

# THE MARITIME INVESTIGATION WINTER FAIR HAS BEEN HELD

Formal Opening Held at Charges Made Against  
Amherst Last Night Parish Commissioner

Lieut. Governor Fraser of Nova Scotia  
Premier Tweedie Criticised Methods of  
Doing Business—Tennyson Smith's  
Impressions of Moncton

AMHERST, Dec. 3.—The Maritime winter fair is now in full swing, and the prospects are that, like previous shows, it will be a great success. At six o'clock the commissioners of the fair gave a banquet to about one hundred guests. It was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society. It was presided over by President Elderton. Among those present were Lt. Governor Fraser, Hon. Mr. Farris, Minister of Agriculture, N. B.; Premier Murray, Judge Longley, A. B. Copp, M. P. P. C. Campbell and many other visitors from different points of the Maritime Provinces.

At eight o'clock the opening meeting was held in the large auditorium connected with the show building. President Elderton was in the chair. Addresses of welcome were given by Mayor Stilliker on behalf of the town and Hon. W. T. Pipes on behalf of the county. A. B. Copp, M. P. P. for Westmorland, responded in a happy speech on behalf of the visitors.

Lieut. Governor D. C. Fraser was then called upon and delivered an eloquent and patriotic address. He made a strong appeal to the young men of the Maritime Provinces to stay on the farms, and closed by declaring the sixth maritime winter fair duly opened. Excellent addresses were also given by Premier Murray, Hon. Mr. Farris and Judge Longley. The speakers all dwelt upon the great importance of the agricultural industry, and pointed out that our farmers were not producing enough produce to supply the home market. A large influx of visitors is expected tomorrow.

In all cases both the number and the quality of exhibits exceed previous years with the one exception of beef breeds, which in point of numbers is not so large as last season, but as usual the quality is good. The dairy department is far ahead of last season, there being thirty-two entries in this class. The sheep and swine exhibits are equal, if not better, than previous years. The poultry department far exceeds any previous show in Eastern Canada, and gentlemen from Ontario state that both in numbers, variety, and quality, the poultry department surpasses the Upper Canadian fairs. Battered and White Rocks, Wyandottes, Orpingtons, Rhode Island Reds and several different Leghorns seem to predominate, but nearly every known variety, from the smallest bantam to the largest Brahmas and Cochins are represented.

The turkey, geese and ducks are exceptionally fine and in larger numbers than usual. The dressed poultry shows improvement in quality and manner of dressing.

The fruit exhibit is not quite as good as last year, no doubt owing to the very dry season.

The seed and root department added last year is this season taking a prominent place and the careful selection of seeds as in the past has been a must of itself of great benefit to the farmers.

## CLEARING LAND ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

MONTREAL, Dec. 3.—Sir Thomas Thompson, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, arrived here this morning from a trip west. Sir Thomas is the best of health, and is in connection with the great west as he has been at any time. Those who know him best say that his enthusiasm grows daily. In speaking of his trip, he said:

"There is not a great deal to say just now that is of public interest beyond the fact that every day there is further evidence of the wonderful progress of the west. I really went west to see William Van Dusen, president of the Canadian Pacific railway. We are making preparations to clear up 100,000 acres of land on Vancouver Island, but the details of this plan are not yet completed. It costs from \$60 to \$100 an acre to clear this ground, so you may judge of the cost. The pressing question of our shortage in the west was indicated, and Sir Thomas admitted that the company is deplorably short at the present time. He said that they would be glad to spend \$100,000,000 for new rolling stock if it could be delivered."

## LASSOED RABBI AND BROKE HIS NECK

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—A Jewish rabbi was driving past the house of a farmer named Barnes, near Buckingham, Saskatchewan, when a dog ran out and snapped at him. He lashed the dog with his whip, and Barnes told him to stop. Words passed between them and the dog was struck again. The farmer became infuriated, and jumping on a horse started after the men. He fled, but was overtaken and caught by a rope. Barnes used the rope like an expert and lassoed the man while he was driving furiously to escape. He was caught around the head, jerked from his buggy and thrown to the ground. His neck was broken, and death followed in a few minutes. Barnes was arrested and sent to the Regina jail.

## QUEEN'S RARE TACT CHARMS SUBJECTS

Birthday Enthusiastically Celebrated in All Parts of the Empire

King and Queen of Norway and Prince Olaf  
to Plant Trees in Famous Avenue  
at Sandringham.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Queen, God Bless Her, was a toast enthusiastically pledged in all parts of the British Empire yesterday, the occasion being her majesty's birthday.

Her majesty has endeavored herself to all classes of her husband's subjects by her rare tact and sympathetic consideration for the poor and afflicted. Her deafness is, I am sorry to learn, giving her much trouble. At the opera the other evening, on a hint from Lady de Grey, some of the stage business of "La Bohème" was hurriedly rearranged so that Mrs. Melba and Signor Zetola could sing their duet nearer the royal box than usual.

Like her mother, the late Queen of Denmark, Queen Alexandra possesses the gift of personal youth, and nobody would think from a recent photograph of her majesty and the little Prince Olaf that she was a grandmother.

A story characteristic of the queen's kindred of heart is being told to-day. Her majesty received an appeal from a discharged prisoner whose family was in great want. With her usual generosity the queen was anxious to respond to the appeal, but it was represented that by doing so she would lay herself open to constant future demands from the same source.

Queen Alexandra, however, thinking to do good by stealth, sent a bank note anonymously, quite forgetting that the envelope in which the note was inclosed bore the direct "Backingham Palace," and thus disclosed the source whence this kindly help came.

Another instance of her majesty's thoughtfulness may be mentioned. When the Royal Victoria the queen evinced much interest in the work of the villagers who gather moss cast up by the sea, for which they find a market. Sea moss is dyed and used instead of the plumage of birds by milliners for the decoration of women's hats.

Her majesty on hearing that the demand had fallen off, causing distress to the villagers, who were partly dependent on the trade for their livelihood, sent an order for a quantity of moss. It has been arranged that the king and queen of Norway and Prince Olaf shall each plant a tree in the famous Royal avenue at Sandringham. Ever since their majesties, as Prince and Princess of Wales, visited their Norfolk seat, each sovereign, Crown Prince and other important royal person who has stopped there has planted a tree, which was indicated by a metal ball placed on the ground in front of it. The tree of Victoria, the queen's mother, is the only tree which has flourished in this interesting collection that was planted by the late Duke of Clarence when he was a child. Shortly after his death this tree began to show signs of decay and notwithstanding all efforts made to revive it a blight seemed to have touched it and it had to be removed.

## REMAINS OF BLACKSMITH FOUND IN STATION

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 3.—The remains of Joseph Theriault, a blacksmith, aged fifty-five, were found in the Harper railway station, a few miles from Tignish. The deceased had been missing since yesterday, when he attended the chapel at Tignish. He had been subject to heart disease, and it is supposed that on the way home from mass he became exhausted and went into the little station to rest. An inquest will be held tonight. He leaves a widow and family.

## NO MEDICINE But Change of Food Gave Final Relief.

MONTREAL, Dec. 3.—A heavy northeast snow storm is raging here today, tying up trains and stopping traffic. There is no communication by steamer with the mainland.

## MONTREAL HAS ANOTHER FIRE

Damage to the Extent of \$150,000  
Caused by Blaze Last Night in  
Down Town Section

MONTREAL, Dec. 3.—Damage to the extent of \$150,000 was caused by a disastrous blaze which broke out here tonight in the downtown business district. The loss by fire, smoke and water damage to stores and some dozen business firms. The fire originated in the premises of the Excelsior Clothing Co. at Notre Dame street, and spread to the right left and rear. In this portion of the city the buildings are very close together, the streets are narrow and the resulting difficulties were increased by the intense cold that prevailed, the thermometer registering below the zero mark, and a high wind blowing. Three hours were consumed in the extinguishing of the blaze. The estimated losses are: Excelsior Clothing Co., \$15,000; Standard Neckwear Co., \$10,000; W. L. Rosenthal, retail manufacturer, \$5,000; J. Patterson, boots and shoes, \$10,000; Perrin Freres, kid gloves, \$5,000; J. M. Aird, confectioner, \$2,000; Goldings, millinery, \$4,000.

The greater part of the damage was caused by water and smoke. The damage by fire to the buildings will be in the vicinity of \$75,000.

## WILL RUSH WORK ON EASTERN SECTION G.T.P.

QUEBEC, Nov. 28.—Hon. S. N. Parent, president of the St. Lawrence, arrived on Quebec bridge, the Quebec terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific. He says that next month the railway commission will call for tenders for the building of another four hundred and fifty miles more, the new sections to be built will comprise the line from Lewis shore, one hundred miles from Moncton, forty miles northwest from La Tuque, and about one hundred and fifty miles north of Lake Abitibi.

## PROVINCIAL NEWS.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 3.—Fire originating in the second story of the general office of the Robb Engineering Company early this morning caused a loss of over \$25,000. The general offices are situated in a long building of from one to two hundred feet, the back part of the offices being used as a pattern shop and then the machine shop. The front part of the building is totally destroyed for about one hundred and sixty feet.

The alarm was rung in about 3.30 this morning. It was bitterly cold, five below zero and the firemen worked under difficulties. The blaze spread very rapidly and it was impossible to save anything in the offices or the pattern shop. The department made a brave fight under adverse conditions and stopped the flames midway of the building.

The offices were finely fitted up, but the loss is principally in the pattern shop where many men worked and where valuable patterns were kept. Fortunately most of the blue prints were in the vault and are not damaged. The machinery in the machine shop is not much damaged. Two houses, owned by Andrew Jackson, within a few feet of the building, were badly scorched but were saved by the fire department.

The company already have a gang of men clearing away the debris and the machine shop will be going again in a short time, while temporary offices have been fitted up until spring. The company expect to have no difficulty in filling orders and none of the men will be thrown out of employment. The loss is fully covered by insurance, but it is impossible to ascertain what companies are liable.

## REXTON.

REXTON, N. B., Dec. 1.—The small fishing season has begun again. Smelts seem to be plentiful in the river.

A quiet wedding took place Tuesday morning at the home of Capt. John Curvin, when his eldest daughter, Miss Minnie, was married to John R. Murray of Rexton, N. B.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. D. Archibald. The happy couple took the train immediately after the ceremony for their future home in Burnt Church. Robert Harding, ninety years of age, who has been up till now wonderfully strong and active, met with an unfortunate accident while cutting cutting wood in the woods a short distance from his home. The axe slipped and he was killed.

His son, Robert, who is now a well known hunter, found him some hours afterwards in quite an exhausted condition. He is doing as well as can be expected. The barkentine Arken, which went down in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, has since been unable to get over the bar, was towed back today as far as Richibucto to avoid the drift ice. She will proceed first chance. She is bound for England, lumber laden.

Tuesday from a trip to St. John. Harold B. Robinson of St. John was in town this week.

R. A. Irving of Bouctouche was in town yesterday.

A. T. Hatcher returned Tuesday from Madawaska County.

Robert Beattie, Richard Wood, John Chamberlain, Bonar Scott and Geo. Call left Tuesday for Nova Scotia.

E. R. Thompson, who is now in the Eldridge Haines of Fredericton is in town.

Johnson Law of Amherst is visiting his home here.

F. F. Robinson of Charlottetown, P. E. I., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. L. McMichael, West Branch.

J. D. Walker of Bass River was in town Tuesday.

G. N. Clark is on the sick list.

J. H. Bennett is confined to bed through illness.

## SACKVILLE.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dobson of Joliette received a genuine surprise last evening when about seventy-five of their friends assembled to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. A delightful evening was spent with music, games and conversation, at the close of which refreshments were served. The bride and groom of twenty years were presented with a handsome chair and other souvenirs.

The members of the Eclectic Society, Mount Allison, gave a very pleasing and successful entertainment in Beethoven Hall last evening. A programme of five numbers was given. A vocal quartette by Misses Midway Smith, Mary Ann, David Davidson and David and David, was much appreciated. Miss Mabel G. Dixon and Miss Winifred Sinclair each gave a pleasing monologue. A violin solo by Miss Besse London was heartily enjoyed. The impersonation of the Dream of Fair Women, by Tennyson, was beautifully rendered; each performer was dressed to suit the time. This number elicited hearty applause. Much credit is due Miss Carvis of the oratory staff for the success of the evening. The estimated losses are: H. S. Shapiro, gentlemen's furnishings, \$5,000; Excelsior Clothing Co., \$15,000; Standard Neckwear Co., \$10,000; W. L. Rosenthal, retail manufacturer, \$5,000; J. Patterson, boots and shoes, \$10,000; Perrin Freres, kid gloves, \$5,000; J. M. Aird, confectioner, \$2,000; Goldings, millinery, \$4,000.

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## HOPEWELL HILL.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 3.—The school house at Menel was broken into a few nights ago by some individual, who spent the night there, making himself comfortable by a free use of the school house wood. The lodger, it is supposed, was a man who was tramping through that section carrying a sack over his shoulder the day before, and who got his supper at the home of one of the residents of the settlement, and on the following morning asked for breakfast at a nearby lumber camp. There was quite a feeling of uneasiness.

## CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Williams*

## COUNTRY MARKET.

Wholesale.		
Turnips, per lb.	0.05	0.60
Beef, western	0.07	0.08
Beef, butcher, carcass	0.05	0.07
Beef, country, per lb.	0.04	0.05
Lamb	0.08	0.10
Mutton, per lb.	0.05	0.06
Butter, per lb.	0.08	0.15
Pork, per lb.	0.08	0.09
Ham, per lb.	0.15	0.20
Egg, per doz.	0.20	0.25
Butter, per lb.	0.24	0.24
Eggs, case, per dozen	0.24	0.25
Turkey, per lb.	0.18	0.20
Fowl, per pair	0.50	0.80
Potatoes, per bbl.	1.25	1.50
Onions, per bbl.	0.09	0.10
Calif. hides, per lb.	0.00	0.14
Lambkins, each	0.80	0.85
Sheepskins, each	0.00	1.50
Cabbages, per cr. native	0.40	0.00
Chickens, per pair	0.40	1.00

## FISH.

Rippling herring, ht-bbls	3.50	3.75
Mackerel	0.20	0.25
Codfish, large dry	4.50	0.00
Medium	4.50	0.00
Cod, small	3.00	0.00
Finfin haddock	2.25	2.50
Forster, old, Manan	0.05	0.00
Bay herring, ht-bbls	2.00	2.50
Cod, fresh	0.02	0.02
Pollock	2.50	0.00
Smoked herring	0.08	0.08
Shelburne herring	0.11	0.12
Halibut, fresh	0.11	0.12

## RETAIL.

Lamb	0.09	0.14
Beef, corned, per lb.	0.09	0.10
Pork, fresh, per lb.	0.05	0.15
Ham, per lb.	0.00	0.20
Bacon, per lb.	0.18	0.20
Tripe, per lb.	0.25	0.30
Butter, dairy, roll	0.25	0.30
Butter, tub	0.25	0.30
Lard, per lb.	0.18	0.18
Eggs, per doz.	0.28	0.35
Onions, per lb.	0.05	0.10
Cabbage, each	0.02	0.23
Turkey, per lb.	0.20	0.25
Chickens	0.00	1.25
Ducks	1.20	1.50
Geese	1.00	1.25
Potatoes, per peck	0.25	0.00
Pow, per pair	0.10	0.12
Celery	0.05	0.05
Lettuce	0.05	0.05
Parsley	0.05	0.00
Beets, new, per peck	0.80	0.00
Carrots, new, per peck	0.80	0.00
Calliflower	1.10	0.05
Squash	0.00	0.25

## GAME.

Partridge	0.90	1.00
Black Duck	0.00	0.00
Whistlers	0.75	0.00
Teal	0.50	0.00
Moose	0.18	0.20
Venison	0.08	0.10

## FISH.

Smelt, per pound	0.00	0.12
Halibut	0.15	0.17
Fresh cod and had-	0.05	0.05
Rock, per lb.	0.07	0.00
Finfin haddock	0.24	0.00
Shd. klobsters, per doz	3.00	0.00
Boneless cod, per lb.	0.12	0.00
Smkd herring, per box	0.10	0.00
Salt cod, each	0.25	0.30
Salt mackerel, each	0.20	0.25

## GROCERIES.

Cheese, per lb.	0.14	0.14
Rice, per lb.	0.03	0.03
Cream of tartar, pure	0.30	0.30
Ess	0.12	0.13
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bbls	0.12	0.13
Barbados, per lb.	0.24	0.25
Salt soda, per lb.	0.07	0.14

## MOLASSES.

Extra choice, P. R.	0.34	0.37
Barbados	0.28	0.28
New Orleans (choice)	0.00	0.00

## SUGAR.

Standard granulated, yellow, bright	0.03	0.03
yellow, equalized rates	0.03	0.03
Barbados	0.06	0.07

## COFFEES.

Java, per lb, green	0.24	0.25
Java, per lb, white	0.24	0.25
Salt	0.08	0.08
Liverpool, per sack, ex	0.81	0.83
Liverpool butter, salt	0.85	1.00
Spices	0.00	0.00

## FRUITS, ETC.

Currents, per lb, c'd.	0.07	0.07
Grapes, per lb.	0.09	0.09
Apples, evaporated	0.14	0.14
Walnuts, Grenoble	0.14	0.14
Almonds	0.12	0.13
Filberts	0.10	0.10
Pecans	0.14	0.14
Dates, lb, pkg	0.05	0.07
Dates, new	0.08	0.08
Beef tongue, per lb	0.10	0.10
Peanuts, roasted	0.09	0.11
Figs, new, per lb.	0.11	0.12
Figs, bag, per lb.	0.04	0.05
Malaga, London layers	1.90	2.00
Malaga, clusters	2.75	2.80
Malaga, black, baskets	2.00	2.00
Malaga, Connoisseur, clusters	3.10	3.10
Malaga oranges, pr bbl	0.00	0.00
Raisins, Sultana, new	0.00	0.00
Bananas	1.50	2.05
Cocanuts	0.00	0.00
Lemons, Messina, pr bx	6.50	7.00
Pineapples, evap'd new	0.12	0.13
Apples, per bbl.	2.00	5.00
Oranges, Canadian, bbls	1.40	3.50
Onions, Spanish, each	3.25	3.50

## PROVISIONS.

American clear pork	21.50	23.00
American mess pork	22.75	25.00
Pork, domestic	13.00	13.50
Canadian flour, 12.50	12.50	13.00

## FLOUR, ETC.

Manitoba	5.35	5.40
Cornmeal, bags	1.35	1.40
Canadian high grade	4.45	4.50
Oatmeal	4.90	5.00
Middlings, small lots	36.00	36.50
Bagged	2.00	2.05
Medium patents	23.00	23.50
Brn, car lots	23.00	24.00
Brn, small lots, bag'd	0.00	24.00

## SUSSEX FIRM OF MEAT DEALERS HAVE ASSIGNED

SUSSEX, Nov. 28.—Miller Brothers, the well known and popular firm of meat dealers, have assigned to Sheriff Freese. While no statement of assets and liabilities can be given at present, it is hoped an arrangement will be made enabling the firm to resume business.

M. H. Parlee, proprietor of the Spruce Grove Stock Farm, is offering for sale at public auction on Dec. 5th, a herd of pure-bred Ayrshires, also pure-bred shags and hags. All sold without reserve. This sale will probably be well patronized, as the Spruce Grove herd contains many prize-winning animals.

The Hessers, Benson and E. W. Watt have recently moved into their new brick residence on the Sussex Corner Road. This is one of the most tasteful of the modern villas which now adorn this quarter of the town.

J. H. McIntyre, Judge of Probates, was recently moved into his residence through illness for the past two weeks, is improving, and expects to be about again in a few weeks.

Mrs. J. D. McKenna, who has been quite ill, is now recovering rapidly.

## GRAIN, ETC.

Hay, pressed	12.00	13.00
Oats (Osh) per lot	0.45	0.45
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Beans (Canadian) pr. bbl.	1.65	1.70
Beans, yellow eye	2.50	0.00
Split peas	2.50	0.00
Pot barley	4.40	4.50
Feeding stuffs	all kinds	very scarce
Oil		
Pratt's Astral	0.00	0.20 1/2
"White Rose" and Ches-		
ter	0.00	0.19 1/2
"High Grade Spolia		
and "Archlight"	0.00	0.19 1/2
"Silver Star"	0.00	0.13 1/2
Lined oil, raw	0.00	0.60
Unlined oil, boiled	0.00	0.63
Therpeol	0.00	0.65
Oil (steam refined)	0.00	0.65
Oil, olive	0.00	0.55
Gasoline, per gal.	0.28 1/2	0.00