

**CONDITIONS IN BUSINESS ALONG ST. JOHN RIVER**

Too Cheerful From the Standpoint of the Potato Raisers and Small Store Keepers.

Business conditions along the St. John river are only fair at this time, the potato market having quite a lot to do with condition of affairs. Last year the crop was receiving high prices while this year the price is around \$1.75 and with no demand even at that low level.

Under these circumstances the farmers practically no cash available, and as suit business generally has been less or less effected. Towards the waters of the St. John many of the small towns are unloaded, considerable of their stock by means of cap sales (prices on some goods better than in St. John) and thus trying to augment their turn-over. Men with this attraction no very trade is being enticed.

While a saving feature is that the pulpwood remained high, but have now lowered and this drop is that not so much will be cut as at first anticipated. It is rumored the Fraser Company's large pulp at Edmundston may soon have to be shut down, as there has been practical demand for pulp and their wares are about full to capacity. Last they cut down the time of the by one day, only operating on day and Saturday, with Monday a real rest day. If the Fraser concern did shut down for several months it would mean that times would be far under present circumstances labor is plentiful. Many of the men come of the woods rather than accept the wage schedule. On the American lumbermen in the woods are getting around \$100 a month, and these have now been cut to \$82 a month, a decided decrease.

In some places on our side of the river wages, formerly averaging from in the woods a month have now a cut to \$80 a month, and from this may be judged that the men's financial circumstances will not be nearly so good as a year ago.

The present conditions of the potato market is causing a good deal of concern in some quarters. Many of the farmers having benefited to a large extent by the high market for the past two years, went in for this particular line of crop on a more extensive scale. It cost them a good deal for fertilizer and it is said by authority that under present conditions the farmer can hardly raise a barrel of potatoes under \$2 or \$2.50. There are some large crops reported, but

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there has been no demand for potatoes, the first year the fertilizer bill, a really substantial item in the farmers' returns from their crops it is generally felt that the farmers will have difficulty in most cases realizing this amount. Adding to that they have the usual domestic expenses to meet, and it would seem as though the winter would likely be a very quiet one as far as the farmers' spending money is concerned.

Many of the smaller dealers in the country districts particularly have been being able to handle heavy stocks and without carrying quite heavy stocks and without the usual extent they are finding it harder to finance now. Wholesale merchants in St. John however, report that commercial paper has been well taken care of up to the present time.

**TO REBUILD NOSES**

New York, Dec. 18.—Summoned to the United States by wealthy clients to perform six operations for rebuilding noses, Dr. Julian Bourquet, a Paris surgeon, has arrived here. He is one of the French army surgeons whose feats in re-making faces of soldiers disfigured in battle amazed the medical world.

**WOMAN FAVORED LYNCHING MEN**

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—A jury which included two women has been empannelled to try Edmond Murphy, a pugilist and alleged gangster, accused of attacking a seventeen-year-old Reno girl early on last Thanksgiving Day.

Murphy, with four others indicted for the attacks, is declared to have been an associate of the three men lynched at Santa Rosa last Friday for the murder of three police officers.

Two prospective jurors, one a woman, in reply to questions, said they favored lynching as the only proper penalty for offences charged against the hanged men.

**SAYS LIGHTS ARE NOT AT ALL ALIKE**

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The acting deputy minister of marine and fisheries, commenting on a despatch from Halifax in which the captain of the wrecked Norwegian steamer Romdalsfjord attributes the loss of the ship to the similarity of the lights at Sambro and Chebucto Head, said today that evidence taken before the court of enquiry was not yet available, but pointed out that the characteristics of the two lights in question were entirely different. Sambro light shows a single flash every five seconds while Chebucto Head shows four flashes every thirty seconds.



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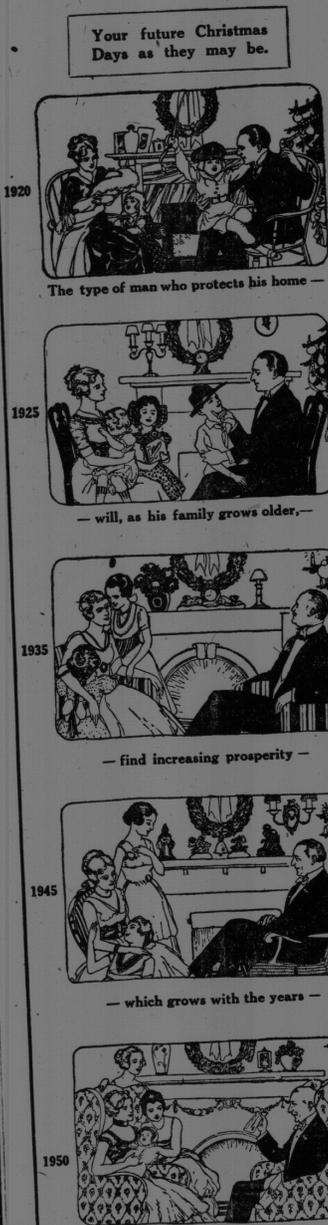
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