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PORK PACKING NEEDED.

The annual report of the Department of Agriculture of the Province of New Brunswick, which has just been produced, is an interesting document and this year an unusually large volume as it includes the first annual report of the superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for the province...

FOREIGN RESTRICTIONS IN SHIPPING.

Owners of shipping are of course interested in all restrictions of trade by sea that may be established by any maritime nation. The nearest to our own doors is that of the United States, which since the extension of their sovereignty to Alaska, Porto Rico, the Danish West Indies, Hawaii and the Philippines, have shut out a lot of trade that was formerly open to the world...

A COMMON MISTAKE.

We give space elsewhere in this issue to a letter commending the hospital management, and the food supply and cleanliness of that public institution. We publish this letter not for any new light it sheds on the subject under investigation by the Royal Commission, but as an example of a very common mistake...

LADIES IN THE MAJORITY.

It has been remarked as curious that the population of St. John city and county should comprise 29,700 females and but 25,939 males, whereas in all the other communities of the province the proportions are reversed. This, however, seems to be nothing new in large centres of population. The state of New York, according to the census of 1900, contained 3,654,114 females and 3,614,780 males, while last year's British census has revealed that in the city of London the women outnumbered the men by a quarter of a million.

STEEL MANUFACTURING.

Considerable attention is being paid by the steel world to the fact that pig iron produced from Canadian ore was manufactured into steel by the Bessemer process at the works of the Algoma Steel Company at Sault Ste. Marie last month...

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Our local legislators are warning up. It will not stay Lent very much longer. Marconi's talk now sounds like business. Who will start a pork-packing establishment in New Brunswick? Chance for another Armour. St. John is the only county in the province which has more females than males in its population. Why is this thus? There had been fifty cases of smallpox in hospital at Liverpool, England, this winter up to Feb. 22, without a single death. The Manitoba legislature finished its session a week ago and now the Winnipeg newspapers are trying to find out what it met for. The next commander-in-chief of the army on this station will probably be also a distinguished man, according to our despatches. Although the city of London, England, contains really a population of 6,132,430 the Lord Mayor of London is merely the chief magistrate of the old city, which contains a population of but 26,923. Montreal has been having an argument as to whether the city sleighs for removing snow should be 5 1/2 feet long, 4 feet high and 3 feet wide, or 5 feet long, 3 1/2 feet high and 2 1/2 feet wide. The city engineer recommended the larger size. A Taylorville, Ill., Baptist deacon and his wife have been expelled from their church for giving a progressive whisky party at their house. It is doubtful whether they eventually concluded that that party was progressive or that their church was non-progressive. A detachment of forty killed Highlanders from the Toronto militia, with 13 pipers, are to visit New York the last week in March to take part in a military tournament. The pipers should practice "The Girl I Left Behind Me" for an appropriate farewell to Gotham. It is stated that France has more dogs than any other country, the number being 2,884,000, or 73 to the 1,000 inhabitants. The proportion of dogs to people in Ireland is said to be 73 to the 1,000; in England 28, Germany 31, Sweden 11, Russia 12, Turkey 11 and the United States 22. The engines for the new twin-screw Cunard liners now to be built will be of 48,000 horse power in order to give them

other fruit growing is also encouraging, although last year was not eminently satisfactory, it is said, owing to failure to guard against adverse climatic conditions.

THE NEW DRILL HALL.

The need of a new Drill Hall for the use of the local militia forces has been long recognized in St. John, and last year a petition was signed by more than two thousand ratepayers urging the common council to provide a site in the central part of the city. The city fathers acceded to the request and had a bill passed by the Provincial Legislature authorizing the necessary expenditure by the city in the provision of a suitable site. Later on, in April last, a delegation consisting of the mayor, Aldermen Robinson, Alderman McColrick and Major Sturdee, proceeded to Ottawa and interviewed the Minister of Militia and the city and county representatives in parliament. The Hon. Dr. Borden, it is stated, admitted the necessity of a modern Drill Hall in St. John and promised to send the Dominion Architect here to examine available sites. In consequence Major Weatherbee, the Dominion Architect, came to St. John, examined the various locations available, and reported on the site most suitable for the purpose both from his position and otherwise. Major Weatherbee had plans prepared of this land and levels taken which are today available. The lot in question is about 360 feet by 240 feet and we are informed is a satisfactory location not only to the authorities but also so far as the local militia men are concerned. It was understood last year by the delegation which went to Ottawa that while it was too late to have an item inserted in the year's estimates, that the matter would come up this year and would be recommended by the Minister of Militia. If a sum is to be voted for this purpose this year, no time is to be lost in bringing the matter before the attention of the Minister of Militia if such has not already been done. The delegation now at Ottawa were instructed to press the matter upon the attention of the government and it is to be hoped their efforts will be crowned with success. St. John undoubtedly needs a modern Drill Hall similar to that in Kingston, Ontario, for the use of the local militia which consists of 4 companies of Artillery, 260 officers and men; the 62nd Fusiliers, 8 companies, 360 in all; and the Bearers Company, 35 of all ranks. The present Drill Shed is not only badly located but it is in a very bad state of repair. The roof leaks, and the armoiries are damp and not fit for use in winter. In addition it is so far from the centre of the city that it is nearly impossible to use it successfully for drill purposes.

THE VALUE OF HOME.

One of the most recent New York sensations is a murder case. A young man of 21 was found dead in bed in a hotel and a girl of 19 with whom he had been intimately acquainted and in whose company he had been that evening, is under arrest on the charge of murder. The feature of the case is that both parties are of excellent family and live in a highly respectable section of Brooklyn. Since the murder the families in this section have been at pains to investigate their young people's movements and such a nest of unsatisfactory conditions socially and morally, or rather immorally, has been unearthed that good folks are holding up their hands in holy horror. Clergymen have made it a topic for pulpit theme and the metropolitan newspapers are hammering parents of alleged aristocracy for their utter neglect or lack of oversight of the moral welfare of their children. The status of affairs is of course very materially different in St. John than in a big city, and herein comes the opportunity for contrast and the moral. It has been pointed out in the New York sensation that such a state of affairs never would have arisen if the parents had taken time and pains to look after their growing children, what acquaintances they made, how and where they spent their leisure time outside the house, and what they learned and discussed among themselves in regard to the knowledge of good and evil. It has been set forth that if the parents spent a little more time in the instruction of their children, insisting upon their learning the good old-fashioned catechisms and cultivating the development of their characters in proper lines, it would pay them far better than an indiscriminate expenditure of money upon their children's clothes and entertainment. But the great point that has been elicited is that virtue and innocence and character are not as easily cultivated among the young in a big city as in a smaller place where the home can be made an ideal and genuine one. And at the same time may there not be room in our own town for a little greater attention to the young folks? Give them innocent amusement, let them cultivate each other's acquaintance and improve their social attainments. But let the parents look after the shaping of their children's characters and virtues that the young folks may do credit to their parentage.

A C. P. R. STORY.

One of those interesting if true stories in regard to the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Dominion Coal Company has been perpetrated in special despatches from Montreal to the Boston Transcript and the Boston Globe. It is alleged that the present activity in regard to the stocks of those companies has been due to a scheme of the Canadian Pacific Company to obtain control of both the Cape Breton mines and the great steel plant at Sydney, likewise to obtain control of the Intercolonial and upon the consummation of this transaction to obtain the contract for supplying a fast Atlantic line of steamers between Canada and Europe, which with their line between British Columbia and China, would give them a route girdling one-third of the earth, and would also enable them to provide their own raw material for the manufacture of steamships, locomotives and machinery as well as facilities for the supply of their own coal. These Montreal correspondents of the Boston papers present magnificent figures and dazzling computations. Their showing is one of rather a large contract for the C. P. R. as we have previously remarked, it is interesting.

A GRAIN CROP CRITIC.

The evening reprint endeavors to decry the provincial government's wheat policy by quoting figures that misrepresent. It states that the acreage under wheat last year was only 26,010, as compared with 29,145 in 1898 and asks why is this steady decrease, when as a matter of fact, as shown in The Telegraph yesterday the yield of wheat last year even from the decreased acreage was vastly more than in 1898. The yield was 478,886 bushels as compared with 409,943 bushels. Moreover, the yield per acre last year was only 18.4 bushels, whereas in 1900 it was 18.7 bushels. If the yield per acre had increased in the same proportion last year over the previous year as it had in 1900 over 1899, the total crop would have been but a small quantity short of that record, even with 877 acres less sown. But the variation of crop returns, depending so largely upon elements beyond the control of the agriculturist, does not appeal to the Tory critic who juggles with figures. The reasons are the same for slightly smaller crops last year than the previous year in oats, barley, buckwheat and potatoes, but the fact remains that this province is today producing about one-third of the wheat necessary for home consumption. It is likewise notable that the paper referred to makes no comment on the fact that this province raised last year 2,009,940 bushels of turnips upon 7,633 acres devoted to that crop, a material increase over the previous year.

CONDUCTOR AND MOTORMAN TO LOCK ALL THE PASSENGERS IN THE CAR, GOT POLICEMEN TO ENFORCE THE ORDER AND RAN THE CAR BACK TO STABLES WHERE THE MAN WITH THE DISEASE WAS REMOVED TO HOSPITAL AND ALL OTHER PASSENGERS WERE VACCINATED AND DISINFECTED. AND THE DOCTOR WHO THUS TOOK THE LAW IN HIS OWN HANDS WAS PUBLICLY APPLAUDED.

CAPTAIN BERNIER, WHO PROPOSES TO MAKE A DASH FOR THE POLE NEXT FALL WILL TAKE A MARDONI INSTRUMENT WITH HIM. THE CAPTAIN WILL, NO DOUBT, FIND THE NORTHERN AXES HANDY TO USE AS A TELEGRAPH POLE FROM WHICH TO SIGNAL THE WONDROUS NEWS BACK TO CIVILIZATION.

A GENTLEMAN IN KENTUCKY IS STUMPING THE COUNTRY IN AN ENDEAVOR TO GET A NOMINATION TO CONGRESS (ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET) AND HIS DAUGHTER ACCOMPANIES HIM ON THE VIOLIN, THAT IS SHE FAVORS THE AUDIENCE WITH VIOLIN SOLOS BETWEEN HER PA'S SPEECHES. THIS REMINDS ONE OF THE PATENT MEDICINE LECTURER WHO HAD A BANJO ACCOMPANIST WHO WAS LIKEWISE A VOCALIST, AND THE TONE OF HIS REFRAIN WAS "TAKE ANOTHER BOTTLE—OR TWO—OR TWO."

CHANGE OF LIFE.

A TIME OF INTEREST AND GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALL WOMEN.

Wrecked health is produced by neglect during this trying period, and small wonder that women look forward with dread to its coming, for if not properly passed, is but the beginning of an endless chain of troubles. As soon as the unmistakable signs known to all women make their first appearance, Ferrozone should be used regularly, and if persistently taken will be a guarantee of happy, healthy, old age. Nothing can bring more pleasure than to know that the days of sickness and suffering are over. This can best be accomplished by building up the system with Ferrozone, which produces blood, muscle, tissue, and strength to resist and ward off disease. Ferrozone increases the appetite, strengthens and improves nerve tone, and digestive processes, thereby strengthening and invigorating the whole system. It gives tone to the heart, regulates its action, removes distending palpitations, and it lays the sound foundation of perfect health. Ferrozone is a sensible and efficient tonic; it brings back strength very quickly, and few people are so strong and healthy, that they would not be benefited by using it. Be advised and try Ferrozone. It is very pleasant to take, one tablet after each meal. All reliable druggists sell it for 50c. per box, or three boxes for \$1.25. By mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 26, 1902.

Boys' Clothing--Big Reductions.

If we hadn't such peculiar notions as to how new and fresh a Clothing stock should be at the beginning of every season, we'd sell all we could of these Clothes at full prices and keep the rest till next fall and winter.

But we've got that peculiar notion, and besides we want the trade of Men and Boys who want good clothes, but haven't found out yet where they are, and so we are willing to lose some money on the balance of stocks.

You will need to take quick advantage of such pricings as these.—

Vestee Suits—These suits are for boys 3 to 9 years old, and are made in tweeds, serges, chevots and worsteds. We have grouped them into three lots, with a full range of sizes in each lot, and priced them as follows:

- Lot 1—Former prices, \$2.50, 2.75, 3.00; Your choice, \$2.00
Lot 2—Former prices, \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.50; Your choice, \$3.00
Lot 3—Former prices, \$5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50; Your choice, \$4.00

Two-Piece Pleated and Norfolk Jacket Suits for boys 7 to 12 years. We have made three lots of these suits and priced them as below:

- Lot 1—Former prices \$2.25, 2.50, 2.75; Your choice, \$1.90
Lot 2—Former prices, \$3.25, 3.50, 3.75; Your choice, \$2.90
Lot 3—Former prices, \$4.25, 4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 5.25; Your choice, \$3.90

Boys' Three-Piece Suits, for boys 9 to 16 years, made from all the popular fabrics. We have priced them to clear as below:

- Lot 1—Former prices, \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00; Your choice, \$2.95
Lot 2—Former prices, \$4.50, 5.00, 5.50; Your choice, \$3.95
Lot 3—Former prices, \$6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50; Your choice, \$4.95

Boys' Reefers, for boys 3 to 16 years, in Beavers, Naps, Friezes and Curly Cloth. Prices are now:—

- Lot 1—Former prices, \$2.50, 2.75, 3.00; Sale price, \$2.00
Lot 2—Former prices, \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.50; Sale price, \$3.00
Lot 3—Former prices, \$5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50; Sale price, \$4.00

You can't afford to miss this sale if your Boy needs Winter Clothing for this season or next.

GREATER OAK HALL,

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