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FORMAL OPENING OF THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT LAWRENCETOWN

Prof. Cumming Declared the Demonstration Building at Lawrencetown to be the Best for the Purpose in Nova Scotia

On Tuesday evening, February 8th, the much talked of new Agricultural Demonstration Building at Lawrencetown was formally opened and the Short Course started.

The building has been erected for the purpose of conducting Short Courses in Agriculture and disseminating agricultural knowledge throughout the community. One room is fitted for a club and recreation room, nicely fitted up with hardwood floor and cosy fireplace, with blackboards in the walls for demonstration purposes. This room will also be used for the ladies' course in Domestic Science. Opening from this are smaller rooms to be used for committee purposes, and one will be fitted up for a library. The largest room in this building is to be used for the stock and cattle room, demonstration and lectures. Seats are arranged around the sawdust floor for spectators, and students. Electric lights are installed throughout the entire building.

Surrounding the building are about four acres of land which will be used for gardens and recreation grounds, so that the purpose of the building is to combine pleasure with the gaining of knowledge.

Mr. S. A. Patterson, the President of the Agricultural Society, declared the building formally opened, and acted as chairman of the evening. This was followed by the singing of the National Anthem, led by the Lawrencetown Band, which also rendered a number of selections throughout the evening, adding much to the enjoyment of the audience which packed the room.

The first speaker was N. H. Phinney, M. P. P., for Annapolis County, who gave the address of welcome. He stated that when the project for building had been talked of, at times it looked very dark, but Paradise, Clarence, Williamson and the whole surrounding country had come in with offers of help. Prof. Cumming of the Agricultural College at Truro, had been appealed to and promised aid from the Government. So that the building does not belong only to Lawrencetown, but to the whole County. Mr. Phinney paid a warm tribute to Mr. L. W. Elliott of Clarence, the Secretary of the Agricultural Society who had been very faithful in his work, and also to Dr. J. B. Hall of Lawrencetown who has been continually at the building, and to whose untiring efforts much of the success of the undertaking is due. Professor Cumming is also much better known among the farmers of this

section of the Province since this movement was started. On behalf of the citizens of Lawrencetown, Mr. Phinney extended a hearty welcome to Prof. Cumming and staff of the Agricultural College, Truro, to the representatives of the Dominion and Federal Governments, officers and members of the Agricultural Societies and the audience present.

President Patterson replied to this address of welcome. He gave some interesting facts with regard to what has been done in the Province along the line of Agriculture. Within the last five years the output of the creameries has increased 500 per cent. In Lunenburg County a farmer on 2 acres of land raised last year 1000 bushels of potatoes. One of the objects of these short courses is to learn of what others have done and then to go home and do them.

Mrs. P. H. Saunders then favored the audience with an original poem.

A. L. Davidson, M. P. for Annapolis County, was then called on. He stated that he was very pleased to be asked to represent the Dominion Government. He stated that though severely burned in the recent fire in the Government buildings at Ottawa, he had received a telegram from the Secretary of the Hon. Mr. Burrell, Secretary for Agriculture, conveying his hearty congratulations on the opening of this building, and expressing his earnest hope that the movement would be a complete success in every particular. Mr. Davidson, in referring to the calamity at Ottawa, stated that he was convinced that it was the work of the malicious foe, and that whoever set the fire did it to deter the people of Canada from contributing to the help of the Mother Country. But the result would be just the contrary. "It is up to the people of Nova Scotia to show by increased contribution and recruiting that no such actions as this can deter them from their purpose." Congratulations and words of commendation are due the people who contributed toward the building and the speaker expressed the wish that they might long live to enjoy it. Mr. Davidson also paid a tribute to Prof. Cumming for his interest and assistance in the work. No country can do better than to educate its boys and the very best education is the one which turns them to the land. "If our country is to be saved, and I believe it will be saved, it will be saved by the farmer." Among the troops at the front none are doing better service than the farmers' sons. The farmers of An-

napolis County are to be called on to supply hay to be sent to the front, and they should show their patriotism and assist the mother country by sending good hay, and treating the Government honestly. In closing, Mr. Davidson expressed his earnest wish that the movement would be a complete success and would result in greatly improved methods of farming throughout the district.

Hon. O. T. Daniels, the Attorney General, was the next speaker. He stated that as the representative of the Local Government, it gave him great pleasure to be present. Mr. Daniels going back to the time that the Constitution of the Dominion was framed, stated that there were many matters left in the hands of either the Dominion or Federal Governments, but there were two things which were to be dealt with by both, and these were immigration, a very important matter, and agriculture. He stated that the Government was very glad to do what it could to assist the farmers of Nova Scotia. They have spent the sum of \$85,000 a year for a long period to assist them. By the Agricultural College Aid Law passed in 1913, there was a sum of money available for this purpose, part of which would be spent each year. Speaking of the College at Truro, Mr. Daniels stated that we have a plant with heads of each department who can take their places with the heads of the leading American Colleges. The result has been that the farming population in this country to-day is a population that can take its place with any farming population in the known world. Ten years ago there were 66 Agricultural Associations. Last year there were 246. He also referred to the finding of immense deposits of phosphate of lime in the Rocky Mountains, which would be of such great benefit to the farmers of the Dominion, as this is used extensively for fertilizer. Referring to the production of wheat in the different countries, he said that in the 10th century only about 8 to 10 bushels per acre were produced, in the 15th century about 15 bushels per acre, and to-day the production is about 45 bushels per acre. As in Denmark the greatest wheat production is 45 bushels per acre, the farmers in this country should still aim at greater production. There are three things necessary to win the war, the farmer, the munitions manufacturer, and the sailor and soldier, and at the forefront stands the farmer."

Prof. Cumming of the Agricultural College was the next speaker. His remarks took the form of a description of the new building. He stated that of all the Demonstration Buildings which had been erected in Nova Scotia, the very best job which had been completed was that of the building.

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THE EUROPEAN WAR

British Cruiser Arethusa Struck Mine And is a Total Wreck

LONDON, Feb. 14—The British cruiser Arethusa struck a mine today off the east coast of England, according to a statement issued by the British Official Press Bureau. It is feared, the statement adds, the vessel will be a total wreck. About ten men were lost in the sinking of the cruiser. The text of the official statement says: His Majesty's ship Arethusa, Commodore Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, has struck a mine off the east coast. It is feared she will become a total wreck. About ten men were lost.

Heavy Fighting on the Western Front

The whole Western fighting front is the scene of heavy engagements. At some points the big guns have been roaring incessantly for days; the infantry have been engaged in hand-to-hand struggles; grenade fighting and mining operations have played a prominent part in the battles, while airmen have fought each other above the lines, and have been cannonaded from below by the anti-aircraft guns.

The Germans have captured an additional half mile of French trenches around Tahure, in the Champagne district, and their artillery bombardments in the neighborhood of Massiges and Navarin have been answered in kind by the French.

To the north of Soissons, around Terny and along the River Aisne the Germans started an infantry attack, but the French put it down with their guns and rifles. To the south of the Somme the Germans endeavored to surround outposts trenches, but desisted under heavy fire of the French.

In Upper Alsace the Germans turned loose their guns on trenches the French had re-captured from them, but the French, during the night, had evacuated them, and the shelling did no other damage than to shatter the emplacements.

Seventeen fights in the air is the record of Sunday, reported officially by the British along their lines in Flanders. In addition there has been great activity south of La Bassée Canal, where the Germans exploded seven mines. Heavy bombardments and an infantry attack in that section is also reported, the Germans succeeding in entering a British trench. They were driven out almost immediately.

In Albania, the Arza River which runs westward across Central Albania and empties into the Bay of Durazzo, has been reached by the Austro-Hungarian vanguard, according to Vienna. The Bulgarians have occupied Elbassian, an important town in Central Albania.

There have been no important events on the Eastern front, but the Russians in the Caucasus have occupied one of the Ezerum forts, and have taken large numbers of Turkish prisoners. Several Turkish batteries, on the Trebizond coast of the Black Sea have been silenced by the Russian warships.

Single Men in Great Britain Must Enlist

LONDON, Feb. 14—An official proclamation calling up the remaining single men under the Derby plan and the Military Service Act, was posted today. The call to the colors will have the effect of enrolling all single men of military age, who have not been exempted.

Single men who did not attest under the Earl of Derby plans are subject to compulsory military service, with certain classes of exemptions, under the terms of the act passed at the last session of Parliament, which went into effect on February 10.

A London despatch of Saturday forecasting today's call, said the unexpectedly speedy summons might be attributed to the many recent consultations, between the Minister of Munitions and the War Office.

WAR BRIEFS

A Paris newspaper shows that 143 French stock brokers have been killed in battle during the war.

2700 dogs have gone from Paris to the trenches for the purpose of destroying rats.

King Ferdinand wears a stiff breast plate day and night. He has a muscular Macedonian as a personal body guard.

Ontario is asked to contribute half of the eight million dollars assigned to Ontario, towards the Patriotic Fund.

Russia thanks the Duke of Connaught for the \$50,000 New Year's gift of Canada toward a hospital for Russian soldiers.

One Canadian M. P. P., Mr. Frank Walker of Victoria, Alberta, has entered the ranks as a private, in the 151st Battalion.

The marriage regulations of Germany have been relaxed, in hope of increasing the birth rate. Germany wants more soldiers by this method.

On January 25th, the Cathedral of Nieuport, Belgium, built in the 15th Century, was destroyed by the German guns. Excuse: "It was a good place for observation."

Several members of Manitoba Legislature offered to raise a battalion of Scandinavians and Icelanders for overseas service. The militia Department has accepted the offer.

J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, subscribed \$20,000 to the new Patriotic Fund in Montreal. The expected amount was quickly exceeded, and the campaign closed at \$1,500,000.

A correspondent who saw the Kaiser in Vienna and dined in company with him, says he is quite grey, coughed almost continuously, and is not the robust man he saw a few years ago.

A German plot to take rubber to Germany as personal baggage was discovered in New York. Five trunks and six packing cases were found on one steamer. Fines from \$50.00 to \$1500 were enforced for violation of the customs laws.

Aviators' certificates have been given by the Royal Aero Club of Britain to over 2,000 names.

The Austrians are now taking the bells and the copper from the roofs of their churches to manufacture munitions.

The men of the French army wear their identification discs round their waists. The British soldiers wear theirs round their necks.

In the Petrograd "Zoo", there is a notice, "The animals ask you not to speak of the Germans as animals." The Germans are more cruel.

British authorities estimate the total war losses up to January, 1916, at 14,960,000 men, the killed being about one in five, or about 3,000,000. Also the men now in arms number 21,000,000.

The "Regiment des Femmes," (women's regiment), of France, now numbers 5,000. When not acting as cyclists or despatch bearers, they work as laundresses and seamstresses for the soldiers.

The heaviest mail from London to the front on Christmas week was 18,500 bags of letters and parcels. Estimated by the Army Postal authorities as containing 3,000,000 letters and 500,000 parcels. The P. O. staff during the holidays was 45 officers, 1,500 men, with 750 more temporary assistants.

Cartoon.—A boy in a cafe is being watched by a stout policeman. "Tell me, policeman, why dot x, r, l'n guard that boy closely?"

Because he has swallowed a brass button and the Government has not yet decided whether the boy or the button is most needed by the nation.

A French observer in touch with the Military Hospitals at the front, says, "Those who find it most difficult to endure suffering are the alcoholists. They have less control of themselves and more sensitiveness. Their wounds take longer to heal. The sober man endures pain much better. His wounds cease to sappavate much sooner, and the tissues knit themselves together much more vigorously."

A NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLAND BRIGADE

(Presbyterian Witness)

We are glad to see the announcement that a Highland brigade is to be raised in Nova Scotia, with Lieut. Colonel Borden of the 85th Battalion as the commanding officer. There are two features of this new movement which we believe will commend it to the young men of this Province. In the first place, a Highland brigade would undoubtedly appeal more strongly than any other sort of unit to the section of our population which is descendant from Highland stock and it is from these that a large proportion of the recruits for this brigade will no doubt be drawn. Highland regiments are famous in the history of our Empire, and there is a certain amount of prestige which attaches to the name itself which will prove a factor in popularising the new brigade. But a more important feature and one which, we believe, will prove a powerful influence in drawing recruits to the Highland brigade is the personnel of the commanding officers, especially the fact that the popular commander of the 85th is to be the chief officer of the new brigade. The personality of an officer has more perhaps than anything else to do with the popularity of a particular regiment or other unit. There have always been officers in the British army of such high reputation and attractive personality that men considered it an honor and a coveted privilege to serve under them. What would not the British Tommy do and dare for men like the late Lord Roberts—"Bobs," as they affectionately called him—or "Kitchener of Khartoum?" Of course we have no such veterans of world-wide reputation as these great soldiers in our new Canadian army. But we have men who, even since the beginning of the present war, have won the confidence and affection of the men under their command; and pre-eminent among these in the Maritime Provinces, is the commander of the 85th Highlanders, Colonel Borden is not only an efficient officer, he is also a Christian gentleman, whose moral influence over his men is well known. He is soldierly in his bearing, kind and courteous to all under his command—just such a personality as attracts and inspires young men—and we believe his name would be one of the most powerful factors in a recruiting campaign. We believe the organization in charge of the recruiting arrangements for the Nova Scotia Brigade have a powerful incentive to place young men in offering them an opportunity to serve their King and Country under the leadership of Colonel Borden.

OBITUARY

ALEXANDER MILLETT

(Spectator, Jan. 21)

The news of the sudden death on Thursday morning last of Alexander Millett, of Clementsvale, came as a shock to his many friends throughout the county and to his friends and acquaintances in the United States. Mr. Millett died at Milford, where he had a winter camp in which he was preparing hoops for his coopeage in Clementsvale. Mrs. Millett, who was with him, got up at 4 o'clock to replenish the fire. Returning in a few minutes she found him dead. Sandy, as he was familiarly known, was born in Chester, Lunenburg County, seventy-five years ago, and came to Clementsvale when a young man of twenty. During his life of more than half a century spent in that village he had made friends of all and enemies of none. To say that he would be missed would be superfluous. He was one of the best known guides and fishermen in the county, and many will recall with pleasure the happy times spent in the company of this kind and genial companion. He was twice married. For his second wife he married Mrs. Longmire, who survives him. He leaves to mourn their loss four daughters, Mrs. Avard Beeler and Mrs. Owen Cover, of Bridgetown; Mrs. Forbes Toppert, and Mrs. I. D. Little, of Clementsvale; and Frank of Boston, all children by his first wife, who was Melissa Berry, daughter of Peter Berry of Clementsvale. He was buried in the Baptist cemetery at Clementsvale on Sunday last, the service being performed by the Rev. O. P. Brown. The funeral was largely attended.

When a twelve inch shell strikes the water it throws up a splash higher than a battleship's mast. This splash is said to weigh about two thousand tons, thus leaving a small ship very little chance of escaping wreckage.

AN ANNAPOLIS COUNTY POULTRY ASSOCIATION

It was Farmers' Week in Lawrence-town, beginning on Tuesday the 8th and ending on Saturday the 12th of the present month, when one of the most successful Agricultural Short Courses ever held in this Province was carried on in the new Demonstration Building under the auspices of the Annapolis County Farmers' Association. As a full report of the meetings will undoubtedly appear in these pages I merely make mention in passing.

What I wish to emphasize particularly is the progressive move made by the poultry men present in the organizing of an Annapolis County Poultry Club. Prof. J. P. Landry of the College Farm, Truro, was master of ceremonies, and following is the list of officers for the present year: President, Fred E. Bath, Bridgetown; Vice-President, R. J. Messenger, Lawrencetown; Secretary, E. C. Shaffner, Lawrencetown; Directors, F. G. Palfrey, Lawrencetown; G. B. McGill, Middleton; V. B. Leonard, Clarence; C. H. Strong, Bridgetown; Frank Bath, Upper Granville; Earl Palmer, Melvern Square; Ross Miller, Mt. Hanley; Barclay Bishop, Williamston; Lyman Whitman, Albany; Fred Arnold, Annapolis; and Fred Reid, Bear River. This is a strong directorate well scattered over the county, and we believe will make a success of the undertaking.

Mr. Landry has very generously offered over the County, and we believe us a little later in the season when the work of the Club will be more definitely defined in the different sections of the County. If we visit the Amherst Winter Fair and see the grand exhibit of poultry, and again the poultry show at Kentville and note the excellent showing, we are persuaded that a great awakening is coming in this important industry in the Province of Nova Scotia and the country is beginning to realize the value of a well-kept flock of fowls.

Let those who are interested in poultry in Annapolis County "get right on their job"; let's have for our motto "more and better poultry," and for our aim, a creditable County Exhibition at some time in the winter of 1916-17. Books of member's tickets are being prepared and when ready each director will receive one with the request that he get as many members as possible. A membership of at least one hundred is necessary in order to get the exhibition grant.

These associations are a proven success in other counties of our Province and Annapolis County must be up and doing if we are to hold "our place in the Sun."

E. C. SHAFFNER,
Secty. A. C. P. E.

NEW C. G. R. TIME FOLDER

The last issue of the Canadian Government Railways time folder appears in a new dress, and an attractive one at that.

On the front cover the words "Canadian Government Railways" are shown in prominent and distinctive lettering with pronounced initials. A centre design shows a combination of the coat of arms of the various provinces, followed by the names of the Intercolonial Ry., Transcontinental Ry., Prince Edward I. Ry., now merged into Canadian Government Railways.

The back cover has a repetition of the name of the railways, the centre design being a striking monogrammatic arrangement of the initial letters C.G.R. followed by the principal terminal points, Halifax, Sydney, St. John, Charlottetown, Quebec, Montreal, Cochrane, Winnipeg.

A striking red has been used for the cover, headings and rules, the text being printed in black.

Included in the time folder is a map showing the railways now under Government operation—Montreal Gazette.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY POULTRY CLUB MEETINGS

Prof. Landry of the Agricultural College, Truro, will address meetings in Annapolis County under the auspices of the Annapolis County Poultry Club, as follows:

Bear River—Monday evening, Feb. 28th.

Annapolis—Tuesday evening, Feb. 29th.

Bridgetown—Wednesday evening, March 1st.

Middleton—Thursday evening, March 2nd.

Melvorn Square—Friday evening, March 3rd.

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