

Notes and Comments

Silk worms hatched from an ounce of eggs eat a ton of mulberry leaves and produce from 150 to 200 pounds of silk.

According to the opinion of certain authorities, there seems to be identity between the rule for managing a person of Bolshevik tendencies and that for managing a husband—"feed the brute."

The annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association is to be held in Montreal on March 22, according to an announcement from the Dominion Executive of the G. W. V. A.

There is so much difference of opinion as to whether Herbert Hoover is a Republican or a Democrat that it is a wonder some one has not suggested that he be put up by both parties and it be made unanimous.

Ferdinand Bonn, a German actor, proposes to make up as Wilhelm Hohenzollern, go to London and impersonate him at his trial. He must imagine that the Allies are going to sell the moving picture rights of the court proceedings.

Alexandre Millerand is the new Premier of the French Republic, in succession to Dr. Clemenceau. This selection of a Moderate Socialist to head the first Ministry under President Deschanel indicates where the votes came from that defeated the Tiger that saved France.

Lieut. John Philip Sousa recently celebrated the twenty-seventh anniversary of his band, as well as that of one of his most successful compositions, "Liberty Bell March." Sousa is probably the veteran band leader of the world, since, so far as it is known, no other conductor has been continuously in charge of an organization for so long a period.

That war of hatches, corpses and dressed to the Dutch by the Allies in the case of Wilhelm Hohenzollern seems to have thrown the pan-Germans and former royalists into a high fever of rage. Having no imagination, these persons don't stop to think what the peremptory Prussian demands would have been if the war had ended the other way.

Now that the question of the future relations of the Allied universities with the Germans have been brought up, two things should be remembered—first, that every such institution in the Fatherland is openly pro-Hohenzollern, and, second, that the Teutonic savants at the outbreak of the war were the first to renounce their foreign honorary and other degrees with insults and jeers.

That first session of the League of Nations was rather pathetic. Business done; regrets expressed at the absence of the United States! "Where is Prince Hamlet?" asked the Queen? "An' it please Your Majesty," said Polonus, "the Senate would not let him come!" "Off with the Senators' heads!" quoth she. "Tut, tut, my dear," said the King, "perhaps it is better so!" Thereupon they appointed a permanent secretary from the British Foreign Office at a large salary and adjourned.

A Kidney Remedy

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N. S. Fruit Growers' Association

HOLDS ENTHUSIASTIC CONVENTION AT KENTVILLE

The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association held its annual convention at Kentville last week. The meetings were held in the Nicklet Theatre, and the sessions each day were largely attended. From the interest displayed by the members it looks as though the fruit growing industry of Nova Scotia is going to have quite a boom during the present year.

The first session was held on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. President Shaw gave a careful and exhaustive review of the Association's work during the year. He spoke of the trials that the Fruit Growers had been called to undergo during the year, such as late frosts, the severe outbreak of scab, the shortage of barrels, and the severe frost in October. He deprecated the enormous freight charges they were obliged to pay the ocean steamship lines, and said that ship owners must be made to see that unless rates were materially lowered, apple consignments to Great Britain would cease.

The next speaker was Mayor Jas. H. Yould, who gave the Association a cordial welcome to the town.

He was followed by J. E. Kinsman, M. P. P., who confined his remarks to reminiscences stating that some fifty or sixty years ago when he knew the Association first, the annual shipment of apples was about 200 barrels, while now it was approximately two million. He urged greater production, that the young men should plant trees, and that every grower should devote more labor to his orchards.

Hon. H. H. Wickwire, who followed, made a practical and telling speech along the lines of education and reconstruction, more production and better facilities for transportation both by way of the country roads leading to shipping points, as well as railway facilities.

The next speaker was George E. Graham, general manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway. His address, although devoted largely to the improvements made in the rail transportation of apples, laid particular stress on the importance of putting up apples in a more attractive form. He said it was a recognized fact and one that cannot be refuted that the producer, or grower, who makes an effort to meet the wishes of his customers in the matter of his product, will achieve the greatest measure of true success. He urged upon the fruit growers of Nova Scotia that they give serious consideration to the matter of the boxing of their product, in order that they may retain their hold in their own local markets, in Ontario and Quebec and in the United Kingdom.

At the evening session the delegates were given a movie exhibition, depicting the value of the humble bee in the increased production of apples, as well as other views descriptive of the Annapolis Valley.

The first business at the Wednesday morning session was the election of officers. The names of those elected appeared in last week's ACADIAN.

The speech of Professor Blair, of the Experimental Station, was easily the most important of the morning session, and he handled the subject of orchard management as only he can.

Captain Johnson, an inspector of loading at Halifax, was a very interesting speaker and gave the

growers some hard raps on their carelessness in shipping fruit.

Prof. W. H. Brittain, of Truro, was unable to be present at the afternoon session to deliver his address on "General Results from Orchard Spraying and Dusting Experiments," but his place on the programme was ably filled by Captain Goode, a returned veteran.

Professor Cumming, of Truro, spoke briefly on the work of the Agricultural College. He was proud to say that the past year had been the most successful they had ever had. There had been a better attendance and more interest on the part of the students than ever before. At the present time there were enrolled 153 students, among them being 40 returned men, who were taking a special course of training.

The event of the evening was the address of A. E. McMahon, General Manager of the United Fruit Companies Limited. He gave the history of the co-operative movement from its inception to the present time. With an annual business of \$400,000 in its first year, it did a business last year of over a million of dollars, and this year they are going to make it \$3,000,000. Not only is their business enormous in the shipping of apples and potatoes, but they are handling hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of flour, feeds and fertilizers. The United Fruit Companies Limited consists of over thirty co-operative fruit companies.

He severely criticized the growers and shippers of apples for their carelessness in the sorting, caring for and delivery of their apples, stating that hundreds of thousands of dollars were annually lost to the Valley through this slack and careless manner of poor handling and care. He stated that Nova Scotia apples had earned a reputation on the English markets through this cause. He advocated the extinction of about 150 varieties of apples that were now practically worthless. He complimented the Dominion Atlantic Railway for the efficient manner in which they had handled the 1920 crop.

Prof. W. T. Macoun, of Ottawa, also was in favor of the elimination of some of the varieties of fruit grown in the Valley, and the substitution of others. His address was highly instructive and resulted in a number of questions being asked, which he satisfactorily answered, and a general discussion ensued. An adjournment was had at 10:30 for the Strand Theatre, where the Convention was entertained by a special programme through the courtesy of the Kentville Board of Trade.

The last day of the convention was, from the stand-point of doing things, by far the best.

J. M. Robinson, of Kentville, delivered an interesting address on the thinning out of fruit, that brought out questions and discussion, that could only result in benefit to the industry throughout the Valley.

Then there was an address on the value of bees in the orchard, by F. W. L. Sladen, Dominion Apiarist, Ottawa, that should bring good results, as the bee is a wonderful worker, and cheap, because it will produce more than enough honey to feed itself, while it is doing a few things to the apple blossom that will result in better and more fruit.

Chief Fruit Inspector George H. Vroom gave an address on the handling of the fruit crop of 1919, which brought up the matter of the care of fruit from the time it is picked until it reaches the con-

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