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WHAT NEW ZEALAND DOES

Has Advanced Over \$60,000,000 to Her Farmers on Easy Terms to Be Repaid in Installments—The Method Productive of Enormous Benefit to the Farming Class and to the Country.

Other governments might take a leaf from New Zealand's policy. A despatch states "Premier Ward declares that New Zealand will be a 'non-borrowing' country twelve years from now. The borrowing during the next fifteen years will not exceed twenty millions. New Zealand has for years been borrowing money from abroad to loan to farmers at home. The result of this policy, combined with a wise system of land taxation, has been such that necessary funds can hereafter be obtained at home."

It is affirmed that the government of New Zealand has advanced to the farmers of that wide-awake and progressive country between \$40,000,000 and \$70,000,000 in sums varying from £25 to £2,000. It has been lent on easy terms. The rate is four per cent. It may be repaid in instalments spread over a period of thirty years. If a bad crop comes and the farmer cannot pay, the payment is passed for that year. If five such years should come in the thirty then the farmer if he desired could have five years longer to complete his payments. Or he may pay principal and interest together by paying five per cent. for thirty-two years. Sums are loaned for improvements or to raise mortgages given at a higher rate of interest.

The payment of five per cent. interest together with the principal and interest together. That is, if a farmer borrowed \$1,000 and paid \$50 each year for thirty-two years he is square with the government. If he pays only four per cent. he must pay the principal back in due course.

Such easy terms and the way they have been looked after have been productive of enormous benefit to the individual, and the state has lost no money either in principal or interest. It is simply wonderful how well interest and principal have been met, and it is marvellous how this policy

has stimulated the farming industry of New Zealand, and thus placed the country in a most prosperous condition.

The Dartmouth Patriot rises to inquire:—

"What would happen the farming industry of Nova Scotia, if 'from fifty to one hundred millions of dollars were turned loose among our farmers on the same terms as are given the farmers of New Zealand? Why, in twenty years no one would recognize this province."

"The farmers of Nova Scotia have it in their own hands to get 'this money and do as their brothers in New Zealand have done. They can demand it of their representatives and get it."

"It is time for Nova Scotia to wake up. There is a great future for the province provided men of ability, integrity and honesty, with a wide range of knowledge, would get to work with a will and utilize the great reserves of energy this province is so rich in. Then indeed our young men would stay here, and there would be 'things doing'."

While not all might agree as to the Patriot's scheme or theory as to how this should be done, all will agree, and the farming class especially, that were such a boon to be granted the farmers of this country it could not but give the agricultural interests of the province a tremendous impetus. The farmer would have something then to rely upon and the "lean year" would not be the hideous nightmare that now disturbs the dreams of many an ambitious and industrious husbandman. The incumbrance of a mortgage would have no terrors for him if in the hands of a paternal government that would give him his own time and terms in which to possess his property unencumbered.

GUYSBORO, N. S., Sept. 27th.—His Honor, The Honorable D. C. Fraser, Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, passed away at his summer home here at eight o'clock this morning.

All classes are deeply moved by the sad news contained in the telegram above. Early in the summer Governor Fraser was attacked by an illness of a serious nature and retired from Government House to his former home at Guysboro in the hope of benefit from a period of rest. His condition has shown little or no improvement, however; although his immediate death was

not anticipated grave anxiety has been felt regarding him. His illness took a decided turn for the worse on Monday and the end came early yesterday morning. He has been one of the most popular Governors Nova Scotia has ever had. His nature was genial and kindly, his public life without a flaw, and he was honored and beloved by all, irrespective of class or party.

Launching of New Bay Schooner

The launching of the new S. S. "Margaretville" proved to be a very interesting event, says a correspondent of the Monitor-Sentinel.

Although the day was dull and windy a large number were present to witness what proved to be the most successful launch that ever took place here. At about 11.30 all was ready. The roaring of the sea and pounding on the launch ways furnished suitable music for the occasion.

The steamer looked very gay with her flags waving in the breeze and a beautiful wreath on her bow, also her name flag. This was the gift of Miss Georgie, daughter of J. A. Balcom, President of the S. S. Company, who recently governed in a creditable manner. The moment the steamer started she broke the bottle on her bow and pronounced her name "Margaretville".

As the vessel struck the water the blowing of the whistle on the S. S. Ruby L. seemed to give the vessel a welcome to the Bay of Fundy. She was taken to the pier, where she had many visitors. She reflects great credit on her builder, Mr. Boudreau, of Bellevue Cove, Digby Co. The "Margaretville" will be commanded by Capt. S. O. Baker, and will run from ports along the shore to St. John.

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CUNNINGHAM-CLARKE.

On Tuesday evening, September 20th, the Baptist church at Bear River was the scene of a social event of great interest and beauty, where the marriage was solemnized of Miss Edith Muriel Clarke, daughter of W. G. Clarke, senior member of the firm of Clarke Bros., and Mr. Howard J. Cunningham, of Extension, Vancouver Island, B.C., one of Nova Scotia's prosperous young men in the far West. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the young friends of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. A. Corbett, pastor, assisted by Rev. A. Daniel, of the Methodist church, and Rev. G. A. Lawson, of Halifax. At 7.30 o'clock, to the strains of the Wedding March, rendered by Miss Nellie Dunn, the bride entered the church, the bride looking exquisitely beautiful in her wedding gown of white satin, with crystal trimmings and rose point lace. She wore a pendant of diamonds and pearls, the gift of the groom, and the conventional veil and carriage blossoms. She carried a magnificent shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids, Misses Josephine and Neo Clarke, wore pretty dresses of white silk voile over yellow satin. Their ornaments were pearl monogram pins, gifts of the bride. They carried sheaves of yellow chrysanthemums. The little flower girl was Miss Edith Lovitt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Lovitt, who wore white embroidered lace over pale blue satin, and carried a basket of white chrysanthemums and maiden hair fern. She wore a pretty necklace of Roman pearls, the gift of the bride. The groom was supported by Mr. William Wright, formerly a

class-mate. The ushers were Messrs Ralph Purdy and L. V. Harris. Many beautiful gowns were worn, that of the bride's mother being of black satin meshine with yoke and sleeves of gold cloth.

After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was held and a wedding supper served. The rooms were beautifully decorated throughout with cut flowers and pot-plant. After supper Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham left, and showers of confetti, for Digby, thence to Guysboro for a two weeks' visit with the bride's friends, after which they will leave for their future home in the West. The groom's gifts to the ushers were handsome scarf pins, and to the best man a sterling silver cigar case.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and costly presents, that of her father being a handsome cheque. Numerous other cheques and gold pieces were received. The bride's mother presented her with a chest of sterling silver. There were other beautiful gifts too numerous to mention. The bride is a general favorite among her hosts of friends, and we hope to hear of her in winning ways. Mrs. Cunningham many years of happy and prosperous wedded life.

TAYLOR-STARRATT.

A very interesting event took place on Wednesday evening, Sept. 22nd, at eight o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Starratt, "Sunshine Paradise," when their second daughter, Ethel, was united in marriage to Mr. Roland Taylor, of Aylesford.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. F. Wallace, assisted by Rev. J. F. Eaton, in the presence of a number of friends. The parlor was tastefully decorated with potted flowers.

Miss Minnetta Longley played the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the bride was escorted to the altar by her father, who took her place beneath an arch of evergreen and flowers. The bride looked charming in a gown of white silk mull, with veil and orange blossoms, and carrying a handsome shower bouquet of white asters.

The groom was supported by his brother, Roy, of Springfield, Mass., while the bride was ably assisted by her sister, Myrtle, of Dorchester, Mass., who was becomingly attired in white net over pink, and carrying a bouquet of pink sweet peas. Little Miss Helen Pearson was ring bearer, little Misses Helen Starratt, niece of the bride and Margaret Freeman carried baskets of flowers. All looked very dainty in white. After congratulations to the newly wedded couple a bounteous collation was served.

The bride received a large number of valuable presents, showing the esteem in which she is held by her friends. The bride's going-away suit was of London smoke broad-cloth, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left by carriage for their new home in Aylesford, followed by the good wishes of all for their future happiness.

"Can be depended upon" is an expression we all like to hear, when it is used in connection with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy it means that it never fails to cure diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is pleasant to take and equally valuable for children and adults. Sold by all dealers.

A Youthful "Flier"

In a biplane "glider" patterned after the Farman machine in which Graham White is making flights at the Harvard-Boston aviation meet and in which he will appear at the Brockton fair, Elmer E. Legge, fifteen years old and a member of the freshman class of the Brockton High school, residing at 30 Harvard street, is partially realising his inventive genius and his desire to soar. In a biplane constructed entirely by his own hands he has been making short flights in fields not far from his home on Harvard street, and has attained a height of more than thirty feet in his "glider," which differs from a real aeroplane only because he has no engine to supply motive power.

Young Legge is somewhat of a genius for a boy just out of grammar school. Besides his cleverness shown in constructing a real aeroplane, perfectly balanced and solidly constructed throughout, he also is a student of wireless telegraphy and has a well-equipped home-made plant ready to put up.

Legge is a graduate of the Union school, entering High school last week.

The aeroplane closely resembles the same type of fliers that are being seen in the Harvard-Boston meet. The planes are twenty feet across and it is equipped with wheels. The machine is started to weigh approximately 125 pounds, while young Legge weighs in the vicinity of 100 pounds. The machine is built on a wooden frame, bolted firmly and interwoven wire stays make the construction stronger. The cloth of the planes are made of specially water-proofed stock. The entire rig was constructed by the lad while his father was on a trip to Europe, and the latter was astonished when he returned a few weeks ago to learn that his only son had taken to flying.

Master Legge does his aviating stunts in a field on Harvard street, but as he has no engine for motive power he secures outside agency for propelling his plane. Several companions hold a rope attached to the "glider" in which young Legge is seated, and when the machine is placed at the top of a rise of ground the boys speed off and the machine gradually leaves the ground as the lifting plane is moved, and a height of thirty feet or more is generally attained in that way. The clever work of the youngster has attracted crowds of several hundred on a number of nights recently to the field where he was trying out his machine. He is ambitious now to equip his glider with an engine.

NOTE.—The young lad is a grandson of Mrs. Wm. Legge of this town, and a son of Alfred G. Legge of Boston, who is himself an inventor, having one or more exclusive patents on machinery for boot and shoe making. The lad had always shown a keen interest in applied mechanics and has a promising future.

CROSSING THE SELKIRKS

Magnificent Peaks, Deep Gorges and Canyons and Heavily Wooded Mountain Sides Form a Fascinating Panorama.—Through Two Hundred Miles of Mountains British Columbia is Reached.

(Continued from last week.) The C. P. R. Hotel at Lake Louise charges good stiff rates but if there is one place on the continent where anybody can work up a good appetite it is here. The staff of Chinese waiters were kept at their oriental little trot for a long time carrying in the fried salmon, chicken and many other good things for the many hungry mountain climbers, at dinner, after our climb to the Lakes of the Clouds and we all voted it was about the best meal we had tasted, since we left Nova Scotia, anyway.

We watched the sunset on the lake and enjoyed the illumination of both lake and hotel by the glacier, far into the evening.

At the hotel the C. P. R. keep a large book where visitors are permitted to write their impressions of the scenery here and we find many autographic testimonies of noted travellers, authors, statesmen and scientists from both the old world and the new.

As we are a long way from the daily papers the C. P. R. supply the important daily news to their mountain hotels twice a day in the shape of typewritten telegraphic bulletins. The first-class cars on their through trains are also supplied with these bulletins, all free, and news of interest to the world is given where papers are not obtainable. It was in this way on the Pacific Express we learned of the shooting of the Mayor of New York, a few hours after it occurred.

The following morning we were taken back to Laggan Station to continue our journey over the mountains. The railroad continues along the valley of the Bow River for seven miles beyond Laggan, where we reach the summit of the Rockies. This is marked by a large rustic sign, "The Great Divide." A small stream of water here flows toward the track and reaching the trench by the rails a part turns east to mingle with the waters of Hudson Bay, the balance goes west to be lost in the Pacific Ocean.

Mrs. Hector and Stephen, two prominent peaks, are located here at the summit, and Stephen Station the most elevated on the whole line. We now leave the Bow River and pass into the Kicking Horse river gorge as we descend the Rockies. Our descent is quite noticeable from the first but we cannot follow the river in all of its deep plunges, often our track clings to the mountain sides while the river is seen at the bottom of the ravine many hundred feet below us. We continue to pass a succession of great mountain peaks quite as pretty as any we have seen, and with our increased speed it is quite impossible to give each the amount of inspection it deserves but we are to have a whole day of them so we do not complain.

All mountain trains carry an observation car. These have large windows and a large rear platform that holds two or three rows of canvas stools and affords a much better chance to see the scenery than the ordinary car window.

Two tunnels with a total length of one and a quarter miles have recently been completed in this vicinity to lower the grade of the road, two engines now doing what it required four for previously. These tunnels are bored through the solid rock of the mountain bases, were made at a cost of one and a half millions and required seventy-five carloads of dynamite among other things, so the C. P. R. tell us.

In these tunnels we make some cork-screw turns and twists that bewilder us and are a wonderment to all passengers. We enter heading west and emerge five or six minutes later heading west, some distance below where we entered, entering once more we at last find ourselves on a level with the river that we had seen several hundred feet below us but a short distance back.

When we reach Field Station, twenty miles below Laggan, we have descended about one thousand feet. Field is the first station in British Columbia. There is very little here to suggest the name, as we understand it unless they speak of fields of glaciers and mountains.

The C. P. R. have another of their hotels here. It is located at the base of Mt. Stephen, which towers ten thousand feet above the sea level, its heavy coating of snow makes the atmosphere—decidedly cool for the middle of August and its snow seems almost within reach from our car. A half hour's stop is made here to change engines and train crews, but not time enough to allow us to climb a mountain or visit the glacier not far distant. This we shall leave for our next visit.

Continuing our descent of the western side of the Rockies we follow the Kicking Horse river, which for miles flows through a deep canyon the mountains rising quite perpendicular thousands of feet on either side, their bases so near together that the river and railroad have barely room in the bottom of the chasm and in many places the solid rock has been chiselled off to make room for the rails. The track crosses and recrosses this turbulent stream, its waters foaming and white, as they tumble down the rocky gorge. The noise of the river and train being greatly intensified by the towering cliffs becomes almost deafening and it is quite impossible to converse with those about you, with ease. It is a great harvest for "Kodaks" and on the rear rail of our observation platform they are quite as thick as the guns on the broadside of a Government Cruiser.

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Obituary.

MRS. JOSEPH B. FELLOWS.

Mrs. Joseph B. Fellows, long and favorably known to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, passed peacefully away on the 6th inst. at the residence of her son, Mr. Edgar Fellows, Upper Granville. Mrs. Fellows was the daughter of the late Mr. John B. Parker, of Belleisle, and was born on Jan. 24th, 1832. She was a woman of the "meek and quiet spirit" which in the sight of the Lord is of great price. At the same time her convictions of duty were intelligent and strong and conscientiously obeyed. From early life she was a consistent and valued member of the Methodist church, interested and active in all affairs until the weight of advancing years prevented.

COUNTY HOSPITAL FUND.

Rev. E. Underwood, Treasurer of the fund, hazes us the following report:—
Previously acknowledged \$408.23
Miss Sabra Munro, Boston 15.00
Mr. Fred Bath 5.00
Mr. Hugh McNeil, Melvern 2.00
Squares 2.00
Mr. Newton Franklyn, Windsor 2.00
\$492.23

MAINE LOST SIXTY LIVES BY DROWNING THIS SUMMER.

Portland, Me., Sept. 22.—Sixty-two persons, all but seven belonging to Maine, lost their lives by drowning in the waters of this State during the summer just closed.

The warmest friends of Red Rose Tea are those who have tried some other brand said to be "as good as Red Rose" and for which they paid the same price. Very easy to say a thing is "as good" but not so easy to "make good."



Prices: 30c., 35c., 40c., 50c. and 60c.

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