

MUCH GOOD WORK FOR AGRICULTURE

Progressive Policy of Provincial Government Aids Farmer Along Different Lines--How Dr. Landry's Department Has Accomplished Much Where Predecessors Failed--Review of Work Done

(Frederick Gleener.) While the present provincial administration has been giving the people of the province the fullest possible benefit of an honest and careful Crown Land policy, greatly augmenting the revenue from this source with a smaller cut than in previous years, and better protection to forest and game, while under the new Audit Act by its system of payments, all the public services have been better protected than ever before; while education has been more liberally treated and the public works of the province received attention never hitherto given them, agriculture--as it deserves--has been recognized as the most important industry of the province, and much valuable service has been performed at a minimum of expenditure.

On his assuming office Hon. Dr. Landry, the commissioner for agriculture, early recognized the great value to the province of the farmer, and he endeavored in every way to encourage the formation of agricultural societies. The regulations were amended so that where twenty-five farmers would organize and subscribe \$50 per year in subscriptions a charter would be granted. Previously fifty members subscribing \$100 were required with the result that many of the small districts where the need of such an organization was most severely felt, were unable to qualify.

Increase in Agricultural Societies In 1908, under the old regulations and the lack of encouragement in previous years from the department of agriculture, only 58 societies were in working order. In 1910 88 societies reported to the department. In the meantime, through meetings of the agricultural commission, Hon. Dr. Landry has urged upon the attention of the farmers through the province the advisability of organizing and cooperating with the department and the result of his advice and work done by other members of the commission was that the societies in two years have increased by over 50 per cent. To show that the government was in earnest in this matter and that the response of the farmers was appreciated, the appropriation for agricultural societies was increased from \$8,000 in 1908, to \$10,000 in 1909, and to \$12,000 in 1910.

The department also has given special assistance to the Provincial Farmers' and Dairyman's Association by paying all the bills in connection with the live stock demonstrations at the annual meeting here last winter as well as providing for a Provincial Seed Fair at the time of the same meeting.

During the year speakers were provided for meetings throughout various parts of the province in response to requests of societies and leading farmers. The old policy of arranging evening meetings without consideration of the various localities was continued as it was felt that the absence of local interest in many of these meetings did not warrant their continuance, and it was also thought that it was time that practical demonstrations or perhaps local short courses of instruction should supersede the old time evening meetings of two hours duration.

Importations of Stock. The importation of good stock has also been encouraged by the department, in addition to taking advantage of the dispersion of thoroughbred horses in Kentucky at prices which enabled the bringing here of twenty of the best horses of that breed for sale and selling at low prices without cost to the province, arrangements were made whereby between sixty and seventy pure bred Clydesdale horses from Scotland were brought to the province and sold for what would bring at less than one-third the cost per head to the province of importations made by private governments. A small importation of Ayrshire and Shorthorn cattle was also brought to the province and the only cost to the department was the expense of feeding after arrival and the advertising of their sale.

This was followed last autumn by the bringing in and distributing by auction of over one hundred pure bred sheep, at a total cost to the province of less than \$6 per head. A similar importation made about the same time by the Quebec government cost over \$10 per head.

Assistance has been given to the inspection of dairy herds for city milk supply and to the encouragement of alfalfa growing as a source of feed for dairy cattle. Dairy Superintendent McDougall also devoted some time by arrangement with School Inspector Steeves to giving simple instruction in the principles of sanitary dairy work in a series of schools in Kent county, and he has reconstructed the but-

CANADA BEHIND OTHER COLONIES

Navy League Organ Quotes Article To Compare Canadian Navy With That Ordered By Australia.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.--The January number of the Navy, the organ of the Navy League, assembles a considerable amount of information with regard to the naval projects of the several dominions of the British Empire. First it quotes the following paragraph from the Army and Navy Gazette:--"The four new cruisers and six destroyers, which are to be built in the Dominion of Canada, are to be ordered by contract this month and it is expected that Messrs. Vickers, or Messrs. Harland and Wolff will tender. A year is to be allowed for the establishments of shipyards, towards the cost of which a subsidy will be given, and the first ships are to be ready within three years, all ten being delivered within six years. The plans of the new ships have been drafted in accordance with the Admiralty's suggestion, and their total cost will, it is estimated, be from £2,000,000 to £2,400,000. It will be seen, therefore, that while Australia is in the middle of 1912 will have one battleship, one cruiser, three protected cruisers and three destroyers available for service, Canada will only have the Niobe and Rainbow at that period and it will be some years later, or well in 1914 before the first of her new vessels can be ready."

LOOKS LIKE MURDER CASE

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 17.--There is great excitement here over the mysterious disappearance of W. F. Pope, a well known merchant of Bromfield, a small town six miles away. Pope left his house at 7 o'clock on Monday night, and was never seen since. He was going to collect some money. He never reached his destination, and at ten last night, his horse, cut and bleeding was found on the lower Bromfield road near Sherbrooke. A search was made this morning by the local police, but no trace was found of the body. This evening at Benedict road, just out of Bromfield, his hat was found saturated with blood.

LODGE NOT SURE OF RE-ELECTION

Boston, Jan. 17.--Although backed by eight majority in the upper branch of the legislature, U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge failed by three votes to obtain a re-endorsement in the House today, but if there is no shift during the night, the convention tomorrow will send him back to Washington for a fourth term with just the vote necessary for a choice.

WANT LUMBER IN AUSTRALIAN PORT

Vancouver, Jan. 17.--In any trade preference which may be agreed upon between Canada and the Australian commonwealth, the inclusion of lumber among the articles included in the basis of reciprocity is urged by the British Columbia lumber and shingle manufacturers' association, which sent the following telegram to Sir Wilfrid:

"British Columbia lumbermen regard most strongly that lumber be included in Australian preference as most important to the interests of this province."

"The Dexter Savings Bank was incorporated in 1867. The depositors, mainly the property of mail operatives and children. Arthur P. Abbott is president of the bank, and Wesley Jenkins treasurer."

READ ABOUT SOME REAL COLD BEFORE YOU KNOCK THE WEATHER



SCENE IN THE ARCTIC.

Yes, it was cold in St. John yesterday. On Christmas Day, 1872, Capt. Tyson wrote:-- "Though we are out of the civilized world and in a world of ice, storms, cold and threatening starvation, we are still trying to rejoice, too, over the anniversary of our Saviour's birth. We each had a piece of frozen ham, two whole biscuits of hard bread, and a few month's of dried apples and also a few swallows of seal's blood."

On New Year's Day, 1873, he wrote: "A happy New Year for all the world but us poor, cold, half-starved wretches. It is the coldest day we have had since we have been on the ice--38 degrees below zero. I have had on two feet of frozen entrails and a little blubber." In the Greely expedition, according to Edwards, the suffering from cold was perhaps the greatest that man has ever endured. "Sergt. Brainard wrote in his diary: "Elison is a pitiable sight, with his face distorted and frozen and his limbs ice-like and useless. He repeatedly implored me to kill him. I tried to cheer him, but he would repeat in a low, pleading voice, 'Please, kill me, won't you?'"

WHY LIBERAL PARTY IS IN SORE STRAITS

To the Editor of The Standard. Sir,--I see that some surprise is expressed over the result of the recent Liberal primaries. Why this should be so I cannot see. For months past there has been general dissatisfaction among the rank and file of the Liberal party in this constituency over the way in which the patronage has been distributed by those who apparently have the control of the powers that be at Ottawa. Old and faithful followers of the party have either been ignored altogether or put forward on promises that remain unfulfilled.

DE ORO STILL LEADS.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 17.--The second block of 200 points in the match for the pool championship of the world between Alfred DeOro, the present title holder, and William Clearwater, of Pittsburgh, ended tonight with DeOro leading by 87 points. The score to date is DeOro, 408; Clearwater, 321.

PACKEY SCORES K. O.

New York, Jan. 17.--Packey McFarland, of Chicago, knocked out Jack Goodman, of New York, in the fifth round of a ten round bout at the Fairmount A. C. tonight. The stockyarder's lightweight first floored Goodman for the count of nine with a right swing on the jaw, then when Goodman arose groggy, sent him down for the count with a rain of blows in the face.

LATE SHIPPING.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Jan. 17.--Sld: Sch-Verre B. Roberts for St. John. Philadelphia, Jan. 17.--Sld: Sch-Moma, for St. John, N. E.

principal spokesmen of the party are prepared to be content with much less than they have been getting in the past, they will be unable to rally the men they have ignored when the next election is called. Yours, etc., AN OLD LIBERAL.

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COURT LA TOUR HAS PLEASANT EVENING

Presentation to Retiring Chief Ranger Follows Installation of Officers--Speeches by Men Prominent in Order Court LaTour, No. 125, I. O. Foresters, held a meeting last evening when the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: C. D. H. C. R.--J. M. Smith, Jr., Court physician--Dr. L. A. McAlpine. C. R.--E. O. McQuaid, V. C.--J. W. Brittain, R. S.--E. J. Todd, P. S.--G. W. Currie, Treasurer--Dr. J. Manning, Orator--B. W. Greenslade, S. W.--A. R. Covey, J. W.--A. Thomas, S. B.--W. Hatfield, J. D.--G. W. Andrews.

ATTEMPT ON BRIAND'S LIFE.

Paris, Jan. 17.--Two revolver shots were fired at Premier Briand in the chamber of deputies this afternoon. He was not harmed, M. Mirman, director of public relief, received one of the bullets in the leg. This is the second recent assault upon the premier. On Nov. 20th in the course of the gathering in the Tuilleries Gardens in connection with the dedication of a statue to Jules Ferry, M. Laroche, a Royalist, struck Briand twice in the face with his cane. The premier was not seriously injured.

MOORE MAKES GOOD.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 17.--Foreing the fighting so that he had his opponent at a disadvantage, Pat Moore, of Philadelphia, gained an easy decision over Matty Baldwin, of Boston, in a 12 round bout at the Army A. C. tonight. Moore had a clear lead in all but two of the rounds.

WEDDINGS.

Whitman-Whitman A very pretty wedding took place at six o'clock last evening in the Catholic street synagogue, when Morris H. Whitman was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Whitman. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Sakuto. The groomsmen were Nathaniel Komarovsky of Halifax and Morris Ring of St. John. The bridesmaids were Miss Sarah Stekolosky and Miss Annie Weiss of this city. The bride looked charming in a costume of cream satin with real Irish lace trimmings and wore a white bridal veil. Among the guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Webber of Digby, N. S., Mr. and Mrs. P. Whitsman of Halifax, Edward and Miss Tillie Whitman of Halifax. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to Keith's Assembly rooms where a most beautiful repast was served. The wedding feast was finished about eight o'clock o'clock. M. F. Kelly's orchestra then furnished music and dancing was heartily enjoyed by a large number until an early hour this morning.

Brothers Arrested. Joseph and James McElhinney were arrested on Mill street shortly after midnight by Policeman Marshall on the charge of wandering about and not giving a satisfactory account of themselves. The prisoners are brothers.

KILLED IN CROSSING.

Hamilton, Jan. 17.--David Wilson drove beneath the closing gates at a level crossing last night. He was struck and killed by a Grand Trunk train.

Only Four Days Left

We Desire to Call Your Attention to Our Great January Clearance Sales

which now hold first place in the consideration of all well posted shoppers. Immense lines of stylish Winter Suits, Skirts, Waists and Other Apparel bought in from the manufacturers in many instances at 50c on the dollar will be sacrificed on the same basis as bought and the values are consequently nothing less than enormous. No consideration of profit will be allowed to stand in the way of attaining the desired result. Sale Ends Saturday, January 21.

DOCK STREET WILCOX'S MARKET SQUARE

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