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Topics of the Day

BISHOP OF LONDON'S FAITH CURE

(Charlottetown Guardian.)

In our issue of Wedneeday we published a telegram from London giving particulars of a case of faith cure, or spiritual healing, reported by the Bishop of London, Dr. Ingram. The learned bishop stated that in the course of a special mission he had been engaged in at St. Paul's church, Knightsbridge, he received a letter from a mother about her daughter of fifteen who was lying seriously ill with a nervous breakdown. The girl had heard the bishop preach before she became ill, and begged her mother to send him a petition for prayer. The bishop visited the sick room and found the girl in hysterics, entirely beyond control of her mother, nurse and doctor. The bishop tells us he remembered the injunction of St. James that if the Church annoint the sick with oil and pray in faith the sick will be saved, so he proceeded to try the experiment. He offered up two prayers with the girl, who had recognized him, then annointed her on the forehead with oil, and concluded with his blessing. "At that moment," declares the bishop, "she sank into a deep sleep and slept for hours during the night, and, thank God, it is His good pleasure, she is now on the high way to recovery."

There is no reason to doubt the genuineness of this account of "spiritual healing," nor need we seek an explanation of it in any miraculous agency. It is an instance of mind cure entirely consistent with medical science. Dr. Hack Tuke, in his book on the "Influence of the Mind upon the Body in Health and Disease" gives many well-authenticated cases of pains being assuaged and disease cured by mental influences. Dr. John Brown of Edinburgh tells a quaint story of his curing a bad case of colic by handing the prescription to the patient and saying "Take that." He found the patient had swallowed the paper and got instantaneous relief. It was faith that did it.

In a valuable contribution on "Mind Cures" in the current number of the "Quarterly Review," Sir T. S. Clouston, M. D., the most distinguished living authority on mental diseases, gives a rational and scientific explanation of all the so-called miraculous and faith cures of which we hear a good deal from time to time. Sir Thomas does not by any means disparage these cures but he gives the physiological explanation of haw they are brought about.

Mental disease, he says, always implies disorder of both body and mind as a consequence of the brain being disturbed in its working. Its cure, therefore, must always take the body into account. The mental areas in the brain may, however, be diseased or disturbed without other demonstrable bodily disturbance. Electricity or heat may powerfully affect the matter through which they are generated. The heat that may be produced from coal may be turned on to burn still further its source. In this sense mind may act on body and cure some of its diseases.

The effects of brain-mental stimuli or worry on the body is illustrated by the well known effect on the digestive organs. Who has not had his appetite or digestion suddely stopped by anxiety or by hearing a piece of bad news? This is done through brain cells of the digestive centres. The bad effects of worry on the general health and nutrition of the body are known to everyone. The brain cells then act less vigorously; the flow of blood to them through their capillaries—each cell has capillary vessels to supply it with nourishment—is lessened; the general feeling of well-being, of bienetre, is lost. All these bodily and mental effects are due to abnormal action in the mental centres of the brain.

The apparatus for the production of these and hundreds of other bodily effects, good and evil, exists in the brain. It is part of the normal bodily armamentarium. When, through this apparatus, certain diseases are cured during hypnotism or "faith healing," there is no more miracle or special mystery about the process than the perpetual miracle of the daily work of the human brain, or its exact parallelism with our varied mental conditions, or its general action in keeping the body in health.

Faith in the healer or in the means of cure and similar agencies have roused the higher levels of the brain to activity, and so have "cured" the disorder. A strong belief and a keen emotion necessarily alter the condition of the brain-cells and their blood supply. Dogmatism has the same effect, and whatever gives tone to the blood vessels and nerves, stimulates the heart, sets the muscles in action and distracts the attention from disease, will cure many complaints. All this the brain-cells that subserve mind have the power of doing.

Thus the "spiritual healing" made so much of by the Bishop of London is not of the nature of a marvel, but merely an instance of an everyday occurrence in the history of medical men, especially those who specialize in ment. disorders. The girl was highly-strung, unnerved, emotional, had great faith in the bishop whose mission she had been attending, and his very presence and touch had a soothing, restorative influence. In the treatment of all mental disease, in addition to medicines and hygienic agencies, some of the chief means of cure are found in just such a measure as the bishop applied, viz., mental and moral treatment, removal of worries, suitable suggestion, mental distractions, and the strengthening of will power. Prayer and faith are as good a means to this end as could possibly be found, and so to this extent the bishop is entitled to all credit for his successful adventure as a "spiritual healer."

OBITUARY

Mrs. C. W. Weyman.

Apohaqui, N. B., April 11—On Thursday night, April 10, at 11.30, this village suffered a deep loss when Naomi L. Weyman, wife of C. W. Weyman, passed peacefully away, after two years' illness of heart trouble.

Mrs. Weyman, who was 61 years of age, was a daughter of the late William O. Dunfield, of Corn Hill, and was much beloved by those who had the pleasure of her friendship, being kind and charitable, ever trying to help others. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, Lower Mill stream, and an active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. At the time of the union of the Baptist churches Mrs. Weyman was largely instrumental in bringing about the union of the missionary societies of the two branches of the church and was elected president of the Baptist Missionary Society, which office she filled for two years. She leaves to mourn her husband, one daughter, Miss S. Jessie Weyman; one son, E. C. Weyman, L. A. LL. B.; one sister, Miss Almedia A. Dunfield, of Corn Hill; two brothers, Oscar Dunfield, Corn Hill, and Handford Dunfield, of Salt Lake City, Dr. W. C. Keirstead, of U. N. B., Fredericton, is a nephew.

The funeral takes place from her late residence, Apohaqui, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. T. B. Wetmore officiating. After a short service at the home the funeral cortege will proceed to the Baptist church at Lower Millstream, where a service will be held previous to interment, which will be in the family lot in Lester cemetery, Lower Millstream.

Allan Arthurs.

Saturday, Apr. 12.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthurs, of South Bay will sympathize with them in the death of their little son, Allan, which took place about 9 o'clock Thursday evening. The lad, who was a bright child of eight years was taken ill a few days ago with measles, which latter developed into pneumonia. Funeral services will be from his parents residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The tugboat Martello will leave Indiantown at 1 o'clock to convey the remains to Harding's Point for burial.

Peter McLeod.

The death of Peter McLeod occurred at his home, Black River, Saturday morning, April 5. Mr. McLeod was 77 years old and is survived by his wife and one son, Frederick G., at home.

Charles H. Emery.

Woodstock, N. B., April 11—(Special)—Charles H. Emery, formerly of Jacksonville, this county, died today of paralysis at the home of his sister, Mrs. George Bull, at Monticello, Maine. He was 57 years of age and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Ida Harding, of Jacksonville, and one child. Mrs. Williamson Fisher, of this town, is a sister. The body will be brought to Woodstock and the funeral services will be at 2.30 Sunday at Mrs. Fisher's residence. Interment will be in Jacksonville. Mr. Emery was in the west for some years where he owned an extensive ranch, but owing to heart trouble he came east and resided in Haverhill (Mass.)), for the past few years. He was highly respected and his death is deeply regretted.

Miss Elizabeth M. Edkin.

Chatham, N. B., April 11—Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, manager of the Bank of Montreal in London cables that Miss Elizabeth M. Elkin died in Highgate Hospital, London, on Wednesday morning and that he had made arrangements for her burial in St. Pancras Catholic Cemetery today.

For some time rumors have been current to the effect that Miss Elkin had passed away but nothing authoritative had been received and nothing definite known until this brief cablegram was received by Mr. Dick of the Bank of Montreal.

Miss Elkin was a daughter of Thomas Elkin who conducted a butchering business in this town many years ago. All the immediate family are now dead and Miss Elkin is survived by no nearer relatives than first cousins. Among the latter living here are M. J. and Daniel Elkin, Robert Allen, Mrs. William Lyons, Robert Mayes and Harry Wilson of Napan. Edward Elkin and James Mayes in the United States, also are first cousins.

Miss Elkin had been sick in the London hospital for five or six weeks but as she did not wish it to be known generally no definite word was received here until a little before her death, when she herself wrote to a Chatham relative disclosing the fact that she knew her end was near. Miss Elkin was the possessor of a considerable amount of wealth and much interest is expressed in the disposition of her property.

Capt. Jas. W. Cousins.

Digby, N. S., April 11—Captain James W. Cousins died at one o'clock this morning, aged eighty years. He was one of Digby's best known citizens and was highly respected by everyone. He was born in Digby and had been engaged in the fish business for nearly half a century. In his early days he visited various parts of the world in the merchant marine service and later became one of Digby's first fishing shippers. He retired from the sea and became a member of the firm of Syda & Cousins, who carried on a wholesale fish business up to the time of the death of Mr. Syda, after which he retired three years ago.

Mr. Cousins is survived by four sons—Edward M. of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Bland W. and Arthur E. of Digby, and Harry P., chief officer of the D. G. S. Curlew. He also leaves one sister, Miss Rosern Cousins, of Digby. The funeral probably will be held Sunday. The services will be conducted by Rev. Thos. S. Roy, of the Digby Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment will take place in the family lot in the Baptist cemetery beside the remains of Mrs. Cousins, who passed away a few years ago.

Thomas S. Camp

Woodstock, N. B., April 13—(Special)—Thomas S. Camp died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Camp, this afternoon after a short illness of tuberculosis. He was 28 years of age and is survived by four brothers, Fred, Frank, Arthur and Charles, of this town, and two sisters, Miss Jane Camp, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Wm. Jackson, of Vancouver (B. C.)

The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p. m. Mr. Camp had been for the past four years traveling in the western and southern states and in Mexico.

J. W. Kindred.

Monday, Apr. 14.

Word was received in the city yesterday of the death of J. W. Kindred, formerly of West St. John, in Boston. Mr. Kindred left this city many years ago. He is survived by his wife and one son. He also leaves two brothers, John Kindred of this city, and Joseph in Fitchburg, Mass, and six sisters, namely, Miss R. R. Kindred, Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. John Campbell of this city; Miss Bertie and Miss Ada, in Boston and Mrs. L. C. Wetmore of Tacoma.

Benjamin Godsoe.

Many old friends in St. John will regret to hear of the death of Benj. Godsoe, which occurred in Denver on April 5. Mr. Godsoe was employed in the I. C. R. carpenter shop here for nearly a quarter of a century. Some five years ago he and his wife removed to Denver to live with their daughter, Mrs. Woodley. He was about seventy-three years of age, and if he had remained with the I. C. R. a little longer would have been superannuated in due course. Mrs. Godsoe remains with her daughter in Denver.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson

Chatham, N. B., April 12—Mrs. Margaret Jackson, wife of Isaac Jackson, died yesterday, aged seventy-eight years. She is survived by her husband and four children, Mrs. Alex. Hay and Mrs. Walsh of Chatham, Bessie at home and John in Nelson. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon to St. Paul's church, where service will be conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Forsyth.

Miss Marie Franklin.

Monday, Apr. 14.

Word reached the city yesterday of the death of Miss Marie Franklin in Boston. She was the daughter of Mrs. John Sheehan, of 395 Haymarket square, this city, and had resided in Boston for some time. She is survived by her mother and one sister, H. J. Sheehan, of Comeau & Sheehan, is a half-brother. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later. The body will likely be brought to St. John for interment.

Charles L. Lamb.

Monday, Apr. 14.

Charles L. Lamb, a well known resident of the North End, died yesterday morning in Nova Scotia. He had been in poor health for some time, but about two weeks ago he went to Nova Scotia to work. It was thought that the change of climate would make an improvement in his health, but his wife received a telegram on Thursday saying that he was seriously ill. Mrs. Lamb immediately left for Nova Scotia and was with her husband when he passed away yesterday morning. Besides his wife and one daughter, Miss Sarah Lamb, stenographer with G. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., and two small sons, Murray, aged six, and Gilbert, aged four years, survive.

The body will be brought to St. John on the Digby boat this afternoon and the funeral will take place tomorrow at 1.30 o'clock. Interment will be at White Head, Kings county.

Mrs. David J. Buckley.

Newcastle, April 12—The death of Mary E. Buckley, nee Wellwood, wife of David J. Buckley, the well known mill man, who moved here from Rogerville last year, occurred suddenly at her home here this morning. She had for several months been a great sufferer from cancer of the stomach. She was much beloved by a large circle of friends, who deeply mourn her loss. She was forty-seven years of age and is survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Margaret Wellwood, of Harcourt; the following brothers and sisters, Albert E. and Robert Wellwood, of the I. C. R., sydney; Fred. Wellwood, Mrs. Wm. F. Buckley and Miss Margaret, of Harcourt. The children left are Leander W., Reta and Yvonne, all at home. The funeral will be to St. Mary's church, Newcastle, at 10 a. m., on Monday, 14th inst.

Mrs. Harold R. Lauder.

Oromocto, April 10—On Sunday of this week, the community was saddened by a message that came over the wires "That Queenie was dead." She was only twenty-one, the wife of Harold R. Lauder, of St. John, and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Currier, of Oromocto. The funeral took place at Oromocto on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lauder was beloved by all who knew here, which was shown by the number of sorrying relatives and friends that followed her body to its last resting place, Green Hill cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. H. A. Pierce, of St. John Portland Methodist church. She leaves a sorrowing husband, mother and father, one brother and two sisters. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved husband and family.

PROVINCIAL PERSONALS

Fredericton Mail: H. C. Benham, of Lancaster, is a guest at the Queen. Ed. Dubord, of Toronto, is in the city. George W. Brown, of Amherst, is at the Queen. Hon. John Morrissy is a guest at the Barker House. T. H. Foster, of St. John, is in the city today. James Connolly, of St. John, is at the Barker House. C. J. Callaghan, of St. John, is in the city. Edward C. Weyman, of St. John, is at the Barker House. A. W. Covey, of St. John, arrived in the city last night. J. K. Scammell, of St. John, arrived in the city this morning. He is at the Queen.

Digby Courier: Mrs. Dickson, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Peters, returned to her home in St. John Monday. Mr. Charles Bell returned to Digby Monday after a three weeks' vacation in St. John and Campobello. Mr. Harry Franklin visited his family on Monday, returning to St. John by the afternoon boat.

Annapolis Spectator: Mr. B. B. Hardwick returned from St. John on Wednesday. He says he found the money market yer ytight.

Sackville Tribune: Mr. C. D. Buck, St. John, was in town Tuesday.

Woodstock Sentinel: Mr. Reginald Wright, of St. John, was the guest last week of his sister, Mrs. E. W. Mair.

Fredericton Gleaner: Miss Lizzie McBean, of Taymouth, left Thursday evening for Lacombe (Alta.), where she, it is understood, is soon to be wed to Mr. Thomas Tomilson, a prosperous young farmer of that place.

All the strips of fat left from a steak should be left in a dish and tried out in the oven. They will make excellent fat for frying.

ALBERT COUNTY WOMAN SUICIDES

Mrs. Reverdy Lutes, of Coverdale, Demented, Drank Poison—Death of Asa Trites, Indian Mountain.

Moncton, N. B., April 13—Exports to the United States from this consular district, as declared at the American consulate, in this city, during the quarters ended March 31, 1912, and 1913, respectively, showed an increase of $6,002. For 1913 the exports reached a total of $114,110, compared with $108,108 in 1912.

A sad case of suicide occurred at Coverdale, Albert county, this afternoon. The unfortunate victim was Mrs. Reverdy Lutes, whose rash act is attributed to temporary insanity. About 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon Mrs. Lutes took a dose of muriatic acid and zinc. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but the crazed woman exhibited such determination to die that little could be done for her. She lived in great agony until this afternoon at 1 o'clock, when death relieved her suffering.

Mr. Lutes, who is employed at the I. C. R. works, says his wife had been showing symptoms of insanity and he attributed her terrible deed to this. She was 38 years old and besides her husband is survived by two children, a boy and girl, the youngest being thirteen months old, and the eldest two and a half years. Her maiden name was Fraser and she belonged to Shubenacadie (N. S.), where the body will be taken Tuesday for interment. She had been married some six or seven years.

The death of Asa Trites, aged 41, took place at Indian Mountain Saturday. He was a son of Roland Trites, and is survived by a wife and family.

F. M. TWEEDIE CHOSEN MAYOR OF CHATHAM

Elected by Acclamation—Ten Candidates for the Eight Aldermanic Seats.

Chatham, N. B., April 12—Yesterday was nomination day for the town council. Ten were nominated for the eight alermanic positions. Ald. F. M. Tweedie was the only candidate for mayor. Polling on the names of aldermanic candidates will take place next Tuesday.

The list is as follows:—Mayor F. M. Tweedie, elected by acclamation; aldermen, J. Y. Mersereau, N. Cunningham, Chas. Dickens, Joseph Grogan, Chas. Reinsborough, J. L. Stewart, J. A. Hay, H. P. Carvell, C. P. Hickey, H. B. McDonald.

C. W. FAWCETT REELECTED MAYOR OF SACKVILLE

Sackville, April 12—The following were nominated yesterday as candidates in the civic election of next Tuesday:—Mayor, Chas. W. Fawcett, elected by acclamation; North Ward, Dr. J. O. Calkin, Dr. E. R. Hart, F. B. Doucaster; South Ward, L. C. Carey, John Johson, W. H. Oulton, F. A. Dixon; West Ward, Capt. T. R. Anderson, Thomas Estabrooks, Charles E. Lund, J. T. Phinney; East Ward, C. W. Cahill, Charles McKenzie, J. W. Tucker, Joseph Blackmore.

J. F. Balsar, who offered in the North Ward, had not the necessary property qualifications and did not put in a nomination. The labor element which is pretty strong is endorsing the new men.

NEWCASTLE FUNERALS

Newcastle, April 12—The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Charleston, widow of George Charleston, of Hopetown (Que.), formerly of London, England, takes place at 10 this forenoon to St. Andrew's Episcopal church, of which deceased was a respected member. Mrs. Charleston, who died Wednesday night, was 93 years old, and had been confined to her bed only two weeks. She was formerly a Miss Jones and was born in Newcastle. She leaves the following children: Mary (Mrs. Frank Bodie), Campbellton; Jane (Mrs. Wm. Hosford), Williamstown, Miramichi; William, of Newcastle, with whom she resided; Ellen (Mrs. Frank Duhamel), Victoria (B. C.), and Samuel, of Campbellton.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Timothy Murphy, who died on Wednesday night, aged 50 years, took place yesterday morning at Redbank R. C. church, Rev. Father Duffy officiating, in presence of many friends of the deceased. The pall-bearers were John Betts, Wm. O'Brien, John Doran, Michael Monaghan, Alex. Eeson and J. J. Clarke. Deceased leaves five sons and two daughters. She was a widow.

BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine a mother can give her little one. They act as a gentle laxative, sweeten the stomach, break up colds and make teething easy. Concerning them, Mrs. Alphonse Landry, Upper Caraquet, N. B., says: "Baby's Own Tablets were of great benefit to my little boy and I would advise all mothers with sickly children to give them a trial." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

THE CREST DID IT.

The Irishman is nothing if not ingenious. Here is a good story told of one, a terrible scamp serving in South Africa under Colonel Hamilton-Browne. On discharge he asked for a character, and was given one by the colonel so bad as should ordinarily have barred him from employment forever.

Some time later the colonel met him, a most prosperous man, and about to embark for the Mother Country.

"But," said the colonel, "how was it that people reading such a character as I gave you should have been so taken in?"

"Read it, sir?" the scamp replied. "Never a one of them read it, and for a very good reason, as not one of them could read a word of English. It was the lion and the uniform fighting for the crown on the top of the official paper that did the trick, and that's what I wanted when I troubled you for a character. So long, colonel; there's the 'all for the shore' bell ringing. Good luck, and many thanks, as it's through you I'm in for a high old time."

STMR. WESTPORT AFIRE IN BAY

Barrels of Gasoline Thrown Overboard and Fire Held Down While Full Speed Was Made for Digby and the Vessel Beached.

The Insular Steamship Company's steamer, the Westport, which left St. John at 3 o'clock Saturday morning in charge of Captain McKinnon, with passengers and a general cargo for Westport, and carrying gasoline and kerosene in barrels on the deck, was found to be on fire in the forward hold while half way across the Bay of Fundy and out of the sight of land.

She had about one dozen passengers on board, among them women and children. The engine room's fire apparatus deadened the flames, the engines were opened up to full speed in charge of Chief Engineer James Strickland and Captain McKinnon succeeded in preventing a panic on board and the steamer was headed for Digby. She reached Point Prim about half past ten o'clock.

The life boat Daring, in charge of Captain Fred Adams, took off the passengers in Digby Gut and brought them to Digby. In the meantime the steamer was rushed full speed for the government pier, where she was beached a safe distance away. A fire alarm brought Digby's fire company to the scene and a stream in the forward hatch extinguished the fire. The steamer is quite badly damaged. The loss, it is said, is covered by insurance. The freight under the deck is declared a total loss.

E. H. Collins of Westport said that some half dozen barrels of gasoline were thrown over in the bay and many barrels were thrown over after the boat was beached. If the flames had reached the gasoline an explosion would have had fearful consequences. It is thought the fire was caused from internal combustion among barrels of lime.

ENGAGEMENT RING SEIZED IN COURT

Judge Orders Miss Cohan to Surrender Jewels Given Her by a Bankrupt.

New York, April 11—Judge Julius Mayer in the United States District Court ordered Miss Ida Cohen yesterday to hand over the diamond ring and other jewelry given to her by her fiance, Max Gordon.

The Judge was trying to straighten out a bankruptcy matter by getting hold of the tangible assets of Fliss Bros. & Gordon, underwear manufacturers. Gordon had testified before United States Commissioner Gilchrist that just before the bankruptcy petition was filed he thought that business was brisk enough to justify the purchase of the engagement ring and several other bits of jewelry, which came to $800.

Judge Mayer told Miss Cohen to take off and hand over to the court the ring, the lavalliere that adorned her shapely neck and the bracelet encircling her wrist. She looked tearfully from her lover to the judge as she complied. When she left the court room she told Gordon that she loved him as much as ever.

FORMER BLACKVILLE GIRL CENTRAL FIGURE AT UNIQUE WEDDING

Boston, April 10—(Special)—Henry W. Clark, of Roxbury, and Miss Annie B. Peterson, formerly of Blackville (N. B.), are on their honeymoon today after a marriage ceremony somewhat after the Biblical story of Rebecca and Isaac in the twenty-fourth chapter of Genesis.

The unique ceremony was arranged at the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Russell, co-pastor of the Ruggles street Baptist church, who officiated. Mrs. Myria Clark, mother of the bridegroom, who has been an invalid for seven years, would have been unable to go to the church across the street, so the ceremony was carried out at her home. Several of those present acted the various characters in the Biblical story and the couple were married in a room arranged like the tent of Abraham.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

Six new buildmgs, including a store, will be erected at Hantsport during the coming summer.

Warren MacFarland, eldest son of Joseph MacFarland, of Glen Farlan, Kings county ,eft Wednesday night for Vancouver, where he intends to settle.

Commissioner Schofield submitted a statement of the ferry business for March at Saturday morning's meeting of the city commissioners. The passengers carried numbered 232,151, an increase of 24,436 over the corresponding month last year. The receipts for the month were $4,928.02.

At the board of health offices last week the record of deaths was very lenghty, numbering twenty-four, the highest for some time. The causes were as follows:—phthisis and senility, three each; inanition, heart disease, and broncho-pneumonia, two each; and asthma, paralysis, accident, pneumonia, albuminuria, typhoid fever chronic cystitis, strangulated hernia, tubercular meningitis, tubercular peritonitis, eclampsia, and fracture of the skull, one each.

Soiled clothing should always be put into a hamper, preferably away from the sleeping room.

Rice cooked with raisins makes a very palatable, simple dessert served with hard sauce or cream.

AGRICULTURE

Farm Accounting—The Why of Bookkeeping On the Farm—How It Should Be Done and Its Benefits.

(Maine Farmer.)

First of a series of articles on Farm Accounting, by the Editor.

A system of accounting for the farm is a real necessity for the most successful and profitable conduct of the business. I use the term accounting instead of bookkeeping because it seems to convey more accurately the meaning in the whole idea than does the word bookkeeping. Accounts by no means need be kept in books, nor do they need to be preserved longer than is necessary to arrive at the results sought to be obtained by the accounting.

In this article I am going to make an attempt to tell some of the reasons why farm accounting is desirable and necessary, and what benefit may be secured from it. Bookkeeping is an established feature of every kind of business in these modern days with the exception of farming, and the business of farming is an exception because the farmer has not been shown a good reason why he should spend the time and make the effort necessary to keep a system of accounts. A good deal has been said about the importance, the desirability and the necessity of keeping accounts, but for the most part the farmer has failed to be impressed because he has not been able to see any advantage or any benefit coming to him. There is little that appeals to the farmer as being of practical benefit in the suggestion that he should keep an accurate account of the money received and expended by him, for the final results is simply a knowledge of the amount of money he ought to have left. This of course will seldom agree with the actual amount on hand, and the only conclusion will be that a mistake has been made in the keeping of the accounts.

That there is a real benefit to be found in simply keeping an accurate account of receipts and expenditures, I have not the slightest doubt. In itself it will be valuable as an aid to carefulness in expenditure, attention to the details of affairs, and accuracy in the performance of work.

But it is likely that the average farmer feels that he has small need of keeping books for the purpose of a record of money received and paid out. He knows whether he has money enough to pay his bills and some left over to spend when he goes to town. He cannot see where the keeping of book accounts of these things is going to help him make more money in the operation of his farm, and he has little need of keeping books simply for the purpose of knowing what money is due him from goods sold.

Until the average farmer can be shown some really good object in from accounting, until he can be shown how farm accounting is going to help him make more money from his farm operations, I do not think he can be blamed for his failure to keep books. Without some fundamentally better reason, I am not sure but that the average farmer is just as well off if he does not maintain any system of bookkeeping as he would be with the more or less inaccurate records of receipts and expenditures that the average man would be able to keep. This may be rank business heresy, but in these days we require a good business reason—a good dollars and cents reason—for nearly everything that we do in our business, and the farmer is requiring such a reason for every new thing that he takes up, even if he does not insist upon it in connection with his established operations.

There is a good business reason for keeping accounts on the farm, a good dollars and cents reason, and that reason is "cost finding." The practical reason for cost finding is the need of knowing what portions of the farm operations are paying a profit and what are not; why and where some are paying a profit and others are not; what operations should be continued year after year and what ones should be discontinued because they are not profitable.

This cost finding idea is not a new one, but it is just now beginning to receive general acceptance as the real reason for the keeping of accounts in a business. Of course there is the other reason for keeping books, the necessity of knowing what money is owing to the business, but this is a very minor reason for the keeping of books on the farm.

The cost finding idea is the one reason why a farmer should keep accounts, and because the operations of the average farm are so varied there is more reason why the farm should have a cost finding system than any other sort of business. The farmer ought to be able to determine easily whether his dairy is paying a profit, not only over the feed cost but over and above the cost of care and maintenance. He ought to be able to determine whether his potatoes are profitable, and what is the very lowest price that he can afford to sell them for and make it desirable for him to continue to plant them year after year and run the risk of a season of low prices. He ought to be able to determine whether it pays him to raise a few acres of oats or not; whether the flint corn that he plants is worth the trouble. He ought to be able to determine how much his silage costs him; how much his hay costs and what his pasturage is worth in reckoning the cost of maintaining his dairy.

At first thought these things would seem to contemplate a somewhat complicated system of accounting, but it is, after all, a very simple idea which is underneath it. The scheme is simply to keep an account with each department separately—that is, charge to each crop, to the dairy, the poultry or the hogs, the expenses properly belonging to it; then charge also to each crop a certain portion of the general expenses of the farm according to an estimate. The total will be the total cost of the crop, or the total cost of the dairy, or the total cost of raising a bunch of hogs, a flock of sheep or a flock of poultry. From this it will be easy to determine what the selling price must be to make a profit on a bushel of oats, a pound of butter or a dozen eggs.

If the cost of raising an acre of oats makes the oats cost more than it would to buy them at a store, the farmer will have some basis for locating the trouble and deciding whether it is wise for him to continue raising oats. He will have some basis on which to determine whether increased expenditure for better seed, more fertilization and more cultivation will be likely to pay in the increase of the crop.

If his cost sheet shows that the dairy is not making a profit, a real profit, his account with the individual cow (and I am supposing that the man who keeps any kind of an account will know whether or not each cow is paying a profit, should show where the trouble is and give him a hint of just what the trouble is. It should help him in determining whether the cow should be sent to the butcher or whether a different method of feeding might make her a profitable cow.

This system of accounting would take into consideration every item of expense upon the farm in determining whether any particular crop is profitable or not. It is a settled principle of cost finding that every operation of a business must bear a portion of the general expense as well as the direct actual expenses of that particular operation. For instance: The cost of raising a crop of potatoes includes not only the direct cost of plowing, cultivating, fertilizing, seed, spraying, harvesting and marketing, but also a certain proportion of the general expenses of the farm, which are: Interest on investment, taxes, insurance, depreciation, and salary of the farm manager or owner, and all the little expenses which are common to every kind of a business but which cannot be charged to any productive department.

The general expenses of a farm or of any other business should not be paid out of the profits. In fact, they cannot be paid out of the profits, because there are no profits until those expenses are paid. One of the serious faults with the efforts of many farmers to determine the cost of various farm operations is that they do not take these things into account. The farmers who have reckoned that they were able to raise potatoes at seventy-five cents a barrel, or twenty-five cents a bushel, have left out of their accounting some of these most essential features of cost without any doubt, so that if they are at any time selling their potatoes for anywhere near those prices they probably are not, as a matter of fact, coming out even.

I don't wish anybody to get the idea that any sort of accounting can be done without some work, and the better the accounting the more will be the work, but I do want to say that a good system of accounting which will give the farmer just the sort of information about his business that he most needs to enable him to know just where he is losing and just what he should do to get ahead in a certain direction, is not a work that need stagger any farmer who has intelligence enough to be a good farmer; and a good many farmers who are not now very good farmers have plenty of intelligence if it is only rightly directed. It is not necessary that a man shall be expert in figures to be able to keep an accurate and intelligent account of his farm operations. There are plenty of systems, but a good farmer can make one that will suit his own conditions and circumstances. There are of course some general principles to be followed, but it is not necessary to do things in any particular way.

CONNAUGHT WILL RETURN TO CANADA WITHOUT DUCHESS

London, April 14—The following bulletin was issued late last night from Clarence House:

"Her Royal Highness had a good day and is gaining strength."

It is stated that it will not be possible for the Duchess of Connaught to leave bed for about three weeks. As soon as she is sufficiently recovered she will leave town for a warmer climate.

It is definitely settled that Her Royal Highness will not accompany the duke on his return to Canada next month.

COL. ASTOR'S ESTATE VALUED AT $87,216,681

New York, April 14—The expert appraisers appointed by the executors under the will of Col. John Jacob Astor to determine the value of the real and personal property in the estate, for the purpose of the transfer tax, have completed their work. Their reports, coupled with the affidavits filed by the executors, show that the total value of the estate will be $87,216,681.

BATHURST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bathurst, April 12—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leger, Bathurst, were twenty-five years married on the 9th inst. On that evening a large number of friends took the happy couple by complete surprise. About 8 o'clock they reached Mr. Leger's residence, carrying valuable presents and a goodly supply of refreshments and took charge of the house. The Bathurst orchestra accompanied the party. Among those taking part were Mr. and Mrs. S. Melanson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Dachey, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Veniot, Mr. and Mrs. T. Canty, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Melanson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Frenette, Mr. and Mrs. S. Haldengraber, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Landry, Mr. and Mrs. D. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Leger, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Landry, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Doucet, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Veniot, Mrs. L. R. Doucet and Mrs. J. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Petre, Mr. J. A. Lavolley, Mr. L. DesRoches.

After presentation of gifts, cards and dancing were indulged. The merry party broke up about 1 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Leger have the best wishes of their numerous friends for continued years of happiness and prosperity.

NORTON NOTES

Norton, N. B., April 14—Councillor D. O. Langhey is very ill at his home here.

Rev. Father Holland, of St. John, conducted the services in the Sacred Heart church yesterday.

Rev. Samuel Farley, of Pine Hill, Halifax, preached in the Presbyterian church here yesterday.

Rev. W. S. Hall, of Shropshire, England, who arrived in St. John on the steamer Empress of Britain Saturday, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday.

Misses Alice and Susie Byron, of St. John, spent Sunday at their home here.

Evangelistic meetings are being held every evening in the Reformed Baptist church by Evangelists Hartt and Brown of Boston (Mass.)

Mrs. John McManus, of St. John is spending a few days at the home of D. O. Langhey.

Howard Gallant, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. James Byron.

C. Jones, of Salisbury, is relieving J. W. Gallagher, station agent here. Mr. Gallagher has been in poor health lately and his many friends hope the rest may prove beneficial to him.

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Special to The Telegra

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Hon. John McLean, Hon. C
Hon. Wm. Stewart and Hon
McKinnon spoke in favor.

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