

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Weekly Monitor.

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A Word of Caution.

The following printed and appropriate article, taken from the Montreal Free Press, of August 8, should be of deep interest to every farmer in Annapolis county, and, if the timely advice is heeded, will prove of lasting benefit, as it demonstrates to a large degree a custom altogether too prevalent in Nova Scotia—

"It may be a truism that 'one swallow does not make a summer' yet in practice the truth of the statement is far from being self-evident to all minds. Men are every year mistaking the first sign of summer for the summer itself. In the same way many are frequently deceived by indications of coming prosperity.

"There is occasion to remind the people of Annapolis and the Northwest at this time that one harvest does not bring wealth. The present season will, it is to be hoped, do much towards placing the country again on the road to prosperity, though it may not carry many of the people very far along that road. Yet it is possible that even this may not be accomplished. Prosperity, or rather the promise of prosperity, has in the past frequently turned people's heads, so that they have rushed off into all kinds of extravagance, and brought disaster upon themselves.

"Bank managers and wholesale merchants have commended the spirit of the people during the past year; they have observed with satisfaction a disposition to economize, to cut off all unnecessary expenses, to decline making purchases on credit. This, it is admitted, was a laudable spirit. Wholesale dealers mind, of course, the large orders which they were being glad to fill; but they recognized the fact that they had nothing to gain by selling goods for which the people were quite unable to pay. They saw that mistakes had been made in former years by almost forcing goods upon the retail men throughout the country. The result was a competition between rival houses was keen; and commercial travellers were expected to make sales, they had to keep up their representations and earn their salaries by sending in large orders. Then the retail merchants had to do something to their credit (overhead shelves); they in their turn, had to employ every stratagem to tempt the consumers to make large purchases. The result was that farmers found themselves in possession of articles of luxury which they could have along without, and large store bills which they had not the cash to meet. Then, when the consumers were unable to pay their bills, the shrewd shopkeepers could not meet their obligations, the burden was passed along to the wholesale merchants, and the banks and the manufacturers in their turn had to feel the strain.

"The period for retrenchment and economy is not yet over; much still depends upon their continued exercise. There is danger, however, of a repetition of the former mistake. Farmers should be prepared to resist the solicitations of vendors of all sorts of wares and to be firm in their determination to buy only what is necessary. Many will have little left for indulgence in anything but the necessities of life; but it is in the excesses of the purchase of luxuries which men, in many instances, the incurring of debts, the discounting of next year's crops, the spending of money before it is earned, is frequently a necessity, but when it degenerates into a habit, it is even more reprehensible in the case of white men than in the case of the Indians in their dealings with the Hudson's Bay Company. If crops and prices were uniform from year to year, so that the farmer could estimate exactly beforehand what his next year's income would be, the credit system would be less objectionable; but as it is, it is more dangerous in view of the uncertainties of the future, and the certainty that crop failures will have to be taken into account. The wholesale merchants sustain something of the relation to consumers which the H. B. Company has sustained to the Indians, and they have it in their power to check, to some extent at least, the propensity to overbuying and extravagance. They will be true benefactors of the country if they refrain from encouraging the credit allowed to by tempting offers of credit and other inducements to buying unwisely."

"THE NEW YORK Board of Trade recently passed a series of resolutions asking Congress to take some steps towards the preservation and proper management of the public forests of that country. It is alleged that the pulp industry alone is making such serious demands upon their forests that at least half the spruce timber of the country has already been destroyed, and that the consumption on account of this one industry is increasing at the rate of one hundred million tons a year. It is not difficult to predict what the result of this policy will be if continued for a decade or so longer. But the question has a more serious aspect than that presented by the commercial side of it. It is well known that the forests of a country have an important bearing upon its climate, and that the destruction of these results in serious changes in its climatic conditions. The rain fall greatly diminishes as the extent of a country's forests are lessened, and this again produces corresponding results upon atmosphere and soil. During the present season the water in a good many rivers of this continent has been lower than it has ever been known to be before. This is particularly the case with the St. Lawrence, which at Montreal is so low as seriously to obstruct navigation for large steamers. The subject has also attracted a good deal of attention on this side of the line, and it is to be hoped that before many years both Canada and the United States will devise some means of putting a stop to the wholesale destruction of forests which is now going on in both countries.

"AGRICULTURAL and industrial exhibitions appear to be the order of the day just now. St. John, Digby, Yarmouth and many other towns of the Dominion have them on hand, while the North-west has just closed its first grand territorial exhibition at its capital, Regina. One cannot read any of the papers containing a description of these exhibitions, and particularly the reports of the opening or closing addresses, without being impressed with the strong, hopeful spirit, which seems to pervade them. Everywhere they tell of agricultural and industrial prosperity and progress, and of a people reasonably contented and happy. Nowhere was this more marked than at the exhibition in the North-west. This great lone land, which a few years ago was the undisputed domain of the buffalo and the wild Indians, is fast being transformed into one of the finest agricultural countries in the world. The exhibition at St. John, which is now going on, tells, too, a story of good crops and a fair degree of prosperity and progress for these maritime provinces. The reasonable rates now being offered by the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company have induced a large number from this side to take it. We trust that the trip will prove a pleasant and profitable one to all of our citizens who attend.

"AFFAIRS, mostly of the Greenanville variety, began to move quite lively last week. Some lots were sent to the English markets, but the larger part of them went to Boston. On Friday, 15th inst., the Dominion Atlantic freight going west had over twenty cars of apples for Boston. All of these were to be shipped via Yarmouth. Last year a part of the fruit shipped from this valley to Boston went via St. John and the International Steamship Company, but this year, owing to some change in the arrangement, which we do not understand, a large proportion goes from Yarmouth.

"Some of the fruit sent last week was consigned for sale, and a part was to fill orders from Boston dealers. The price paid here, so far as we can learn, ran from \$1.25 to \$1.50, the latter price being for number ones only. In fact that grade is about all that the Boston market calls for.

"John Lockett & Son want any quantity good Grey Stock Yarn, Fresh Eggs, and lots of Choice Bell Butter and Dried Apples. If

From Yarmouth to Halifax on a "Bike."

The Halifax Chronicle says: "Mr. Frank C. Robbins, of Yarmouth, was the hero of a rather remarkable journey this week—on his bicycle from Yarmouth to Halifax by the southern shore. He left the former place on Monday morning, took dinner at Barrington where he rested for two hours, and then rode to Liverpool, 20 miles, where he had breakfast next day at Liverpool, dinner at Bridgewater, supper at Hubbards Cove, and arrived at Halifax early Wednesday morning, not very tired but ready for rest. The weight of the wheel on which he rode was 24 lbs., gear 62, his own weight 100 lbs., and he did not use either wrench or pump. Mr. Robbins' "bike" was a standard one with a cyclometer which recorded the distance between points on his route as follows:

Yarmouth to Barrington Head, 20 miles; Barrington Head to Shelburne, 20; Shelburne to Liverpool, 20; Liverpool to Bridgewater, 20; Bridgewater to Hubbards Cove, 20; Hubbards Cove to Annapolis, 20; Annapolis to Yarmouth, 20; Total distance Yarmouth to Halifax 244 miles.

Annapolis County Church Conference.

The Annapolis County Conference of churches held a very interesting session at Annapolis on the 18th and 19th inst., at which reports of good work done were given and various subjects discussed with spirit and ability.

The conference does not only to preach a pure and full gospel for the salvation of men, but to be deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of society and to be unflinching of great subjects which have to do with the betterment of the human race.

The financial statement was presented by Pastor Caldwell and was found to be correct. It was the opinion of the conference that the statement of the Rev. J. W. Manning, of the First Baptist Church, was correct and that the same should be accepted.

The attendance was large and hospitably entertained by a most appreciative people. The November session will be held in Springfield.

Herbert's Farewell to Canada's Forests.

Ottawa, September 20.—General Herbert's valedictory to the Canadian forests will be published in the Canadian Gazette to-morrow. He says that before relinquishing the command he desires to thank those who for a period of nearly five years have given him help and support in his work.

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Local and Special News.

—House to let. Apply to W. W. Chesley. —The autumn time table of the C. P. R. will come into effect on October 1st. I have advanced the price of good butter and fresh eggs. T. G. Bishop. 20 11

—There will be another race meeting on the Kentville track early in October. —Fall stock of Millinery opened at W. R. Palfrey this week. —The harvest season up to date has been most favorable for the gathering of the crops. —For Underclothing and Top Shirts it will pay you to go to T. G. Bishop. 20 11

—W. E. Rowell, of Kentville, has sold his trotting mare Lakelville Girl to an American gentleman. —Moose steak is selling in Halifax at 20c per lb., partridges at 45c per pair, and rabbits at 25c per pair. —People from Melvers Square to Bridgewater will pay to go to W. R. Palfrey. Dry Goods store for bargains. 20 11

—Henry M. Stanley, M.P., the well known African explorer, is now on a tour through the western part of the C. P. R. —It is a fact that W. R. Palfrey's large stock of Ready-made Clothing, just opened, cannot be looked for in vain. —The D. A. R. have a contract to haul one hundred car loads of granite from Hantsport to Yarmouth for the South Shore railway.

—John R. Fitzhugh, who some years ago was employed as a tailor in this town, is now on a tour of co-operation in a divorce suit in Halifax. —Boston excursion by the Dominion Atlantic railway on Friday, 26th inst., will be continuing for thirty days, and tickets are good to return thirty days from date of issue. —I have just received a large stock of the western fall and winter clothes—first class stock and prices right. T. G. Bishop. —Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Edward G. Shannon, and Miss Margaret A. daughter of C. R. Hill, Esq., of Billtown, on October 23rd. —P. G. Adams & Co., fruit brokers of Lunenburg, are making a trip for their Lunenburg stock and trade. Their agent, Mr. Sims, is now in the Valley. —When the days are stormy and people are at home, they should give their neighbors a good time by getting a card. —Hon. A. R. Dickey has placed an order through the high commissioner for 1,000 Lee-Metford rifles and 800 cartridges for the use of the force of the Maritime Militia will be discarded. —John I. Phinney, of Spa Springs, recently showed us some fine specimens of the product of the Pond Seeding variety. Five of them weighed just 16 ounces, and the largest measured 5 1/2 inches in length. —The Woodstock correspondent of the St. John Telegraph says that the price of potatoes in that district is only about 30 cents per barrel, and that the market is better than 70 cents per barrel for first quality.

—The Kings county cranberry crop is a big one this year as also are the crops in every other part of the Maritime Provinces. The chances are that the price realized this fall and winter will not be up to last year's mark. —Miss Galt, a daughter of Sir A. T. Galt, who is highly educated and brings much credit to her name, is now in charge of the Salvation Army in Charlotteville, and is shortly to be transferred to Yarmouth. —The Oddfellows excursion to St. John, on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, is to be the greatest event of the season. The extremely low price has caused a large number of tickets to be engaged ahead in order that they may secure their passage. —At Digby, on Saturday, the Liberal nominated Mr. Angus Gilroy, of Sandy Cove, and the Conservatives Frank Jones, Esq., of Digby, for the seat of the county assembly by the death of Mr. E. E. Pupper. Elections on Saturday next. —The ladies of St. Mary's church at Bellefleur, in the parish of St. John, are endeavoring to raise money for the purchase of a plot of land in the city of St. John, in order that they may have a place where they can hold their services. —The people of Bridgewater are widely excited because the court house there has been destroyed by fire. The building was erected the year before last, and was a fine specimen of modern architecture. The fire broke out on Wednesday afternoon, and the building was completely destroyed. The cause of the fire is not yet ascertained, but it is believed to have been caused by a gas stove. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The people of the town are very anxious to have the building replaced as soon as possible. —The marriage of Robert J. Boutillier, governor of St. John, and Miss Margaret Caldwell, daughter of Wm. Caldwell, of Digby, took place on Friday, 21st inst., at St. John. The bride was accompanied by her father and mother, and the groom by his father and mother. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Manning, of the First Baptist Church, St. John. The bride and groom were married at 11 o'clock, and the ceremony was a most interesting one. The bride wore a beautiful gown, and the groom was in a dark suit. The reception was given at the home of the bride's father, and was a most enjoyable one. The bride and groom will reside in St. John.

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Personals.

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