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WEDNESDAY, June 1st, 1904.

The absence of grubs and caterpillars in the orchards this season has been so marked as to be the subject of comment on the part of many farmers. Various reasons have been assigned for this, among them being that the spraying carried on by many orchardists was beginning to have effect and that the insects destroyed by this means in the past two or three years were having a visible effect on the number in evidence this year. We are inclined to regard this season, and if no better can be advanced it will afford encouragement for Farmers' Associations, Agricultural Societies and the Agricultural Department of the government, who are working in conjunction for the promotion of improved methods of agriculture and horticulture. Our farmers have shown a commendable willingness to adopt anything giving promise of increased returns, and it is pleasing to know that such marked results can be pointed out in connection with the practical working of these advanced theories.

Inhabitants of the Annapolis Valley are now in the full enjoyment of one of the forms of pleasure that the great fruitfulness of this part of Nova Scotia bestows. The orchards are, for the time being, so many acres of beautiful pink and white apple blooms, and the air is rich with their fragrance. The heart of the dreamer can see no richer feast. To those of more material characteristics the chief pleasure will lie in the abundant promise for next autumn's harvest. The bloom has already reached a stage that ensures a high average of young fruit, which in most cases has already set. This has opened a bright horizon for other climatic conditions, and old farmers say that they do not remember a season when all the conditions were so favorable for a large yield of fruit. It is, of course, too early in the season to consider this by any means assured, but the tendency at the present time is to rejoice in the apparent promising conditions and trust the future for the rest. The land is already beginning to be thirsty and there is need of rain, though up to the present no damage has arisen from this source. On the rain fall for the next month, however, hangs the fate of the season's crops, whether of orchard or field.

It is the exception rather than the rule for newspaper readers to take a very deep interest in the editorial column. This statement will apply more particularly, perhaps, to town and city readers than to those of the country. It is not uncommon, therefore, to find the farmer or countryman with letter matured ideas of large questions than his town or city compatriot. This may not be from ideas gained from the editorial road, but the reading of them often stimulates his thoughts and aids him in developing his own ideas. We are blessed in the fact that we live in an educated community, among a people who once they begin to think are capable of forming correct judgments and sound opinions. Those people have been as progressive in their ideas as the age and their opportunity demands in a question open to argument. If the press of the country is to be considered worthy of the high place accorded it as a leader of the people, the men on whom devolves the duty of directing the thought and the aim of a Nova Scotia journal of to-day must be men thoroughly imbued with the grand possibilities of this province by the sea, and having such a conception, assert it fairly and manfully. With this issue the present writer severs his connection with The Monitor. With his errors be merciful; in his criticisms, just and unmerciful. We live in an age of progress and for him we would bespeak the hearty cooperation of all the thinking minds of Annapolis County in other words, the readers of the Monitor. Your interest will aid him, your friendly criticism will guide. Our connection with The Monitor has been to us a brief and pleasant incident. In our departure we are happy in the thought that the interests of this community will be better served, and that we leave behind some few friends as milestones on the pathway of life.

Grand Farmers' Meeting at Middleton.

The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association and the Annapolis County Farmers' Association are to combine forces on Wednesday, June 8th. The Fruit Growers will take that opportunity to hold one of their summer orchard meetings, and the County Farmers' Association will convene in regular annual meeting. The afternoon will be spent for a demonstration of power spraying under government officials with object lessons on orchard management. The annual meeting of the Annapolis County Farmers' Association will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning and all members and persons interested are requested to be present at that meeting for election of officers, directors, etc.

Agricultural societies of the county are requested to send five or more delegates to this meeting. The evening meeting will be addressed by some of the best speakers in the Dominion on practical subjects akin to agriculture and horticulture. If coming by train, secure a standard certificate and have it signed by the Secretary of the meeting. Take this chance to learn something from the best authorities. R. J. MESSENGER, Secty. A. C. F. A.

An Ottawa despatch says that the contract for the construction of the pier of the western terminus of the Middleton and Victoria Beach Railway has been awarded to Messrs. Reid & Archibald, of Halifax, at the price of \$200,000. It is expected that work will be commenced at once and vigorously prosecuted, as it is incumbent upon the contractors to have the pier completed within a year in order that it may be ready at the time the railway will be put in operation.

Local and Special News.

One carload of extra drain pipe at reduced prices. Kael Freeman. Cabbage and Tomato Plants for sale at W. W. Chesley's. For sale: A lot of Pigs, three weeks old and over. Geo. L. Pearson, Paradise.

The combators, brakemen, engineers and firemen of the D. N. R., are to receive a substantial increase in their pay.

A Y. M. C. A. Base Ball league has been formed between teams from Bridgetown, Lawrencetown, Middleton and Kingston. League games will probably be begun about the middle of June.

The death of Thomas Hutt Bird, late of Coventry, England, occurred at Richibucto, N. B., on the 21st inst. at the age of seventy. He was the father of Mr. Thos. Bird and Miss Bird, of this town.

Mr. Ward Jewett was informed by telegram on Monday of the death of Mrs. McDonald, his wife's mother, Mayville, N. B., on that date. Mrs. Jewett has been with her mother for the past couple of weeks.

Quite a large crew of men and teams arrived here on Saturday evening from Mahone Bay, and are now at work on the M. & V. B. Railway. They will work on a five mile contract from Bridgetown West through Granville.

The Royal Pharmacy on Queen St. is prominent in a nicely painted front door last week by Mr. Chas. Wilson, and a new sign across the building, the work of Stephen Porter. Both improvements add greatly to the exterior appearance of the building.

Rev. W. N. States was in town last Saturday in the interest of the African celebration to be held at Halifax, July 1st. Among the notable speakers who will be present are: Lieut. Gov. Jones, Mayor Crosby, Attorney-General Longley, R. L. Borden, M. P., Wm. Roach, M. P., and others.

The trophy presented by L. D. Shafter to the winners in the Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball League of Annapolis County is on exhibition in the window of S. N. Wear's drug store. It is a sterling silver plate on a shield of quartered oak. The inscription reads: "Presented by L. D. Shafter to the Clerks' Team, Champions of Basket Ball League, Annapolis, 1903-1904."

The Bridgetown Civilian Rifle Association have finally located a range. It is situated about a mile from town, on the South Mountain. Messrs. Whitman and Dudley surveyed it on Monday. We are informed that there is an elevation of about one foot in seventy-five. The work of constructing the range will go forward at once.

A telephone message from Granville Ferry, yesterday, announced the drowning of E. J. Young, of Lower Granville, a retired sea captain and postmaster at Knapdale. He had gone fishing and was not returning as expected, search was made and his boat was found tied to the wharf, but no sign of the missing man. His son, who is in the United States, has been telegraphed for. He has a wife, two sons and two daughters living.

Last Monday evening's session of Olive Branch was an interesting one. Three new members were initiated, and the Order was favored with a visit from the P. G. W. P. of Massachusetts, Mr. Fred E. Bath. The "Good of the Order" was in the hands of Mrs. Leslie, who launched the first issue of the Division paper which bore the name of "The Olive Branch." The paper had its different departments, and the whole affair was bright and witty.

An apparently new species of apple tree has made its appearance in some of the orchards here and threatens to do considerable damage. It seems to be smaller and attacks the trunk much higher from the ground than the ordinary variety. In its first attack it caught him on his home and tossed him in the air. Fortunately he passed over the animal and landed on his feet on the other side. The animal which he tossed him by the horns before he could renew the attack. As soon as it was possible Mr. Troop succeeded in getting away from the animal and kept out of his way. He escaped injury beyond having the skin on his left side broken, numerous small bruises and a bad fright.

The Young Men's Christian Association reading rooms has been well patronized during the past year. The subscriptions for the magazines for the next year have been sent in and several new magazines and periodicals have been added to last year's list. The following is a list of those now received: Harper's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, McClure's, Cosmopolitan, Argosy, Success, Independent, Canadian Digest, Pluck, Bee's Horn, Judge, Christian Herald, Association Men, Christian Advocate, Saturday Evening Post, American Boy, Youth's Companion, Outlook, Munsey's Star Monthly. Also a number of daily and weekly newspapers. Should any person wish to secure any of these magazines or newspapers at reduced rates, a few of these are donated to the Y. M. C. A. after they have been used at home; others would be acceptable.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Robt. Inglis, of Montreal, is at the Grand Central. Mr. J. K. Craig spent Sunday with friends at Victoria Beach. Miss Annie Young, of Paradise, spent last week with friends at Clements-Point. Mrs. Annie Crowe, of Annapolis, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Allan Crowe. Mrs. B. M. Williams and daughter, Kathleen, are visiting Mrs. Isaac Harsh, at Lequill.

Miss Lee Lloyd went on Monday to attend the Commencement Exercises at Acadia College, Wolfville.

Mrs. H. J. Crowe and Miss Quirk left on Saturday for Wolfville, to be present at the closing exercises of Acadia.

Mrs. Bessie Elderkin is visiting her former home at Wolfville, and Miss Winnie Hoyt is in charge of the Central Book Store.

Mrs. J. H. Spurr has returned from Cuba, where she has spent the past winter, and is visiting her relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fair and little daughter were in town yesterday, having just returned from a fishing trip in the vicinity of Albany Cross.

The Misses Pratt leave to-day on a visit in the States. Miss Lydia will remain several weeks in Boston, while Miss Katherine will visit the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, son of A. C. Johnston, Esq., of Dartmouth, has been visiting his uncle, Mr. S. S. Ruggles and other relatives here during the past week.

Mr. Herman R. Young leaves to-day for Halifax, where he has accepted a position with W. B. Arthur & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, and will represent that firm along the South Shore.

J. L. DeVany, who for some months past has occupied the position of editor of The Monitor, goes to-day to Halifax, where he will take a position on The Suburban, published at Rockingham, Halifax County.

Rev. H. How, of Annapolis, exchanged pulpits with Rev. E. Underwood on Sunday last, and delivered eloquent discourses at morning and evening services in St. James' Church, and at St. Mary's Church, Bellisle, in the afternoon.

In the results of the May examinations at the Maritime Business College, Halifax, we notice among those successful the name of Miss Laura B. Morrison, of Springdale, Annapolis County. Miss Morrison remains in Halifax to try the senior examinations at the end of June. We wish her success.

Hon. Mr. Emerson arrived at Windsor Junction in his private car Saturday, and proceeded to Wolfville for the commencement exercises at Acadia. On Monday, accompanied by a large party of young friends he went to Annapolis where the party spent the time between trains at Fort Anne. Their car was picked up by the east-bound D. A. R. express and returned to Wolfville.

Y. M. C. A. Finances.

The Y. M. C. A. financial year closed the first of May. The books, which were closed on May 26th, show the following receipts and expenses for the year: RECEIPTS: Membership fees \$347.50, Subscriptions \$117.31, Basket Ball games and exhibits \$164.69, Lawrence's Y. M. C. A. \$133.25, Collections at meetings \$27.85, Miscellaneous \$17.50. Total receipts \$706.10.

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THE STOCK OF Summer Footwear AT The People's Boot & Shoe Store. In most comple, and includes high grade goods of the best known manufacture—both Canadian and American.

Any one buying one dollar's worth of these goods has the privilege of guessing the number of beans in a quart jar to be seen at the store. The beans will be counted on August 1st, and the person making the guess nearest the actual number will be given a handsome chair. By patronizing you get the best value for your money and have a chance for this handsome prize.

W. A. KINNEY. PRIMROSE BLOCK, BRIDGETOWN.

Sowing Time is Here!

The crops you will raise depends largely on the kind of Seed you will sow. Knowing this, I have secured a large variety of GARDEN and GRASS SEEDS from the most reliable seed houses. You have Rennie's, Steele & Briggs' and Ferry's Seeds from which to make your selections. This stock is offered at prices as low as the high standard of the stock will admit.

C. L. PIGGOTT. 60-CARTS and CARRIAGES. From \$4.00 up. Fine Assortment, Prices very low.

CHILDREN'S CARTS, Many sizes and styles. Write, Telephone or Call for prices that will please you. W. E. REED, Bridgetown, N. S.

HELP WANTED. A man to care for an aged gentleman and family in the afternoon. For particulars apply at the Monitor Office. NOTICE. Whereas my wife Lucy A. Neaves, has left my home, and I have no knowledge of her whereabouts, I hereby declare her dead, and I will not be liable for any debts contracted by her. ROBERT NEAVES, Port Louis, May 26th, 1904.

The Handsome Young Stallion 'BLENHEIM' will stand at my stables for service during the present season. Blenheim is a dark bay, is three years old and is bred by Frederick G. 2200, b. b. foaled 1897, by Herando, 2201, dam Pink, by All Right, 2202, s. d. bred by Brook Messer, that was brought from Maine; s. g. d. Rose, said to be by Tom Squire, bred by Benjamin Hoar, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Canada. AYARD L. ANDERSON, Bridgetown.

Ladies' Goods BIG STOCK! ALL NEW! 1000 new \$1.00 and up. 1000 new \$1.00 and up. 1000 new \$1.00 and up.

Central Book Store R. J. ELDERKIN. Spring Goods. A complete assortment of newest patterns in Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits, Hats and Caps, Neckties and Regatta Shirts, Men's Working Shirts, Overalls and Jumpers, Boots and Rubbers.

A. D. BROWN. Bridgetown, March 30th, 1904. ESSEX FERTILIZERS. We have a few tons left. Good goods; right prices.

CARRIAGES. A complete line of the Nova Scotia Carriage Co. goods. Farm Implements. Frost & Wood's Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, etc., and a full line of pieces and repairs.

HARNESS. We carry one of the largest and best assortments of harness in the county. We make easy terms on the above goods. Call and see us, or write.

John Hall, Lawrencetown. LOOK. We have received a large lot of Spades & Shovels (Round and Square) Screen Wire Cloth And also a large stock of Grindstones.

R. SHIPLEY. "WEARE," The Druggist.

J. E. Sancton. Headquarters for all Eastman Goods. Films, Plates, Paper.

Kodaks. To any person purchasing a Camera from us, we give free instruction how to use same, and free use of Dark Room at any time. KODAKS FROM \$1.00 UP.

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We have closed an agency and find we have a number of PLOWS as good as new on hand. They are slightly defaced, hence we will sell them at cost. Come early and inspect, as our supply is limited. BRIDGETOWN FOUNDRY CO., Ltd.

Wanted CHAIRS LIKE THIS CUT. I will pay highest cash prices for these chairs, if you have any, write me, giving condition and kind of wood in chairs, the better the chairs the higher the price. I also want old Mahogany furniture, Brass Candlesticks, Flint Lock Guns and Pistols, old Postage Stamps 40 years old, ect. W. A. KAIN, 116 Germain St. St. John, N. B.

We are opening quantities of NEW GOODS. Do you realize the Cotton situation? Raw Cotton selling around 16 cents per pound, and every possibility of it going to 20 cents per pound. Our spring Cotton purchases were made when Cotton was selling around 12 cents per pound; therefore we feel we are in a position to offer our customers as good value as can be found in America. New Sheetings, New Prints, New Pillow Cottons, New Zephyrs and Gingham, New White Cottons, New Grey Cottons, Beautiful Cotton Waistings in Fancy Stripes, Chevots, Damasks, Matte and Hopsack Weaves. Make up your mind what you think you will want in Cottons for spring sewing and buy now. We think we can save you some money. We know we can give you extra value, as all repeats will cost us from 15 to 20 per cent. more. SEE OUR NEW DRESS GOODS, CARPETS AND CURTAINS. J. W. BECKWITH.

NEW SPRING GOODS. Our Spring Stock is about complete, and notwithstanding the great advance in Cotton Goods our prices remain about the same. Dress Goods. Black and Colored Voles, Twine Cloths, Broad Cloths, Tweeds and Venetians. Also good range Shower-proof Suitings. Rain Coats. Large stock, newest styles, lowest prices. Made in Plain Cloths and Tweed effects. Corsets. We carry a full line of R. & L. D. & A. and P. C. Corsets. Call and see them. Umbrellas. This is the time of year when most needed. We have a large variety at special prices. Shirts. We have the largest stock and best variety of patterns in Men's Summer Shirts ever shown in town. Hats. 6 cases Men's Hats and Caps; all new styles, and prices to suit the pocket.

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