

Fredericton's Business Houses Enjoying More Prosperity Each Year as the Volume of Trade Keeps Growing With Bright Future for Retail Merchants and Wholesale Trade

Customs Returns Show Twice as Much Duty Collected this Year as Ten Years Ago--Exports Have Increased Almost 100 Per Cent in a Year, According to the Statistics at the United States Consular Agent's Office--Banking Institutions Are Building Permanent Homes in Fredericton for their Branches--Merchants Declare that Business is Getting Better Every Year

From a business viewpoint, Fredericton has made rapid strides, particularly during the past decade. The volume of business transacted by our local merchants during the past year has been particularly large and with new avenues of trade being opened up by the railway, now in course of construction, increased business will doubtless result.

The business houses of Fredericton rank today with the best in Eastern Canada, and it is not necessary to send to outside centres to secure any necessary article. The heads of firms report good times as general and the stores are reaping benefit from the wave of prosperity that the city and surrounding country is enjoying.

Merchant Tells of Prosperity.
"Fredericton merchants were never in the history of the city more prosperous than they are today," said a well known business man to The Gleaner yesterday. "The new railways have brought a good increase in almost every line of business and when they are in operation I look forward to Fredericton becoming a much more busy jobbing centre than she is today."
"While the operation of the St. John Valley Railway will undoubtedly serve to stimulate business in Fredericton, I think that the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway will be a bigger factor in building up Fredericton as a jobbing centre. Through the lack of railway facilities the people resident in the Grand Lake district have been unable to conveniently come to Fredericton, their natural jobbing centre, and have gone to St. John via Chipman and Norton. Fredericton, however, is now brought within thirty miles of Grand Lake, a shorter distance by many miles than that from Grand Lake to St. John."

"I would impress upon your many readers the fact that the stores of Fredericton are up to date in every respect and I know that it will be only a pleasure for all our merchants to show the goods that they are offering. The people in the Grand Lake district will be welcomed by our merchants, and we feel that they will take advantage of the railway facilities that will shortly be afforded them."

Bankers See the Increase.
"Business must be good in Fredericton," said a local bank manager. "This year I have no hesitation in saying that the banking business here has

been the largest yet experienced. Many new accounts have been opened with our bank and I think the expansion has been quite general."

Fredericton now has six banks, viz: Royal, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British North America, Montreal and Commerce. The local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was established within the last two months, while the Bank of New Brunswick's existence here will shortly terminate, owing to its amalgamation with the Bank of New Brunswick. As a criterion of the increase of business local banks are enjoying, it might be mentioned that permanent bank buildings are being sought after. The Royal Bank of Canada have fitted up temporary

quarters to permit of improvements to the Crangle property on the corner of Queen and Carleton streets, which this bank has recently acquired. Large and commodious offices will be built, and when completed the bank will have a splendid local branch.

The increased local business has greatly benefitted the railways and the steamboat companies. This year has seen exceptionally heavy freight and the railway companies have been forced to run special freight trains. The year has been a record one with the steamboat companies, due, no doubt, to a large extent to the activity in railway construction in and about Fredericton.

Collector of Customs L. C. MacNutt furnished The Gleaner with a statement of the duty collected for the past five years. The figures, which will speak for themselves, are as follows:

1908-09	.....	\$54,457.53
1909-10	.....	58,730.85
1910-11	.....	50,204.38
1911-12	.....	56,723.24
1912-13 (8½ months)	.....	59,221.66

Ten years ago the amount of duty collected amounted to about \$40,000, and this year it is expected that the duty will reach \$55,000, an increase during the decade of over 100 per cent. The amount of duty is only a small item in comparison to the amount of goods, as in addition to the dutiable goods there has been a large amount of free goods imported.

On enquiry at the office of Mr. W. W. Heard, U. S. Consular Agent here, it was learned that the exports through the Fredericton office of the United States had shown a great increase during the past ten years. While the figures are not available it is believed that the shipments have shown an increase of 150 per cent. in the past decade. The shipments this year have been exceptionally heavy, and the indications are that they will almost double the shipments last year. A statement of exports to the United States for the past four years is as follows:

1909	.....	\$ 611,326.96
1910	.....	600,106.69
1911	.....	623,762.56
1912 (todate)	.....	1,002,472.70

For three months during the year the town of Gortok, Thibet, is situated at the place where it is designated on the map. During the other nine months it is 15 miles farther south. When the heat becomes intense the inhabitants pack up and, driving their herds before them, move in a higher altitude at a place where the traders from India at once appear. Trade continues for nine months, then, before the severe winter begins, the people of Gortok move back down the mountains.

A spinning wheel was seized by Constable Wm. Holmes, in a Marshall, Mich., residence to satisfy a \$5 claim. As the constable was leaving the house a local collector of antiquities saw the spinning wheel and immediately offered the owner \$500 for it. The constable returned it to the owner, the business was transacted and the \$5 claim was paid.

Fredericton as a Sporting Centre.



FREDERIC TON'S CHAMPION 1912 BASEBALL TEAM.

Fredericton, like all other live cities, takes a front rank in the world of sport.

In the past twenty years Fredericton has won championships in baseball, hockey, football and almost every sport that is popular in the Maritime Provinces.

In the last two or three years baseball has enjoyed a big revival in Eastern Canada. In years gone by the Tartars were the pride of the Fredericton baseball fans and that team sent out players who afterwards reached the major leagues of professional baseball and some of the fastest minor leagues in America.

In 1911 the New Brunswick & Maine League was organized, and Fredericton would have only the best in baseball the same as in everything else.

The result was that a fast team was put together, most of the players coming from minor league clubs. Headed by Bob Ganley, the former noted major leaguer, the team captured the championship that season.

When the league reorganized for 1912, Fredericton was again represented and once more Bob Ganley, who for several years was captain of the Washington American League club, was at the helm as captain. He guided the team to another championship, the league race being only decided in the last week of the season. Fredericton is already getting its baseball team lined up for the season of 1913. The business people of the city support the club generously and business men and professional men are among the most enthusiastic fans in the city.

Fredericton has for years been a centre for horse racing, and two race meetings are held by the Fredericton Park Association every season. Last year a number of the fastest performances of the year by trotters and

pacers on the tracks of the Maritime Provinces took place over the Fredericton half-mile track. The city also has a skating rink, gymnasium, lawn tennis courts, a cricket club, boating and canoe clubs, athletic fields and everything that goes to give sport loving people an opportunity to enjoy themselves.

Farmers of Cape Town, South Africa, are supplying their own with trousers to protect them from tsetse flies. The trousers are first soaked in oil and resin, and the oil receives a daily bath in the same mixture, which is fatal to the flies.

It's a mighty small world to the man who is always talking about himself.

It's easy to get a man to agree with you if he wants to borrow money.



TURNING THE FIRST SOIL

Premier Fleming Officiating at Formal Opening of Work on St. John Valley Railroad.

YERXA'S XMAS SALE

We List below a Large Assortment of Pure Foods and Choice Delicacies, including Fruits, Nuts and Confectionery, Specially Purchased for the Christmas Season. DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY. Don't put off making your purchases until the last three days. Do it early and get better attention and avoid the rush that we are sure to have.

FINEST DRIED FRUITS

Raisins	Peels
Best Loose California Raisins	Fresh and Good.
9c lb. 3 lbs. 25c	Best Citron 20c lb
Choice Seeded Raisins..... 9c pkg	Lemon Peel 15c lb
Fancy Seeded Raisins..... 10c pkg	Orange 15c lb
Best Cleaned Currants..... 10c pkg	Evaporated Apples..... 9c lb
2 for 25c	Prunes, 9c 3 lbs. 25c
Fancy Dates, 9c. 3 lbs. 25c	25-lb. boxes, \$1.75.
Figs, 12c lb. 2 lbs. 25c	
Table Raisins..... 20c box, 17c lb	
Sugar	
Pine Pure Cane Granulated	
19 lbs. \$1.00	
Flour	
Our sales of Blue Banner Flour are ever increasing. The quality for bread making cannot be excelled by any.	
\$3.00 bag. \$6.20 bbl.	
IVORY, pure Manitoba..... \$5.80 bbl	
SAXON, best pastry..... \$5.70 bbl	

CANDY. CANDY.

Best Barley Toys..... 15c lb., 2 lbs., 28c	Trolley Creams, 15c 2 lbs. 25c
Very Best Ribbon Candy, 13c lb., 2 lbs., 25c	Victoria Creams..... 15c lb
Regular 40c Chocolates..... 25c lb	Peppermint 12c lb
Good Mixed Candy..... 9c, 3 lbs., 25c	Assorted Kisses..... 15c lb
	Strawberry Bon Bons..... 20c lb
	Mooney's Best Chocolate..... 35c lb
	New Port Creams, 15c 2 lbs. 25c
	Boxes Chocolate..... 10c and 25c
	Candy Canes, etc.
Daisy Mixed Candy, 10c 3 lbs. 28c	
Jolly Mixed Candy, 10c 3 lbs. 28c	
Gum Drops, 10c 3 lbs. 28c	
Chocolate Drops..... 15c lb	
Chocolate Caramels..... 20c lb	
Milk Caramels..... 15c lb	
Salted Peanuts..... 20c lb	
Peanut Butter..... 20c lb	

NEW NUTS.

Finest Quality Mixed Nuts. 15c lb., 2 lbs., 28c

Brazils 17c lb	Walnuts, 15c 2 lbs. 28c
Almonds 17c lb	Fresh Roasted Peanuts..... 15c lb
Filberts, 15c 2 lbs. 28c	Cocoanuts, 7c 4 for..... 25c

NEW CANNED GOODS

We are still selling "Lynn Valley" the old reliable brand. None better. Peas, 13c can. 2 for..... 25c
Corn, 10c can. 3 for..... 25c
Tomatoes 15c can
Pineapple, grated or sliced..... 15c
Peas 28c

Biscuits

Our stock of Biscuits are always obtained from the best makers and our prices the lowest.
Boxes Soda Biscuits (about 12 lbs.) 75c
Small Boxes Mixed Cakes..... 9½ and 10½c lb

Baker's Cocoa

Cocoa in bulk..... 25c lb
Cocoa..... 12c, 24c, 14c, 18c 10c.
Chocolate..... 10c and 20c cake

Oranges

Valencia Oranges, 13c 2 doz. 25c
Valencia Oranges..... 18c doz
Florida Oranges..... 25c doz, up
Navels 25c doz, up

Malaga Grapes

Best Quality.
15c lb. 3 lbs. 40c
Large Grape Fruit, 9c 3 for..... 25c

SPICES AND EXTRACTS

You want good goods to do good cooking and to do good cooking you must use these good goods.

Pure Cream Tartar..... 25c lb	Ground Cloves 35c lb
Best Black Pepper..... 25c lb	Ground Mixed Spices..... 35c lb
Ginger 25c lb	Good Lemon or Vanilla Extract..... 9c
Mustard 25c lb	3 bottles, 25c.
Mace 9c oz	Larger sized bottles, 15c 2 for 25c
Nutmeg..... 9c oz	1 oz. Pure Gold, all flavors..... 10c
Cinnamon 35c lb	Pure Gold Extract, all sizes, lowest
Alspice 35c lb	prices.

A FEW GOOD QUARTER BARGAINS:

6 lbs. Farina 25c	4 Marguerite Cigars 25c
2 pkgs. Wheat Kernels..... 25c	10 Festivities Cigars..... 25c
7 lbs. Rolled Oats 25c	7 Gainsborough Cigars..... 25c
6 pkgs. White Wave..... 25c	3 figs B. B. Tobacco..... 25c
7 lbs. Baking Soda..... 25c	7 Yerxa's Soap 25c
3 cans Old Dutch..... 25c	6 pkgs. Ascepto Powder..... 25c
3 cans 2 in 1..... 25c	6 cans Sardines..... 25c
3 lbs. Ginger Snaps..... 25c	2 cans Norway Sardines..... 25c
3 bottles Worcester Sauce..... 25c	2 cans Davies Soup..... 25c
3 cans Comfort Lye..... 25c	2 cans Campbell's Soup..... 25c
3 pkgs. Jelly Powder..... 25c	2 cans Baked Beans..... 25c
3 pkgs. Bird Seed..... 25c	5 lbs. Rice 25c
3 bottles Worcester Sauce..... 25c	7 lbs. Pastry Flour..... 25c
3 lbs. Mixed Starch..... 25c	7 lbs. Bread Flour..... 25c
1 25-cent pkg Quaker Oats..... 18c	12 lbs. Corn Meal..... 25c
10 lbs. Onions 25c	

PATENT MEDICINES AT CUT PRICES.

Dr. Scott's Liniment, 15c, 2 bot 25c	Fruitatives (large) 39c box
White Liniment 15c, 2 bot 25c	Dr. Williams' Pink Pills 39c box
Johnson's Liniment 15c bot	Doan's Pills 39c box
Minard's Liniment 15c bot	Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets..... 39c box
White Pine and Tar 15c bot	Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets..... 39c box
Chase's Linseed and Turpentine..... 15c bot	Glin Pills 39c box
Nervine 15c bot	Perrone's Tablets..... 39c box
Norway Pine Syrup 15c bot	Chase's Ointment..... 49c box
Shiloh Consumption Cure..... 15c bot	50c. Father Morrisey 39c box
Atwood Bitters 25c bot	Zain Bnk 39c box
Herbine Bitters 15c bot	Selge's Syrup 55c bot
Wine of Tar and Honey..... 25c bot	Lydia Pinkham's Compound..... 89c bot
Mathison's Syrup 25c bot	Favorite Prescription 89c bot
Low's Worm Syrup 15c bot	Golden M. I. Discovery 89c bot
Jamaica Ginger 49c bot	Paine's Celery Compound..... 79c bot
Pendleton's Panacea..... 15c bot	Durlock Blood Bitters..... 79c bot
Scott's Emulsion (large)..... 89c bot	Perrone's 79c bot
British Troop Oil 15c bot	Warner's Safe Cure 89c bot
Dr. Chase's Pills..... 15c bot	Hood's Sarsaparilla 79c bot
Castoria 25c bot	Boer, Iron and Wine 79c bot
Hamilton's Pills 15c box	Syrup of Figs 39c bot
Baby's Own Tablets 15c box	Scott's Emulsion (small)..... 45c bot
Carter's Liver Pills 15c box	Milburn's Emulsion (large)..... 79c bot
Laxa Liver Pills 15c box	Milburn's Emulsion (small)..... 39c bot
Bromo Quinine 15c box	50c. Father Morrisey 19c bot
Fruitatives (small) 15c box	

See our large bottles Beef, Iron and Wine bottle 45 cents

Feeds

Corn Meal \$1.65 bag	Cracked Corn..... \$1.65 bag
Middlings \$1.50 bag	Bran \$1.35 bag

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