POTATO EXCHANGE FORMED TO ASSIST PROVINCIAL TRADE

Woodstock, Aug. 21—For years past potato shippers of this province have been of the opinion that an improvement in conditions was needed. Now and again these opinions have been ventilated, but, until the present week no material improvement has been effected. Most of the largest shippers have now united in forming a marketing organization which bids fair to be of lasting benefit not only to the shippers immediately concerned, but also to those not interested in the new organization, and also to the buyers at western points.

The new organization is to be known as New Brunswick Potato Exchange Limited, and a charter is now being applied for, having for its objects not only the marketing of potatoes, but also to promote legislation to stimulate agricultural production in the province, and to take such action as shall be necessary to secure satisfactory freight rates, better lined car service and other needed improvements for the betterment of the potato industry.

Already a case has been prepared by the solicitor of the company, W. P. Jones, for presentation to the board of railway commissioners complaining of a newly published freight tariff which becomes operative on the 1st September next, and which advances the freight rate on potatoes from points in New Brunswick to points in Ontario and Quebec from three cents to six cents per 100 lbs. Considering that organization arrangements were only completed on Monday last, the company is to be complimented on its energy and promptitude in objecting to this attempted advance. A deputation has been appointed to wait on the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Montreal to ask for better lined car equipment.

A. Mallinson is looking after the details of organization and has used the following arguments in favor of consolidation:

Instead of each shipper having his or its own broker both in Montreal and Toronto, the company will have one expert salesman at each of these points who will devote his whole time to the interests of the company.

Instead of having one caretaker go through with one or two cars the new company will be able to bunch shipments so that one caretaker can do as much work as five or six did previously.

Instead of each shipper wiring his broker several times daily, one telegram will now do the work of a dozen under the old conditions.

Instead of cars of potatoes being consigned to western markets unsold, all cars will from now on be sold before leaving shipping points.

During the past few years it has been the growing custom among shippers to consign cars unsold to various markets, and it has often happened that through the different shippers acting without any knowledge of what their competitors were doing, as many as forty cars of potatoes would arrive at either Montreal or Toronto almost over night when the market was not requiring more than half of them. This indiscriminate distribution has resulted in losses to the potato industry of many thousands of dollars annually. The new company expects to commence operations early in September.

STURDEE'S MEN GET PRIZE MONEY

London, Aug. 22, 2.15 p. m.—A prize court today awarded £12,100 prize bounty to the officers and crews of the squadron of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, which destroyed the German Pacific squadron in the battle off the Falkland Islands in December of 1914.

The bounty was determined by the number of men aboard the destroyed ships, £5 being awarded for each man. This is the largest amount of prize money awarded since the outbreak of the war.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Campbell.

Bayfield, N. B., Aug. 20—The death of Mrs. Margaret Campbell, a well known resident of this place, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob A. Oulton, at the advanced age of seventy-two years. The deceased had been ailing for some time but was able to be around the house as usual until Sunday morning, when she took a turn for the worse and although everything possible was done to relieve her sufferings it was of no avail and she passed away on Thursday morning at 4 o'clock. She leaves to mourn two daughters, Mrs. Jacob A. Oulton, with whom she resided; Mrs. Walter E. Rouse, of Providence (R. I.), besides a large circle of friends, who will deeply sympathize with the family in their loss of a loving mother.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon and was largely attended. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. J. B. Ives. Interment took place in the Bayfield cemetery. The pall-bearers were Harvey Oulton, Enzor Oulton, Kirby Allen, Curtis Trenholm, William Thomas and James Seamen.

Samuel S. Osborne.

Fredericton, Aug. 21—Word was received on Saturday of the death of Samuel Siblund Osborne at his home in Melrose (Ont.), after an illness of some months. Major W. J. Osborne, of this city, who is now at the front with the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles, is a son. The deceased was 78 years of age and had been a prosperous farmer at Melrose. He is survived by his wife and three sons and three daughters, Major Osborne, of this city; Arthur Osborne, who is now in England with an Ontario overseas battalion; Chas. Osborne, at home; Mrs. William English, of Melrose (Ont.); Mrs. William McDonald, of Port Arthur (Ont.), and Miss Keith, at home. Mr. Gordon Osborne, son of Major Osborne, left here on Saturday night to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Margaret S. Brown.

Tuesday, Aug. 22.

The death of Margaret S. Brown, widow of James Brown, occurred yesterday at her home, 81 Portland street, following a very brief illness, having been ill only since Thursday. She was in the seventy-fourth year of her age. She leaves four sons—James, of this city; Jacob, at home; Alexander, of the 140th Battalion, and Fred, of Saskatoon; and one daughter, Mrs. Edward Tucker, of this city.

Nicolai B. Neilsen.

The death took place at Keristiania, Norway, on May 19, of Nicholai B. Nielsen. The late Mr. Nielsen, who came to St. John in the early seventies from his native land, Norway, will be remembered by many citizens as a decorative painter and designer of marked ability. In connection with his brother, C. E. Nielsen, now of Vancouver, the firm of Nielsen Bros., conducted a house and decorative painting business on Waterloo street. Losing their business by fire the deceased removed to Boston, following his business there. Returning to New Brunswick in 1910 he resided in Moncton. Previous to the outbreak of war he sailed to revisit his native land, only failing health deciding him to remain there. While in St. John on his way home Mr. Neilsen was the guest of the master painters at a farewell banquet.

James O'Brien.

Mrs. Harry Quigg, Sand Cove, received a telegram on Monday stating her brother, James, died on Sunday at Valley Falls, Rhode Island, aged 39 years. He was the son of Mrs. Mary and the late James O'Brien, of Carleton, and removed with his parents when quite young to Lewiston (Me.), where his mother resides. He leaves also two sisters and one brother. Misses Ella and Isabel Quigg, of Sand Cove, are nieces and Leo O'Brien of the same place, is a nephew. The late John J. O'Brien, who was a well known ball player of this city some years ago, was a brother.

Joseph McManus.

Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Joseph McManus, who has for several years conducted a retail grocery store at 12 Winter street, died last evening after a lengthy illness. He was 67 years old. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Albertus Urquhart, Mrs. Joseph Poirier, Miss Jessie McManus, all of this city, and Dennis, of Ellsworth (Me.) Also one brother, John, corner of City road and Gilbert's Lane.

Mrs. M. A. Harding.

Friday, Aug. 25.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. M. A. Harding, which occurred yesterday, following an operation. She leaves, besides her husband, who is well known throughout the city, one daughter, Mrs. Harold H. Williams, of this city; one brother, William Marley, of the city; and three sisters, Mrs. Annie Elliott, of Victoria, B. C., Mrs. Michael Coholan and Mrs. Andrew Storms, of this city.

Mrs. F. De Mille.

Upham, N. B., Aug. 22—The funeral of Mrs. F. De Mille, whose death occurred on Thursday, took place on Sunday morning last. The funeral services were held at the Church of England, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. H. Hamilton Brown, rector of the church, conducted the service. Mr. Brown preached a most impressive sermon on the Twenty-third Psalm, dwelling more particularly on the passage, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and staff they comfort me." The choir rendered the following hymns: Now the Laborer's Task is O'er; Hush! Blessed Are the Dead; and Rock of Ages.

The body was borne from the church to the family lot in the Church of England burying ground by the following pall-bearers: David Kilpatrick, James Maxwell, Jacob Kilpatrick, Boyd Kilpatrick and Nelson Kilpatrick; followed by a large concourse of friends and relatives, thus manifesting their respect for the deceased and sympathy for the bereaved.

The deceased, who was a daughter of the late Charles Sherwood, of Perry Point, and widow of Henry De Mille, was born on Oct. 12, 1838. She is survived by one half-brother, Robert Sherwood, Perry Point. Of her five children, William, Charles, Annabelle and Sarah, only two survive her, Mrs. Harlan F. Smith (Annabelle), of Lakeside, and William H. De Mille, of Upham, with whom she resided.

Mrs. Mary A. Thompson.

Richibucto, Aug. 22—The death of Mary A. Thompson, widow of Robert Thompson, occurred on Thursday, the 17th inst., after an illness of about ten days. Mrs. Thompson, whose maiden name was Conroy, was born at Barnaby River, Northumberland county, a little over eighty-seven years ago. She leaves three sons and two daughters, as well as several grandchildren. The sons are: William J. and Thomas, of Waltham (Mass.), and Matthew, of Richibucto. The daughters are Mrs. Patrick Quinn, of Chatham, and Miss Lena, at home. Mrs. Thompson also leaves three sisters: Mrs. Robert MacKinnon, of Richibucto; Mrs. James Buckley, of Harcourt, and Mrs. James Roley, of Osquash (N. S.)

The funeral took place at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning from her late home at the North End. Requiem mass was celebrated in St. Aloysius church by Rev. J. J. McLaughlin, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Robert Lee.

The death of Robert Lee, of Bovert (N. B.), took place on Tuesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Merton Kelley, of Charles street, Fairville. Some time ago Mr. Lee fell and hit his head, but he was still able to get around. On Saturday he came to Fairville to visit his daughter and he was feeling quite well up till Tuesday, when he was suddenly taken ill and became unconscious. He died early on Tuesday evening. Mr. Lee leaves his wife, three daughters, and one son to mourn his death. The daughters are Mrs. Merton Kelley, Miss Winnie Lee and Miss Ethel Lee, the son is at present in No. 9 Siege Battery.

The body was taken to Bovert yesterday morning on the early train. Mr. Lee was a carpenter and had just come from Quebec, where he had been working at his trade.

Thomas Hogan.

Moncton lost one of its oldest and best known citizens through the death of Thomas Hogan, who passed away Tuesday after an illness lasting some months. He was a native of Petersville, Queens county, but had spent the greater part of his life in St. John and Moncton. He had been an employe of the I. C. R. for about twenty-six years. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Margaret Gallagher, also two sons, Frank and Thomas of Moncton; three daughters, Annie and Agnes of Moncton and Margaret of Montreal.

Mrs. Thomas Ingraham.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Thomas Ingraham, of 16 Johnston street, which took place yesterday morning, after an illness of six weeks. She was seventy-five years old and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Bolton, of this city, and four sons, Hugh, William and Arthur, of this city, and Harry, of Moncton.

Mrs. Jane Booth.

The death of Mrs. Jane Booth occurred yesterday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Bally, 248 Millidge avenue. She was eighty years of age and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bally, and two sons, James, in England, and William, in the United States. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

WEDDINGS

Morris-Mughson.

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Margaret Hughson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughson, of this city, and Francis Edward Morris, son of Mrs. Mary Morris, Southwood, Fairville, was solemnized on Aug. 10 at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Gordon Dickie. They were unattended. The popular young pair will make their home in St. John.

Wallace-McLaughlin.

Wednesday, Aug. 23.

A very pretty wedding took place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when the rector, Rev. Wm. Duke, united in marriage at nuptial mass, Gyles J. Wallace, formerly of Black's Harbor, now of Jessome & Wallace, King square, and Loretta Frances McLaughlin, only daughter of Thomas McLaughlin of the I. C. R. The young people were unattended. The bride was prettily attired in tan broadcloth with large picture hat to match and carried a bouquet of white roses. Both bride and groom received many valuable and useful presents including a check from the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace will reside at 46 Cliff street.

Williams-Campbell.

(Halifax Herald.)

A cable received in Halifax brought news of the marriage in London, Aug. 5, of Marie Stewart, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Campbell, and Captain Williams, of the First Canadian Pioneer Battalion, and a son of His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. The news will be received here with altogether exceptional interest, owing to the fact that Miss Campbell was so great a favorite here, socially, and the fact that it took place within the dark shadow of death (that of the gallant young brother of the bride, "killed in action") the wedding was a very quiet one.

Kerr-Macgregor.

Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Only a few intimate friends were present last evening at a very quiet wedding solemnized in St. Paul's church, when the locum tenens, Rev. H. G. Allder, married Francis Kerr and E. Jennie Macgregor, both of St. John.

Robinson-Burchill.

In St. Paul's church, Chatham, Miramichi, yesterday morning, Miss May Burchill, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Burchill, of Nelson, was united in marriage to Frank John C. Robinson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Robinson of Boston. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by Ven. Archdeacon Forsythe, assisted by the bride's uncle, Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, of Springhill.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Hon. J. P. Burchill, was gowned in white duchesse satin with court train and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The veil was one which had been worn by her grandmother, the late Mrs. Stuart Tremain of Halifax. The bridesmaids were Miss Laura Burchill, the bride's sister, and Miss May Wilkinson, cousin of the bride. They wore white muslin dresses with yellow sashes, white shoes and stockings, and little Normandy caps and carried shower bouquets of yellow roses. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at "Birch Hill," the home of the bride. Only the relations of the bride and groom were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left on the 1.45 train for a honeymoon trip to Washington and Philadelphia, after which they will reside in Brookline, Mass. The bride's traveling suit was of navy blue pussy willow taffeta with shoes and stockings and hat to match.

Blenkinsop-Gray.

Thursday, Aug. 24.

At 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the home of the bride's father, 560 Main street, Miss Sarah Gray was united in marriage to John K. Blenkinsop, formerly of Stellarton (N. S.), now government superintendent of dredges for the maritime provinces, by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson. The wedding was largely attended by the friends of the bride and bridegroom, who were unattended. The bride was given away by her father, William Gray. Mr. Blenkinsop is the son of Thomas Blenkinsop, and is well known in the city through his connection with the dredging operations. Mr. and Mrs. Blenkinsop will make their home in St. John.

Cunningham-Brittain.

Thursday, Aug. 24.

Rev. J. H. A. Anderson was the officiating clergyman for a very quiet home wedding, celebrated at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon at 88 St. Patrick street, when Bertha A. Brittain, daughter of the late John Brittain, was united in marriage to Albert O. Cunningham. The bridegroom is the son of W. T. Cunningham, of Lorneville. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride's mother. She was given away by her brother, William Brittain, of Eagle Rock (N. B.) A large number of friends and relatives were present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham left after a short reception had been held for a yachting trip up the St. John river.

Casey-Lowell.

Thursday, Aug. 24.

A wedding of interest took place in St. Peter's church yesterday morning when Rev. Peter Costello, C. SS. R., who was celebrant at nuptial mass, united in marriage Miss Gertrude Agnes Casey, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Casey, and John Lowell, of Chelsea, Mass.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Frank J. Casey, looked charming in a costume of Copenhagen blue silk with leghorn hat and trimmings to match and carrying a bridal bouquet of pink and white roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Alice M., who wore a very pretty dress of pink silk with hat to match and carried a bouquet of pink and white sweet peas. Andrew Casey, brother of the bride, acted as best man.

Following the ceremony the bridal party drove to the home of the bride's mother, 65 Chesley street, where a dainty wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell left for Boston en route to their home in Dorchester, Mass. The popular young people were the recipients of a large number of beautiful presents. The groom's present to the bridesmaid was a pearl pendant and to the best man a gold scarf pin.

Holmes-Prince.

Thursday, Aug. 24.

A quiet wedding took place last night when Frank W. Holmes, of Fairville, of the provincial hospital staff, was united in marriage to Miss Gretchen G. Price, of Havelock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Price. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. William G. Watters, of 25 Winslow street, West End. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Jenner, of the United Baptist church.

Costello-Flanagan.

At St. Ignatius church, Petersville (N. B.), on Tuesday morning, Aug. 22, at 10 o'clock, a very pretty wedding took place, when Thomas Costello, of Boston, formerly of Enniskillen (N. B.), and Mary B. Flanagan, also of Boston, formerly of Nerepis (N. B.), were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. C. P. Carlton. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and a large congregation was present at the nuptial mass.

The bride was given away by her father, Thos. Flanagan, of Nerepis. She was dressed in a beautiful gown of white satin with an over drapery of white silk net. The veil was held in place by a band of pearls. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern.

The bridesmaid, Miss Kathryn Hasson, cousin of the bride, was dressed in a very pretty gown of pink taffeta and georgette crepe with black picture hat and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The groom was attended by his cousin, Daniel McCann, of Enniskillen. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a gold pendant and chain and to the groomsman a gold pin.

The marriage reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Henry O'Donnell, of Petersville. Over 200 guests were present, among them being the Rev. Father Carney, of Fredericton, and the Rev. Father Carlton, of Petersville. The house was beautifully decorated. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

The bridal pair motored to St. John, where they will spend a short time before returning to Boston, where they will make their future home.

HALIFAX MAN HEADS PYTHIANS

Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, continued in session in Castle Hall this morning, convening at 10 o'clock. On invitation of Roseway Lodge, No. 23, of Sydney, N. S., it was decided to meet next year in that city on the third Tuesday in August.

The election of officers proved the feature of this morning's session. R. B. Colwell, of Halifax, formerly of St. John, was elected Grand Chancellor for the coming year. The election of the other officers results as follows:—R. B. Slipp, St. John, grand vice-chancellor; S. J. Soley, Port Grenville, N. S., grand prelate; R. B. Wallace, Fredericton, grand master-at-arms; James Moulson, St. John, grand keeper of records and seal; J. R. Polley, St. Stephen, grand master of Exchequer; D. M. Cochrane, Sydney, grand inner guard; E. W. Steeves, Moncton, grand outer guard, and S. W. McMackin, St. John, grand trustee for three years.

With the installation of the officers the grand lodge was brought to a close. At the afternoon session yesterday the sum of $400 was voted from the funds of the grand lodge to the Patriotic Fund.

EXCELLENT WORK DONE BY WOMEN'S MISSIONARY.

Havelock, Aug. 15—The Women's Baptist Missionary Society, of Havelock, held their August meeting last Wednesday afternoon on the grounds of Mrs. N. W. Coates. The meeting was an especially interesting one, for several different reasons. One of these was the opening of the mite boxes, in which the members had been carefully hoarding their spare pennies for nearly a year, and so well had they saved that the proceeds from these and the collection which was taken amounted to over $25.

Another interesting part of the programme was the presenting of a certificate of life membership to Mrs. Richard Mullin, who has been a life-long member of the Havelock society. The president, Mrs. Arthur Keith, in presenting the certificate, read an address in which she expressed the deep appreciation which the members feel for Mrs. Mullin's untiring zeal in missionary work, also their sorrow that she is so soon to leave Havelock.

At the close of the meeting a delicious picnic supper was served under the trees, about forty members and visitors sitting down to the tables. Among the latter were Mrs. Thorne and Mrs. Harriett, of Aberdeen, Dakota; Mrs. Parks, of Pittsburg; Miss Atkinson, of Bostonff Mrs. Taylor, president of a ladies' aid society in Washington state; Mrs. C. B. Allen, of St. John, and Mrs. Cauldwell, of Fredericton.

The Havelock society, at the beginning of the business year last September, started with the aim of raising $100 by the end of the year, and so well have they worked under the direction of their energetic president, Mrs. Keith, that they are now well past the mark.

Coming Marriage.

The engagement of Miss Jean M. Matheson, daughter of John A. Matheson of Plainfield, N.S., to Charles Guy Black, L.L.B., of Oxford, is announced, the wedding to take place in Boston on September 6. Miss Matheson, who graduated with honors from Emmerson College of Oratory, class of 1918, has been teaching oratory the past two years in Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, Pa. Mr. Black, after graduating from Dalhousie College, spent two years studying in Paris, before beginning to practice law in his home town.

A gentleman who discovered that he was standing on a lady's train had the presence of mind to remark:

"Though I may not have the power to draw an angel from the skies, I have pinned one to the earth."

The lady excused him.

PRODUCE GOES DOWN IN PRICE

Increasing Supply Has Gratifying Results—The Wholesale Quotations in Country Market.

Country market products still continue to show satisfying declines. Although business is somewhat quiet after the rush of the berry season, the marketmen feel that the summer's trade has been as good as, if not better than, the average. Potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, green corn are among the articles that have been favored by good crops, and are consequently finding their way to dining room tables in greater numbers than heretofore.

Blackberries have not made their debut for the season, but are expected very soon now that blueberries are practically over and raspberries have not much longer to run. The berry season has been a busy one from every standpoint, but there is a general feeling that the raspberry crop has been a little short. This week the price has climbed three cents a box, a pretty good indication that the season is fast coming to a close.

Haying has naturally taken the farmer away from his other duties and as a result butter-making has been temporarily neglected. This has caused a slight change in the price of butter, but will be effective probably for only a short time.

Grape fruit of a good quality is no longer on the market, and the California late Valencia oranges have shown an increase of fifty cents on the crate.

There is little change in the fish market, which still remains firm. Following is the wholesale market summary for the week:

COUNTRY MARKET.

(The prices here quoted are wholesale except where otherwise specified. It should be remembered that in war time most of these prices are subject to considerable fluctuation).

Potatoes, per bushel	0.75	"	0.85
Potatoes, per peck	0.00	"	0.30½
Beef, western	0.12½	"	0.14½
Beef, country	0.06	"	0.14½
Mutton, per lb	0.09	"	0.12
Spring lamb	0.17	"	0.20
Pork, per lb	0.11	"	0.15
Veal, per lb	0.07	"	0.14
Eggs, case, per dozen	0.28	"	0.31
Hennery eggs	0.35	"	0.40
Tub butter, per lb	0.25	"	0.28
Creamery butter, per lb	0.30	"	0.32
Fresh country butter	0.00	"	0.30
Fowls, fresh killed, per lb	0.23	"	0.25
Fresh chicken, per lb	0.30	"	0.32
Bacon	0.24½	"	0.28
Ham	0.24	"	0.28
Nat. cabbage, per doz.	0.60	"	1.00
Turnips, doz bunches	0.00	"	0.40
Retail prices are given for green goods:			
Radishes	0.00	"	0.05
Mushrooms	0.00	"	0.30
New beets, per bunch	0.00	"	0.05
New carrots, per bunch	0.00	"	0.05
Cucumbers, each	0.00	"	0.02
Celery	0.08	"	0.10
Cauliflower	0.05	"	0.15
Rhubarb, per lb	0.00	"	0.02
Blueberries	0.00	"	0.08
Lettuce	0.05	"	0.00
Cabbage lettuce	0.00	"	0.06
Peas, peck	0.00	"	0.40
Beans, peck	0.00	"	0.40
Tomatoes, per lb	0.10	"	0.12
Raspberries	0.15	"	0.18
Corn, dozen	0.15	"	0.20
Cranberries	0.00	"	0.12
FRUITS.			
Bananas, No. 1s	2.25	"	3.00
California prunes	0.09	"	0.15
Filberts	0.17	"	0.18
Brazils, new	0.16	"	0.17
Peanuts, roasted	0.11	"	0.14
Bag figs, per lb	0.10	"	0.15
Lemons, Messina, box	0.00	"	8.00
Cocoanuts, per doz	0.60	"	0.70
Cocoanuts, per sack	4.00	"	4.50
Grape fruit	0.00	"	5.00
California late Valencia oranges—150s, 179s, 200s, 216s	0.00	"	6.00
Cal. pears	0.00	"	4.50
Cal. peaches	1.75	"	2.00
Cal. plums	2.50	"	2.75
GROCERIES.			
Choice seed raisins, 1s	0.10½	"	0.10¾
Fancy do	0.10¾	"	0.11
Currants, cleaned, 1s	0.15½	"	0.16
Cheese, per lb	0.00	"	0.19
Rice	5.25	"	5.50
Cream tartar, pure, box	0.46	"	0.47
Bicarb soda, per keg	3.20	"	3.25
Beans, white	5.75	"	6.00
Beans, yellow eye	5.75	"	6.00
Split peas, bags	5.25	"	5.30
Pot barley, bags	3.25	"	3.30
Cornmeal, per bag	0.00	"	2.10
Granulated cornmeal	0.00	"	6.75
Valencia onions, crate	5.25	"	5.50
Liverpool salt, per sack, ex store	1.10	"	1.15
PROVISIONS.			
Pork, Canadian mess	34.00	"	35.00
Pork, American clear	34.00	"	35.00
American plate beef	26.50	"	27.50
Lard, compound, tub	0.14	"	0.14¼
Lard, pure, tub	0.18¼	"	0.18½
Molasses, fancy Barbados	0.60	"	0.61
Extra No. 1 lard, pure	0.00	"	1.20
SUGAR.			
Standard granulated	7.95	"	8.00
United Empire, gran.	7.85	"	7.90
Bright yellow	7.75	"	7.80
No. 1 yellow	7.55	"	7.60
Paris lumps	9.00	"	9.25
FLOUR, ETC.			
Roller oatmeal	0.00	"	6.75
Standard oatmeal	0.00	"	7.25
Manitoba, high grade	0.00	"	9.25
Ontario, full patent	0.00	"	8.40
CANNED GOODS.			
The following are the wholesale quotations per case:			
Salmon, pinks	5.25	"	5.50
Salmon, red spring	10.00	"	10.25
Finnan haddies	0.00	"	4.85
Kippered herring	0.00	"	4.85
Clams	0.00	"	4.85
Oysters, 1s	1.70	"	1.75
Oysters, 2s	2.50	"	2.55
Corned beef, 1s	2.75	"	3.50
Peaches, 2s	1.80	"	1.85
Peaches, 3s	2.40	"	2.45
Pineapple, sliced	2.17½	"	2.20
Pineapple, grated	1.70	"	1.75
Lombard plums	1.30	"	1.35
Raspberries	2.70	"	2.75
Corn, per doz	1.15	"	1.20
Peas	1.80	"	2.40
Strawberries	2.42½	"	2.45
Tomatoes	1.40	"	1.45
Pumpkins	1.12½	"	1.15
String beans	1.15	"	1.20
Baked beans, 3s	0.00	"	2.00
NUTS.			
Shelled almonds, per lb	0.43	"	0.45
Shelled walnuts	0.37	"	0.40
Almonds in shell	0.19	"	0.20
Walnuts	0.14	"	0.15
Filberts	0.17	"	0.18
Brazils	0.30	"	0.18
Peanuts	0.10	"	0.14
Bulk dates, Hallowees	0.00	"	0.07
Half box Hallowees	0.00	"	0.08½
Dromedarys, 36 pk.	0.00	"	0.11
FISH.			
Small dry cod	5.50	"	5.75
Medium dry cod	6.50	"	6.75
Grand Manan herring, half-bbls	3.25	"	3.50
Smoked herring	0.15	"	0.16
Pickled shad, half-bbls.	8.00	"	12.00
Fresh cod, per lb	0.06	"	0.07
Bloaters, per box	0.80	"	0.90
Halibut	0.12	"	0.18
Kippered herring, per box	0.00	"	0.90
Swordfish	0.12	"	0.13
Haddies	0.07	"	0.08
Haddock	0.06	"	0.07
GRAINS.			
Bran, small lots, bags	28.00	"	29.00
Pressed hay, car lots No. 1	17.00	"	18.00
Pressed hay, per ton, No. 1	17.00	"	19.00
Oats, Canadian	0.61	"	0.63
Middlings	30.00	"	31.00
OILS.			
Palacine	0.00	"	0.19½
Royalite	0.00	"	0.16
Turpentine	0.00	"	0.68
"Premier" motor gasolene	0.00	"	0.34
HIDES.			
Hides	0.15	"	0.16½
Calfskins	0.28	"	0.30
Shearlings	0.35	"	0.55
Lambskins	0.45	"	0.65
Wool, washed	0.47	"	0.50
Wool, unwashed	0.38	"	0.35
Tallow	0.06	"	0.06½

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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THE FARMERS' SIDE OF THE MILK QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—Just a word from the farmers regarding the milk situation. I see by your news columns that Messrs. L. C. Prime, T. E. Robinson and R. H. Cother have been expressing themselves quite freely, signifying the idea that there is no need of the farmers asking for a raise in the price of milk to the dealer. This means, of course, that these gentlemen believe that the farmers can produce milk as cheaply now as they could five or six years ago. Let me remind you that wages to farm hands have increased 40 per cent the last few years; not only that, but labor is so scarce that some large farmers after having equipped themselves with all kinds of machinery, have had to resort to the mechanical milker, at heavy expense, in order to get their milking done. Mill feeds have all advanced over 80 per cent. Hay is worth 40 per cent more now than a few years ago. Fertilizers that are used in growing crops to feed, cost about double what they did before the war; that is, for the same grades, potash is unobtainable. The cost of living is very much more than it used to be. Flour, sugar, molasses, salt—in fact everything the farmer has to buy—has increased from 10 per cent to 80 per cent. And how is he to live and keep his business square with the world?

I may say that the arrangement between the farmer and milk dealer for the past few years has been 30 cents per 8-quart can at the railway stations for four months of the year, and 35 cents for the remaining eight months. The farmers are entitled to 35 cents after the first of September under the old conditions. An increase to 40 cents is only a small demand. The milk dealer will set their retail price on the 40 cent basis, and when spring comes, will continue the same price. Why should not the farmer do likewise, especially during the months of the year when wages are the highest and labor the scarcest.

Mr. Prime talks of an organization in St. John "to handle the farmers." Such nonsense! Mr. Prime, I understand, besides handling milk and cream, manufactures butter and cheese. When necessity demands an increase in the price of these products, imagine his customers organizing "to handle" him along with the other producers of these products. He also refers to the price of butter being higher in St. John than Boston. We all know that the farmers get more for butter and cheese than they ever did before. Then, why should he sell his milk at the old price? The cheese factory patrons are getting more for their milk than the milk shipper, and besides get in return a bye-product of considerable feeding value.

Mr. Robinson expresses himself as confident that he will be able to continue to secure milk from Kings county farmers at 30 cents, though he knows that under the old prices he would have to pay 35 cents after September 1. Had he been present at the Norton meeting, he would not be doubting the sincerity of the movement. He speaks of the consumer getting his milk at nine cents. The milk dealers when discussing milk business with the farmers claim that they only get eight cents delivered. Mr. Cother refers to the fact that the farmers "tried this before," and failed, and predicts failure this time. Let me remind Mr. Cother and any others who may have a similar idea, that the farmers know just why they failed on a former occasion, though they afterwards obtained what they were after. It was just because they did not hold out quite long enough. They found out after it was all over that they were within twelve hours of getting their rights. At that time they were approached by the dealers by all sorts of propositions. The slickest one was for the farmer to send his milk right along, and if the price went up they would give it; that very milk helped to tide the dealer over the shortage. The farmer is not going to be caught doing that this time. All we are asking is just and reasonable, and we have organized in order that we may stand together and not be humbugged in any way.

An increase from 30 to 40 cents per can figures out an increase of 33 1-3 per cent; from 35 cents to 40 cents, figures out an increase of less than 15 per cent. The 33 1-3 per cent only covers four months, while the 15 per cent covers the longer period of eight months. When averaged up the whole increase asked for is less than 20 per cent. Remember the present retail price is supposed to be eight cents, set on the 35 cent can. The 40 cent can will only cost the dealer five cents more; and they can retail at nine cents and have four cents more per can than they do at the present time. This, however, is a matter for the dealer to work out for himself. They are not of much concern to the farmer.

Let me remind the public that live stock was never so scarce and high in price in the history of our country as they are today. It takes a lot of capital to fit up a herd of cows and the necessary equipment for selling milk; why should we do so without some remuneration for our trouble and expense? We can do better making beef at present prices than we can making milk; consequently we feel independent.

The situation that faces us makes it absolutely necessary for an increase in the price of milk, and we are organized as never before. Farmers may have been slow to learn in the past, but bright, new, young men are coming along and are taking the places of we older ones. The meeting at Norton on Monday was considered the best of its kind ever held in the county.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for so much space, I remain,

FARMER.

Norton, N. B., Aug. 24.

PREFER PROHIBITION LAW TO SCOTT ACT

Chipman, N. B., Aug. 21—A very successful convention of the temperance workers of eastern Queens county and the parish of Northfield, Sunbury county, was held this afternoon in King's hall and was attended by delegates representing different churches and other organizations. Isaac Baird was elected chairman and Harry King secretary. Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary of the Dominion Alliance, explained the new provincial prohibition law thoroughly and after considerable discussion it was unanimously resolved that in the opinion of this convention the new law is far superior to the Scott act and that steps be taken to have the latter act repealed so that the provincial law may come in force.

An auxiliary of the Dominon Alliance was then organized, the following officers being elected: W. B. Evans, Rothwell, president; Daniel Wilson, Cambridge, vice-president; Harry King, Chipman, secretary-treasurer; J. M. Kennedy, Minto, and J. A. Corey, Canaan, additional members of the executive.

In the evening a public meeting was held, being opened with prayer by Rev. E. E. Durkee, and addresses were given by Rev. E. E. Mowatt, Rev. A. A. Hovey, Rev. W. D. Wilson, Rev. D. Price. W. B. Evans acted as chairman. A resolution in favor of the repeal of the Scott act was unanimously passed. The united choirs of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches furnished appropriate music.

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