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DISTRESS AND FAMINE IN CHINA.

D. W. R. Morse, Native of Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, Now in China Mission Field, Describes Heart-Rending Scenes in Famine Region.

Dr. W. R. Morse, of Lawrencetown, now of the Chinese Mission field, who has returned from the famine region makes the following report on the present situation according to the China Press.

"When one finds people lying round dead from starvation; when one sees persons dying of hunger by the roadside; when one knows positively of a woman burying a still living child, because she had no food for it and it had to die anyway; when one knows of people eating a dog that had died; when one sees people eating a cake made of grass and weeds with a few kernels of grain scattered through it, from all appearance dried cow manure; when one is asked to buy children; when one sees the roofless houses; when one sees the glassy, tightly drawn, dark colored, wrinkled skin, with teeth and cheekbone and all other bony points projecting; when one sees the swollen face, hands and feet of the starving person soon to die; when one sees people poisoned by the weeds they have eaten for food; when one sees thousands of people begging on their knees for a chance of working for food; and that food either bean-cake, (the remains of beans from which all the oil has been pressed), or kaoliang, which is the seed of a species of corn usually used for feeding pigs or making alcohol; when the one member of the family to whom a ticket is given to entitle him or her to work and thus feed on an average five mouths, is so weak he can earn only 14 cash a day, although the wage paid to him is nearly double the usual wage; and when the people crowd round for medical and surgical relief from the ulcers, skin diseases, and famine fevers resulting from a starvation diet, it seems to me that our duty in N. Kiangsu to save life is supremely imperative.

"Relief has been given without pauperizing, and only in return for labor, except in the cases of those too old, or diseased or crippled for work. The labor performed counts in

preventing flood, as is shown by the methods of procedure. Between Sutsien and Tan Shang the dyke along the Grand Canal is broken in a great many places and there are some 20,000 to 25,000 men and women at work. At Tsao Ho, where the writer was stationed, the dyke was so badly broken that it was decided to build a new bank over two English miles long. This dyke is, roughly speaking, seventy-five English feet wide at the base, thirty-two feet at the top, and twelve feet high. The dirt for this is carried in baskets and wheelbarrows from pits dug nearby. These pits are measured and the people are paid for the exact amount of dirt deposited on the dyke. The ordinary Government wage paid is three hundred cash per one hundred cubic feet. We pay from four hundred and fifty to five hundred and fifty cash, and at that rate no one had made more than a starvation wage. Near Tsao Ho there are four other places where the breaks in the dyke are being repaired.

"The work in some ways is very difficult and irritating. There is need of constant watching so as to secure honest administration of funds. The people do not understand why this year they have to work for their food. They say: 'Last year we had flour given us, but this year we have only bean-cake and kaoliang, and have to sweat for the privilege of earning it. Our hearts are not at peace.'

"Bands of robbers infest that whole section of country. Tsao Ho had been twice looted. At Tang Shang, so near were the robbers one night that our workers saw the fire of the looted, burning houses only a short distance away; yet not the slightest disrespect was shown to the foreigners, and we were as safe apparently as we are in Shanghai.

"In the section of country between Sutsien and Tan Shang, Dr. Juskin, of Sutsien is in charge. He has the work splendidly organized, and is carrying out a most difficult, and trying proposition in a clever, dignified, and business-like manner."

Successful Recital

A recital was held in Providence Methodist Church on Friday evening last, by Miss Irene Bewley, reader and impersonator of Boston, Mass., a graduate of the Leland T. Powers School of Oratory of Boston.

The church was not as well filled as might have been expected but a fair audience had an evening of rare enjoyment in listening to Miss Bewley, whose cultured delivery is enhanced by a marked native dramatic talent.

Miss Bewley's principal reading was a dramatized version of "Mrs. Finney Hodgson's" "Burnett's Esmeralda" and those who heard the pathetic story for the first time and those who were familiar with it in a generation past found equal pleasure in its rehearsal.

Preliminary to the reading of the play, Miss Bewley gave two monologues in a naïvely entertaining manner. The Methodist choir assisted by other local talent also rendered suitable music.

On Sunday evening in the same church a service of song was held at which Miss Bewley gave one of Henry Van Dyke's classical and charming stories, "The Lost Word," the story of a young man who gave up Christianity for the pleasures and successes of the world, but who found all hollow and unsatisfying until he recovered "the lost word."

Many of Miss Bewley's hearers learn with pleasure that she will return here in a few weeks, when she will favor Bridgetown with another recital.

Record Purchase of Farm Lands.

BRITISH INVESTOR SECURES SEVEN NEW BRUNSWICK FARMS
(St. John Globe.)

One of the largest, if not indeed the largest, sale of farming lands in the history of New Brunswick, has just been closed by Messrs. Alfred Burley & Co. The property included in the deal are seven farms with a total area of 1,061 acres. The purchaser is Mr. W. G. Pine-Coffin, the proprietor of large landed estates in England, who expects on his return to the old country to interest other Englishmen in handling New Brunswick farm lands. Mr. Pine-Coffin was accompanied to this province by Mr. R. F. H. Surr, the agent for the Messrs. Burley in London, England. A company has already been formed in London for the purpose of purchasing a large farm in New Brunswick where the sons of wealthy people can be trained in the agricultural methods best suited to this province before taking up farms for themselves. The farms which have just been purchased by Mr. Pine-Coffin are as follows: 100 acres at Barnesville, Kings county; 100 acres at White's Cove, Queens county; 160 acres at Hatfield's Point, Kings county; 40 acres on the St. John River, Queens county; 181 acres at Hampstead, Queens county; 230 acres at Debee, Carleton county, and 210 acres at Highfield, Queens county. Mr. Pine-Coffin bought the property of Highfield, which is known as the Pearson farm, for his brother, who with his wife and children will live on it.

Mysterious Disappearance Solved

Day's Body Was Found Near Green Bank by Boys Fishing.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of J. Walter Day, who left his home on April 8th and did not return, has been solved by the finding of his body by four young lads who were fishing on the wharf at Green Bank, when they saw something in the water that attracted their attention, says the Halifax Recorder.

One of the boys cast his fishing line out, and the hook caught in the object, which proved to be the body of a man. They hauled it in towards the shore, and at once telephoned to Detective Kennedy that they had found a body. The boys were Stanley Landry, John Davies, Arthur Davies and Herbert Davies. Detective Kennedy notified Undertaker Spencer, who removed the body to his warehouses.

The body was in such a bad state of decomposition that it was impossible to identify, until the Undertaker had made an examination of the clothing. From letters found in the pockets, the body was identified as that of Day.

The deceased's watch stopped at 8.30 o'clock. The body was found about twenty feet east of the Green Bank wharf.

The deceased was well known throughout the city, and his many friends will regret to learn of his demise, although it is a consoling fact that the remains have been found and the mystery solved. He is survived by a widow and one child.

At the time of his disappearance a reward of \$200 was offered for information that would lead to his recovery. Medical Examiner Finn at once held an investigation into the drowning of J. Walter Day, and he gave a certificate of death as follows: "Suicide while temporarily insane."

Two Auto Accidents.

A bad auto accident occurred on the Bear River road Wednesday, the driver, who was the owner of the car being thrown through the wind shield and more or less cut up with the broken glass. The car was also injured.

The same night while Mr. Harry Gavel was returning from Barton he and his car were both somewhat injured owing to the bad condition of the road on Bingley's hill. Mr. Gavel was going slow at the time or the accident would probably have proved fatal. The other occupants of the car were uninjured.—Digby Courier.

Foresters May Have Cottage at Kentville Sanatorium

A proposition has been made by the Independent Order of Foresters to erect a cottage at the Kentville Sanatorium, capable of accommodating eight patients, at a cost of some \$3,000.

Superintendent Miller is taking this matter up with the Provincial Government.

This is in line with a proposal that Dr. Walker of this town some two years ago put before Premier Murray and Hon. B. F. Pearson—that cottages, similar to the one now proposed should be erected by individuals, Societies or other institutions around the Provincial Sanatorium at Kentville.—Truro News.

TORONTO BOY KILLED BY AUTO.

Toronto, June 8—George Kettle, aged twelve, died today, after being struck by an automobile. The driver, Roy Robson, a salesman for the McLaughlin Motor Co., rushed the boy to the hospital, and then surrendered to the police. He was released on bail.

While the frequent rains of the present season are having a wonderful effect on the growth of vegetation it is making the planting season a little backward especially on clay soil.

Official Announcements Re San Jose Scale

(Special to the Monitor-Sentinel)

Truro, N.S., June 8, 1912.

Dear Sir:—In connection with recent announcements in re living San Jose scale having been found in Nova Scotia, a special order-in-council has been passed by the government as per enclosed statement.

The local government has appointed some six inspectors, former students at the Agricultural College, who will act under G. E. Saunders, B.S.A. of the Dominion Entomological staff, and will, during the next few weeks examine all nursery stock that has been shipped into Nova Scotia during at least the past two years. Should they discover any living scale, their instructions are to have all infested trees immediately destroyed. All this is in accord with recommendations made to M. Cumming, Secretary for Agriculture, by the executive of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association with whom he conferred in Kentville on Monday, June 3rd. It is sincerely hoped, that with the hearty co-operation of the fruit growers of Nova Scotia, any living specimens that may have found their way into the Province, will have been destroyed. It is intended in the future to maintain a strict inspection of all nursery stock brought into the Province from other parts of the Dominion.

Sincerely yours,
M. CUMMING.

ORDER-IN-COUNCIL signed by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia at the Government House at Halifax, the 4th day of June, 1912, under the provisions of the Injurious Insect, Pest, and Plant Disease Act of 1911.

(1.) Where any inspector finds living San Jose scale present on any trees, he may order the immediate destruction of such trees and such order shall be carried out under the supervision of the inspector, and in such manner as he may direct.

(2.) Any inspector may himself destroy any trees which he finds infested as aforesaid.

(3.) Any order for destruction made hereunder may include destruction of any trees which, in the opinion of the inspector, by reason of their proximity to trees having thereon living scale, may have become infested.

Extracts From the Injurious Insect, Pest and Plant Disease Act of 1911.

7. "Any inspector may enter any place or premises whatsoever in which he suspects that any such plant disease, insect or pest exists."

8. "Any person contravening or neglecting to carry out or offering any hindrance to the carrying out of any provision of this Act, or of any regulation made thereunder, shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine of not less than twenty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, together with costs, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period of not less than ten days nor more than thirty."

THE FARM HOME.

This will be a greater, better Canada when our farmers all realize that important as it is to grow big crops, have thoroughbred stock, and splendid farm buildings, there is greater wealth in a modern, comfortable and convenient farm house where future citizens may be raised under the best of conditions and those who have made the home need not end their days in drudgery. Thousands of thoroughbred animals are better housed and more intelligently fed than hundreds of owners and renters of land. Some men hardened by the rigors of physical labor and fierce competitive struggles to the silent appeals of their wives and children for better shelter, food and raiment are guilty without intent of lamentable neglect of more vital things than stock, crops and profits. The ideal that should be cherished by every ambitious farmer is a sanitary, comfortable farm residence, with a modern heating plant, a bath room and cleanly lighting.

Pensions to School Teachers.

Bill to amend chapter 2 of the Acts of 1911, "The Education Act," The purpose of the bill is to change the law as to pensions to school teachers especially those of the academic class and the bill is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that section 127 of the Education Act be repealed and the following substituted:

127. Teachers who have taught in the public schools of Nova Scotia for thirty-five years, or who have attained the age of sixty years after thirty years of service, shall be entitled to retire with an annuity equal to the provincial aid granted to teachers of their respective classes of license; provided, however, that teachers of the academic class shall receive an annuity equal to double the average annual provincial aid they were regularly entitled to draw during the last ten years of their service; but every academic teacher who has served as inspector of schools shall be entitled to receive as an additional annuity after retirement \$20 for each year of inspectorial service; and everyone who has also been for at least fifteen years the principal of the schools of the section and in receipt of an average salary of at least one thousand dollars during the last five years of his or her service shall receive an additional annuity of eighty dollars; but no teacher's annuity under this Act shall exceed six hundred dollars.

The first clause of this new section 127 is the same as the old, the second clause introduces the very important change caused by the word "double"; the third clause is the same as before, but the fourth clause is all new.

Trampled to Death by Enraged Bull.

A tragedy took place near Balmoral Mills, Colchester. Robert Munro, an active gentleman of eighty-two years, who was living with his nephew, John Munro, was pounded and trampled to death by an enraged bull, while leading the animal to water, says the Truro News. John Munro, before leaving for Truro that morning, warned his uncle not to take the animal out, but to give him a bucket of water occasionally and that he would attend to him himself on his return.

For some unknown reason and for the first time the old gentleman, untraced by a young girl, John's daughter, in the house, led the animal out and around an outhouse to the watering place out of sight of the kitchen door.

Hearing alarming cries, she rushed out by the outhouse and found the old man down with the bull tossing and trampling him, the patent leading staff having become detached from the ring in his nose.

On attempting to rescue her uncle and trying to set the dog on the enraged animal, he turned to attack her and the dog ran away. Seeing that she could do nothing there she ran for help to the mills, a half a mile or more away.

Alex. L. McDonald, the miller, instantly and without any weapons, started to the rescue, Walter Ross following a few minutes later. On McDonald's arrival on the scene the bull was standing, as if it were on guard over the prostrate body, ready to renew the attack.

McDonald, a young and powerful man, promptly attacked the animal with a heavy fence stake, which broke in two with the first blow. The animal now turned on him. He fortunately noticed a lumberman's peavey nearby and seized this and renewed his desperate attack on the bull and succeeded with Ross's assistance in driving him away from Munro's body, life being then extinct.

John K. McKay, while driving on his way home by the mills about that time, hearing of the tragedy, secured a rifle and rapidly driving to the scene shot the enraged animal and secured the safety of the people gathered there.

Mrs. West Balmor, formerly of Bridgetown and now at Los Angeles, Calif, has rented Stewart Burns' farm at Yavrus, Los Angeles.

BRITISH CAPITALISTS MEET ACCIDENT.

Auto Accident in Moncton while British Capitalists are Enjoying Auto Drive. Driver and Owner of Car Hurt Badly. Guests Luckily Escape with Slight Injuries.

Moncton, N.B., June 10th:—While the party of British capitalists were enjoying an auto ride this afternoon, a car containing the owner, Mr. Jas. Edwards, a driver, named LeBlanc, and three of the capitalists backed down a steep hill over a twenty-five foot embankment, by which Mr. Edwards sustained perhaps fatal injuries the chauffeur was badly injured and one of the capitalists, Mr. S. Warwick suffered a compound fracture of the arm. The other escaped with slight injuries.

The automobile, which was conveying the occupants to the natural gas wells, was going up a very steep hill when suddenly the car stopped, and the chauffeur tried vainly to throw on the emergency brake but the brake was out of order, and the chauffeur lost his head completely and let go of the steering wheel. The car backed down the hill at a quite swift pace and suddenly shot to one side, breaking through the heavy railing and pitching to the bottom of the gully, twenty-five feet below.

Two cars that were following heard the crash and immediately proceeded to the scene. Mr. Edwards and LeBlanc, who were in the front seat, were thrown clear of the car, while the other occupants who were in the back, were pinned beneath it. The remaining parts of the car were cleared away, and the three Englishmen extricated from their precarious position. Two of them escaped with slight injuries, but the third, who is an architect, sustained a compound fracture of his right arm, and was also badly cut about the face and body.

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Auto Struck by Engine.

An automobile occupied by J. H. Winfield and A. R. Cobb was run into this (Monday) morning at 8.20 o'clock at the railway crossing at Bedford and both gentlemen had narrow escapes. The auto came to a standstill on the track in the middle of the crossing and the reversing gear refused to work.

Mr. Cobb got out and attempted to move the auto off the track but was unable to do so. At the moment the Ocean Limited was approaching at a fast clip and Mr. Winfield only had time to leave his car before the engine struck the auto, which was thrown from the track and turned over. The auto was considerably damaged.

Fines aggregating \$95 were imposed on automobile drivers yesterday for exceeding the speed limit.

The method of catching on to violations is the same as has been used in the past, viz: two officers in plain clothes with stop watches standing at certain distances apart and timing the vehicles as they speed along.

In the cases where lighter fines are imposed extenuating circumstances are shown, that is in cases where the speed limit is but very slightly exceeded.—Halifax Recorder.

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Capt. Longmire's Stable Burned.

Just after the curfew had sounded the hour of nine o'clock last evening, a second peal rang out in a much more emphatic manner than usual, and after a few strokes citizens realized they were listening to an alarm of fire.

A large throng soon gathered at the fire station and followed the hose cart down Granville street until they reached the premises of Capt. W. R. Longmire.

Here it was found fire had made serious headway in the stable. Neighbors had assisted Capt. Longmire to get out the horse and cow and had a stream from the garden hose playing on the fire, when the hose cart arrived. The firemen soon had two streams playing on the building and succeeded in checking the flames and confining them to the stable, which, however, was very badly damaged before the fire could be extinguished.

The fire was caused by children with matches trying to find a wasp's nest.

DIES OF BLOOD POISONING

Kingston, Ont., June 8—Harry Marsh of Napanee, fourteen years of age, is dead from blood poisoning. He stepped on the head of a mudcat and the fin penetrated his heel. This is the third death from the same cause this spring.

The Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869.

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

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

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