

The Death of W. S. Marr

The death of W. S. Marr, of Upper-mill, Scotland, on Tuesday, June 7th, was an event which all stockmen throughout America will hear with sorrowing sympathy. Suddenly in the prime of life and in the floodtide of success, his decease occurred through heart-attack, and his loss will be little short of a tragedy to live stock interests, with which he has been so identified that his name is almost a household word in Canada as at home. In him the Scotch Short-horn found a mighty champion, and through him Marr's Missies, Alexandrinas, Marigolds, and Princess Royals, attained the zenith of their prowess and prestige. A "Marr" bull, especially if he were of the "Missie" tribe, was a coveted possession the world over. In private life he was of a most generous disposition, and was social and hospitable almost to a fault. He was 42 years of age and had never married. The remains were interred at Udney and the funeral was attended by the Earl of Aberdeen and a large representative company of agriculturists.

Prince Edward Island

Summer is here at last. During the second week in June the weather was very cool indeed, and there was heavy frost on June 8th and 9th. Some of the gardens have suffered, and it is feared that some fruit has also been damaged. But the weather is now all that can be desired, and the crops look excellent. Pastures are far ahead of last year. Early potatoes are looking well.

Mr. J. J. Gay is the owner of a fine vegetable garden within the city limits. His vegetables were planted early and look remarkably well. He sells quite a variety of plants. Cabbage plants sell for 10c. per hundred. Since cropping has been completed,

the markets have been well attended. Shipping is brisk.

CHARLOTTETOWN MARKETS

Butter, fresh, per lb., 18 to 19c.; eggs, 3 to 14c. (buyers are giving 13); spring chickens, 75c. per pr.; lamb, 60 to 75c. per gr.; beef, per lb., small, 8 to 14c., by pr. 6 to 7c.; pork, 6 to 6½c.; mutton, per carcass, 6 to 7c.; lard, per bucket, 11 to 12c.; thick pork cwt. \$2.20 to \$2.50; potatoes per bus., 25 to 30c.; oatmeal per lb., 2½ to 3c.; apples per doz., 10 to 20c. (very scarce); cream, 20c. per qt.; rhubarb, 3c. per lb.; oats per bus., 36 to 38c.; little pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; hay per cwt., 65 to 70c.; codfish, fresh, 10 to 20c. each; mackerel, 10c. each.

During the first part of June the lobster fishing has been unusually good on the North Side, and codfish have been caught in large quantities. The mackerel have struck. They are very large and fat.

Several hives of bees for A. E. Dewar, Royalty, and a crate of Tamworth pigs for J. G. Scrimgeour, Caradigh, arrived by express on June 7.

Quite a number of horse buyers from N.S. have been on the Island recently. Good horses are dear, prices ranging from \$125 to \$300.

A. McNeill, Chief Fruit Inspector, Ottawa, and R. Burke, Fruit Inspector of P.E.I., will hold meetings for the purpose of giving instructions in pruning, grafting, spraying, and work relating to the care of orchards. They intend starting from Charlottetown on Monday, June 20.

Some of our farmers have been treating their land liberally with nitrate of soda. They are finding out that it pays.

Will Destroy Mosquitoes

A plant, called the Phulo, recently introduced into the United States from the Tonquin country, China, is said to cause the destruction of the

mosquito. The herb, when young, is between a tobacco plant and a mullein. It is soft, green and spongy, yet bristling with a coat of hairy down, that must seem to the mosquito like a thicket of barbed wire fences, with which no wise or well bred mosquito would attempt to fool. Being a perennial plant, it generates few seeds, but this is made up by the multiplicity of sprouts that shoot from its roots.

But its virtues, so it is claimed, are not confined to the ravages it creates among the mosquitoes. The plant may be used still further as a fodder for cattle. It may, like the alfalfa plant, be cut four times a year, furnishing abundant nutriment for cattle. It is also claimed to be a good beef-maker. If, however, it will help to rid this continent of the mosquito pest its introduction will not be in vain.

Spraying for Plant Lice

The green aphid, or plant lice, which caused such great destruction to fruit trees and nursery stock last year, may be controlled very largely by early and persistent spraying. These insects suck the juice from the leaf and are not affected by Paris green and other poisons.

Insecticides which kill by contact must be used. When oil soap used at the rate of 1 pound in 5 to 6 gallons of water is generally effective. Tobacco water made by soaking 1 pound of tobacco stems in 2 gallons of water is another good remedy. Kerosene emulsion made by the usual formula of ½ pound soap dissolved in 1 gallon boiling water, to which is added 2 gallons kerosene, thoroughly stirred and then diluted with seven parts water, is used largely. Slaked lime has also proved effective. Treatment should begin early in the season, as soon as any lice are observed, and be continued at frequent intervals to hold them in check.

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