

# The Evening Times-Star

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## MR. D. J. PURDY.

Few men retain their physical strength and mental alertness and their interest in business affairs to as great an age as did Mr. D. J. Purdy, whose death is today announced. Mr. Purdy has been an outstanding citizen of the north end of the city for very many years. He was successful in business, and also for many years took a keen interest in civic and provincial affairs. He served his fellow-citizens both in the City Council and Legislature. He was active in the old town of Portland before it was amalgamated with St. John. Mr. Purdy was best known, however, in connection with the navigation of the St. John river. All along its shores from Indian town to Fredericton his name was a household word, and while other familiar names passed out of the record that of D. J. Purdy may still be read on a vessel that provides an excellent freight and passenger service on the river. Mr. Purdy was possessed of a shrewd business instinct that made him a successful merchant and very useful man of affairs. He was associated with the business life of the city during a period of great changes, and was able to adapt himself to changed conditions with the keen foresight which spells success. Most of the men of his generation have passed away, but to those who remain the mention of his name will recall interesting memories of old days in Portland and along the river. His record is that of a successful merchant and progressive citizen.

## A PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

Ontario is going after British settlers for vacant farms in the older sections of the province, and will make for that purpose a complete survey of the vacant farm lands. This was decided last week at a conference between Premier Ferguson and Mr. Nason, the Agent-General of the province in London. The question of establishing in London or some other centre a great central warehouse for Ontario farm, dairy and fruit products was also favorably considered.

We are also told that "in connection with the new Ontario offices in London, it was agreed by the Government and Mr. Nason that Ontario must put on a better business 'front' in London by securing adequate quarters in which to receive business visitors and in which to display her wares, not only in farm products, but in manufactured goods, in which line Ontario is also going to endeavor to push business."

With regard to getting British settlers, we learn that "once the Ontario Government is furnished with an accurate and a detailed survey of vacant Ontario farm lands, through the medium of its district representatives, this survey, together with information as to prices at which each farm can be purchased and upon what terms, will be despatched overseas to the Agent-General's office, and it is believed that, with such definite information to lay before prospective immigrants, Ontario can do much better in securing permanent farm settlers."

This progressive policy on the part of Ontario should yield good results, not immediately, but in the course of the next few years. Without an organization and definite information to place before intending settlers the older provinces cannot hope to attract them.

## PROFIT FOR WHEAT FARMERS.

World conditions favor the Canadian wheat farmer this year. It is the most satisfactory that the west is completing the harvest of a larger crop than was not long ago anticipated. Wheat is bringing a good price and the price tendency is upward. A review of the general situation gives this interesting "general information": "Italy, France and Germany will have to import considerable quantities of bread grains this year, and apparently they are not putting off their purchases, but are taking considerable quantities now, export sales from this continent yesterday being reported as substantial. Germany has also been a heavy buyer of Canadian flour this season, and altogether a ready market has been found for offerings so far this year. The world supply of wheat this year is estimated to be 871,000,000 bushels less than a year ago, and this situation is now receiving more attention among traders than heretofore. News from the Southern Hemisphere indicates that conditions in Argentina are good, although rain is needed. The Australian crop is said to be progressing favorably."

The particular advantage to farmers this year is that prices are good while the crop is still in their hands, and that therefore the advantage is not all to the middleman, as happens when prices go up after the farmer has disposed of his grain.

## THE ONTARIO PLEBISCITE.

The Ontario plebiscite on the Ontario Temperance Act on Oct. 23 is arousing the province. Despatches from the Toronto Globe from various sources show that both prohibitionists

and moderationists are having great numbers of names added to the voters' lists. In the city of London, for example, there are 978 applications from one ward, and a correspondent writes: "If the number of applications to have names added to the voters' lists is any criterion, there will be a record vote when the plebiscite on the Ontario Temperance Act is taken on Oct. 23." The plebiscite was referred to in a speech in Ottawa last week by Roger Babson, the eminent statistical expert, in an address on "The Outlook for 1925." He said to the Ottawa Board of Trade: "If you go wet next month you will make a big mistake."

The campaign is exciting a great deal of interest in the United States as well as in Canada. The Christian Science Monitor says:—

"Of special interest will be the results of the plebiscite which is to be held in Ontario on Oct. 23, on the question of the continuance or otherwise of the Provincial Temperance Act, because Ontario bears much the same relation to Canada that Maine does to the United States."

## TWO OPINIONS.

Two prominent men have lately expressed their views on public ownership. In Philadelphia last week President Coolidge spoke emphatically against Government ownership and management of railroads and other public utilities. His main contention, he was told, was that those properties and resources are so vast that Government ownership and operation of them would require and would firmly establish a bureaucracy so enormous and so powerful that about the sole privilege remaining to the citizen not in the bureaucracy would be that of paying taxes.

Mr. Henry Thornton was the other man who expressed an opinion. Addressing a company of American business men, he said:

"We feel that in Canada we have demonstrated conclusively that the officers and employees of a Government-owned railway can be just as efficient, just as loyal and just as enthusiastic as those of privately owned railways, and the assertion that those who work for a state-owned railway become careless and inefficient is wrong. It depends entirely on how the railway is administered."

The question of public ownership has come up in the presidential election, and references to Canada, which has its Government-owned railway system, and to Ontario with its hydro-system, are being made. The Toronto Globe sagely observes: "If Canada's programme of public ownership becomes an issue in the United States we can send over plenty of speakers who can explain both sides."

## BABSON'S PREDICTION.

Roger Babson, addressing the Ottawa Board of Trade last week, predicted that Canada would see the breaking of the dawn in 1925. A report of his address says:

"Business depression was worse today in more sections of the United States than it was in Canada. But the prosperity of Canada did not depend ultimately on the banks and railways, but on the character and basic religion of its men, women and children. As Europe had shot her bolt, the great trade now was with the Orient, and Canada was destined to be a great exporting country. Canada had the greatest wealth in raw materials, and could determine the control of the world's markets by selling these fundamental natural resources. He predicted a great future for Vancouver, and the day when the United States would not export a bushel of wheat."

When no more American wheat is exported the port of Montreal will lose business, unless it is made up by Canadian exports, and Mr. Babson evidently believes Vancouver will have something to say about that.

More than 7,000,000 bushels of Western Canada wheat have already been booked for shipment out of Vancouver to Great Britain and the Orient in October and November. Actual bushels booked to England are 6,794,400 and to the Orient 800,866 bushels. The Pacific port is out to exceed last year's business in export grain. Other ports may well look to their laurels.

There are ninety-six members in the Senate of Canada, and of these the Maritime Provinces are entitled, under the British North America Act, to twenty-four. Of the present membership in the Senate it is stated that there are thirty-five Liberals and fifty-seven Conservatives. There are four vacancies at the present time, two Liberal and two Conservative members having died recently. These include two from Quebec, one from New Brunswick and one from Alberta.

## Press Comment

### WHEN ST. JOHN WAS WETTER.

(Sackville Post.)

The post has been handed a copy of an old newspaper, the St. John Herald, published in that city on June 12, 1848, about eighty-one years ago. The Herald was published three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday by Henry Sanction and the subscription price was 12s 6d if paid in advance. Compared with the St. John newspapers of today the Herald was not much of a paper. It is four pages only and its pages measure 10 x 15 inches. Its front page is made up of advertisements set without any display, a short poem and part of a short story. On the second page is the condition of the story, a few short editorials and news items clipped from American papers. Among the local items we notice the following:

A gentleman from the west has arrived in town with a collection of snakes which he intends exhibiting for a few days in the building adjoining St. Stephen's church (King's Square). They are rather a novel sight in our city, and we have no doubt the curious in these matters will avail themselves of the chance now offering them of viewing the various species.

The third page is given almost exclusively to advertising and legal notices. Wm. Hammond for instance advertises 20 Hhds and 10 pipes of Martell's Brandy and 20 of Hennessy's Brandy. Ranney, Sturges & Co., advertise 5 Puns of Brandy and 48 cases of John Kerr & Co., advertise nutmegs, tweeds, broadcloth, flour and pork and J. DeW. Spurr calls attention of the Herald readers to his stock of Pork, Beef and Demerara Rum. G. & J. Sulter advertise groceries, Thos. Sandall, hardware and Gilchrist & Inghes advertise dry goods of various kinds. The paper is well printed and fairly well preserved.

### MOTORISTS BLAMED.

(New York Times.)

The rapidly with which forest fires spread was brought home forcefully in the recent fire on the Arapahoe National Forest in Colorado, says an announcement from the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Arapahoe fire started from a campfire left smoldering by careless motorists and burned 2,200 acres of excellent pine timber in a little over three hours. This rapid destruction took place despite the fact that officers of the Forest Service with a force of 200 men began fighting the fire almost as soon as it started.

A low relative humidity and a strong wind here were two factors that made it hard for the forest officers to control the blaze, which jumped to the crowns of the trees and destroyed in three hours what nature had been a hundred years in building.

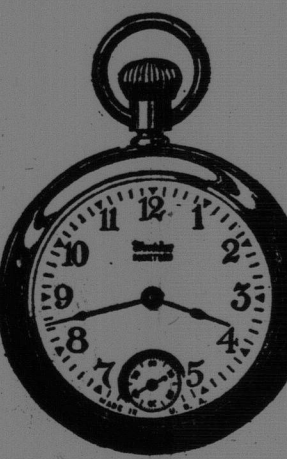
"The moral of the Arapahoe fire," stated officials of the Forest Service, "is that every camper should make sure his campfire is out—then bury it."

### DAYLIGHT SAVING.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

The vote of Massachusetts on Referendum No. 6 at the coming election will, in all probability, determine the fate of daylight saving in the United States. Massachusetts originated the movement for a national daylight-saving law, and Massachusetts now is the only commonwealth that retains a state-wide law. Should the vote of Nov. 4 be against the present law, it is almost certain that the Legislature will repeal it and that daylight saving, except perhaps in a few cities, will be abandoned in the United States. If, on the other hand, the voters of Massachusetts should register their approval of an extra hour of afternoon sun

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during the summer months, the friends of the law assert that a daylight-saving zone will be established throughout the industrial east, where the benefit of such a measure is more apparent than it is elsewhere.

## Letters To The Editor

### THE OLD BURYING GROUND.

To the Editor of The Times-Star:

Sir,—In view of the threatened interference with the old Loyalist burial ground, I venture to suggest that, at least, the space at the corner of King and Carmarthen streets, containing perhaps a fifth part of the cemetery, be reserved in perpetuity and roofed in with a dome shaped roof resting on good stone walls.

The identified outside tombstones

might be ranged along the inner walls. Here also might be placed tablets to prominent citizens, particularly of Loyalist descent. It would be our Westminster Abbey as it were.

Otherwise it is to be feared that owing to the ravages of wind and weather, aided by children young and old, it won't take many years to end the whole matter in a most shameful and melancholy way.

EDWARD C. DURNFORD.

Fairville, N. B.

26 Sept., 1924.

### TO HELP THE POOR.

To the Editor of The Times-Star:

Sir,—Since I came to St. John to live I have always noted with pride and pleasure the ever-ready response of its citizens to any appeal for help for the needy.

In this city today there are thousands who would be appreciative and grateful for the gift of cast-off furniture, bedding and clothing, by the rich, and who would be glad to give up their closets and store-rooms contain many articles that are no longer useful to their owners, but which would be a

veritable God-send to the deserving poor, who need all their earnings for food, fuel and medicine, and whose children therefore suffer for clothing and just such things as will, I believe, gladly be given when the idea is suggested to the kind consideration of our townspeople, who too long have sold for a few cents the very things which are so sadly needed in the homes of the poor.

My plan for distribution would be this: Collect and lay aside all you have to give; then send to Miss Grace Robertson of the Associated Charities, or some teacher or preacher (they best know the needy ones) a note to be given to a mother, who on returning to the sender will be given only things that are suited to her particular needs. This will bring the receivers in close touch with the givers, who will

then better understand "whereof do the poor complain."

In conclusion, may I ask you kindly to publish this and let us see what we will see.

A WELL-WISHER OF THE POOR.

St. John, Sept. 29.

### HURT IN RUNAWAY.

At 7.30 o'clock Saturday evening, a horse driven by Harry Hayes, 29 Egbert street, took fright and ran away near Haymarket Square. Mr. Hayes was thrown and fell under the sloven. When picked up, it was found that he had been injured and he was conveyed to the General Public Hospital in William Nelson's automobile. At the hospital, it was found necessary to take five stitches to close a wound on the back of Mr. Hayes' head. The injured man was taken to his home.

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