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## Guernseys in Prosperous Pictou County

On Spruce Grove Farm, Scotsburn, N. S., The Steading of Messrs. McKay & Son.

(From Maritime Farmer)

The editor of the Maritime Farmer had occasion to visit the historic town of Pictou, N. S., a few weeks ago and while there was pleased to renew acquaintances with several of his classmates in good old Pictou Academy, eighteen or twenty years ago.

Pictou Academy is not the only famous institution in the county of Pictou. The county is a veritable hive of industry with its wealth of agricultural, mineral, fisheries and forest resources.

The coal mining areas of Pictou County, so systematically developed and the adjoining manufacturing centres so rapidly increasing their plants and the consequent increase in the employment of skilled labor has created a demand for the products of farm, forest and seas and thus established for these products, within the county a home market that is difficult to equal or excel.

Pictou County therefore, possesses several characteristics that make it a most desirable County in which to live—vast agricultural resources, good home markets and last but by no means least, a rural population noted for their industry, integrity and intelligence. Pictou County farmers are a prosperous people and the practice of the three traits of character already referred to has made them so.

The industry, intelligence and integrity that characterized that noble band the Ship Hector brought to the Pictou shores many years ago have stood them in good stead all down the years. Education was not neglected. It stood second only to their religion and as a consequence men of ability and force of character constitute the greatest asset that Pictou County has given to the world. Go where you will; look over the glossary of names of those in positions of trust who are fast carrying their way to fame and fortune—a credit to the land of their birth—and there you will find enrolled the names of many men and women too, who first saw the light of day in Pictou County and received their early training in Pictou Academy.

We are justly proud of these men, but what is the gain of some other places in the respect of having such men as citizens is Pictou's loss. What might Pictou County not become if these men were still within her borders using their brain and brawn in the development of her resources.

While we are justly proud of these men and glory in their achievements, we must admit that a few of her sons who are actively engaged in the development of the County's resources are worth more to the County than the whole galaxy above referred to. We take off our hats and heartily grasp the hand of the man who has remained on the farm and who by the application of the three great traits of character referred to is "doing things."

On the occasion of our visit to the academy town, we pondered over this matter while enjoying the comforts so lavishly dispensed by mine host Wallace of the Wallace Hotel. The names of persons and places we knew in the County flashed through our minds. Scotsburn with its creamery was one of the first to present itself and then came a thought of the men who have helped to make the Scotsburn creamery what it is today. Among others the names of D. G. McKay & Son was one of the first to engage our attention, perhaps because we were personally acquainted with the Messrs. McKay, having met both father and son on many occasions at various agricultural conventions and not infrequently at the fall and winter fairs with their splendid herd of Guernsey cattle. Mr. D. G. McKay has been president of the Canadian Guernsey Cattle Club since 1907. The Club was organized in 1905.

Having a few hours to spare we decided to avail ourselves of the opportunity to fulfil our promise to Messrs. McKay to sometime pay them a visit and see their Guernseys in their home quarters. A pleasant drive of seven miles brought us to Spruce Grove Farm, their comfortable steading just as the shades of a pleasant winter's night were falling. Spruce Grove Farm is situated at Heathbride, about two miles from Scotsburn Station, where is located

the Scotsburn creamery, the largest creamery in the province of Nova Scotia.

The farm consists of 112 acres, 80 of which are cleared, the remainder being a wood lot. It is well watered by a never-failing brook that traverses the pasture fields. The soil is a clay loam and the topography of the surface is such as to give very good natural drainage. The rotation hay, roots, grain hay is followed on as much of the farm as possible. About five hundred bushels of grain, mostly a mixture of oats and barley, upwards of 2000 bushels of turnips and all the hay required to feed their large herd of Guernseys and four or five horses are grown on the farm. The policy of the Spruce Grove Farm is to feed everything grown on the farm and dispose of it in the finished product.

What Messrs. McKay have been able to accomplish with Guernseys is within the reach of each and every farmer in the Maritime Provinces if they apply the same amount of intelligence to their work as have the proprietors of Spruce Grove Farm. Messrs. McKay purchased their first pure bred Guernsey no longer than ten years ago from Glen View Farm, Sussex, N. B. At the time of our visit every animal in the herd with the exception of three were pure bred.

In this connection we would like to call the attention of our readers to the policy outlined for the Nova Scotia Agricultural Societies by Supt. F. L. Fuller. Each society binds itself to purchase and keep only one breed of cattle for a period of ten years and as a consequence, like the experience of Messrs. D. G. McKay & Son the farmers of Nova Scotia are beginning to realize that it does not pay to change from one breed to another, as used to be the case before Mr. Fuller inaugurated the present policy. By sticking to one breed Messrs. McKay have in ten years acquired a herd of which any farmer might feel justly proud. Their example is one that you may safely follow and feel confident that in the course of ten years you too may be the proud possessor of as good a herd of your chosen breed.

Two of the bulls that have been in use on Spruce Grove Farm were purchased from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The bull now in use on the farm, Lord Trim II, (Imp) is two years old and was imported direct from the Island of Guernsey when he was three months old. Lord Trim II's dam has a record of 14,525 pounds milk testing 5.6 per cent butter fat in one year and several of his grand dams are high record cows, so it may be reasonably expected that Lord Trim II's heifers will give a good account of their stewardship in the dairy.

Now listen! When we arrived at Spruce Grove Farm we saw a glimmer of light in the barn and there we went. On entering we caught, Allie McKay in the very act of weighing the milk of one of the cows and his father was coming along the aisle with another pail full of milk to take his turn at the scales. This fact coupled with the clean, sleek-looking appearance of the cattle and the tidiness of the stable impressed us with the belief that here was a firm who conducted their business on business principles.

A glance at the records revealed the following facts:—Four of the Spruce Grove Guernseys have qualified in the Record of Performance and several others are now under test. Daisy, a two-year-old gave 6318 pounds milk yielding 252 pounds fat. This year as a three-year-old she stood first in her class in the Maritime Winter Fair dairy test at Amherst.

Rosy, a two-year-old, freshened last September is now running in the Record of Performance test and gives promise of making a good record. At the Pictou County Exhibition last fall she won first prize in her class and female championship of her breed. At the Maritime Winter Fair she too headed her class in the test. Dairymaid is also a Record of Performance cow. She gave 5316 pounds milk yielding 272 pounds butterfat as a two-year-old.

Lady Pauline II of Spruce Grove, a very neat, trim and good cow as a two-year-old, gave 6121 pounds milk yielding 359 pounds butterfat. At Amherst she stood second in the aged cow's class.

Another cow in the Record of Performance is Heiress. Her record is 8107 pounds milk and 418 pounds butter fat. After milking three months she stood fifth in the test at Amherst. Heiress was purchased when a calf from Glen View Farm, Sussex,



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who has remained on the farm and is so heartily co-operating with his father in the development of one of the best Guernsey breeds in the Maritime Provinces, a good citizen and a live wire at all provincial agricultural meetings.

The Spruce Grove home under the careful management of mother and daughter is one of the most hospitable homes that one could wish to enter.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay have both passed the middle of their lives but their minds are clear and theirs is a contented lot. On the McKay paternal homestead they have lived for many years, striking examples of the traits of character, industry, integrity and intelligence. What they have accomplished may well be followed by young men who may perhaps be contemplating the abandoning of the farm, as for that of the professional man, the wood and drawer of water in a distant land. Like him the advantage of making good at home are within your reach if you grasp them.

## Old St. Paul's Halifax

Where History is Established and Heroes Lie Asleep—The Pioneer Protestant Church in British North America Was Built Year That Wolfe Captured Quebec.

(By Augustus Bridle.)

Do you know what is a hatchment? Have you ever seen a hatchment? If not, when you are looking about the streets of Halifax, you will see after a Sunday morning service by Rev. Archdeacon Armitage, do not fail to keep your eyes alert on the front of the big gallery. Erase from your imagination all such notions as "hatchway" and "hatchment", for neither has a thing to do with a hatchment. No, it's not a door in the front of the gallery, neither a trapdoor in the bottom of the same. In fact it has necessarily nothing to do with a hatchment. It is a good place to exhibit a hatchment.

## A PRICELESS HERITAGE.

And if it were not for the hatchments of St. Paul's, along with a good many other affairs quite as mediaeval and redolent of arms and men and thumping history, this peculiar old wooden church in the heart of Halifax might have been torn down and the site sold long ago for an office building or an apartment house. That property alongside what was once the famous "Grand Parade" is worth a heap of money; or at least would be if Halifaxians valued money as much as some other Canadians do. But there's no syndicate or millionaire or mercerist in this country that will ever get hooks on that historic and monumental property so long as the Ven. middle-aged and quiet, robust Archdeacon Armitage, guardian of history as well as of faith, is the rector of St. Paul's.

## HATCHMENTS TELL STORY OF HALIFAX.

The Archdeacon will tell you what is a hatchment. He will also tell you how one differs from another, and what the Duke of Connaught said in praise of another, and how the whole of them put together, ranged in a series row on the battlements of the nave of St. Paul's, tell the story of Halifax in so far as it had to do with redcoats and revellers and big guns and battleships.

## AAMES THAT LIVE IN HISTORY.

In short, a hatchment is the coat of arms of some dead grandee or hero or man of action, done in colors by some painter and framed up to look as little like a real picture and as much like a frescoed door panel as possible. And Halifax had a lot of such men in her day. Most of them attended church at St. Paul's. Some of them were sealawags and some were highly respectable, and they were all makers of the things that they left so many tracts of their somewhat spectacular careers on Halifax that any account of St. Paul's is impossible without at least some allusion to these colonial masters. Here lived in the days of swaggar and swashbuckling and scalping such picturesque figures as the Duke of Cornwallis, founder of Halifax; Sir Fenwick Williams, defender of Kings in the Crimea war; Colonel John Inglis of the Rifle Brigade at Lucknow; Sir Samuel Cunard and Sir Provo Wallis, Admiral of the Fleet; and the unconventional but quite Royal Duke of Kent, grandfather of Edward VII, who built the tower clock on the hill to remind Halifaxians that he was having as good a time in Halifax as he had a right to, being the King's representative. Besides whom there are governors galore buried beneath St. Paul's and Hon. Richard Bulkeley, first church warden and organist.

## BUILT IN YEAR WOLFE TOOK QUEBEC.

St. Paul's was built in the year that Wolfe took Quebec. The talk is familiarly about the General in the environs of St. Paul's as though he were the godfather of the city, which he most was, from his career at Louisbourg in the reign of good Queen Anne. The lumber was sawn in the mills of Boston and floated up in the

old wooden ships into the great harbor still big enough to hold the combined war fleets of the world. And the hammers that built St. Paul's of Yankee lumber should have been preserved and hung in the vestry along with the Queen Anne plate.

Around the "Grand Parade" that made the uphill square about St. Paul's the heroes and the plain people of Halifax made a brave show back in the 18th century. The grand parade is over, but the hatchments remain. The once clanking streets where spurs and cavalry horses and drilling battalions and swaggaring sailors held a sort of daily carnival are now much sobered down to the commonplace automobile and the delivery wagon. Railway offices and hotel buses, newsboys and lumbering drays are doing their best to make the "Grand Parade" a part of modern everyday Canada. But St. Paul's twice enlarged since 1759, hangs on religiously to the romantic side of life and history. It has been described as a London church of the 18th century. It has at present a very sober, hued congregation of plain working folk, few of whom wear even top hats. But it has etched as piously to what made St. Paul's historically great as any of the cathedrals of England that stabled Cromwell's horses. It has a perfect archaeological collection of relics. There are brass plates and memorial tablets, sculptures by Chantry and Gibson; communion plate that came from her Majesty Queen Anne, to wit two flagons, height, thirteen inches (Anne); one chalice, ten inches (George I.) and one ains basin (Anne) The visitors' register contains hundreds of names of people who have taken up somebody's valuable time showing them about and selling them the story.

## REMINDER OF DAYS THAT WERE.

That's what St. Paul's is for—to the tourist. That way it resembles the rest of Halifax, which exists as far as possible to remind people of what used to be in the days when nobody got rich except by plunder, and when soldiers and sailors were thicker on the streets than Christie hats are today. You go to St. Paul's not altogether for divine service. You go to remind yourself that religion in some places is forever bound up with history, and that you can't take stock in one without including the other.

You remember also that the rector and the curate of St. Paul's have a very busy life attending meetings and delivering discourses of various kinds attending the sick and the well, being present at school functions—(not mentioned in the church book. Nor will you forget that anyone who has not seen St. Paul's has not truly seen Halifax, and that if you manifest a desire to learn what made St. Paul's famous in Halifax and the life of the country, the Ven. Archdeacon Armitage will very probably take you about and tell you over again what he has told for the thousandth time to other people the last sixteen years.

## THE OLD SCENES RECALLED.

All this benevolent jumble of facts and figures and reminiscences does very well to put in a book which may be useful for the man or woman who has to put a weekly offering on the plate for the maintenance of St. Paul's. But it has little to do with what the tourist feels when he takes his last squint at the Queen's Place and the gallery hatchments, signs his name in the register, and with a look round at the wooden walls and the quaint old dave drifts out to the sunlit street—to dream of the living things suggested by the relics of old St. Paul's. It seems like just the other day. Gaze down Prince street and fancy it might all be done over again. That's the mild enchantment of St. Paul's and of Halifax, where the thing that was is never dead, where the fine figures of old with all their pomps and struts and picturesque villainies seem as though they might pop around a corner any minute and expect you to salute or give the counterpoint. The "Grand Parade" will never die in the environs of old St. Paul's. What the great St. Paul's Cathedral is to big Imperial and parochial London, the parish church of St. Paul's built of Boston lumber is to Halifax, that never will quit being glorified by history until the great harbor becomes a sand heap and the guns at the citadel are consumed with rust.

## THE DAYS OF THE WOODEN-SIDEDS.

Quebec may be the great historic town of the St. Lawrence, Halifax is not less the monumental reminder of the splendid swaggar and wooden days when the sailing vessels came up from Boston with loads of lumber for the building of St. Paul's, when General Wolfe quit Louisbourg and sailed up the river to capture Quebec in the year that the last shingle nail was driven in St. Paul's and the "Grand Parade" was alive with the grand guests of Governors and Colonels and Dukes and Knights and common soldiers, cavalrymen and foot soldiers, jack-tars and Admirals.

## And lest you forget some of it—stroll back for another lingering look at the hatchments that hang over the gallery of St. Paul's.

## COLLEGE CLOSING EXERCISES

### Acadia University and Affiliated Institution

MONDAY, MAY 18.

8.00 p. m., College Hall—Violin and Elocution Recital by Miss Helen DeWolfe, Miss Margaret Manning, of the Seminary Graduating Class. Admission by invitation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8.00 p. m., College Hall—Elocution and Vocal Recital by Laura Steeves and Helens Laws, of the Seminary Graduating Class. Admission by invitation.

SATURDAY, MAY 23.

8.00 p. m., College Hall—Students Concert. Miss Evelyn Starr, Violinist. Acadia Orchestral Club.

SUNDAY, MAY 24.

11.00 a. m., College Hall—Baccalaureate Service by Rev. Shailer Mathews, D. D., Dean of the Divinity Faculty of the University of Chicago.

7.00 p. m., College Hall—Service under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A. with address by Rev. J. H. McDonald, D. D., 91, Editor of the Maritime Baptist St. John, N. B.

MONDAY, MAY 25.

11.00 a. m., College Library—Visitors will have an opportunity of inspecting the buildings of the University under the direction of competent guides.

2.30 p. m., College Hall—Class Day Exercises of the Graduating Class of Acadia Seminary.

4.00—6.00 p. m., Alumnae Hall—Private Art Exhibition by Miss Estelle Eaton of the Seminary Graduating Class. Admission by invitation.

4.15 p. m., Room 2—Business Meeting of the University Senate.

7.30 p. m., College Hall—Closing Exercises of Acadia Collegiate and Business Academies. Addresses by Mr. J. Walter Jones, B. A., '04, of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

TUESDAY, MAY 26.

10.30 a. m., College Hall—Class Day Exercises of College Graduating Class.

2.00 p. m., Campus—Interclass Tract Meet.

3.00 p. m., Pianoforte Director's Studio—Business Meeting Alumnae Association of Acadia Seminary.

4.15 p. m., Room 2—Business Meeting Associated Alumni Acadia University.

7.00 p. m., College Library—Meeting Board of Governors.

7.15 p. m., College Hall—Closing Exercises of Acadia Seminary. Address by Rev. F. C. Hartley '89, of Houlton, Me. Admission 25 cents.

9.15 p. m., Seminary Dining Room—Acadia Seminary Alumnae Reunion.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27.

10.15 a. m., College Hall—Anniversary Exercises of Acadia College. Addresses by members of the Graduating Class, conferring of degrees, awarding of prizes, President's address, addresses by distinguished visitors.

1.00 p. m., Chipman Hall—Annual Dinner, Associated Alumni Acadia University.

3.00 p. m., Campus—Base Ball Game.

3.00—6.00 p. m., Alumnae Hall—Seminary Art Exhibition.

THURSDAY, MAY 28.

9.00 a. m., Library—Adjourned Meeting Board of Governors.

### Official Program of Mount Allison Closing Exercises

SATURDAY

Saturday, May 23, 1.30 p. m., Athletic Grounds—Sports of Mount Allison Athletic Association.

Saturday, May 23, 7 p. m., Closing Reception, Ladies College.

SUNDAY

Sunday, May 24, 11 a. m., Methodist Church—Annual Sermon before the Theological Union, Rev. A. S. Rogers, B. D., Yarmouth, N. S.

Sunday, May 24, 3 p. m., Memorial Hall—Farewell Meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday, May 24, 7 p. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Baccalaureate Address by Rev. John V. Smith, D. D., Pastor Douglas Methodist Church, Montreal.

### MONDAY

Monday, May 25, 9 a. m., College Lawn—Physical Culture Drill—Students Ladies' College.

Monday, May 25, 10 a. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Recital by Conservatory Students, (Senior).

Monday, May 25, 2 p. m., Beethoven Hall—Exhibition of Work of Household Science Students—Inspection of Household Science Rooms.

Monday, May 25, 3 p. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—School of Expression, Students Recital.

Monday, May 25, 8 p. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial—Concert by Raadagger and Scapiro, assisted by Miss Fydeall and Miss Clavering.

### TUESDAY

Tuesday, May 26, 9 a. m., Memorial Hall—Annual Meeting of Theological Union with lecture before Union by Rev. C. W. Squires, B. B., Campbellton, N. B. Subject—Pragmatism and Religious Beliefs.

Tuesday, May 26, 9 to 10.30, Engineering Shops in the Science Hall open to visitors.

Tuesday, May 26, 10.30 a. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Concert by Raadagger and Scapiro, assisted by Miss Fydeall and Miss Clavering.

Tuesday, May 26, 2.30 p. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Anniversary Exercises of the Academy.

Tuesday, May 26, 4.30 p. m., University Library—Meeting of Senate.

Tuesday, May 26, 4.30 p. m., Athletic Grounds—Baseball Game, Graduates vs Undergraduates.

Tuesday, May 26, 7.30 p. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Anniversary Exercise of the Ladies' College.

### WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, May 27, 9 a. m., University Tennis Courts—Finals of Interclass Tennis Tournament.

Wednesday, May 27, 10.30 a. m., Drawing Room Ladies' College—Business Meeting of the Alumnae Society.

Wednesday, May 27, 10.30 a. m., Memorial Hall—Business Meeting of the Alumni Society.

Wednesday, May 27, 1.30 p. m., Dining Hall—Ladies' College—Alumni and Alumnae Luncheon. Tickets may be obtained from Prof. Bigelow and DeBaux, 75 cents each. No tickets will be reserved for members after Tuesday night.

Wednesday, May 27, 7.30 p. m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—University Convocation.

### THURSDAY

Thursday, May 28, 10 a. m., University Library—Annual Meeting of the Regents.

The Museum of Fine Arts will be open to visitors free of charge as follows:—

Saturday, May 23, 2 to 5 p. m.; Monday, May 25, 9 to 10 a. m.; Tuesday, May 26, 3.30 to 5 p. m. The work of the students for the year will be found in the studio rooms. The studio of Prof. Hammond, R. C. A. containing some of his recent work will be open to visitors.

Return tickets at one way fare may be obtained at all stations on the I. R. C., D. A. R., and P. E. Island Railway. Visitors will please be sure to ask for a standard certificate when they purchase their tickets. A free return ticket will be given them by the I. R. C. ticket agent at Sackville on the presentation of this certificate duly signed.

The visit of Raadagger and Scapiro is naturally anticipated with eager interest. Both men are eminent artists and those attending the coming exercises have undoubtedly a very rich treat in store for them.

Mr Nathaniel W. White, K. C., Shelburne, N. S., has been appointed Chairman of the Co mission to settle all differences between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs generally in British Columbia, in the room of Hon. Edward L. Wetmore, resigned.

An immense lobster—the father of them all—was caught at Pembroke, Yarmouth County, by Mr. Frank Cann quite recently. It weighed fifteen pounds, each of its claws outweighed its body, and it measured three feet from the end of one claw to the other.

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