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PRACTICAL FARMER OFFERS UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF RECIPROCITY

I. W. Carpenter Tells North End Ward Workers That New Trade Agreement Will Re-people Abandoned Farms of Province—Convincing Facts on Farm Produce Question—Dr. Alward Speaks Briefly.

Tuesday, Sept. 5.

A practical farmer told an enthusiastic city audience of the benefits of reciprocity to New Brunswick at the North End Liberal rooms last evening, when I. W. Carpenter, of Wickham, Queens county, gave an able address on the subject, putting forward many new and conclusive facts with regard to the effect of the trade agreement.

Abandoned farms in every country neighborhood in the province, he declared, resulted in the farmers remaining having their taxes greatly increased, and his own school taxes had been doubled within ten years without any increase in the value of his property. Without the assurance of a steady market it was impossible to attract settlers or to hold our own people on their farms.

"The farmer is not looking for better prices for most of his produce," said Mr. Carpenter. "He is satisfied with a fair profit but he does want to be sure of realizing cash on his surplus. With many of us now the more we produce the worse we are off.'

Mr. Carpenter came to the city yesterday en route to Sunbury county, where he will assist Col. H. H. McLean, the Liberal candidate, in several meetings during this week. He will speak tonight in Patterson Settlement, and tomorrow at Lincoln. It was not intended as stated yesterday that Mr. Carpenter should remain over for the Liberal rally tomorrow evening at Queen's rink. As last evening was the only time he was at liberty to speak in the city, he was taken for a tour of the ward meetings.

Dr. Alward.

At the North End, however, in the commodious rooms of the Lorne, Lansdowne and Stanley wards in Temple of Honor hall, a good sized crowd had gathered. Arthur Connor, secretary of Lorne ward, was in the chair, and Dr. Silas Alward, K. C., who accompanied Mr. Carpenter on his tour of the wards, was the first speaker.

He first told of the great success of the Liberal meetings at Gagetown and Hampstead on Saturday and the bright prospects for a large majority for Colonel McLean in the constituency. Some of those in the audience might be surprised to see him in his present position, but he appeared simply as a voter who stood by the principles he had supported for forty years, and who realized that it was unpatriotic to continue to vote against Dr. Pugsley, the man who had done so much for St. John. When he looked back on the struggles of St. John to become a national port, unassisted by Hon. George E. Foster, he could not help comparing the latter's record with the extensive dredging, the building of the $650,000 wharf, the contracts in Courtenay Bay, the plans for the expenditure of $1,000,000 in shipbuilding and the further development on the west side.

Dr. Alward then took up the question of reciprocity and pointed out what a mistake St. John workingmen would be making if they voted against the trade agreement.

Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Carpenter modestly disclaimed any pretensions as a public speaker, being his first appearance before a city audience, but he came to tell of the farmer's part in the trade discussion as a farmer who had made every dollar he possessed out of the soil. He brought hearty greetings from the farmers of Queens to the city in which they were all interested, for they knew that when the city was prosperous, extending its boundaries and increasing its trade, the country behind it would be prosperous as well.

"I have to disagree on many points with the Conservative speakers on the question of reciprocity," said he. "Hon. Mr. Foster is reported to have said that the only farmers opposed to reciprocity were the farmers who produced nothing, but I will show you differently. In my school district there are many vacant farms on which nothing is produced but which are overrun with bushes down to the water's edge. One of these joins my farm on one side, and on the other side only one tilled farm separates another from my property. These farms, of course, rapidly deteriorate in value, and the result is that the other farmers have to make good teh deficiency in the assessment for school purposes. As a result of so many farms being abandoned in my district, my school taxes have been doubled within the last few years. Right here I may say that on account of the new highway law introduced by the Hazen government the direct road taxes paid by the farmer have also been increased fifty to seventy per cent.

"This is the condition of the farmer without the promise of a certain market and every effort is being made to mislead us into believing that reciprocity will not be a great benefit. We are told that we will be flooded with American produce and that prices are lower on the other side of the line. A Conservative heckler at a meeting recently persiated in the statement that potatoes sold at 60 cents a barrel in Aroostook county when they were such a good price here, selling for $1.75 to $2.50 a barrel, according to season. I knew that this man had himself bought seed potatoes and paid $2.25 a barrel and I asked him why he did not buy his supply in Aroostook for sixty cents, pay the fifty cents duty and the freight and have a dollar a barrel, but he had no answer. (Great applause).

"Last year a company of St. John men bought potatoes in Aroostook, took them through New Brunswick in bond and shipped them to Cuba. If they had bought them for sixty cents would they have taken the trouble to send them to Cuba? No; they would have paid the duty and the freight to St. John and supplied the market there at the price paid the New Brunswick farmer, making about $1 a barrel.

Mr. Foster's Anxiety.

"Mr. Foster and other Conservative speakers profess to be much concerned about the farmer not receiving a proper price for pork if reciprocity carries. Let me tell you that pork was never so low as when the National Policy was working under Mr. Foster. I have a good memory and can vouch for selling a great deal of pork for four and a half cents a pound by the carcass. And yet Mr. Foster is very solicitous for us farmers when we are getting nine and ten cents.

"I will tell you my experience in raising potatoes. Some years ago the Montreal market suddenly developed and Carleton county potatoes were in great demand. Good prices were paid and the New Brunswick farmers became much encouraged, believing that at last an opportunity had come to make ready money, perhaps to pay off the mortgage standing on the farm, or perhaps to enable him to add a little to his land. All over the province the potato yield was increased and the provincial government professed to be aiding the industry. Then the next year the Montreal market was found to be filled up with the usual supply from home sources. New Brunswick farmers had to look elsewhere and a desperate effort was made to force an entrance into the Cuban market, many of those concerned meeting with heavy losses. I had 400 barrels of potatoes in my cellar that year and I left them there for I could not sell them at a profit at the prices offered. Instead I fed them to my pigs and realized in pork.

"The next year," continued Mr. Carpenter, "when I suggested a heavy crop of potatoes my boys objected. They said there was no money in them but I advised that the crops were likely to reverse and my words came true. The discouraged farmers had gone out of potato raising again after one grand spurt and I was able to sell that year's crop at $1.75 to $2.50 a barrel. This was one time where potatoes were a little cheaper on the other side of the line and it is right here that the consumers will greatly benefit. In case of a pinch of this kind or any abnormal shortage resulting in increase of prices some American potatoes are likely to come in, forcing the prices down to a normal level. The farmer will not object to this, I am sure, for he is not looking for extraordinary prices, but simply a chance to market his surplus."

Another Telling Point.

Mr. Carpenter made another telling point in speaking of the difficulty of the provincial government to secure any number of settlers to locate in the province.

"When the man with money to invest in a farm with hope of return comes to the province, Mr. Wilmot may take him through the most attractive sections of the province, but the man, if he knows his business, and that is the kind of a man we want, will always come back to the question of markets. When Mr. Wilmot tells the man, as he will have to, that the smaller towns and cities are supplied from the country within a small radius and that St. John has barely 50,000 people to support, and that there is no other market for general produce without meeting a high duty, the prospective settler is likely to look abroad for new fields. When it can be pointed out to him that he is close to the market of the large cities of the United States with free entrance for his produce, whether he is an Englishman, a Scotchman or a Scandinavian, it matters not, he is likely to make up his mind to remain in New Brunswick. YOU CAN NEVER BRING IN NEW SETTLERS OR RECLAIM THE ABANDONED FARMS OF THIS PROVINCE WITHOUT IMPROVING THE MARKETS."

Mr. Carpenter also spoke generally on the agreement, quoting from the Conservative leaders in favor of the policy. A vote of thanks to the speakers was heartily carried and both made a graceful response.

OBITUARY.

Capt. James E. Howard

Gaspereaux Station, N. B., Sept. 4—The death of Captain James Edwin Howard, after a lingering illness, took place on Saturday, the 2nd instant, and the remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground here.

Services were conducted by the Rev. J. K. King, assisted by the Rev. S. B. Fitzpatrick. For fifteen years Capt. Howard was employed by J. Willard Smith, and left the schooner Arthur M. Gibson one year ago owing to ill health. Deceased is survived by a wife, formerly Miss Ida Pye, of Hopewell Cape, and one son, Edwin Darrell, to mourn.

Mrs. Martha DeLong.

Wednesday, Sept. 6.

The death of Mrs. Martha DeLong, widow of David DeLong, occurred yesterday morning at her home in Elliott Row. She was enjoying good health until late Monday night, when on returning home about 10 o'clock she became ill and passed away soon after midnight.

She is survived by two sons, Captain William DeLong, of Providence (R. I.), and Simon, of New London (Conn.) One daughter, Miss Maud, lives at home. Two sisters, Mrs. E. DeLong and Mrs. J. Wright, of St. Martins, also survive. The funeral will take place tomorrow; interment being made at St. Martins.

James T. Corbett.

Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Death came suddenly to James T. Corbett, of Adelaide street, about 12.30 o'clock yesterday morning. He was about fifty-four years of age, and was employed with his brother, R. A. Corbet, contractor. Last night he retired about 10 o'clock apparently in the best of health, but soon after midnight he became ill and died within a few minutes, death resulting from heart trouble.

Mr. Corbett was born in Queens county but had lived in the North End for about twenty years. He is survived by his wife, one brother, R. A., of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. William Bell, of Adelaide street, and Miss May Corbett, also of this city. The funeral will be on Thursday morning, and the body will be taken by train to Welsford, thence to Coots Hill, Petersville. Funeral services this evening by Rev. H. D. Marr.

Thomas E. Shillington.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Many will regret to learn of the death of Thomas E. Shillington, a prominent St. John County man, who passed away at his father's residence, Silver Falls, yesterday morning after a brief illness. Mr. Shillington is survived by his wife, two children, parents, two brothers and one sister. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, service at the house at 2 o'clock.

Joseph B. Mercer.

Thursday, Sept. 7

The death of Joseph B. Mercer, at the Provincial Hospital, occurred suddenly yesterday morning. He leaves to mourn his wife and one daughter. He was the son of the late Joseph and Hannah Mercer, and a life-long resident of this city. Mrs. Watters, Mrs. W. Fawcett and Joshua Barteau of this city are cousins.

John T. Casey.

Thursday, Sept. 7

The death of John J. Casey occurred at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Casey, 193 St. James street, West End, late last evening. He was in the twenty-second year of his age, and had been in poor health for the past few months. In 1910 he was graduated from St. Joseph's University, receiving the degree of B. A. In the fall of 1910 he entered Laval University, Quebec, as an ecclesiastical student, and it was while prosecuting his studies there for the priesthood that his health gave way. Possessed of a genial disposition he was quick at making friends, and the news of his death will be received with general regret. At St. Joseph's University he was a very popular student. In addition to being an earnest worker he took an active part in athletics, and for two seasons was a member of the university football team. He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. T. Leahey, of the West Side, and Blanche, at home.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

Auctioneer F. L. Potts on Saturday offered the Francis Kerr Co. property in Charlotte street at auction, but it was withdrawn at $4,898.

Mrs. Walter Burke, 88 Paradise Row, and Mrs. Thos. Connell left on the Boston train Tuesday to visit their sister in Boston, Mrs. Thos. Hughes.

A quiet wedding took place Monday afternoon at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, when James T. Dunsmore and Miss Susie J. Thompson, both of Bass River (N. S.), were joined in marriage.

The equity of redemption in Moss Glen mill property comprising 900 acres of land and houses, was offered at auction on Saturday by Auctioneer F. L. Potts, and sold to R. G. Haley for $1 over encumbrances against the property, amounting to $4,400.

Mr. Bath, of the engineering firm of Norton & Griffiths, who it is said are the lowest tenderers for the Courtenay Bay terminals, has returned to Montreal. He was well satisfied with the outlook of St. John as the site for big harbor works. His return in a short time is looked for.

The board of health figures and the statistics of Dr. G. G. Melvin, medical inspector, showed ninety-eight deaths in the city during August. Of the number forty-seven were deaths of children under five years. The following cases of "notifiable" disease were reported as occuring in the city during August: Diphtheria, 6; scarlet fever, 4; typhoid fever, 11; tubercular disease, 8.

E. H. McAlpine returned yesterday from Grand Manan. He reports the feeling in the island as strongly in favor of Mr. Todd, whose strength is growing daily. Along with Senator Gilmor and Mr. Todd, Mr. McAlpine addressed meetings at North Head, Grand Harbor and Seal Cove on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. All the meetings were largely attended, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

Hard cooking pears, baked just like apples and served with cream, make an excellent addition to the menu.

A home-made specific for tan and sunburn consists of a paste made of magnesia and lemon juice.

WEDDINGS

Nugent-Wilson.

Wednesday, Sept. 6.

An event of much interest to many St. John people took place yesterday at 4 p. m. in the Church of the Assumption, St. John West, when Miss Isabella Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson, St. John West, was united in marriage to George Nugent by the pastor, Rev. J. J. O'Donovan. The bride looked lovely as, leaning on her father's arm, she entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Her dress was cream duchess satin, trimmed with panels of Venice lace, the traditional bridal veil and orange blossoms completing a charming costume. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie Wilson, sister of the bride, wore a very pretty dress of blue chiffon over pink messeline with ball trimmings, a black picture hat with blue willow plumes. Her bouquet was pink sweet peas and autumn leaves. The mother of the bride was most becomingly gowned in black satin with green metal embroidery, black and white hat with willow plumes. The groom is the son of P. H. Nugent, St. Martins, and holds a position in the railway mail service. He was supported by his brother, Charles Nugent, while Alexander Wilson, of New York, and John A. Barry very acceptably filled the position of ushers. Many friends of the bride and groom were present in the church, and after the ceremony repaired to the bride's home, where a sumptuous repast was served. The many friends heartily congratulated the young couple, who left last evening by the Calvin Austin for a trip to Boston and New York. The bride's going away gown was a pretty tailored costume in grey, with hat to match. The presents, which included cut glass, silver and bric-a-brac, are not only numerous but beautiful, an evidence of the good will of their friends in wishing them many years of wedded happiness. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Nugent will reside at 132 Waterloo street.

Cassidy-Greany.

Wednesday, Sept. 6.

In the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception yesterday morning, the rector, Rev. A. W. Meahan, officiated at an interesting wedding ceremony when he united in marriage a popular pair of this city, Miss Mary M. Greany and Claude F. Cassidy. The ceremony was performed with nuptial mass, and was witnessed only by the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Edward F. Greany, was daintily gowned in a tailored costume of tan, wearing a very becoming hat, a pretty combination of black velvet and cloth of gold. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lily of the valley. Following the wedding ceremony, luncheon was served at the home of the bride, and after receiving the hearty wishes of many friends for future happiness and prosperity, Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy left for a trip through Canadian cities. They were the recipients of many wedding remembrances from their friends.

Newcombe-Logan.

Wednesday, Sept. 6.

An event of much interest was celebrated in Zion Methodist church at 12.30 yesterday, when Miss Annie Belle Logan, only daughter of S. E. Logan, of City Road, was united in marriage to Frederick James Newcombe, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Newcombe, of Hopewell Hill, Albert county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Lawson, pastor of the church. The church was well filled with friends of the bride, who is very popular. There were no attendents. The bride was given away by her father. The church presented a beautiful appearance, being profusely decorated with flowers and potted plants by the young ladies of the church in which Miss Logan was an earnest worker. Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe will spend their honeymoon with the groom's parents, at Hopewell Hill. Many beautiful and costly presents were received by the happy couple, among the number being a substantial check from the groom's parents.

McAuley-Watt.

Wednesday, Sept. 6.

An interesting event was celebrated at 6 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of John Bond, 41 Sewell street, when his stepdaughter Miss Florence L. Watt was united in marriage to William McAuley, son of Joseph McAuley, of Forest Glen. Rev. Gordon Dickie, pastor of St. Stephen's church, performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her stepfather, John Bond. Attired in grey with hat to match, and carrying a bouquet of roses, Miss Watt looked charming. There were no attendents, but little Miss Clara McAuley, dressed in pink silk, carried a basket of sweet peas. The wedding march was played by D. S. Robilliard who presided at the piano.

A large and attractive list of presents attest to the popularity of the young couple. A handsome silver percolator, presented by the office staff of L. G. Prime & Co., of which the groom is a popular member, is one of the most valuable. A substantial check from L. C. Prime & Co., a cut glass and silver fern dish from the F. W. Daniel Co., Ltd., a silver butter knife and dish and a silver bread dish from the past and present boarders of the house, and a handsome mink fur from the groom to the bride, are samples of the beautiful gifts exchanged. Mr. and Mrs. McAuley left at 7 o'clock for Halifax and other Nova Scotia towns to spend a honeymoon. Upon their return they will reside at 39 Sewel lstreet.

Farley-McLennan.

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 6—The marriage of Miss Isabel McLennan, eldest daughter of John S. McLennan, proprietor of the Sydney Daily Post, to J. W. Farley, of the Boston Herald, was solemnized in Petersfield this morning by Rev. Mr. Godfrey, rector of Christ church.

The bride wore a dress of white and silver brocade with tulle and lace designed and made by Walleau of London. Her going away dress comprised a suit of white eerge, white hat and feathers. The bride was given away by her father, John S. McLennan. The maid of honor, Miss Katherine McLennan, sister of the bride, wore a dress of white embroidered crepe designed by Teveni of Paris. The groom was supported by Malcolm Donald, of Boston.

Mr. Farley is one of the best known of Boston's amateur athletes. He is a member of the corporation of Harvard University and at present has the direction of the Boston Herald. The party included intimate friends of both families from Boston, Montreal, Toronto and Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. Farley left this afternoon by special train on their honeymoon trip.

Pickel-Shea.

Woodstock, Sept. 6—(Special)—Miss Alice L. Shea, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Shea, of Woodstock, will be married at 8 o'clock this evening to Frank L. Pickel, son of John Pickel. Rev. H. C. Archer will officiate at the ceremony, which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents. The bride will be attired in cream nun's veiling and will be assisted at the ceremony by her sister, Miss Helen Shea, while Stanley Pickel, brother of the groom, will act as groomsman.

They will leave on a wedding trip on Monday. Among the out of town guests are Mrs. Wm. Lyons, of Fredericton; Miss Laura Logan, of St. Marys; Helen Simpson, of St. Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Pickel, of Houlton.

Dibblee-Dibblee.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 6—(Special)—A wedding of interest to many took place at the parish church here this afternoon, when Miss Marion Grace Dibblee, daughter of C. F. K. Dibblee, became the wife of Wm. Jack Dibblee, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allan Dibblee. The ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom, was performed at 2 o'clock by Rev. H. Goring Allder. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers for the occasion. The bride, who was unattended, was handsomely gowned in English lace over chiffon and satin with bridal veil and orange blossoms. She was given away by her father. LeBaron Dibblee and Irvine Dibblee, brothers of the bride, acted as ushers.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Dibblee homestead at Lower Woodstock. The house was charmingly decorated with flowers and autumn leaves. Good wishes were showered on the bride and groom, after which a wedding luncheon was served. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Dibblee left by auto for Skiff Lake, where they will spend their honeymoon. Returning, they will make their home in Woodstock. Both bride and groom are held in high regard by many friends, a fact well shown by the large number of very beautiful gifts received by the bride.

Cawley-Ramsey.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Holy Trinity church was the scene of a very pretty event yesterday morning when Miss Edith Teresa Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ramsey, of Rockland Road, was united in marriage to Robert I. Gawley, bookkeeper with J. C. Mackintosh & Co., stockbrokers of this city. The ceremony was performed at 6.15 o'clock. Only relatives were guests, but friends of the bride gathered to witness the ceremony. Rev. J. J. Walsh, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bride was given away by her father and the witnesses to the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kirkpatrick of Plaster Rock, Mrs. Kirkpatrick being the bride's sister. The bride was very becomingly attired in a pale blue serge suit with large black picture hat adorned with plumes, and carried a large bouquet of sweet peas. Mrs. Kirkpatrick wore a pretty dress of robin egg blue with a large picture hat to match.

After the wedding the party drove to the home of the bride's parents in Rockland Road where a tempting wedding breakfast was served. The dining table was beautifully decorated with sweet peas and smilax. After breakfast the party left for the D. A. R. wharf, where Mr. and Mrs. Cawley took passage on the steamer Prince Rupert. They will take a trip through the Annapolis Valley and other parts of Nova Scotia, and on their return will reside at 277 Rockland Road.

Both the young people are well known socially in the city and have a host of friends who will wish them much happiness in their married life. Many presents were received including several checks for substantial amounts as well as remembrances in cut glass.

Macdonald-Tobin.

Thursday, Sept. 7

A very pretty wedding took place in the Church of the Assumption, West St. John, on Monday last when Rev. J. J. O'Donovan united in marriage J. Henry Macdonald of the St. John street railway, to Dorethea Maud, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Tobin. The bride was given away by her father and attended by her sister, Miss Mollie Tobin. The groom was supported by Arthur B. Splane of Boston, cousin of the bride. Among the beautiful presents received by the bride are a handsome oak sideboard and parlor lamp from the employes of the street railway.

Wood-Winslow.

Chatham, N. B., Sept 6—(Special) — A despatch received by the Gazette today from Montreal contains the announcement of the wedding of Miss Edith Winslow, daughter of the late Warren C. Winslow of Chatham and Jos. P. Wood, of the department of public works. The news will be received with much pleasure by the friends of the young couple, who both enjoy a wide and sincere popularity. The bride has been for the last few months a resident of Calgary.

Mr. Wood and bride arrived home this afternoon from Montreal on the Ocean Limited and were met at the station by a large number of friends in autos and escorted to their new home.

Merritt-Durland.

Digby, N. S., Sept. 6—(Special)—A very quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother in Brighton, eight miles west of Digby, tonight, when John B. Merritt, of Swampscott (Mass.), was united in marriage to Mary, daughter of the late Major Durland of that village. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Nightingale, pastor of the Brighton Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt will spend a few days in Nova Scotia before returning to Massachusetts.

Jones-Patterson.

Thursday, Sept. 7

A pretty wedding was celebrated last evening at the home of the bride's parents when Miss Lena Patterson was united in marriage to Herbert Jones, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Brewer. The bride was attended by Miss Edith Cuming and the groom was supported by Fred Hunter. Many beautiful presents of silver and cut glass attested to the popularity of the bride. The groom's present to the bride was a substantial check.

Bolster-Parlee.

Thursday, Sept. 7

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Parlee, 217 City Road, on Wednesday morning, when their youngest daughter, Amy, Dorothy, was united in marriage to the Rev. George F. Bolster, B. A., of Gibson (N. B.) The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. H. Wentworth, of Waterloo Street United Baptist church. The bride wore a charming gown of cream silk eolienne and carried a bouquet of cream roses. The house was decorated throughout with ferns, flowers and potted plants, the ceremony taking place beneath a floral arch. The wedding march was played as the bride entered on the arm of her father. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served to about sixty guests. The happy pair left on a short honeymoon trip to Portland and Richmond, and will reside at Medford (Mass.), where Rev. Mr. Bolster has charge of a church. The bride's going away costume was navy blue with hat to match. Many beautiful and valuable presents were received, showing the high esteem in which bride and groom were held.

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SHOCKING CONDITION OF AFFAIRS REPORTED AT SLAUGHTER HOUSES

Dr. Melvin, Medical Health Officer, Declares That Methods of Feeding Animals are Horrible and Menacing to the Public Health—Letter Read to Common Council Yesterday—Inadequate Water Supply Found.

Thursday, Sept. 7

A shocking and almost unbelievable condition of affairs at the slaughter houses which supply St. John with a large proportion of its fresh meat was revealed in a communication which was read before the common council yesterday afternoon.

The fact that the statements are put forth in an official report by a medical man specially trained in such matters leaves little room for doubt regarding the facts. That such a condition of affairs could continue for years is almost inconceivable, but the facts as presented in the report were learned at first hand by a man who would have no motive for misrepresenting them.

Ald. Kierstead, at yesterday's meeting of the common council, read a letter from Dr. G. G. Melvin describing the results of his investigations, and moved that a committee be appointed to further investigate the matter and take steps to protect the citizens against the output of these slaughter houses, particularly the pork raised on the premises.

In seconding the motion, Ald. Wigmore spoke very strongly of the need for prompt action and the motion was carried unanimously.

A committee was appointed consisting of Aldermen Kierstead, Christie and Green, with Mayor Frink.

The letter which caused the sensation is as follows:

St. John, N. B., July 29, 1911.

Alderman J. W. Keirstead, St. John (N. B.)

Dear Mr. Keirstead,—At your request I send you some information from personal observation, relative to the slaughter houses mentioned and the sanitary conditions appertaining to them.

I have the following in my record book, a copy of which, with comments, was embodied in my quarterly report to the local board of health last September, and of which a copy was also transmitted the same month to the Provincial Board of Health.

"1210, June 23—Visited the slaughter house, Crouchville, proprietor, John A. McDonald, with Chief Inspector McConnell. Condition of dressed meat, fair. Water supply most meagre, only from pump at some yards distant and conveyed from thence by hand in ordinary buckets. Condition of offal-disposal most wretched and health menacing. Blood, etc., carried in car a few hundred feet to hog-field. Latter very numerous and in a vile situation, wallowing in filth and apparently fed wholly upon decaying animal matter. No vegetable food or means for its preparation observable. Abominable odors everywhere, and flies swarming. Slaughter house, Crouchville, McGrath owner. Above remarks apply, except that apparently the water supply is worse, being from well within a few feet and below level of killing-stand. About half the number of hogs. Saw three barrels of raw potatoes which, we were told, were intended for hog food. Both places are utterly unfit for the purposes used as at present conducted."

You will note that, although I have not hesitated in condemning the slaughter houses proper as primitive, ill supplied with water and altogether inadequate, yet I feel that the greatest danger to the public health lies in the keeping of hogs attached to such places and in the materials which are fed. These materials, as noted in my report, are blood and the general offal of the slaughter house. Continuously thrown into the field under the hot sun and with abundant moisture, they quickly become a decomposed and putrifying mass difficult to describe in its loathsomeness and in its dangerous qualities. As at a very low estimate, five per cent. of all the cattle slaughtered are probably affected with tubercular diseases and as the tubercular nodules are most generally found in the parts of the animal discarded as offal, such as the intestines, lungs, the pleura, the cervical glands, etc., it is almost impossible but that the hogs, by eating such parts, will become in time dangerously affected by the same disease. But this is not the only danger incurred by the public in such keeping and feeding of hogs. Many parasites which infest man have as their chief hosts in their larval condition the dog and pig. I quote from Prof. Leukart's Parasites in Man: "Other animals furnish us with the largest contingent of our parasitic guests, but they transmit them in very different stages. The parasites which we derive from the animals used in food are adult forms like the common tape-worm and the trichina. We receive them, however, in a larval state, the tape-worm in the form of the bladder-worm and the trachina in its encapsulated form, among the muscles. Both these forms are most commonly derived from the pig."

Again from the same authority: "From the pig we derive the Taema Solium. The food of pigs should never, as in slaughter houses, be of the remains of slaughtered animals."

There is scarcely any limit to what might be said against this horrible method of feeding pigs, which are afterwards to be slaughtered and sold for human consumption. Not only specified diseases, as above, may be so engendered, but I think it is the general concensus of enlightened opinion that the flesh of swine fed wholly or largely upon animal organic matter, and that in a highly decomposed state, is quite unfit for human food, without respect to the pathogenic parasites it may contain.

You are quite at liberty to make any use of this letter you think proper, that may, in your opinion, be conducive to the public welfare.

Sincerely,
GEO. G. MELVIN.

GEORGE LAW DID NOT WRITE THE LETTER

Kings County Man Was the Subject of a Fool Joke Intended to Annoy Him.

On Aug. 31 last there was printed in a Boston paper an item to the effect that George Law, of Folkins, Kings county, had written to the secretary-treasurer of the city council of Boston, asking whether or not gambling houses are allowed to do business in Boston and what the cost of such licenses was.

The item was telegraphed from Boston, together with other news, to The Telegraph, and published by this newspaper on Sept. 1.

Friends and neighbors of George Law, knowing his reputation in the community as an upright and law-abiding citizen, realized at once that the whole matter was some sort of a bad joke, perpetrated by some malicious person who desired to annoy Mr. Law. It turns out now not only that he did not write such a letter, but that some ill-disposed person did so and forged his signature to it. It is most regrettable that he should have been represented as the author of such a communication. His friends and neighbors, of course, knew from the first that he would have nothing to do with such a thing.

The best way to keep rats away is to prevent any accumulation of garbage around the house.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO. TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Newcastle, Sept. 6—The Northumberland County Teachers' Institute meets in Chatham Grammar school Thursday and Friday, Sept. 14 and 15. The programme is as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 14.

10 a. m.—Enrollment.

11 a. m.—Addresses by Pres. C. J. Mersereau, Inspectors G. W. Mersereau, and R. P. Steeves and others.

2 p. m.—Advanced section: The Teaching of Geometry, by C. E. Jones, Ph. D., LL. D., of the U. N. B.; primary section, The Teaching of Composition, by Miss Mabel M. MacGregor; trustee section, The Duties of Trustees, by Inspector Mersereau.

3 p. m.—Teachers' sections, physical training, by N. D. Cass; trustees' section, School Gardening, by D. W. Hamilton, Ph. D.

8 p. m.—Public meeting, to be addressed by the lieutenant-governor, Mayor Byrne and others.

Friday, Sept. 15.

9 a. m.—Roll call; whole institute, School Gardening, by Dr. Hamilton.

10 a. m.—Advanced section, The Course of Study, by H. H. Stuart; primary section, Paper Folding and Cardboard Cutting, by Mr. Starrak.

11 a. m.—Eelection of officers.

Afternoon—At exhibition.

There will be an exhibition of writing, drawing and manual work.