he did not expect that when he came to Bridgetown he was to be thus honored, and he (the speaker) found it difficult to express his thoughts in connection with the cordial and hearty welcome extended to his friend and himself. He said it was his intention to have an extended tour to gather all possible information relative to all that concerned the welfare and prosperity of the Province, so that when in his office in London he would be able to fully explain to possible newcomers the exact condition of things. From what he had already seen of the Valley, it was the nearest approach to England he had ever seen, and he had particularly noticed the entire absence of poverty. He (the speaker) dealt very fully with the difficulties attending emigration from the Old Country, and paid a very high tribute to the indefatigable industry of our Agent-General (Mr. John Howard) in all that he undertook concerning this beautiful part of the Dominion.

On resuming his seat the speaker was loudly applauded.

Mr. Kennedy expressed the pleasurable surprise he felt at being present, as he had no idea of such courtesy being extended when he left Annapolis that morning with Mr. Wolf. In fact, it was a very great surprise to find that what was to all intents and purposes a formal visit, was to be turned into such a cordial welcome as had been tendered to them that evening. He (the speaker) while owning a farm in the West was most astonished at the fertility of this wonderful Valley, and those present need not be surprised to hear some day that he had settled amongst them. One thing he regretted to see, that mixed farming was not carried on to any great extent. He thought if the Maritime farmers would take up this important side of a farmer's life, they would be very great gainers thereby. The speaker said he could only express astonishment at all he had seen, and he would take care that all he had witnessed would be faithfully portrayed in the "Glasgow Herald" and the "Scotsman," Scotland's two most prominent journals. (Applause)

Toasts were proposed to nearly all present, and a most harmonious gathering was brought to a close at 11.15 p.m. While in Bridgetown the visitors in-

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The Royal Bank of Canada INCORPORATED 1869.

CAPITAL \$6,200,000
RESERVE FUNDS \$7,200,000
TOTAL ASSETS \$114,000,000

70 BRANCHES IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT

Deposits of \$1.00 and upwards received and interest allowed at highest current rates.

A. J. McLEAN MANAGER, Bridgetown
F. G. PALFREY MANAGER, Lawrencetown
E. B. McDANIEL MANAGER, Annapolis Royal.