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OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, June 10—(Special)—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Company was held here this evening. The old board of directors were re-elected. The business done was largely routine, with the exception that it was decided to increase the capital stock $100,000. A new tariff will take effect July 1, to replace the flat tariff, now in use

The Galley Slave was played at the Opera House this evening, and was one of the best pieces of acting ever seen here.

Wm. Richards, the prominent Boiestown lumberman, who has been receiving medical treatment for the past fortnight, is very low.

The argument in the case of Harris vs. Jamieson was finished today and judgment reserved.

The minister of railways arrived from Ottawa this afternoon and is a guest at Senator Thompson's. He will go to St. John tomorrow morning.

Examination for provincial teachers' licenses opened in the Normal School building here today. Seventy-nine are taking first-class examinations, and 160 second-class, and there are 22 candidates for Grammar school licenses.

Fredericton, N. B., June 11—(Special)—There is an effort to have the Roses and Alerts play here July 1.

Seven shares of People's Bank stock were sold at auction today to Willard Kitchen at $200 a share. The par value is $150 a share.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, June 9—St. John's Episcopal church here narrowly escaped destruction by fire today. The fortunate discovery of the fire, which caught from a burning brush pile, enabled those who gave their assistance to confine the flames to the vestry, which part of the building was considerably damaged.

Two government engineers came by today's train to survey the site of the proposed canal on the Shepody river, near Riverside.

Clare Robinson has joined the schooner Irene, at Hopewell Cape.

Mrs. Harriet Hamilton, of this place, is seriously ill with heart trouble. Dr. Carnwaith is in attendance.

W. T. Wright, went yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Thomas Matthews, at Point Wolfe.

Hopewell Hill, June 11—Hopewell Cape was enveloped in smoke all day yesterday from heavy forest fires that came sufficiently near the village to cause considerable alarm among the residents. At Lower Cape several hundred dollars worth of standing timber was destroyed.

Chas. L. Peck shipped 18 head of fat cattle yesterday to W. K. Gross, of Moncton. The animals were all steers, and very fine specimens. Mr. Peck also sold another fine lot a short time ago.

Chas. N. O'Regan is having a second story added and general improvements made to his residence at the Hill corner. The stone work is being done by John L. Barkhouse, and the carpenter's work by Abram Woodworth and Donald McCuspey.

Reports from different sections say that the damage to the dykes by the recent high tides was very general. Repairs to the railway track have been effected.

G. M. and John Russell are shipping their deals this week from their landing on Shepody Bay.

Rev. J. K. King left yesterday to attend the Methodist district meeting at Moncton.

W. T. Wright is quite ill. Dr. L. Chapman, of Albert, is in attendance.

Harvey Station, York county, June 11—S. B. Hunter, one of the leading merchants here, is making preparations for the erection of a new store, made necessary by his increasing business.

Thomas Robinson is about to begin the building of a large barn on his premises, at the east side of the station.

R. M. Belyea, of Manchester, Robertson & Allison, who has been here in the interests of his firm for two days, left yesterday morning.

Mrs. John A. Glendenning, lately of Houlton, is here making a short visit at the residence of D. Glendenning. J. A. Glendenning has gone to Boston, where he has secured a lucrative position in a railway office.

Word has been received from Vancouver (B. C.) of the death from diphtheria of Miss Ella Coburn, daughter of Thomas Coburn, of that place, and formerly a resident of Harvey. She was 23 years of age, and had many relatives and friends here, who mourn her early death.

ST. ANDREWS.

St. Andrews, N. B., June 11—The summer tourists have already begun to pour in, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Among recent arrivals have been the family of Donald MacMaster, K. C., of Montreal; also the family of William Hope, A. R. C. A., of Montreal; Mrs. A. T. Bowser and two sons, of Wilmington (Del.); W. D. Hartt and his daughters, Mrs. Nelson Clarke, of Florida; the Misses Barlow, of Atlantic City (N. J.); Frank Thomas and family, of Wilmington (Del.); Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Everett and son, of St. John, and many others.

Lady Tilley's housekeeper and maid are here getting her cottage in readiness for opening.

Mrs. George F. Smith and daughters, of St. John, have engaged rooms here for the season; also Mrs. Murray Maclaren, of St. John.

Sir William Van Horne's family have been prevented from coming by the fact that the carpenters are still in charge of their summer home on Minister's Island. They will be here in a day or two.

Dr. N. G. D. Parker, who came down from Toronto to superintend the opening of his house for J. Howe Allen, of Boston, has been confined to his room with inflammatory rheumatism.

The Algonquin hotel is being repaired and will be thrown open to the public June 30. Harvey & Wood, who have managed the hotel so successfully for several years, will be in charge this season. They anticipate a good run of guests.

At Kennedy's hotel, Manager Kennedy has got everything as bright as a new pin. He has added a double hotel range, a steam table and numerous other fixtures to his kitchen, besides new furniture in several of the rooms, a brick fire-place in the ladies' parlor and many other improvements.

Among others who will accommodate tourists the coming season will be Mrs. Hans Johnson, Mrs. Fred. G. Andrews, Miss Main, Mrs. J. R. Bradford, Miss Mowat and the Misses Morrison.

Preparations are being made for a grand celebration on Coronation day. The programme has not yet been mapped out, but it will embrace a number of interesting features.

J. A. O'Malley, secretary of the granite cutters' union of St. George, was in town this week, en route to Red Beach (Me.), where he has secured employment. He says that unless the strike is speedily ended all the best men of the town will be away, and it will be a long time before their places can be filled. He says the men have made all the concessions that they feel justified in making, and that the next move must come from the manufacturers.

The repairing of the public wharf by the dominion government, the building of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's elegant summer residence, and the repairs that are being made to the hotels and private residences about town have caused a great scarcity of carpenters and building mechanics.

In anticipation of the summer tourist, the livery stables of De Wolfe & Denley, and W. E. Mallory have added several rubber tired carriages lately.

News has been received here of the death of Rev. Fr. Frisby, rector of the Ritualist Church of the Advent, Boston; also of the death of Mrs. L. M. S. Horton, of East Boston, wife of the former superintendent of the Land Company's interests.

The C. P. R. is constructing a protective wharf for 500 feet along their line of railway, running eastward from Katy's Cove.

The Algonquin golf links are in splendid shape for play this season.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, N. B., June 11—At St. Francis Xavier church on Wednesday morning, Rev. Father Savage, with nuptial mass, united in marriage Miss Julia A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Whalen, to J. Frederick Mahoney, of Hampton. The bride was given away by her father, and was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of navy blue. Sue was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Whalen. The groom was supported by his brother, George Mahoney. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was given to the guests at the residence of the bride's parents on Main street. The young couple departed on the morning train for Halifax. Upon their return they will reside at Hampton.

A. Allison, who had been enjoying a few days' fishing at Squirrel Cot, the guest of S. A. McLeod, returned to his home in Halifax by C. P. R. today.

Colonel Dunbar was here this morning inspecting the stores of the 8th Hussars.

Major J. T. Hartt, Lieutenant Thompson and Sergeant McGowan were at the Fairweather range this morning doing a little practice, and went this afternoon to Charlottetown, accompanied by Captain O. W. Wetmore, of Clifton, and Captains Reg. Arnold and Guy Kinnear, of Sussex, to take part in the inter-provincial match tomorrow.

Sussex, N. B., June 12—J. E. B. McCready, editor of the Charlottetown Guardian, was here today on his way to his old home at Penobsquis. He is looking in the best of health.

James Pender, of the Pender nail works, of St. John, was in Sussex today.

F. A. Secord, manager of the Sun Oil Company, St. John, spent part of the day in the village.

The funeral of the late A. H. Dole will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the cemetery at the Upper Corner.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, June 10.—Inspector Mersereau is conducting the examinations here for higher school licenses. There are five candidates.

Thomas McQuinn, one of Chatham's oldest residents, died at his home here today. He was more than 70 years old. He never recovered from a severe attack of la grippe, suffered about three months ago. A widow, three sons and three daughters survive.

Miss Josie Habberley left today in the steamboat Phoenix for London.

William Elkin's handsome new building on Water street is nearly finished and is a great improvement to that part of the town. It has a 53 1-2 foot front and is 55 feet high and has frost proof basement. There are three stores on the first floor, one occupied by Mr. Elkin as a meat store, another to be used as a five and ten cent store. The third is not rented. All have plate glass fronts. On the second floor are two elegantly finished rooms which will be occupied by Dr. James Dickinson as dental parlors, and a photograph gallery, which has not yet been rented. Four beautiful rooms will be used as a dwelling by Mr. Elkin. The third floor contains a hall or club room and three other rooms. This floor has not yet been rented. The building is heated throughout with hot air, lighted by electricity and supplied with bath rooms and lavatories. John Ryan, of Chatham, is contractor and builder and the building is a credit to him.

Chatham, June 11—Doctor Bailey, of the U. N. B., delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture last evening on The Influence of Geology on History, illustrated by a number of lantern slide views. Lieutenant-Governor Snowball presided. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks to Doctor Bailey was moved by Doctor Cox, seconded by D. Ferguson and heartily endorsed by the audience. The lecture was under the auspices of the Miramichi Natural History Association, and was held in their room.

The public schools will close for the holidays on the 25th. The grading examinations will begin on the 16th.

The first tennis game of the season was played this afternoon on Premier Tweedie's grounds. Miss Tweedie entertained the club at 5 o'clock tea.

Mrs. Thompson, of Sydney, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hugh Marquis.

GREENWICH.

Greenwich, June 11—The chapter of the Kingston Deanery met at Captain Balmer's house, Oak Point, Tuesday and Wednesday. The following 10 clergymen were present: Rural Dean Hanington, Revs. Wainwright, Pickett, Wetmore, Daniel, Neales, Schofield, Gillies, Gladstone and the rector of the parish, Rev. H. A. Cody.

After reading 2 Tim—iii in Greek, a splendid paper was read on the chapter by the rural dean, followed by a general discussion. Reports of the various committees were received. Rev. H. A. Cody and R. W. Allan, of Rothesay, were nominated on the standing committee of Sunday schools.

Rev. C. D. Schofield read and laid on the table a tabulated form of the strength of the different religious bodies in Kings county, which had been specially prepared for him during his recent visit to Ottawa.

Rev. H. S. Wainwright read a paper on the Meaning of Eternal Punishment, which was followed by a most helpful discussion.

Service was held in St. Paul's church at 7.30 p. m. Rev. H. H. Gillies was preacher, taking for his text St. John 10—xiv and xv. Rev. Mr. Gladstone read the first lesson and Rev. Scovil Neales the second. Rev. Messrs. Schofield and Daniel conducted the service.

On Wednesday morning, Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Paul's church at 8 o'clock, the rural dean and the rector officiating, after which a devotional half hour was held, conducted by Rev. C. D. Schofield. After the reading of a paper by Rev. A. W. Daniel, on the Eastward Position, the meeting adjourned to meet at Gagetown Sept. 3 and 4.

BRISTOL.

Bristol, June 9—Rev. Mr. Smith, of Wolfville, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Florenceville and Bristol Baptist churches, and is expected to arrive and take charge of the services next Sunday.

Bristol is to have another roller grist mill. Guy Dyer is putting up a large building on the Shiktehawk stream, and has ordered the necessary machinery, part of which has already arrived. The mill will be ready for business before the end of summer.

J. J. Hayward, proprietor of the woodworking factory, has returned from a business trip up the Tobique river.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Barker and Miss Annie Barker, Sheffield, are visiting at James Bridges', Gordonville.

Mrs. Harry Lamont, aged 68 years, died at her home, West Glassville, on Friday. She leaves a family of two sons and five daughters.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, June 9—Sufficient entries were not received for the 2.25 class trot and consequently no races were held at the park on Saturday.

The lovers of the drama who attended the production of the Ernest-Elton Company at St. Croix Hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings were well pleased and pronounce the acting equal, if not superior, to the Harcourt Company. The Galley Slave was very finely rendered. The members of the cast, one and all, did full justice to the play. "Innocent Kate" is an extremely humorous farce and made a great hit and served to show the versatility of the company who will receive a hearty welcome on any future visit to the border.

The greatest meet of the season will take place on June 24, when the annual musical festival will be held under the direction of W. R. Chapman. The five great artists of New York to appear will be Margaret Fry, soprano; Isabelle Bouton, contralto; Hans Kronold, violoncellist; Francis Archambault, baritone; Edward P. Johnson, tenor, and assisted by a grand chorus of 250 voices from Calais, Cherryfield, Eastport, Machias and St. Stephen.

Many former residents of this and surrounding towns are daily arriving to spend their summer vacation on the border. The weather continues cold, which is a boon to those visitors from the hot cities of the States.

POINT WOLFE.

Point Wolfe, June 11—The death of Mrs. Thomas Matthews, a highly respected resident of this place, occurred here Friday evening, June 6th, after a two weeks' illness. An ulcerated tooth, which affected the bone and resulted in blood poisoning despite the best medical attendance, caused her death. Interment took place at Alma Sunday, the Rev. H. S. Young officiating. Deceased, who was a daughter of Hamilton Kyle, an aged resident of this place, leaves a sorrowing husband and one son, Charles, who resides here. One brother and two sisters survive, viz., Hamilton Kyle, jr., of Alma; Mrs. Alexander, of Point Wolfe, and Mrs. Robert Shields, of Ardrossan (Scotland). Mrs. Matthews was one of the best known residents of the county, was an active member of the Methodist church, and will be greatly missed in the community.

B. R. Bleakney, of Elgin, was here June 11th on business.

Stillman Matthews is visiting relatives in River Hebert (N. S.)

James Matthews, wife and daughter, Marjory, of Curryville, were here last Sunday attending the funeral of Mrs. Thomas Matthews.

Mrs. Connoly has gone to Mechanic on a short visit.

Irvine Alexander, manager of the Bay View House, Mechanic, was in town last Tuesday.

Miss Edna Matthews has gone to River Hebert (N. S.), on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Weldon. Before going away, Miss Matthews, who is the organist of the Baptist church in this place, was presented with a purse by the church for her efficient services.

Mrs. Robt. Strayhorn is recovering from her severe illness.

Beverley and James Proctor have returned from Waterford, Kings county, where they were attending their brother-in-law's funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. James Connoly, of Apohaqui, Kings county, are the guests of Thomas Matthews.

AMHESRT.

Amherst, June 11—(Special)—Insurance adjusters today appraised the loss by Sunday morning's fire in the Amherst Foundry & Heating Company works at $735. The company will be in full operation again tomorrow.

A very pretty wedding took place this morning at the home of John Calder, Church street, when his daughter, Miss Jessie B., was united in marriage to Stanley M. Lowe, agent of the Canadian Express Company here.

Rev. W. E. Bates, assisted by Rev. D. A. Steele, D. D., performed the ceremony before a large number of relatives. The young couple left by the maritime express to visit Mr. Lowe's father, C. A. Lowe, of the I. C. R., Sydney.

Deputy Mayor C. A. Lusby, accountant of the Amherst Foundry and Heating Company, who was married at Fort Belcher, Colchester county, yesterday to Miss Charlotte Putnam, passed through Amherst last evening with his bride on their way to Montreal, where they will take steamer for London to attend the coronation.

TRURO.

Truro, N. S., June 11—(Special)—The store of Fred. Hamilton, at Lower Stewiacke, was burglarized last night. A window was broken and entrance made. A quantity of clothing and general goods were carried off. There is no clue.

George Hamilton, in the supreme court, charged with shooting with intent to do bodily harm, through lack of strength in the charge and on petition of a number of the most influential citizens, was released after paying a fine of $20.

Mitchell Rushton, condemned of horse stealing Saturday, went to the supreme court with his two brothers, Joe and Francis, today, and was pronounced guilty of shop breaking. The mother and three grown-up sons are now in jail awaiting sentence.

THE NEW WOMAN.

Miss Alice Cohn, writes from 474 Eleventh Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., as follows:

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PRESBYTERIANS HEAR PLEASANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

(Continued from page 1.)

At the home mission session in the evening Rev. Dr. McLaren, of Vancouver, and Rev. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton (N. W. T.) were the principal speakers. The former said it would pay the congregations in the east, on choosing a minister, to send him west for a year's apprenticeship. In his mission work and policy the late Rev. Dr. Robertson had done more for the cause of Canadian nationality than any cabinet minister.

Rev. Mr. McQueen said the ministers in the east should say to their young men and women, "Never think of crossing the line." They should, he said, keep young Canadians from going to the United States by their influence, by voice, by force if necessary. Mr. McQueen told of the stream of settlers going into Alberta and its cosmopolitan nature. He urged that no ministers be sent to do mission work in the west who was not loyal to Christ, loyal to the Presbyterian church and loyal to Canadian nationality.

The assembly received the aplications of 18 ministers and 10 students from other denominations for admission to the Presbyterian ministry. Among the names is that Rev. S. B. Hillock, St. John, lately rector of Holy Trinity church, Andover. All the names were referred to the committee on reception of ministers.

COUGHS THAT IRRITATE

and inflame the throat, lead of voice, Bronchial and Asthmatic Coughs, promptly relieved with The Baird Company's Wine of Tar, Honey and Wild Cherry. This preparation is highly recommended for Public Speakers and Singers. It clears the throat."

Shipping Notes.

Hopewell Hill, June 11.—The brigantine Alcaea, Captain Godfrey, is at the Cape, minus an anchor, and leaking badly, having got on the bar at the east end of Grindstone Island yesterday morning, and received a bad straining. She is plaster laden from Hillsboro for New York.

The ship Monrovia has arrived at the ballast ground. After discharging her ballast she will load deals at Grindstone Island for J. Nelson Smith.

The most dangerous vegetable irritant poison is that of the itchwood tree of the Fiji islands. One drop of the sap falling on the hand is as painful as a touch of a hot iron.

One million miles is the "length" of an American locomotive's life.

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AT WOODSTOCK.

(Continued from page 1.)

The judge—Not an intent to murder, within the extradition treaty.

Mr. Currey—Kelly took the revolver from Burns and if there was any intent he could easily have killed him. If Burns, died, it surely could not be successfully contended that it would be murder.

Mr. Connell—Mr. Currey is making a mistake in that this is not a trial of the cause but a preliminary hearing. His honor's position is that of a justice of the peace who should consider whether there was sufficient evidence to send the party up for trial. My learned friend's argument would be all very well before a judge or jury. Even if the evidence were much weaker, his honor had not even discretion. He was bound to commit.

The judge—Would I be obliged to commit him for trial on a charge of assault with intent to kill?

Mr. Connell—The intent to kill is shown by Kelly's words. Kelly did have the present ability to carry out his threat. The matter of self-defence cannot be set up at a hearing on this occasion.

The judge said a point has not been dwelt upon by counsel. It was that no evidence was shown that Kelly was doing an unlawful act. There is no proof this man Kelly was coming from Canada.

Mr. Connell asked if his honor thought this was important, if so he would ask for a time to consult with an attorney from Maine here present.

The court then adjourned for a space.

Mr. Hartley said they proposed to call a witness to prove the laws of Maine.

Mr. Currey opposed the proposition.

The judge did not see his way to oppose the prosecution on this point.

Willard S. Lewin, attorney-at-law of Houlton, was the next witness and after his evidence Frank W. Burns was recalled.

The hearing was then adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Chamberlain's Proposition.

As the time approaches for the conference at London to open, and for Mr. Chamberlain to make the proposals Sir Wilfrid Laurier thinks there is every reason to suppose he intends to make, it becomes more and more noticeable that in England nobody but Mr. Chamberlain has spoken approvingly of the project of preferential trade. This may be natural, and may mean no more than that people do not want to talk about the scheme till they have it before them. To say the least, however, the reception to this move of Mr. Chamberlain's is quite unlike the reception of every other play he has ever made, for it is unheard of that he should be left all by himself in defending proposals mercilessly assailed by every leader of the opposition. Mr. Morley's speech on Saturday night rounded out the list. He, who had long ago predicted that a campaign of this nature would have to be fought, has now seen every prominent Liberal take up the fighting.—Montreal Herald.

A BAD TONGUE

indicates a bad stomach, and it usually accompanied by Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Constipation and sometimes dull pains in the region of the Kidneys. A ready remedy will be found in Wheeler's Botanic Bitters. At all dealers, only 25 cents.

New Precedent Established.

For the first time in history colonial troops have been thanked by the British parliament for their services in war. The act is the natural result of the conditions developed in South Africa. Colonial troops have fought in British wars before this—in America, in New Zealand, in Asia, in Africa, north as well as south; but except in regard to a small number who shared in the Soudan operations of 20 years ago, they were taking part in campaigns on behalf of their own interests. In South Africa there were many corps whose work was on the old line, and they are included in the commendation; but with them were enough troops from other colonies to make a division of an army, and this fact it is which makes the war significant. A precedent has been set and sealed and a new order created.—Montreal Gazette.

THE CARE OF THE FEET

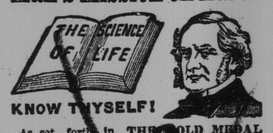
is important. The pain and annoyance of Chilblains, Tender Feet, Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails, etc., may be quickly relieved and cured by bathing well in warm water, dry well and apply thoroughly Kendrick's White Liniment. Try it and see.

Hints at Smuggling.

A Sydney paper says that last Monday, so it is reported, as the customs service steamer Gladiator was cruising along the eastern coast a suspicious looking craft was espied far in the distance. Chase was given but the craft made for Glace Bay harbor, where she was safely riding on the arrival of her pursuer.

Then search was made but, it is said, nothing was found. Early Tuesday morning, however, a report became current that several casks were floating around the shores of the Lingan beach and, upon examination, they were found to contain 40 over proof rum.

Man's Mission on Earth



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IMPROVING CATTLE.

What May Be Accomplished In a Few Years.

One of the gratifying features of the pure bred cattle sales this season is the increasing large number of those engaged in producing commercial cattle who appear as buyers of pure bred bulls, says The Live Stock Indicator. We do not mean by this that they show up as purchasers of $7,500 sires. This kind of cattle fall into the hands of breeders who already have excellent pure bred herds and who seek to carry the work of improvement still further forward in them. The breeders of common cattle are purchasing pure bred bulls of what may be called the useful kind from the beefmakers' standpoint. The bulls are good individuals and without fault in their pedigrees, and in spite of the increased demand of the season for improved breeding animals the owners of commercial herds are buying their bulls very reasonably. More of them should do so.

If they do not keep cows enough to warrant buying a good bull, two or more neighbors who in the aggregate do keep enough should join in the purchase. If all over a given section a good pure bred bull were owned in each 30 cows, the cattle of that section would in a very few years attain a reputation that would make them desired and at prices well toward the top. It would be a profitable thing not only for the individual producers of the cattle, but it would be a public benefit by reason of the standing it would give to the product of the section in the general markets. If the calf that was "just a calf" were worth $15 at a given age, a well bred calf at the same age would be worth half as much more. Figure out the increased value that this would put on a year's calf crop got by a single animal and add to the amount the price that would have to be paid for a common bull, on the theory that he will pay for himself the first year for the next season for nothing. When the heifers become too numerous in the herd, he is still a serviceable bull and can be sold to those who know what they are about for a good price, if he be a good one, because his get can be shown and his value as an improver of common cattle demonstrated, and the money he he brings will buy another unrelated bull to take his place.

It is important that changes of this kind should be made from time to time; otherwise there will be inbreeding, the stock will deteriorate, and the owner will fall into the error of supposing that improved stock does not pay when in reality the fault is his own. One or more farmers who will pursue this course can in a half score of years bring up their herds to a point where for all commercial beef producing purposes they will be practically pure bred, and every steer that they will have sold in the interval will have brought from a third to a half more than common stock would sell for.

Bad Prices For Grass Cattle.

Those watching the cattle markets closely at the principal points recently will notice the slump in prices for common and inferior grades, says The National Stockman. This can be accounted for by the fact that an unusual number of thin grass cattle have been put upon the markets, a kind that is never desirable and that is intrinsically worth very little to the butcher. It would be as unbusinesslike to put green fruit or grain on sale as some cattle that are now coming forward and losses by shippers and producers of this class of stock are not to be wondered at.

The cause for the liberal marketing of these grades is apparent. Dry weather has made a short grass crop in many sections of the country and also gave rise to the idea that the corn crop would be short. Not wishing to be caught short of pasture farmers have rushed their cattle to market regardless of consequences and the result has been a bitter disappointment in prices. It is to be hoped that the recent rains will have the effect of encouraging graziers to keep their stock until it is ready for the market.

Loss of Horses In War.

In every great campaign the loss of horses is enormous. Napoleon's disastrous retreat from Moscow is said to have cost him 45,000 out of 60,000 horses. During the Franco-German war, which lasted from July, 1870, to May, 1871, 941,000 men being engaged, something like 50,000 horses were lost. In a campaign like the South African the loss must be proportionately heavier, since large numbers of the horses succumb to the conditions of life to which they are unused. In the Egyptian campaign of 1882 we found that the climate was far more fatal than the enemy's fire. Half the English horses employed were disabled, and of these 600 died of disease or exhaustion, while only 60 were killed in action. In a cavalry action horses, as the larger targets, suffer more heavily than the men. At Balaklava the light brigade, 670 strong, lost 360 horses.

Mexican Cattle.

Mexico is rapidly improving as a cattle raising country. The haciendados, many of whom are very wealthy, have been importing fine bulls from the United States for several years, and slowly, but surely, the long horned, long legged, swift footed Spanish nondescript cattle are becoming plumper, larger and more desirable every way. It has been thought that the natural forage and mild climate of Mexico were not favorable to the development of good dairy or beef cattle; but this idea has now disappeared and Mexican cattle, like the Texas natives, are being developed into valuable types at a rate that astonishes the happy go lucky people of the land of poco tiempo.—Texas Town and Ranch.

In France the oxen that work in the fields are regularly sung to as an encouragement to exertion and no peasant has the slightest doubt that the animals listen to him with pleasure.

The first Egyptian medical congress will be held in December, 1903.

FACTS ABOUT ORCHIDS.

Sensational Features and Much Danger in the Lives of Their Hunters—Why They Are High-Priced.

The life of an orchid hunter combines in itself all the most sensational features of exploration in untrodden districts, often infested by ferocious beasts and by even more savage natives, and in many cases highly malarious and disease laden. The rarer orchids are generally found in the most inaccessible spots, and in the densest and most marshy jungles. Even the natives avoid the districts into which the intrepid orchid hunter penetrates in search of his floral quarry.

A few years ago eight orchid hunters met at Tamatave, and then separated in search of specimens. Within a year only one of them survived, and he had spent months in the most pestilential swamps, from which he emerged with his health permanently impaired. One of the others had been captured by native priests, who drenched him with oil and burned him to death on their altar.

The expense of collecting the orchids and getting them at last into the salesroom is very great. For example, a fine orchid is found in a very out of the way part of Colombia. After being gathered the plants are wired to sticks and nailed inside boxes. These boxes are conveyed on a journey of several days to Bogota, whence another six days' journey takes them to Honda, where they are placed on rafts and conveyed down the Magdalena River to Savanilla—a fortnight's journey — where the steamer is awaited.

When at last, after a heavy outlay, the consignment reaches England, quite half the specimens will be dead, and in many cases the whole of them will be too far gone for recovery. The orchid importer has always to be prepared for heavy losses.

Twenty-seven thousand valuable plants were sent home on one occasion from Colombia by Mr. Roezl, and of these only two survived the voyage. They were sold for 40 guineas each—not a high price when one considers what they had cost.

Until the plant flowers its value is purely speculative. Its species is in most cases readily determined, but it may present some variation which will greatly enhance its value. For example, a certain orchid with a purple bloom may be worth about five shillings, but an example of the same species with white flowers will realize £100 at auction. The value of a plant depends upon its rarity and novelty even more than upon its beauty.

Many years ago an orchid, of quite new and unknown species, arrived in the packing in which some foreign plants were sent home. No one knew where it came from, and for a long while it continued unique. Orchid hunters sought everywhere for it, but not till seventy years later was it found.

Another orchid arrived in 1854 without any known place of origin, and, notwithstanding persistent search, its native habitation has not been found yet.

Some years ago two orchids were found in the Zoological Gardens on a heap of rubbish. They came in the packing with some South American monkeys, but their place of origin has not yet been discovered.—Harmsworth Magazine.

A BIG PROJECT.

Talk of a Breakwater Between Labrador and Newfoundland.

One of the most extraordinary engineering projects yet proposed to the scientific world is that for closing the Belle Isle strait, between Newfoundland and Labrador, by building a breakwater across it at the narrowest part, where the channel is but ten miles wide and 180 feet deep. The benefits to be derived from such a scheme are that the shores of Quebec, Anticosti, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island would become veritable gardens, in which semi-tropical fruits and vegetables would flourish and that the portion of Labrador west of the causeway would have a climate as salubrious as that of France, being in about the same latitude.

It is estimated that the work proposed would cost $30,000,000. This is a formidable sum, but in view of the demands just now that Canada spend $5,000,000 in improving the St. Lawrence route the larger sum seems less appalling to the projectors of the plan. Nor is the undertaking so formidable as might appear from a superficial view. It presents no engineering difficulties such as have beset many projects already carried to a successful issue.

What would have to be done under the plan would be to start a dump and carry it across the strait, with a convex curve toward the Atlantic so as to better resist the chafing and pressure from the floes and bergs. The causeway would have to be built with rock, as earth would be washed out, but Labrador and northern Newfoundland abound in rock. Hills, mountain ranges and bowlders innumerable are to be found in abundance and it would be simply a case of blowing down the hills and carting the debris to the dam and dumping it in. The structure would have to be wide and high—wide to prevent the waves forcing through the interstices and high to prevent them sweeping over the parapet and washing across the roadway. But this would only be a matter of expense—the more money the better the dam.

Chinese Pens.

The Chinese pen from time immemorial has been a brush made of soft hair and used to paint the curiously formed letters of the Chinese alphabet.

The Alps.

The Alps cover a space of 90,000 square miles. In them rivers have their source, flowing into the North Sea, Black Sea and Mediterranean.

Queen's Dresses Please Her.

London, June 12.—Queen Alexandra is delighted with the beauty of the dresses made in India for the coronation fetes, under the superivision of Lady Curzon. The queen has sent to Lady Curzon an autograph letter expressing her pleasure.