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NEW BRUNSWICK'S FIRST FRUIT EXHIBITION.

The exhibit of New Brunswick fruit, which was opened by Premier Hazen last evening in St. Andrew's Rink, marks an epoch in the fruit growing industry of the province. For the first time the possibilities of New Brunswick, as a fruit growing country, are being demonstrated in a way that brings home their true significance. In spite of this being a bad year for apples, and the same is general all over Canada, there are on view an excellent and varied assortment of this fruit consisting of 150 barrels, 500 boxes, and 1,000 crates, representative collections of all the small fruits, and plums and cherries bottled in preserving solutions together with a splendid exhibit of fruit jellies and table preserves, all the product of New Brunswick's soil.

The united efforts of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, and the Provincial Fruit Growers' Association, have made the exhibition possible. The show is something more than a display of fruit. It is evidence of the practical policy of the Hazen government to develop the New Brunswick fruit lands, and demonstrate that this province can hold its own in fruit growing with other, and, in the past, more extensively advertised parts of the Dominion. It is no new thing to be told that New Brunswick can grow excellent fruit. But the initiative to develop this industry and to place it in the forefront as one of the great assets of the province has been lacking.

At the first session of the Legislature after the Hazen government came into power, an Act providing for an agricultural commission was passed. In the course of the debate the premier expressed the opinion that the proposal to appoint the commission would meet with general approval. He believed, he said, that there was just as great an opportunity for profitable agriculture in New Brunswick as in any part of Canada, and he hoped that the government in its desire to promote this great industry, would receive united support.

The commission, after a careful investigation of conditions throughout the province, recommended in its report the appointment of a provincial horticulturist. The appointment of Mr. A. G. Turney to that position followed, and a campaign to stimulate fruit growing and apple raising throughout the province was undertaken. With the hearty co-operation of Hon. D. V. Landry, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Provincial Fruit Growers' Association, the membership of which has been largely increased, the campaign has been eminently successful. The exhibition in St. Andrew's Rink is a practical demonstration of this fact.

In the past many people in New Brunswick have been accustomed to look to other provinces for their supply of apples. They have everything to gain by encouraging a home industry as far as fruit growing is concerned. The soil and climate in this province are as favorable to the production of apples and small fruits as anywhere on the continent. The success of the exhibition will, it is hoped, not only stimulate the industry, but prove a profitable advertisement outside the province. The Department of Agriculture has wisely decided to send photographs of the exhibits to England for distribution among the immigration agencies and the fruit dealers' associations. They will also provide excellent material in the active campaign which the Hazen government is carrying on through the provincial agency in London to secure settlers with the object of starting fruit farms.

An important feature in connection with the exhibition is the annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association. An attractive programme of addresses and demonstrations by experts, who are the best obtainable in the Dominion, has been arranged for the next three days, and should prove of exceptional interest to farmers and those who have so far given little attention to fruit raising. Evidence of the progressive policy which the government has undertaken to make the resources of New Brunswick more widely known, it is to be found in this exhibition, the first of the kind ever held in the province, and in the facilities which are being afforded to learn how these resources can best be developed. The opportunity to see what can be done, even in a poor year, should be taken advantage of. It will bring home to doubting minds, as nothing else can, that here in New Brunswick the industry of fruit raising and apple growing presents tremendous possibilities.

CAMPBELLTON'S FINANCES.

The Campbellton Graphic, in its last issue, refers to certain inaccuracies in the Telegraph with regard to the town's finances, and also points out that the delay of the Dominion government in dealing with the question of assistance has been a source of embarrassment to Campbellton. The Graphic is optimistic, and hopes shortly to announce that the petition of the citizens will be acceded to. The Graphic may be right in its surmise, but the excuses for inaction that Mr. Pugsley has been offering for months past, reflect anything but credit on the Dominion government.

The editorial in the Graphic follows:—
"An article in the St. John Telegraph of a recent date and copied in the last issue of the Graphic had many inaccuracies which should not go without correction. In an article on Campbellton's finances the statement is made that it will require \$115,000 to restore the electric light and educational plants. This is by no means correct. The town officials are asking for authority to issue this amount of bonds, which amount, with the insurance on the property destroyed

will be sufficient to pay all outstanding accounts and salaries, and restore the electric lighting plant, sewerage and water, and the school. This is the total sum needed.

Through the judicious management of the electric light business, Manager Farrar has been able to give the town a splendid lighting system at a very small cost, and the plant is now in operation.

The delay of the Dominion Cabinet in dealing with the matter of the assistance to be granted to Campbellton has no doubt been embarrassing to the town, but owing to the continued absence of the ministers of the Crown, and of late the illness of Sir Richard Cartwright, it has been impossible to attend to this business.

It seems hardly fair to us for the Telegraph to lay the blame on the local administration. Here in Campbellton we know what the local government intends to do, but it is waiting the action of the Dominion Cabinet before it finally deals with the question. This is a very proper course, and is also in the best interests of Campbellton. That the government will agree to assist this town we never for one moment doubted, and we hope shortly to announce that the petitions of our citizens has been acceded to.

The Graphic is to be commended for its honesty in giving credit to the local government for the prompt offer of assistance in guaranteeing the interest on the bonded indebtedness in conjunction with the Dominion government. This offer has now been standing some months, awaiting the time when Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues can be brought to realize the pressing needs of the case. The Telegraph's attitude is well understood. The dredgers' organ would not commend the Hazen government under any circumstances. It is paid to do otherwise.

DEATH-RATE FIGURES.

"A funeral will soon be a curiosity," declares one Western editor, if only the coming years keep up the good work of 1908 and 1909 in setting a new low-water mark for the nation's death-rate. Last year's unprecedentedly low level of only 15 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants is acclaimed by other papers as the most important financial news of the season, for nothing, says the New York Times, "so affects the finances of a nation as its death-rate."

These figures, recently published in a census bulletin, cover only cities and States having laws requiring the registration of deaths, and represent 55.3 per cent of the estimated population of the country. The number of deaths recorded last year was 723,538, with the greatest mortality in March and the lowest in June. The death-rate in 1908 was 15.4, so that last year's rate of 15 per 1,000 indicates a material falling off. One piece of information which has been respectfully referred to the suffragettes for their encouragement is the fact that 54 per cent of those who succumbed were men.

The New York Times notes that England's death-rate is lower than America's, being 14.5 per 1,000, while it goes yet lower in France, Prussia, Denmark, and Sweden. The decreasing death-rate in the United States impresses upon the Omaha World-Herald the fact that the "good-health propaganda is now beginning to tell." Never, we are reminded "has medical science been so efficient in preventing disease, and especially those ravaging epidemics of contagious or infectious diseases, which we trust for the last time have been the terrors of citizens, States, and large sections of the world. And one hesitates to undertake to list the regimens of exercise, of recreation, of open-air sleeping, and outdoor life that have been more generally accepted and followed in later years than ever before. Indeed, the people have waked up to the importance of keeping well. Sickness has gone out of fashion. With almost anybody it is felt to be a shame and with a large modern school it is rated a positive sin. It is all beginning to count, and everybody ought to help in hastening the time when a funeral will be a curiosity and the undertakers will be talking about emigrating to a sicklier planet."

In the Census Bureau's volume of mortality statistics for 1908, Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale University, is quoted as maintaining that of all the diseases of infancy (up to one year) 47 per cent may be prevented, and that 67 per cent of all the diseases of childhood (two to eight years) are likewise preventable. The volume referred to admits that "the work of preventing infant and child mortality has only made a beginning," and goes on to say of Professor Fisher's claims:—
"This would mean, applied to the 200,000 deaths of infants and children in the registration area, or the possible 400,000 deaths of these classes in the United States, a saving of at least 100,000 or 200,000 lives each year, respectively. It does not seem unreasonable, when we consider the fact that there is apparently no reason why infants, if properly born (and this means simply the prevention of antenatal disease and the improvement of the health and conditions of living of their parents), should die at all in early infancy or childhood except from the comparatively small proportion of accidents that are strictly unavoidable."

Current Comment

(Victoria Colonist.)

In the United States there are 400,000 automobiles in use, and the annual demand is for about 200,000. At an average of \$2,000 a car, this comes to \$400,000,000. Putting the cost of upkeep and chauffeur's wages at \$1,000 a car, which is not high, this takes another \$400,000,000, or in all \$800,000,000 spent in a year on the new means of locomotion. Add the cost of "joy rides" and the whole business will foot up at about a billion.

(Windsor Record.)

In various places in Canada there has been begun a campaign against profanity. Windsor needs it badly—a strong and determined movement against that blatant, blackguard blasphemy that assails the ears of innocence on the sidewalk, wherever a group of two or three is gathered together. The by-law provides in plenty for prosecution of offenders of this class but it is a dead letter. When did anybody hear of a prosecution for profanity?

(Ottawa Journal.)

"Let Laurier finish his work," was the slogan of the last general election, and a rallying cry is good enough for the next one, remarks a Calgary Herald paper, which reminds us of what happened when the book "The Last Days of Richard Baxter," was published. It proved such a success that the enterprising publisher got out another work and entitled it "More Last Days of Richard Baxter."

(Guelp Mercury.)

Theodore Roosevelt is to lecture on "Peace" at Harvard. Might as well get Doctor Cook to address a few words on modesty.

(Guelp Herald.)

A sulphur company is being formed in Toronto, but why couldn't these men have waited for what is coming to them?

EXPRESS STRIKE TO SPREAD

Drivers And Helpers To Number Of 5,000 Will Swell The Ranks Of New York Strikers.

New York, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Patrolling to keep warm was about the hardest work the police in New York and New Jersey had to do today in connection with the express strike. None of the express companies made efforts to deliver goods and the strikers throughout the day were quiet and peaceful. But that the men intend to continue the fight here with added vigor and that it necessary it would be extended throughout the country, was declared today by Vice-President Hofman, of the national brotherhood of teamsters. Hofman said that tomorrow all drivers and helpers of the express companies in Brooklyn and the employees of the smaller express companies in Manhattan would be called out. This, he declared, would increase the number of men on strike from 5,000 to 10,000. Hofman added that he received a letter from the national president of the international brotherhood of teamsters of Indianapolis, who is now in Boston, informing him that he had sent word to all the organizers of the brotherhood throughout the country, telling them to organize the drivers, helpers and stablemen of the express companies so that they could all be called out at a moment's notice if necessary. He said that President Tobin is going to stop at the large cities between here and St. Louis on his way home to Indianapolis and personally conduct the organizing of the express companies' employees.

POSTMASTER RESIGNS AFTER LONG SERVICE

Isaac Smith of Daniel Post Office Retires—Had Been Postmaster for thirty-two Years.

Waterborough, Q. C., Oct. 28.—Isaac Smith, who has been postmaster of Daniel P. O. here for thirty-two years, has sent in his resignation, and it is likely that the office will be closed, as nearly all the residents have rural boxes. Mr. Smith was well liked by all who knew him, and had the confidence and esteem of all his patrons by whom he will be greatly missed. Mr. Smith having sold his farm to his son, Hamilton, is going to reside with his son-in-law, L. D. Ferris, Young's Cove road. The weekly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Robt. Kennedy, yesterday afternoon, where considerable business was done for the Dorcas work. Mrs. Thos. M. Wiggins spent a very pleasant day, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cody, Cody's. G. M. Thorne, general merchant at Cody's, Q. C., has erected a large store, with modern improvements. His increasing trade was too large for the small store he first built. Mr. Thorne has only been in business for a short time and has worked up a large trade. The farmers in this section have done a large amount of ploughing this fall, and have succeeded in housing all of their vegetables and grain in good condition. While driving along the highway the other day, a resident saw a cow with a heavy wire fastened through her nose and the two ends fastened to her horns so tightly that the cow could hardly eat as the wire was passed through the division of the nostrils and tied in a knot. The attention of S. M. Wetmore should be called to this matter and the owner severely punished.

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