

Notes and Comments

The largest pin factory is in Birmingham, Eng., where something like 50,000,000 pins are manufactured every day.

Of the 117,633 immigrants who came to Canada in 1919, only 5,202 came to the Maritime Provinces. No wonder they have been dubbed "the Provinces that are passed by." It is time for a change.

The latest scientific guess about Marconi's mysterious signals is that they are not a "message from Mars" but emanate from Venus. This being Leap Year, that would be all the more appropriate if not probable.

A Cairo to Cape Town air service has been established! Here is a good subject for a debate in an aviation club:—"Which would be preferable, to come down in the middle of the Atlantic or in a den of lions?"

"Canadian mills are now producing 2,775 tons of newsprint daily. Local newspapers are using only 400 tons daily. Thus the mills of the Dominion are exporting more than 2,000 tons daily to the United States."

Sir David Watson, who won distinction with the original Canadian contingent in the war, admitted to a New York audience that he felt queer and couldn't make his knees behave at the first battle of Ypres. So the general and the rawest of raw recruits are alike human and brothers under the skin.

Seven London policemen were discovered off their "beats" playing cards in a stable while a crime wave was sweeping over the city. They were dismissed. How sorry they must be that they are not in New York, in which case the courts would be likely to reinstate them, after a holiday, with full back pay.

Erection of a huge memorial arch on the international boundary to commemorate the century of peace between Canada and the United States is being urged by good roads men of Washington Territory and British Columbia. Tentative plans call for the erection of the arch in a big park to be established on the Pacific highway on both sides of the boundary. The city of Blaine is willing to purchase the American share of the park if the British Columbia Parliament will buy the Canadian side.

The first 1920 exponents of the stockingless fad have availed themselves of the wave of warm weather of the last few days, says a Paris despatch, by appearing bare-legged at well-known restaurants and dancing palaces. Dr. Durand, the celebrated woman's specialist, states that no woman will ever catch cold or the grippe through going stockingless, as the colds are caught through the soles of the feet, and not on the limbs. Through wearing cobwebby stockings women's limbs become injured against cold. M. Just, the leading Rue de la Paix perfumer, has invented a new talcum powder which does not rub off and is eradicated only by applying water. The perfumer claims the talcum powder will prove a great boon for extreme decolette dresses and the bare-legged fashion.

A Quick Relief for Headache

A headache is frequently caused by badly digested food; the gases and acids resulting therefrom are absorbed by the blood which in turn irritates the nerves and causes painful symptoms called headache, neuralgia, rheumatism, etc. 15 to 30 drops of Mother Seigel's Syrup will correct faulty digestion and afford relief.

N. S. Farmers' Association

ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT KENTVILLE

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association was held at Kentville last week, the sessions being held at the Nicklet Theatre. The first meeting was held on Tuesday evening, with President D. R. Nicholson, of Sydney, in the chair. The chairman's address was largely a resume of the Association's history during the past year.

He referred to the year 1919 as having been one of the most prosperous the farmers of Nova Scotia had ever had, as crops were good and abundant and prices all that could be desired. He urged that there should be more farmers, and considered that as long as only 37 per cent of our population were on the land there could not be much increase in production.

He spoke briefly of the farmers' movement, denying that it was a class movement but one that stood for the interests of the whole people.

He advocated better pay for the teachers of our common schools, and more of that kind of school. What our children needed was a better common school education, a getting back to reading, writing, and arithmetic, and less of the frills.

Hon. H. H. Wickwire was the next speaker. He spent an hour in laying before the convention the purposes and aims of the Highway Board. He felt assured that the work that the Highway Board now had on hand would, in another year or two, have made such progress that Nova Scotia, as far as its inter-county roads and its main roads from the centre of production to the market town or railway are concerned, be so vastly improved, that taken in connection with the telephone, automobiles, etc., farming will be decidedly more pleasant and incidentally more profitable.

Another very instructive and interesting address was that of H. S. Arkell, Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa, whose address, while largely devoted to our live stock industry, and our present and possible future as far as the markets of the world were concerned, was also interesting from the standpoint of the general productiveness of our farms.

A display of moving pictures through the courtesy of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, consisting of films of particular interest to the meeting, closed the evening session.

Wednesday morning's session was devoted largely to the reading of the reports of the Board of Directors and the Exhibition Commissioners. The address of the morning was by Professor Cuming, of Truro, and dealt entirely with production and the marketing of our products and his speech resulted in a lively and promiscuous discussion.

At the afternoon meeting the entire discussion was upon the matter of the increase in production, especially in hogs, cattle, sheep, etc., and the evident drawback seemed to me in regard to the marketing of the product if raised.

There were present, and they took part in the discussion, Live Stock Commissioner Arkell, of Ottawa, Mr. Dougall, the farmer representative of the C. P. R., and J. F. Fraser, of the Davis and Fraser Company, Limited, Halifax. They did not have the discussion all to themselves, because the members of the Nova Scotia

Farmers' Association are awake and are subscribers to the daily papers and consequently are up-to-date. The whole thing seemed to be as to what was best for the interests of the farmers of Nova Scotia. Some thought that the remedy was an abattoir and stock yard. That, however, was strongly opposed by Mr. Arkell as well as by Mr. Fraser.

However the discussion that ensued developed the fact that as far as this convention of Nova Scotia farmers was concerned the unanimous opinion was, that the best interests of the farmers called for a large cold storage plant. The producer could prepare his cattle, sheep and hogs, so as to ship them to Halifax and if they were not needed at that time at a price that would pay the producer, that they might be placed in cold storage and held until there was a market that justified their release. Mr. Fraser, of Davis and Fraser, of Halifax, was strongly in favor of this plan and he was fully endorsed by Mr. Arkell, as well as a number of Nova Scotia's biggest producers.

The first speaker of the evening meeting was Miss Helen J. Macdougall, superintendent of Women's Institutes.

Among other things she said was "that home making was about sixty years behind farming." Their Society aimed for the betterment of the home, as the home was the foundation upon which the prosperity of the country depended. She advocated that the same aims that were being used to lighten labor and to increase production on the farm should be used to help the home maker in the home and evidently her audience agreed with her.

Prof. J. W. Trueman, of Truro, was the next speaker. He drew attention to the fact that the farmer must endeavor to put more feed into his stock and not to try and see how many head of cattle or how many hogs he could winter on what feed he had.

He said that if every ten acres of land in Nova Scotia produced one steer, one sheep, and one calf each year, the total would amount to more than the yearly receipts of the Montreal stockyards. Briefly, he advocated the raising of more ruffage, that is, hay and like fodder, which would make the feeding of imported feeds less important, and would give better results.

Prof. W. S. Blair, of the Experimental Station, followed with a splendid address on "Limestone as a Factor in Present Day Agriculture."

The final session of the convention was held Thursday morning. The first business was the election of officers which resulted as follows:

President—J. Howe Cox, Cambridge

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