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Prizes Presented at Winter Fair

AMHERST, Dec. 10.—The closing day of the Maritime Winter Fair saw a large crowd in the city. It can be considered as the greatest mid-winter fair ever held in the Maritime Provinces.

Only one department remained to be judged, the poultry, and it was completed this morning. A plucking contest was held this afternoon, local and County boys carrying off the money prizes.

The presentations were made by H. J. Logan, ex-M. P., for Cumberland County, in brief but eloquent addresses to each winner.

The cup winners were as follows: M. J. O'Brien cup for the best short horn animal, R. A. Snowball, Chatham, R. A. Snowball cup for the best herd of short horns, Harold Eitner, Westmorland Point.

The W. W. Black cup for the best animal any age in the beef class, won by Forrest Bros., Amherst Point. The William Ewing cup for the best seed grain shown by any exhibitor not a member of the C. G. S. A., won by E. J. Vessy, Little York, P. E. I. Percy B. Evans cup for best pen of swine won by J. A. Colherk, Summerside, E. N. Rhodes, M. P., cup for the best two cockerels and pullets wyandottes, won by J. F. Donkin, Amherst.

by Harold Eastman, Amherst. Steele Briggs cup for not more than three varieties of seed, won by Richard Creed, Albion, P. E. I.

Percy Dobson cup for the best exhibit of poultry, won by Hartland Poultry Co., Hartland, N. B. Atlas stock cup for swine won by Stewart Bros., P. E. I. Kingsdale Poultry Supply cup for best cock, Plymouth Rock, won by Mr. Tuks, Moncton, Canadian Rhode Island Red Club cup won by W. A. Henry, Shubenacadie, A. J. Moore, Truro, cup for best exhibit of white oats won by J. A. Macdonald, Merrivale, N. S. Ribbons and special prizes were awarded to many.

An Earnest Prince

(Montreal Witness.)

It is worth noting that the Prince of Wales, the more to be honored in this because he is as yet of singularly slight build, has gone to the front at his own persistent insistence. He is there in the capacity of aide-de-camp to Sir John French, who, we may feel pretty sure, would be a great deal more comfortable without so precious an appendage. That, however, is no fault of the heir to the throne, who is determined to be of service in every possible way, and has already been active at ambulance work. If he cannot, like his predecessor and model, the Black Prince, jump, at his age, into a position of command, and there "win his spurs," he can at least live in the spirit of the motto adopted by that illustrious child of chivalry, now borne by himself, "I serve." His pluck carries him through feats which rightly require a much stronger man. He has thoroughly insured himself to the toils of campaigning by having served actively as a private in a territorial regiment.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Middleton

Dec. 14th.

We are sorry to report Postmaster Reid seriously ill.

Mrs. Wm. Sweeney, of Aylesford, was in town last week.

Mrs. S. S. Poole is visiting her mother Mrs. Bishop, of Wolfville.

Mrs. Snow, of Granville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. T. Armstrong.

Captain and Mrs. A. F. Dodge are spending the winter at Mrs. Nelly's, Bridge St.

L. E. Landers came home the first of the week from a business trip in Ontario and Quebec.

Miss Clara Beveridge is taking Mrs. Spong's place as organist in the Victoria Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rupp and daughter of Springfield were the guests of her niece, Mrs. William Eaton last week.

Mrs. James Sloub, of Port George was a guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. N. F. Marshall, quite recently.

Mrs. Allison Smith was in town last week going to Wolfville to spend a few days with her daughter Mrs. Robie Tutts.

L. E. Shaw, of Annapolis Royal and little daughter, Jean, were in town on Thursday. We are glad to see Mr. Shaw looking so well after his illness.

Avard L. Bishop, Ph. D., has been appointed Professor of Geography and Commerce at Yale University. He had been assistant in this department at Yale.

J. W. Margeson, M. P. P., of Lunenburg, has been appointed paymaster of the 25th Regiment and will go to the front with the Nova Scotia battalion. Mr. Margeson is a lieutenant in the 75th Regiment.

MARGARETVILLE

Dec. 14th.

Mr. H. L. Gates left on Friday for Boston.

Mrs. Harding, of California, visited her sister Mrs. Geo. B. Harris recently.

The Methodists held their annual donation in Orange Hall on Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. D. Gates, who has been spending a few weeks in Boston just returned home.

The Red Cross Society meets at the home of Mrs. Frank Atchinson on Monday evening.

Mrs. Allison Smith has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Tufts, Wolfville.

The Fortnightly Club met at the Parsonage on Thursday evening, Dec. 10th. Dr. Hutchins gave the members a very interesting talk on the dependent and delinquent children of Nova Scotia.

FALKLAND RIDGE

Mrs. Rupert Weaver is spending a few days in New Germany.

Our new organ arrived this week and was at once placed in the church.

Mrs. Allan Levy and children who have been visiting here, returned on Saturday to their home in Digby.

MELVERN SQUARE

Dec. 14th.

Mrs. Nichols, of Lawrencetown, is visiting her niece Mrs. D. M. Outhit, this week.

Truly! war has no terrors for the children, at least, with Santa Claus so close at hand, and—Merry Xmas to all!

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin spent a few days, quite recently, at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Greene, of Middleton.

And now the Kaiser is seriously ill,—what would it mean to the nations at war with each other were he to die at this critical time?

During the absence of the Pastor, Rev. A. A. Wheeler, Mr. Roy Belmont, of Paradise, was expected to fill his appointments on Sunday 13.

Colonel and Mrs. Spurr have lately returned from a very pleasant visit to their daughter, Mrs. Fred Burgess, of Sheffield Mills, Kings County.

The pupils of the Melvern School will hold a concert and Xmas tree in the Hall next Friday afternoon. Collection for the use of the Red Cross work in this vicinity.

The ladies of our branch of the Red Cross Society will not meet again until the last Thursday in this month, when work will be resumed for the winter.

Two fine monuments have lately been placed in the Presbyterian cemetery of this place by Hoyt & Co., Middleton, erected to the memory of the late J. M. Darragh and Captain Joseph Reagh.

The Sunshine Mission Band in connection with the Melvern Square Methodist Church, with Miss May Phinney as President, held a fancy sale in the Hall, on Tuesday evening last. The booths, candy tables, etc., were very attractive, reflecting great credit upon the young girls who so tastefully arranged them.

A short programme of violin music, songs, and recitations, was well carried out, the youngest member of the Band, little Robert Phinney, aged four years, "bringing down the house" with a recitation, and winning ungrudgingly the laurels of the evening. And, last, but not by any means least, the Rev. William Brown with his usual fund of wit and eloquence helped to make the evening pass very pleasantly. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, making the attendance rather small, the dainty, as well as useful articles sold very quickly, over \$17.00 being realized for the Foreign Mission Fund.

The Band and their energetic leader are certainly to be congratulated upon their success in raising money.

PORT GEORGE

Dec. 14th

The Red Cross Society will meet at Mr. Guilford Weaver's on Thursday evening, Dec. 24th.

Mr. E. A. Kinley's appointments for Sunday, December 20th, are: Gates' Mt., 11 a. m.; Port George, 3 p. m.; Mt. Hanley, 7 p. m.

The Union Thimble Club will hold a sale of ready made goods in the Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 17, also a bean supper at the same time. Those wishing a good time and a good supper for 15 cents will do well to attend. All are invited. Proceeds for repairing the Hall.

ALBANY

Dec. 12th.

Mr. Sawler and sons are preparing the foundation for a new barn.

Mr. Curry, of Acadia University is expected to preach here on Sunday, Dec. 13th.

Miss Lena Sawler has gone to Billtown to spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Balsor.

The Red Cross Society met at Miss Annie Fair's on Dec. 10th, next meeting to be at Mrs. Edwin Merry's.

Mr. Charles Merry and Miss Matel Todd spent Sunday, Dec. 6th at West Dathouse where they were the guests of Miss Todd's parents.

L. R. Fairn has recently been the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fairn. Also Mr. Fred Bishop, of Lawrencetown on Sunday the 6th.

The Albany Branch of the Red Cross Society was organized Nov. 5. On Dec. 4th we packed a box and shipped the same on the 8th. The following articles were sent:—

One Blanket. Twenty-four pairs socks. One pair Flannel Shirts. Two suits pajamas. Five pairs Wristlets. One and one half dozen Hdk's. Three Bandages. Six Housewives.

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Any man or woman who is thin can recover normal weight by the best new treatment, Tonaline Tablets. "I have been thin for years and began to think it was natural for me to be that way. Finally I read about the remarkable processes brought about by the use of Tonaline Tablets, so I decided to try myself. Well, when I look at myself in the mirror now, I think it is somebody else. I have put on just forty pounds during the last forty days, and never felt stronger or more 'nervy' in my life."

Tonaline Tablets are a powerful inducer to nutrition, increases cell-growth, food, increases the number of blood-corpuscles and as a necessary result builds up muscles, and solid healthy flesh, and rounds out the figure.

For women who can never appear stylish in anything they wear because of their thinness this remarkable treatment may prove a revelation. It is a beauty maker as well as a form builder and nerve strengthener. Tonaline Tablets cost \$1 for 50-days' treatment, at druggists, or mailed by American Proprietary Co., Boston, Mass.

The czar of Russia has granted permission to a Turkish captain to carry on excavations near Sebastopol, with a view of discovering the Turkish treasure chests, containing over a million dollars in gold, which were buried there during the Crimean war. If discovered half the treasure is to go to the Russian exchequer.

"Can't buy any Xmas Presents this year, times are too Hard."

We hear the above expression every day. This is Pessimistic, let us be optimistic.

The Crisis is Passed

With this assurance why be depressed? Rather let us be optimistic and make 1914 Festive Season "THE BEST YET."

There is as much, or more, money in the country this year than ever before. It will not cost much to remember the little ones, and the grown ups as well.

If you establish a precedent in connection with a "Long established Custom" and not buy any Xmas presents, don't you think you will feel kind of sad on Xmas morning.

A fifty cent present will bring more joy to the little ones this Xmas than many dollars will later on. Besides a great variety of presents for the little ones, you can find in our different departments, which are well stocked, many useful presents for every member of the family and the friends away as well.

GROCERIES

14 lbs Granulated Sugar...\$1.00 3 cans Tomatoes... .25 3 " Xmas Candy... .25 3 cans Peas... .25 3 cans Corn... .25 1 lb Cream Tartar... .10 3 lbs. Bulk Raisins... .25

Instead of issuing Calendars this year we are applying the cost of same to a reduction in price on many of our lines.

Space will not permit us itemizing, but we mention a few of the many specials we have to offer.

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Intelligent Farming

(By Dr. J. B. Hall)

By far, the greatest asset of the Annapolis Valley is its rich farm lands. The future prosperity of our towns is conditioned by the intelligence, industry and success of the agriculturist.

More and more thoughtful people are realizing the value of the farmer to the welfare of a country. This commonplace truth is rapidly winning recognition. The produce of the farm will be in greater demand in 1915 than ever before on account of the devastating effect of the war.

The price of food products raised on the farm, increase in price from year to year,—fruit excepted. The progress of the farmer is an index to the industrial and commercial life. The independence and possible expansion of farming in this Valley lends itself to any man of energy.

Success in farming demands that the farmer knows something of the nature and needs of the soil and the best breed of cattle for our country and the proper care of stock.

The improvements in farming during the last decade in this Valley is very marked.

One medium that has played a large part in these bettered conditions has been that of the Agricultural Short Courses, annually held in connection with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, at Truro. During the past these Classes have been very largely attended and the expectation is that these Classes of 1915 will out-number any of the previous sessions. A sort of association of goodwill has sprung up about these courses that makes them yearly more attractive and the man who has once been there feels a yearning to again attend, renew acquaintanceships and profit by the instruction given.

At these Short Courses, every branch of work pertaining to the farm is taken up and discussed in a most interesting manner. Practical demonstrations are carried on, and the student is left to his own free will to devote himself to such subjects as most interest him.

Market interest always centres around the Live Stock owned by the Farm, and in this regard the Provincial Farm is stronger today than at any time in its history. These animals are paraded daily in the large pavilion and every opportunity afforded the farmer to critically examine them. Of perhaps premier importance to Provincial agriculturists are the possibilities for successful dairy farming. The value of good food in this respect will be fully demonstrated at this year's Course. The College herd contains five cows that have given 75,000 lbs. or thirty-seven and a half tons of milk in the past year. This is an average of seven and a half tons per cow per year. The average production of ova Scotia cows is close to 3,500 lbs. a year, at which rate the five College cows have produced more than twenty-one ordinary cows.

This production was due in part to extra feed, but as much to good breeding. Here is a little sum in arithmetic that needs no comment. The average cow eats about Fifty Dollars worth of feed per year. The five College cows ate about One Hundred Dollars worth of feed each. At 3cts. per quart, the average cow gives in one year \$49 worth of milk, and eats \$50 worth of feed. The College cows gave \$210 worth of milk, and ate 100 worth of feed. One did not pay for its feed, the other had \$110 left, above cost of feed. Good blood in dairy cows is worth money to the farmer. This herd, and many others from neighboring dairy farms, will be examined at the Short Courses, and the whole cost of breeds, feeds, milk production gone fully into.

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A postal addressed to Principal M. Cumming, Agricultural College, Truro, will bring full particulars regarding the Short Course. The dates are January 5th to 15th. Tuition is absolutely free. No text books required. Good board can be obtained at reasonable rates in private families.

Meeting of Executive of Annapolis County Sunday School

A meeting of the Annapolis County Sunday School Executive was held in Lawrencetown on Wednesday, Dec. 2. Matters of importance were discussed and the Executive hope and trust the District as well as the County Officers will do more and better work this year than ever before.

Resolved, That the Pastors be urged to take a greater interest in Sunday School Work, in view of the fact that we consider the Sunday School the most important department of the Lord's work.

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