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Middleton

January 17

Miss Morse of Windsor is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Parsons.

The many friends of P. R. Bentley are pleased to have him behind the counter again.

Major M. S. Parker is in Digby County and Capt. E. S. Spurr in Halifax, on recruiting duty.

Miss Alice Thorne has returned to her school after spending the Christmas holidays at her home.

Miss Ethel Morse, after spending Christmas holidays at her home has returned to Kings College.

W. B. Ross returned on Friday from the West and is spending a few weeks with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Ross.

Mrs. H. E. McLuhan and two little sons of Edmonton, are visiting her Grandmother, Mrs. John H. Hall.

Mrs. J. Reagh of Margareville was the guest of Mrs. O. R. Potter last week. She intends to spend the winter in Halifax.

Harold G. Cox, son of Mr. Frank Cox of this town, has enlisted at Calgary, and will join the Princess Pats reinforcements at Montreal now being organized there.

Mrs. Harry Potter intends leaving this week for Pittsburg, Pa., to join her husband, Mr. Harry Potter, who very successfully filled the position of Manager for the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for Eastern British Columbia, and has been transferred to Pittsburg as Manager at that popular centre.

MELVERN SQUARE

January 17

Mr. D. M. O'Neil attended Municipal Council at Annapolis Royal a few days last week.

The Rev. A. E. Wheeler, accompanied by Mrs. Wheeler, spent a few days at Bridgetown during last week.

Mrs. Harry Morehouse and little daughter, of Kingston, were calling on friends in this vicinity one day recently.

Miss Lottie VanBuskirk entertained several of her young friends very pleasantly on her birthday, quite recently.

Mrs. Minnetta Prall of Windsor, made a business trip to Melvern Square one day last week and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Wheaton, while here.

A sleet storm the last of the week followed by a light snow fall has made the roads almost impassable to pedestrians. One has to step careful to avoid a "bump" on the ice.

Mr. Joseph Baker left for Boston quite recently, and will spend the winter visiting his daughters, Mrs. Edward Studdart of Boston, and Mrs. Dudley Cammeron, of New York State.

Our Melvern school, we understand, is progressing favourably under the skilful management of Principal Bustin, with Miss Hortense Spurr in the primary department. More work and less play this winter.

We are glad to welcome Miss Kathleen Kenyon, who has been spending a few months in Boston, back again. We understand that she will spend the winter with her mother, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Smith.

The holiday season over, winter has set in for good. "Silent the trees, and silent the stream, held in the thrall of a mid-winter dream," while the "short mornings," as we speak of them, makes us all hustle to improve the time, ere it is night fall again.

We are sorry to state that Miss Myrtle Morse was compelled to leave her studies at Wolfville and return home on account of a severe attack of grippe. Dr. Messenger has been in attendance and Miss Morse is now convalescent, but will remain home during this week.

The "Sunshine" Mission Band now under the care of Miss Winnifred Jacques, will hold a pie social in the Melvern Hall on Friday evening, Jan. 21st, with candy tables in charge of two young ladies, to help along the pies. Come and help the children in the cause of Foreign Missions.

FIVE ECLIPSES IN 1916

There will be five eclipses this year—three of the sun and two of the moon.

Jan. 20.—Partial eclipse of moon and visible in Canada.

Feb. 3.—Total eclipse of sun—partly visible here.

July 14-15.—Partial eclipse of the moon—visible here.

July 29.—Annular eclipse of sun—invisible here.

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WEST INGLESVILLE

January 17

The la grippe seems to be the order of the day.

Miss Marjorie Durling spent a few days with relatives at Bridgetown.

Miss Leta Fredericks has been visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Mr. Wilbur Banks recently sold a valuable yoke of oxen to Mr. Harry Bent of Paradise.

Mr. John Banks had the misfortune of getting seriously hurt while falling a lodged tree one day this week.

Our teacher, Miss Gladys Mailman, who has been spending the holidays at her home in Albany, returned on Saturday.

Mrs. Isaac Durling and son Raymond, are spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beals.

Rev. S. J. Boyce preached a very impressive sermon at the home of Mr. Dexter Jarvis, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th.

MARGARETVILLE

January 17

Mrs. Lucinda Ray went to Halifax a few days ago where she will remain several weeks.

Mr. L. H. Banks, of Bridgetown, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Collin McLean.

Mrs. Elma Cleveland returned to Halifax after visiting friends and relatives in the place.

Rev. and Mrs. Gage entertained a number of friends at dinner, at the Parsonage, on Monday evening.

Mr. Lloyd Patterson and bride arrived last Wednesday and are spending their honeymoon at the home of the groom's parents.

Miss Evelyn Neily of Aylesford who spent a few days with her friend, Miss Georgie Balcorn, returned to her home on Monday. While here she favored the Baptist congregation with a solo that was very highly appreciated.

FALKLAND RIDGE

January 15

Mr. Harry Dunn and family moved to Hastings this week.

Miss Mable Marshall is spending the week-end with friends in East Dalhousie.

Miss Rita Marshall has charge of the school at Cherryfield this week in absence of their teacher.

At Springfield, Jan. 9th, Micheal Bitonto and Lena M. Allen were married by the Rev. M. W. Brown. Congratulations.

The W.M.A.S. celebrated the 25th anniversary of the society in this place, on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. D. D. Staffatt. Many from Springfield and East Dalhousie were present and after partaking of a beautiful supper a very pleasant evening was spent. The President, Mrs. Starratt, read a history of the Society.

KENTVILLE ARENA A CREDIT TO THE TOWN

The Kentville Arena is now complete, and stands in this town as a tribute to the leading men of the community who are interested in the fostering of good clean amusement for all classes.

The structure which faces Main St., represents an expenditure of nearly ten thousand dollars. The building is over all 190 x 95 feet, and has an ice surface of 170 x 70, which is believed to be the second largest indoor ice surface in the Province. The exterior of the structure is shingled and painted grey, and viewed from the ends presents the appearance of a four story building. The sides as well as the ends are provided with a great number of windows, so that plenty of cold air can be readily admitted for ice making purposes. The windows are provided with shutters. The ice surface is well walled in, the ends being equipped with wire nettings and compact goal judge boxes. Penalty boxes are on the side of the ice surface. Broad promenades extend along the sides and ends of the rink. These, together with a small gallery, will provide accommodation for over a thousand spectators. On the ground floor of the building there are the ladies' and gentlemen's waiting rooms, hockey dressing room and a well canteen and office. These rooms are all well equipped, being provided with toilets, lockers, steam heated and electric lighted. Upstairs there is a balcony, a band room and a large hall, which may be used for dancing or club purposes.

The rink as a whole is a valuable asset to the town, a credit to the contractors, Messrs. J. H. Hicks and Sons, and their foreman, Mr. Goodwin, of Bridgetown, and as previously stated, a tribute to the leading men of the town who when the former Arena was destroyed by fire did not refuse to provide another.—Western Chronicle.

THE FARMERS' INTERESTS

During the past fortnight many matters of marked importance to the farming interests of Nova Scotia have been taken up. It was the annual round-up of the year's doings agriculturally and a most satisfactory balance has been struck. The affairs centered around the splendid short course held annually at the Agricultural College, Truro, and which are becoming more popular as the years go by. As usual this year there was a large attendance of students drawn from the farming life of every county of the Province. The year just closed has been essentially one for the mixed farming. It has been found that to successfully weather all conditions of trade, and the diversities of Maritime weather, the farmer needs a variety of anchors well grounded. This is made noticeable in the attendance at the short course, in that the number of pupils from the fruit raising districts has fallen off, and a corresponding increase marks the attendance from the localities where the farmer has to rely on dairying and stock raising.

A large percentage of credit for this condition has to be given the creameries established in recent years, the operation of which has been one of pronounced success. Providing as they do a direct and sure market for cream, through this medium has been placed in circulation a large amount of ready cash which otherwise would not have been available to the farmer. This demand for cream has had the effect of inducing the farmer to keep larger and better herds of cattle, and the consequent improvement to their farms is bound to follow. He is enabled to foresee a greater future and is becoming alive to the necessity of preparing for the newer and better condition. Experts tell us that the natural facilities of Nova Scotia are such that it should be above all else a dairy country. It has the rich meadows, the uplands offering substantial summer pasturage and its location places it at the threshold of the world's markets. All that is required is development, and the development will continue, it is declared until the Province ranks as the Denmark of America.

If we were to bestow personal praise for the present improved conditions in the dairy industry, the finger would point to such men as Principal Cumming, Secretary for Agriculture and that wizard of the churn, W. A. McKay, Superintendent of the Dairy Department. The former has the prophetic vision, the faith and the ability to back up his faith with action. The work he has performed in stimulating in the farming interests, in the short space of time he has been in control, has been nothing short of marvellous, and full appreciation has not yet begun to weigh in upon the people of the Province. He could have no better man in the field than Mr. McKay. He has fathered the butter industry and stood behind each individual creamery, watched them with anxious eye, and to-day he has in black and white the satisfactory results of his labours and the assurance of a development beyond the anticipations of the casual observer.

As evidence of this let us quote that the output of the creameries in Nova Scotia totalled in 1915, 1,230,489 pounds of butter, approximately 615 tons. The value of the business done was \$350,000.

Nova Scotia is well equipped to secure every advantage to its farming communities from an educational standpoint. The College Farm at Truro shines under the care and attention of an efficient staff, headed by John M. Trueman, Superintendent, a man at once practical and scientific, and who is backed by a large experience gained in some of the largest Agricultural Education Institutions in the American Republic. The pedigreed stock at the farm is in the best possible fit, and present a pleasing picture that enthralls the visitor. The Holsteins, the Ayrshires and the Dairy Shorthorns are the best procurable, and are leaders in performance of milk production. One young Holstein cow, at present under a year's milking test is attracting more than local interest. With eleven months of the year completed the yield has reached 22,000 pounds of milk. Others in the herd indicate a similar good showing and breeding stock from these animals is distributed throughout the Province. The result is bound to have its beneficial effect, and early, can be looked for a large increase in the provincial milk yield and a corresponding growth in the butter output.

All other branches of live stock pertaining to the farm are treated on the same high plane. Hogs of a superior kind are maintained for breeding purposes and it is worth noting that one of the animals, a boar at the head of the Yorkshire herd is rated the best type of the bacon hog in Canada. Flattering offers have been received for this animal from large agricultural institutions in Upper Canada, but he is kept for improvement in Nova Scotia. Similarly a splendid condition prevails regarding poultry, which de-

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partment is under the direction of Superintendent J. P. Landry. Well kept, well housed, and a growing distribution of eggs for hatching purposes at a very nominal price, repeats the story of improvement that results in the privately owned flocks in the Province.

Other branches of the work done on the farm might be elaborated upon and in each branch much of interest found. The Horticultural work under Professor Shaw is extensive. Entomology under Professor Brittain, is comprehensive and having an effect for good among the fruit growers in fighting the insect pests. While yoman service is being done in this Province by Professor Harlow in his chemical work of testing soils and fertilizers.

While none of the older branches are neglected, the ambitious Principal is even stretching forth and searching new fields. Most important is the including of women's work and the helping hand offered to those who direct the internal arrangements of Nova Scotia homes, is an immense step towards making the services of the Agricultural College one of benefit to all the people. This service comes under the direction of Miss Jennie A. Fraser, a graduate of MacDonald College in Household Science, and one well equipped educationally for the work. Already, Miss Fraser has carried on a large campaign in establishing "Womens' Institutes" throughout the Province and the movement has been taken hold of with enthusiasm. Now the farmers' wife and daughter is to receive the direct advantage of classes in instruction, such as has hitherto only been placed at the service of those who were able to spend a time at one of the larger colleges in Upper Canada. The second floor of the new Science Building is devoted to Womens' work. It is splendidly equipped for all branches of home work, cooking, sewing, laundry, millinery, etc. Nothing has been omitted that will give the Nova Scotian women every advantage now enjoyed by their sisters in the larger Provinces. It is the intention as soon as a sufficient number can be secured to attend, to inaugurate a series of six weeks short courses in Womens' work, and the number of inquiries respecting such an undertaking indicate that the new order will soon be established.

THE STORY OF TWO SPIES

Revealed by a Fight

The thoroughness of German espionage is strikingly illustrated by the story of a spy told by Miss Phyllis Campbell in her book, "Back of the Front," published by George Newnes, Ltd., at a shilling—a volume which teems with some of the most vivid pen-pictures yet presented of the horrors of this great conflict.

She relates how, in the early days of the war, while waiting at a Paris railway station for a newspaper, they saw a very familiar figure standing by the pavement—a man with a tray of nuts suspended round his neck.

"He was a tall, soldierly figure of a man—distinguished in appearance but shabby and soiled to a degree," Gossip said he was an English officer who had been ruined by a famous Paris actress. For seven years he had stood between the chateau and

the church selling nuts—never looking one in the face, never speaking.

"As we watched him, suddenly from among the soldiers came a typical Paris gamin—ragged, hatless and impudent, and barefooted—evidently drunk. He reeled on the edge of the pavement and cannoned against the seller of nuts, whose wares were flung broadcast by the contact. Instead of apologizing he thrust a hand through his hair and said something in argot—and there was a roar from the soldiers.

"The seller of nuts looked wizen with rage—and his retort, when it came was biting and satirical. The gamin wheeled round and spat in his face—and, like a flash, the seller of nuts became a soldier—an officer—a gentleman—a spy! The soldiers closed round him—that volley of horrible cursing was in pure high German. The gamin was a famous French detective and the seller of nuts a Prussian nobleman, an officer of high rank."

Kitchener as a Spy

Although Lord Kitchener's thoroughness is proverbial, it has seldom been better exemplified, thinks a contributor to the "Tattler," than on one occasion during his expedition to Khartum.

One evening as the British forces were nearing Khartum a dervish spy was discovered in camp and promptly taken to headquarters. But no threats or bribes would induce the spy to speak. He pretended to be both deaf and dumb. Scarcely was his examination over when another spy was led in, and proved to be equally stubborn. They were bound and led away, and placed in a well-guarded tent. About half an hour afterward there was a fresh stir and hubbub, and a third spy was dragged in, who also would reveal nothing, so he, too, was placed with the others.

Soon the soldiers on guard outside were much surprised to hear the "dumb" spies talking eagerly together in an undertone. It was impossible to hear what they said, but they jabbered away for an hour or more. At last the third spy appeared at the entrance to the tent and asked to be taken to headquarters, as he had something to report. His request was granted, but the soldiers who led him there were never permitted to know that he was Lord Kitchener himself, whose knowledge of the native language and powers of disguise had enabled him to play the spy and learn all that he wanted to know from the two stubborn dervishes.

WHAT CATARRH IS

It has been said that every third person has catarrh in some form. Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body, and local treatment of the form of snuffs and vapors do little if any good.

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