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#### Public Meeting of Kings County Board of Trade

We gave a reference in last issue to the important meetings of the Kings County Board of Trade, held a week ago, and give herewith a more detailed report from the Academic Orchardist.

President Woodworth was in the chair, and Professor Cummins was the first speaker. He spoke of the Brown Tail Moth and the ravages which it would make if allowed to exist, and spoke of the efforts to fight it in the province. During the last year not one nest had been found in Kings County. He spoke of many other pests which were disastrous to fruit growers and then spoke on fruit growing on the farm at Truro, and the establishing of a fruit experimenting station in Kings County. He thought the people should memorialize both federal and local government to have this fruit station established at once. The failure in apples last year had taught us that we must get rid of blights and defects. Where a good system of outlaws prevails people could do as well here as in any country.

A discussion then followed introduced by Mr. P. Innes, on the location of the station and Mr. Albert Elderkin, of Wolfville, stated that he had a letter from Sir Frederick Borden stating that the Elderskin farm would be granted by the government but did not state when.

Mr. Howard Bligh was the next speaker and he gave a valuable fund of information in reference to the fruit trade, and his observations while in London. He read most of the letter he sent us and published in the Orchardist a fortnight ago, and supplemented this valuable information by answering many questions. He spoke of the great loss to growers by not having a satisfactory system of packing fruit. Nonpareils, he said, had seen their best day as Australian and Tasmanian apples competed strongly with them. He advised cool storage, not cold storage, and said we must make every effort to obtain new markets, and pack to suit these markets. He said we had to cater to the buyers, and the Ben Davis would not sell now, the English say they "won't cook, boil or fry." We have made most serious mistakes by packing Gravenstein and other fruit before they are ripe. This year apples opened so green that they demoralized the market and it never recovered. He said he was satisfied that the auctioneers did their best to get prices but the buyers were combined.

Evening Session.  
Meeting opened at 7.30 with a large attendance.

Letter was read from the Secretary of the Maritime Board in reference to the annual meeting in Halifax. A. E. McMahon, Howard Bligh and P. Innes were appointed a committee to prepare subjects to bring before the above Board.

A resolution was presented in reference to tax of \$1.63 a barrel on our apples going to Germany and after a heated discussion by many present, was carried.

A nominating committee was named consisting of H. Bligh, C. O. Allen and P. Innes to select delegates to go to Ottawa. The following were named: J. E. Shanfer and E. J. Elliott for Annapolis County; W. O'Brien and Matthew Saxon for Hants County; W. W. Pines, Capt. C. O. Allen and Howard Bligh for Kings County.

M. G. DeWolfe moved the following committee to arrange for the annual Board Excursion in June to the Provincial Farm, Truro: The President, Warden McMahon, C. O. Allen, A. B. North, J. A. Kinsman, with power to add to their number.

P. Innes reported for the committee in the interview with S. S. Compton re rotates, report received.

A. S. Barnstead, Secretary of Immigration and Industries, then addressed the Board on farm and domestic help. It was in most interesting address and listened to with close attention. Mr. Barnstead is a fluent speaker and has his work well in hand.

Professor Cummins gave a most valuable address on various needs of (continued on page 8.)

#### The Call of the Sea

NOVA SCOTIA MARINER, AFTER YEARS' ASHORE, PREPARES TO EMBARK AGAIN.

Hunt high or low among men in every walk of life and you can find a more interesting character being found than a real old salt, whose life from boyhood has been spent "fore the mast." He never gives up the sea, and, though he may rest on land for years, give him an opportunity and he will sail again, to finish his life career with old Neptune.

Such is the character of Captain David M. Chute, a ship-builder well known all over this country, he has sailed the high seas many years, officiating in every capacity from "fore the mast" to captain, and in those years his experiences have been accompanied by many stirring events narrow escapes and visits to foreign shores galore.

Today, although well along the allotted span of man's earthly career, he shows but little the marks of "Pathos: Time, and yields the hammer and saw with a strength that many younger men would be envious of, while engaged in finishing as trim a 30-foot schooner rigged craft as has ever been put out from this city.

His first experience as a sea-carer was when he shipped before the mast with "Old Captain Holden Farnsworth" of Bridgetown, a merchantman in West Indian service, and for about 12 years followed that line. It was on his maiden trip that he got his introduction to old Neptune, a story he delightfully tells. Father Neptune came aboard and of course as a novice, "Chute had to be initiated. He was down for a shave, but before they got through the boy was on the other leg, and Old Neptune was glad to let the stocky little lad go across the line a free man. While in that service he touched at Rio de Janeiro, St. John's, Barbados, Martinique, Antigua and other Indian ports, bringing home rich cargoes.

When the Civil War broke out, Chute enlisted in the Union service, and was assigned to transport duty. His was the famous transport White sails, from New York, and carrying stores to the Southern States. Later after leaving the merchants trade he went to the banks fishing. It was here, in 1853, that he was made of a fishing schooner, one of an entire fleet that outride the great storm of that year. For three days no lights were seen and the vessels in the fleet "numbered" in all about 100, went down to the bottom. His ship was expected to go to its fate with the rest, but was miraculously saved, although it turned completely over on its beam ends during the storm.

During the famous blockade at Charleston harbor, he was in the thick of the fight, and at Fort Boyal he received injuries to his head from the noise that have resulted in permanent deafness. Retiring from the sea, Chute has worked as a boss ship carpenter in this city for some little time past. But the call of the sea has been in his ears all the while however, and the spirit of unrest has been with him so that each board and nail in the new craft, which he is now building, brings a contented smile, that seems to denote one step nearer his heart's desire.

The new boat of which he will be captain is 20 x 9 feet, constructed of spruce planking, and oak frame. The cabin will be sheathed in hard pine, and will have accommodations for a crew of eight. There will be two double bunks and two single bunks, with a stowaway for six besides.

So strange, Captain Chute is a quiet, good natured man of very few words, but let him see that you are interested in his work and his tongue loosens rapidly.

One time, while on a voyage, Captain Chute saved the lives of his crew and his vessel. They were entering port over the shoals of a high anchor, but he stood over the men, "bellying" in his hand, and threatened to kill the first who dared touch the anchor. Had they accomplished this, the vessel would have drifted on the rocks and all been lost. His escape from death began in early boyhood when, in a dory, being towed across the Bay of Fundy, he was captured, and was in the water for half an hour before being rescued.

#### Why the Apple Trade Collapsed

Wrong Methods of Buying and Packing Caused Disastrous Failure in the Apple Trade.

(Toronto Globe.)

The apple report which a Liverpool firm cabled on April 11th was as follows: Dominion, very fair condition, market depressed; greenings, 7 to 10; seconds, 7 to 8; Sides, 12 to 14; 18 to 20; seconds, 10 to 12; 13 to 15; Russets, 11 to 13; seconds, 8 to 10; 12 to 14.

The first part of the report is satisfactory enough. The storm blowing from Portland to Liverpool, landed its apples in fairly good condition. Sometimes "bad condition," "damaged," "bad condition," "rotted," "badly frosted."

The remainder of the report, however, is very discouraging. There was apparently little demand for the apples when they were offered at auction in the Liverpool Fruit Exchange. The prices obtained indicated a loss to the shippers of not less than \$1.50 a barrel.

Why our apples sometimes arrive in the old country in a damaged condition, and why, even when good and sound, they sometimes sell at unprofitable prices, and why year after year low grade apples are shipped at all, are questions of wide interest.

They concern the farmers who grow the apples, the dealers who buy and ship them, the railways and steamships that carry them, and the agents and retailers who sell them.

Apples are with an important commodity of export. Our climate seems particularly well adapted to their growth and development. At their best, apples grown in Ontario are not excelled in flavor, quality or appearance by any other. It is obvious that the whole country is interested in the prosperity of the apple trade.

But the season of 1907-08, now at its close, was the most disappointing and disastrous in the history of the trade. Never were prospects so bright, and never were the quantities of apples so something that dealers ought not now to take into calculation. Apples will come from every part of the province, and the scarcity will not materialize.

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#### How the Ill Deeds of a Carter Grew.

(Montreal Witness.)

The other day we told the story of one of our filthy lanes, today we give the three years' story of a field, or a large vacant site for building. This site is open, and it is surrounded by houses, principally of the respectable class. Three years ago, in the spring time, the grass used to grow beautifully green then it was studded thickly with golden dandelions, then in their season there followed other beautiful denizens of the waste, succory of the docks, the thistles, some butter-chickory, white or yellow, milk-thistle, and the golden-rods, the aster, and other "common" flowers—a refreshing procession throughout the open months of the year.

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#### A Good Prize List

THAT FOR THE ST. JOHN EXHIBITION IS BETTER THAN EVERY OTHER CASH AND MORE CLASSES, SOME INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS.

The Prize List of the St. John Exhibition Association is now ready for distribution. If one may judge from its varied contents and the total value of the premium list—\$15,000—the citizens of the Metropolitan City of New Brunswick propose to attract and hold the attention of exhibitors. It is quite evident that they know this is necessary to make the St. John Exhibition what it should be—the largest and best in the history of the province. Preparations with that end in view—to make the big show worth the attention and attendance of every one—are now in active progress. Each day sees some advancement toward that successful end. Looking over the Prize List, it is noted that there are some additional classes in the horses, which will enable many of the good animals hitherto barred to be placed on exhibition. There will be inducement to those who take a pride in the appearance of their turn-out—whether intended for business or pleasure—to enter into competition. For the first time in St. John Exhibitions, there will be a class for dry cows, which the farmer will appreciate, as it is not always possible to have the best animals freshen just at Exhibition time. All the dairy pure breeds, Ayrshire, Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, etc., have been placed upon an equal basis. There will be special prizes given to the Ayrshire and Holstein and Short Horn Associations, and negotiations are now in progress to get a special judge for each class. A great importance has been given to dairy grades, by increasing the sections in that class. In sheep, also, the classes have been equalized, and the prizes for certain breeds of swine have been increased. To make the poultry show even more popular and attractive than it usually is, premiums will be offered for an increased number of varieties of birds such as the breeders have found profitable.

There are additional prizes offered for different varieties of white cats, for different varieties of white dogs, and for different varieties of white rabbits. To make the exhibition more attractive to the farmers to show some grain in the Exhibition buildings has been placed in the best of condition and every effort will be made to give accommodation to the big crowd of exhibitors expected. Amusement will not be forgotten. The best that can be had for this event will not be too good, and the management expect to make announcements from time to time about the attractive features secured for the St. John Exhibition, September 12th to 19th.

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#### Bridgetown Boy Called to Pastorale at Halifax.

(Halifax Herald.)

The Rev. Abner Newcombe, of Boston, who was recently called to the pastorate of the North Baptist church, preached therein to large congregations Sunday, abundantly fulfilling expectations. Mr. Newcombe is the possessor of a voice of once penetrating and sympathetic, and is fluent and forcible. His personality is attractive and the hope is generally expressed that he may see his way clear to accept the call of the congregation.

See yesterday morning, Mr. Newcombe stated that he could not say yet whether he would or would not accept the call to the North Baptist church, "but," said he, "I am very largely no reason why I should leave it. However, as I said, I cannot possibly give an answer yet."

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#### Fresh Air Treatment for Pneumonia

An authority on pulmonary diseases says—

"What has been said as to the avoidance of tuberculosis is equally applicable to pneumonia. In the home let the housecleaning be done so as to stir up as little dust as possible. Let the house wife use damp cloths instead of feather dusters, and in this way you will avoid dust, always from the street, and which is one of the most powerful agents for the spreading of pneumonia germs.

"And last, but by no means least, get just as much fresh air into your room as possible. The germ will die in an hour if exposed to fresh air and sunlight. If it were possible to get sunlight into the lungs, there would never be another case of pneumonia.

"The dark, stifling rooms and the foul and dusty streets of the city are the breeding places of the germ, and that accounts for its rarity in the country.

"The most advanced treatment of the disease is by the fresh air method, the same as in cases of consumption, and it is accomplishing wonders and completely shattering old theories.

"Formerly, when a patient had pneumonia, the room was tightly closed and the temperature kept up. We have been treating patients, and they have been treated in many hospitals, in tents and in the open air, with the thermometers sometimes at zero.

"The work of the commission, which is covering thoroughly all forms of diseases of the lungs. In continuing, and making great headway, and ultimately will be able absolutely to control all these fatal diseases."

"Every new creature grows up from the grave of the old. Up the stairs of holy patience we climb the heights of the inner kingdom. Our will, henceforth, is to yield our will, but the sensuous man contacts every inch with the spiritual. The perishing of the old man day by day is painful, and so is the renewal of the inner for birth also is painful. We learn of love, love, hate, hate, and fear only; but every upward has in its birth-pangs. We are in the soul's gymnasium—on its battle-field. The creature was made subject to vanity for a cause.

"The nature of steadfastness is to overcome difficulties—not with a rush and a shout, but one by one. They dissolve away before the steady radiance of the sun.

"Like the star,  
That shines afar,  
Without haste,  
And without rest,  
Let each man wheel with steady  
Way  
Round the task that rules the day,  
And do his best.

"I must grow up to God before I can know Him; I must grow up to Christ before I can see Him. The pure in heart shall see and hear spiritual things. I must be on God's level before even the lowly flower can tell me the thought that was in His mind when He created it.

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