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Middleton

November 1

Major J. L. Phinney visited old friends in town last week.

Mrs. Harley and sister spent Sunday in Middleton, guest of Mrs. A. J. Banks.

Miss Pearl Dodge left on Saturday for Boston where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. W. Baker gave an afternoon tea on Wednesday last in honor of Miss Eva Haverstock.

Miss Stoddart, who has been stopping at Mrs. C. F. Fisher's, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Elliott entertained the Macdonald School staff at their home on Thursday evening last.

Mrs. Gullivan and son John, left on Saturday for the West. We hope Mr. Gullivan will regain his health in the West.

Mrs. J. E. Slocumb returned from Halifax on Saturday. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Marshall, Black Street.

Mrs. Godard, who has been the guest of her daughter, Miss Laura Godard, returned to her home in Bridgewater last Saturday.

The pie social held in the school house at Nictaux by the young ladies of that place for Red Cross purposes proved quite a success. \$27.00 was the neat little sum.

We are glad to report our aged neighbor, Mrs. Henry Parsons, able to visit her friends. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. N. F. Marshall entertained, Mrs. Parsons being the honored guest.

MELVERN SQUARE

November 1

Mr Ernest Carder of Springfield, Annapolis County, is visiting friends in Melvern Square.

Mr. Forest McNeil has been on the sick list during the past week, but is now able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Barteaux were recent guests at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. J. P. Morse.

Miss Lottie VanBuskirk of Melvern West, recently visited friends in Brooklyn, Annapolis County.

Miss Hattie Spurr attended as a delegate from our school the Sabbath School Convention held in Halifax during last week.

Quite a large party of week-end guests from North Williamstown were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin quite recently.

Mrs. Amanda Jacques returned on Saturday last from a very pleasant visit with friends in Halifax, feeling much refreshed after the rest and change.

Messrs H. L. Bustin and W. C. Spurr left the latter part of last week for camp, near Bridgetown, on a shooting expedition, intending to return on Monday. Sorry the rain on Saturday interfered with their sport.

The proceeds of the Patriotic Concert held in the Melvern Hall, quite recently, by the ladies of the Red Cross Society, assisted by local talent amounted to \$30.00. This money was raised for the British Red Cross Fund in which we are all interested. During the past year the Melvern Square Red Cross Society has raised \$218.00 and has forwarded the following to the Red Cross warehouses in Halifax: 123 pairs socks, 31 scarves, 20 pairs wristlets, 18 cholera belts, 219 hdkfs., 4 aprons, 57 bandages, 17 nightshirts, 25 housewives, 10 caps, 65 wash cloths, 18 bed shirts, 1 jacket, 3 py-jama suits.

FALKLAND RIDGE

October 30

Mr. Leon L. Nichols of Bars' Corner visited friends here recently.

I. J. Whitman of Torbrook was the guest of R. W. Swallow on the 28th.

A thunder storm on the morning of the 30th was followed by a heavy rain.

The Rev. Mr. Gullison, returned missionary from India, gave an address in the church on Wednesday evening.

"Crusade Day" was observed by the ladies of the W. M. A. S. by a supper held at the home of Mrs. E. P. Charlton, and a missionary meeting at the church in the evening.

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Lawrencetown

November 1

Mrs. Helen Phinney is visiting friends in Clarence.

Mrs. J. B. Jefferson has been spending a week in Halifax.

Mr. John Moore and bride returned from their wedding trip on Saturday.

Walter Morse has enlisted in the 85th Battalion, and is now in training at Halifax.

Services for Sunday, November 7th, Baptist 11 a. m.; Episcopal 3 p. m.; Methodist 7.30.

Miss Beatrice Daniels entertained a number of her young friends on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Enoch Neary of Greenwich is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. E. Shaffner and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Foster spent a few days last week with their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Bishop.

Mrs. Heber Bo'and left on Saturday for Boston, to visit her son Laurie, and sister Mrs. Fred Longley.

Pastor Mellick will preach a series of sermons on the "Commandments", beginning on Sunday next, at 11 a. m.

Mrs. E. A. Phinney having spent a month in the United States visiting relatives, returned home on Saturday.

A school concert under the instruction of Miss Robb will be held on Wednesday evening in Phinney's Hall.

Mrs. Sexton went to Wolfville on Friday last accompanied by Mrs. F. B. Bishop, who was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Armitage over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary J. Chesley having spent the summer months with relatives here, left for Granville Ferry to visit friends before returning to her home in St. John.

On Wednesday afternoon the postponed Crusade Meeting will be held. A cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies of the church as well as to the Aid Society.

Mrs. F. B. Bishop was at home to a large number of friends on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Sexton of Halifax who was invited to give a lecture in the evening under the auspices of the Red Cross Society. A large and appreciative audience greeted the speaker. The Hall was decorated for the occasion. The hall was in attendance and interspersed with some excellent selections of the choir.

Dr. J. B. Hall was the chairman. Mr. W. C. Parker made remarks and moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. F. G. Palfrey, and presented by the Chairman to the speaker for the very interesting and superior address. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

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4. What Will Happen if I am Wounded or Sick?—You will be cared for by the Government and your pay continued until you are discharged. If you are permanently disabled, an allowance will be paid you, varying according to the extent of the injury or disability.

5. What Will be Done for My Wife and Children if I Die While on Active Service?—The Government will provide an adequate pension that will enable the family to live comfortably until the children are old enough to look after themselves. The widowed mother of a single man, if son be her sole support, is treated in the same way as a wife.

If you wish for further information ask the Secretary of the branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund in your town.

General Monro, the new commander-in-chief of the British forces operating on the Gallipoli peninsula, has two nephews in Toronto. His brother was formerly an officer in the 101st regiment when it was stationed in Halifax.

For the whole of the United States the yield of apples this year is 214,000,000 bushels. Last year's crop was 253,200,000 bushels. The amount of apples blown down in Massachusetts by a storm was 856,000 bushels.

THE APPLE KING OF EASTERN CANADA

(By L. D. Robinson, Berwick, N. S., In the Canadian Horticulturist)

The story of the struggle of S. B. Chute, of South Berwick, N. S., or "Sam" Chute, as his warmest friends and admirers delight to call him, to gain his present proud position among the fruit growers of Canada is as interesting as it is instructive. He is well deserving of the title, "Apple-King." No man of his generation in the Maritime Provinces has had an equal influence for good upon the growing and marketing of fruit. His success in building up the greatest orchard industry in Eastern Canada should be an inspiration to every fruit grower.

Mr. Chute's work as manager for the United Fruit Co's., Ltd., Nova Scotia, is too well known to need any lengthy notice. Suffice it to say that, despite the opposition of speculators and pessimists, he has carried forward the work of this organization to a successful conclusion. To-day it stands unrivalled by any similar organization in America, and it is a matter of great regret to all well-wishers of the United Fruit Companies of Nova Scotia that he has resigned his position as manager.

Loyally he stayed by his father during his ups and downs, and at the age of seventeen years we find him located in South Berwick, his present home, on a wornout farm, where the only thing that seemed to thrive was the mortgage. The story of how, through indomitable pluck and tireless industry he has transformed this wornout farm into a veritable Eden of beauty and fruitfulness, is an inspiration to anyone acquainted with the facts. Rescuing a few wretched plants from an old strawberry patch, he began his life as a fruit grower, and soon became known as the "Strawberry King" of the Annapolis Valley. And no king on his throne was prouder than he, as he drove to the station on top of wagon loads of luscious strawberries.

His ambition grew with success, and he began to see visions of a great apple orchard. Soon he began the planting of apple trees in his strawberry fields. They responded in a wonderful manner to the care and fertilizer necessary for the growth of large crops of berries. This work of orchard extension has gone steadily on till at the time of writing Mr. Chute's orchards cover 277 acres. Of these, 112 acres are in bearing, producing in favorable years some 10,000 barrels of apples.

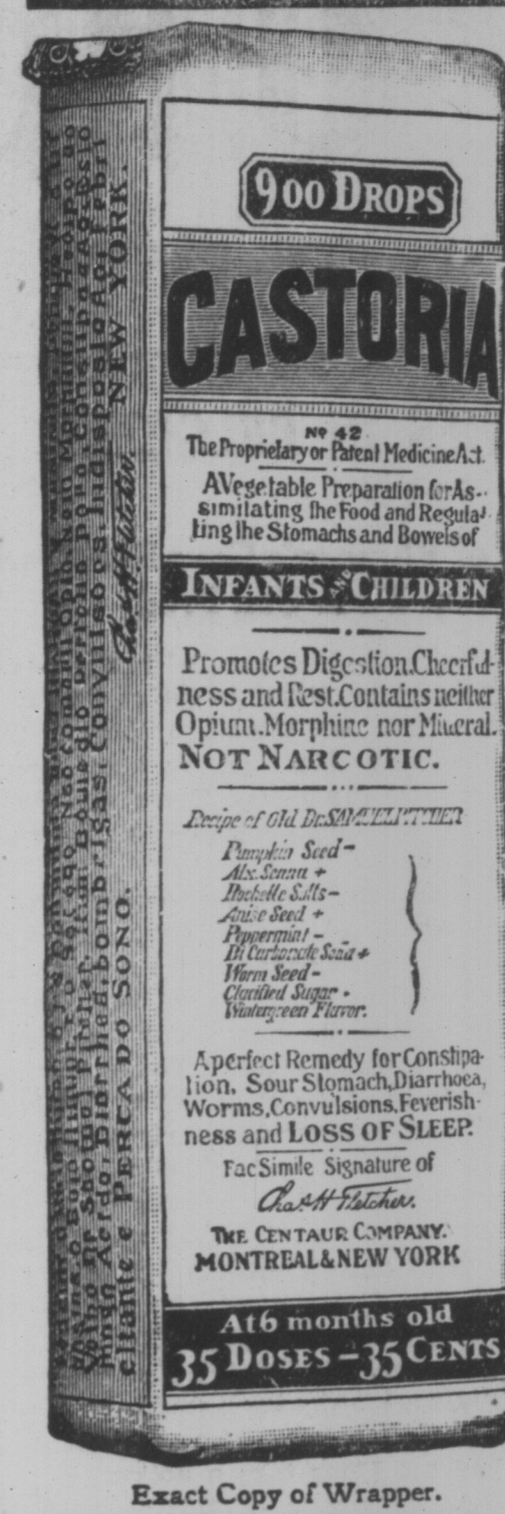
Mr. Chute's optimism is not dampened by war depression or the dangers of over-production. He feels that we in Nova Scotia have such an advantage over all competitors in the cheapness of our excellent fruit lands, and our nearness to the world's markets, that we can defy competition. This year 28 acres of new orchard were set, besides 40,000 root grafts.

Mr. Chute is something of a landlord in relation to his hired help. Most of his helpers live in cottages, ten in number, built on the premises for their accommodation. Many of them work with him year after year, one of his employees, a boy of fifteen years old, being born in one of these cottages, where his father still lives, and takes his place among the other workers on the farm. All these employees, fifteen in number, receive a cheque for their services every Saturday night. The pay-roll during the summer season averages about \$100 weekly. Of course the number of helpers, and consequently the payroll, are greatly increased during the strawberry and apple picking. It is no uncommon sight at such times to see one hundred workers on this great farm.

Pruning

In the early days of his experience in apple growing, Mr. Chute gave little attention to pruning, resting satisfied with abundant crops of fruit and healthy growth. But the demands of the market for highly-colored fruit together with the ravages of apple scab and insect pests, have caused him to give the matter of pruning serious attention. He has learned by experience the impossibility of producing spot-free, highly colored fruit in the shade. S. B. Chute makes mistakes, but unlike most people he does not make the same mistake twice. He now prunes systematically and thoroughly. The work of pruning begins early in March and continues well on into April. His general instructions to pruners, are: First, to remove all dead, diseased, and crossing branches; and second, to further thin the tree till air and sunlight can freely reach every part; this thinning to be effected rather by the removal of small branches than large ones.

The low-headed tree with open top has the preference, as this type of tree facilitates all orchard operations except cultivation. Canker has made its appearance in a block of Wagener trees, and is being vigorously treated. All the diseased limbs that can be spared are removed. In other cas-



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es, the sores are cut back with a sharp knife (a drawing knife may often be used to advantage) till healthy bark has been reached. Under this treatment these sores as a rule will disappear, especially when covered with white lead. Mr. Chute has no use for the pruner whose progress through the orchard can be seen by the long stubs he leaves behind him. The limb removed must be cut parallel to the one from which it is taken, and as close to it as possible.

Where apple-growing, as in this case, is carried on extensively along with general farming, the harvesting of the fruit presents a difficult problem. Mr. Chute has obviated this difficulty to some extent by planting and grafting varieties that ripen their fruit in succession. He expects to gather this present year one thousand barrels Crimson Beauty, a very early variety. Then follows Astrachan, Duchess, Bow Sweet, Early William, Gravenstein, Blenheim, King, etc. Then, too, the pressure of work is somewhat relieved by making two or more pickings of the earlier varieties. The barrels, holding a minimum of ninety-six quarts, are made in a co-operation on the farm and hauled to the fields as wanted. In the case of most of the early varieties, the heads of the barrels are removed before being taken to the orchard, and the filled barrels are covered with bags held in place by the top hoops. This not only lessens labor, but also serves to keep the fruit free from bruises. With later varieties care is taken not to fill the barrel so full that bruising will result from too tight heading. The fruit is hauled to a large frost-proof warehouse owned by Mr. Chute.

Packing

Apples are packed both in boxes and barrels, for the most part in the latter. Box packing is yearly taking a more important place in Mr. Chute's packing operations. At first it consisted of a mere jumble pack, the apples being placed in the boxes with out any regard to system. Now, thanks to instruction given by experts sent out by the Dominion Government, the diagonal pack with approved bilge has taken the place of the barrel pack in the packing of fancy Gravenstein, Blenheim, McIntosh, King, Wagener, and Spy. All apples packed in boxes are wrapped in paper, thus facilitating packing, and also ensuring the apples against early decay.

The principal varieties are divided into three groups, according to size. Thus Blenheim, King and Fallwater belong to group I; Gravenstein, Duchess, Astrachan, Baldwin, Greening, Stark, Spy, and B. Davis to group II; Ribston, G. Russet and Wealthy to group III. In the following table the minimum size, inches in diameter, of each of the grades, is given. It will be noticed that the sizes differ uniformly by exactly a quarter of an inch, and that in all only five sizes are given—2 3/4 in., 2 1/2 in., 2 1/4 in., 2 in., 1 3/4 in.

Variety	Min. in. Diam. No. 1	Min. in. Diam. No. 2	Min. in. Diam. No. 3
Blenheim, etc.	2 3/4	2 1/2	2 1/4
Gravenstein, etc.	2 1/4	2 1/4	2
Ribston, etc.	2 1/4	2	1 3/4

Each packing table is provided with a gauge with holes accurately cut out of zinc or stiff card-board

showing the sizes—2 3/4 in., 2 1/2 in., 2 in., 1 3/4 in. These gauges are of great use to beginners, especially. It is a very good plan when packing any variety, Gravenstein, for example, to place near at hand three apples representing the smallest that can be packed as 1's, 2's and 3's, respectively. This, of course, is ascertained by use of the gauge.

The bilge hoops of the barrels in which apples are to be packed must be firmly driven down, and securely nailed with three or four nails in each hoop. These nails should be stout and short. A putty-head is now laid on what is to be the face end of the barrel. Great care is taken to make this face as attractive as possible. The apples, chosen for the face should be of medium size for the grade and variety, free from blemishes, and well colored. The stems are clipped and the apples placed so as to cover the bottom of the barrel. It requires skill to do this quickly. Now the apples may be poured carefully into the barrel and shaken down as fast as they come from the packing table. When the barrel is nearly filled the last two baskets are often shaken down together, so as to get a smoother surface, either for the purpose of tailing or heading. As a rule, when the barrel has been finally settled by vigorous racking on a stout plank with a felt-lined head placed on top, the apples should present a level surface only slightly higher than the chimes. Many a finely packed barrel of apples has been ruined by too little racking and too much pressing. Care should be also taken to see that the heads are securely nailed. The name of the variety, the grade and the shipper's brand are neatly stenciled on the face head of each barrel.

The successful marketing of farm products is quite as important as production. Mr. Chute's great success as a fruit-grower is due largely to his splendid business capacity. It was this same remarkable power to grasp a business proposition and turn it to advantage, that has made him such a tower of strength to the United Fruit Companies, Limited of Nova Scotia. Some people attribute Mr. Chute's success to "luck," but the better informed see that brains, pluck, and tireless industry, "not luck," have made him what he is often called, "The Apple King of Eastern Canada."

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