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Nova Scotia Steamers Collide in Fog.

Plant Liner Halifax Grounds in Fog in Boston Harbor, and Shortly After Floating, Comes In Collision with D.A.R. Prince Arthur.

BOSTON, July 17.—The Plant line steamship, Halifax, which grounded on George's Island this morning, while making her way up the harbor through a heavy fog, was floated on this afternoon's flood tide, fulfilling the old adage about misfortunes never coming singly, had proceeded but a short distance before she was in collision with Dominion Atlantic Steamship Prince Arthur.

When the Prince Arthur, Captain Kenny commanding, left her pier, the thick fog of the morning still hung over the harbor, and the steamer proceeded slowly from her pier, also keeping her whistles busy. Just off Castle Island the government revenue cutter Winnissimmett approached the Halifax and Captain George Barrett was about to board the Plant liner when there loomed up through the fog the lowering form of the Prince Arthur.

THE GOVERNMENT CRAFT SHOT OUT FROM DANGER. Pilot Thatcher, of the Winnissimmett, saved his craft by quick action in signalling for full steam ahead. His boat shot forward and the big Prince Arthur surged between her and the Halifax, striking the Halifax a glancing blow on the starboard bow.

On board the Prince Arthur were some two hundred passengers, most of whom were on deck when the crash came.

There was considerable excitement on the Prince Arthur when the ships ground together, but nothing in the shape of a panic.

After an investigation to make sure that his vessel had not seriously suffered, Captain Kenny gave orders to proceed, and the Halifax renewed her passage up the harbor without further trouble. When the Halifax finally tied up to her dock, after having been both run aground and rammed, it was found that she had suffered no very serious damage.

Warns Automobiles

Too Many Cases of Speeding, Says Judge Lanctot.

(Montreal Witness.) Judge Lanctot sounded a note of warning to the habitual fast driver of automobiles in this city, stating that the number of arrests for this offence, which have reached the figure of 82 since the beginning of spring, are far too many.

The dangerous practice of suddenly appearing in the middle of the road from apparently nowhere, and swooping down our crowded streets, with the speed of a locomotive train, has got to stop. The Judge was giving some sound advice to the owners of auto's and putting a special plea for the safety of children who may be playing in the street.

'Automobile owners do not have any more right of way,' he said, 'than any other vehicle. They are allowed to go at a speed of nine miles an hour. Half of the men brought to court are not aware of the speed they are going, and when arrested are surprised when told that instead of going nine miles, they are going twenty—like this man to-day—indicating John Doyle, a motor car owner. I will fine you \$20, and costs, amounting to \$28.50 and don't come here again, or it will cost you more.'

RESULTS.

A pair out canoeing.
To change seats essayed.
And these are the bubbles
That sinking they made.
Cold water, a teaspoonful of ammonia and soap will remove machine grease when other means would not answer.

Crop and Live Stock Bulletin

Ottawa, July 13th.—A crop and live stock bulletin for Canada is issued to day. The condition of the field crops of Canada for the month ending June 30, as compiled in the census and Statistics office from the reports of a large staff of correspondents, is on the whole quite satisfactory, although on account of uneven rainfall it is not uniform for all the provinces. Even in parts of the same province, as in Ontario, there is a considerable inequality. For the most part in that province excellent reports are made, but there are districts in which the grains and hay have been badly affected for want of rains in May and June.

For the whole of Canada the condition of winter wheat is only 75.26 per cent as compared with one hundred for a full crop. This is ten per cent less than last year, two per cent less than in 1909 and nearly fourteen per cent less than three years ago. In Ontario it is only seventy-five per cent of a full crop, as compared with 94.29 last year, 78.60 in 1909, and eighty-eight in 1908. In Alberta, the only other province in which winter wheat is largely grown the condition this year is 83.22 per cent, compared with 68.62 in 1910, 65.65 in 1909 and ninety-five in 1908. Spring wheat in all the provinces this year is given the high average condition of 94.78 at the end of June, which is better than in 1910 by 12.62 per cent, better than in 1909 by eight per cent, and better than in 1908 by nearly fifteen per cent. Ontario and British Columbia are the only provinces in which the conditions are under ninety, and only in Saskatchewan and Manitoba it is close to one hundred.

The average for barley is ninety-three, which is six to ten per cent better than in the preceding three years. It reaches close to ninety-five in the Northwest provinces, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and over ninety in Nova Scotia and Quebec, a point below ninety in Ontario and only eighty-four in British Columbia.

Oats show an average of 94.46 for all provinces, which is higher than any year since 1908, and is ninety-five or higher in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and the Northwest Provinces. In Ontario it is close to ninety, and over ninety in British Columbia.

Rye, peas and mixed grains are given a condition of about ninety for the Dominion, and are higher than in any year beginning with 1908. Hay and clover and alfalfa are both below last year's conditions, and pasture is a point higher. In the three Northwest provinces the condition of pasture is over one hundred.

The feature of late cereals is the increase of area in flax, which is nearly three hundred thousand acres more than last year. The largest increase of flax is in Saskatchewan, where this crop in recent years has grown into great favour.

The numbers of live stock do not show much change from last year, but their condition at the end of June is very satisfactory. All classes are within less than two points of one hundred, and an excellent uniformity is shown throughout all the provinces.

A Progressive Annapolis County Farmer

The editor of the Middleton Outlook describes a visit paid a few days ago to the farm of Mr. John Bishop of Lawrencetown. Mr. Bishop takes a deep interest in his farm. Upon it he was born and here he has spent his entire life. He has steadily enlarged and improved it until now it is one of the best in Annapolis Co. About 17 years ago he added to his homestead about 40 acres from the George Daniels farm which bounded his lands upon the west and two years ago he also acquired the Dr. Primrose block lying between his own property and the Annapolis river. This latter consisted of 16 acres about two thirds of which was in orchard.

Mr. Bishop's property now extends from the Annapolis river southward two miles to Inghisville including nearly 200 acres. Thirty acres of this is in orchard from 10 to 30 years out. One year the orchard without the Primrose section yielded 1000 barrels of apples and two years ago including this latest acquisition a 1000 crop was again gathered. This year Mr. Bishop expects a 2000 barrels yield if nothing adverse in weather conditions occurs.

It was with just pride that Mr. Bishop showed the writer over his farm. At one place on the bank of the beautiful Annapolis river overshadowing a salmon pool we admired a row of stately ornamental trees. A few steps farther back is a shady grove fitted up with seats making a cool retreat an ideal spot in which to find rest from the mid-day heat. On another part of the farm is a wide range used by the county association while in still another place is the source of supply for the water system of the town of Lawrencetown. Mr. Bishop's buildings also have the advantage of this water service.

Never Point Gun as a Joke

Little Boy Innocently Shoots Another at Canso—Didn't Know it was Loaded.

Canso, July 15—A serious and what may prove a fatal shooting accident happened here today. A number of boys were swimming near the fish store of William Shridder, and one of them named Willie Horn, about ten years old, went into the store and finding a gun lying on a table, picked it up and pointed it out of the door at the boys coming out of the water. It went off, discharging the whole load in the face of Jason Smith, shattering the chin and lower jaw and passing through his neck.

The parents of little Willie Horn are prostrated. Of course, he did not know it was loaded. The gun was left in the store by Borden Shridder on his return from gunning, because he could not extract a shell that had got jammed. He laid it up out of reach until he had time to extract the shell. There is small hopes for the Smith boy's recovery.

A young fellow from Underwood in town last week, when asked what he thought of 'Reciprocity,' replied his mother never used any other than Red Ross.—Port Elgin, Ont. Times.

Barn Destroyed by Lightning

Eighteen Head of Cattle Burned.

One of the most disastrous electrical storms which has passed over Halifax County for some years set in shortly before three o'clock Saturday morning and although of short duration wrought heavy damage.

Lightning struck the barn of John Settle, Cole Harbor, completely demolishing the building and killing eighteen head of cattle, three horses and burning six tons of hay. The harness and other farming utensils were destroyed. The loss sustained is estimated to be in the vicinity of three thousand dollars. There is said to be little insurance.

Summer nights in Edmonton give only about two hours and a half of actual darkness. One can easily read fine print by daylight at half past ten. Ball games begin at 7.30. The longest day gives eighteen hours of sunshine. Canadians call this province "Sunny Alberta," and a cloud in the sky is rare enough to attract attention.

King George's effigy appears on a new Canadian coin. The honor of the first appearance will go to the humble cent, which is the only coin for which dies have yet been received by the mint. The demand for currency is increasing and the government must meet it.

Official Census Notice

The newspapers have been reporting omissions on the part of enumerators of the Census, especially in the large cities of the Dominion, and notwithstanding the care of the Census Office to enjoin a performance of accurate and full work on the part of enumerators it is possible that in some instances persons and even families have been passed over. It is known at the office that many reports of omissions are without foundation, and that generally the enumeration has been well and fully made, although it is yet too early for a final decision. The fact is that the census of a district or enumeration area was often not completed when complaints were first publicly made. The Census Office earnestly desires that the name of every man, woman and child in the country, as well as all other information called for in the schedules, should be recorded as the statute and the instructions require. But lest there should be an inadvertent omission on the part of any enumerator, the Office respectfully invites the co-operation of the public for the completion of a full census. To this end persons who believe or suspect that they have not been taken are asked to notify the Chief Officer of the Census at Ottawa, giving their names, post office address, street and number if residing in cities, towns or villages, or concession and number of lot if residing in country places. Letters containing information of this nature are postage free, and if it is found that such persons have not been enumerated in the returns made to the Census Office, names will at once be taken to remedy the defects through the local officers of the Census who were employed in the work and who are responsible if any mistakes have been made in their respective enumeration areas.

For summer diarrhoea in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, and a speedy cure is certain. For sale by all dealers.

FARM SADDLE HORSE.

A Pleasurable Exercise and a Source of Profit Overlooked by Farmers

Excepting in cities and towns, says the Canadian Farm, horseback riding belongs to the past. One rarely sees a farmer's son or daughter engaging in this delightful exercise. The saddle and the saddle horse have given way to the top buggy. No one on a farm ever thinks of putting the saddle on to a horse and enjoying a nice canter to the post office. It is a case of walking, if the distance is not too great, or hitching "Nell" to the buggy, or it may be getting astride a "bike" and "hiking" it up the dusty road. The change is not in the best interests of the country. There is something about a nice saddle horse and outfit that adds a charm to life on the farm. And it would be too a strong factor in encouraging boys to remain on the farm. One of the main reasons for the change is the type of horse kept on the average farm. The heavy horse which it pays the farmer so well to raise, does not make a good saddle beast. But even on farms and in sections of country where light horses are raised one rarely sees a saddle or a farmer's boy astride his best charger. The saddle horses now in use in cities or towns were bred and raised on farms. But it was not till they were sold off the farms that they got their first taste of the paddle and spur. Why could not such horses be broken to the saddle as well on the farm as off it? It would be a profitable business as well as one that would afford considerable pleasure to the farmer or the farmer's boy. The first-class, well-trained saddle horse sells for big money, but it is not the farmer who gets the big price. It is the man to whom the farmer sells who gets the "plum."

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

The habit of decorating a nice bit of pavement with saliva is a favorite with loafers in other places than Bridgetown. The following protest by the Lunenburg Progress is none too emphatic:—

"While our Town Council is in the mood for reforms and the editor of the Progress suggests that there be placards prohibiting spitting on the street daily. Perhaps it is thoughtlessness, perhaps it is carelessness, but the danger exists, not when this sputum, disgusting as it is to the passer-by, is wet, but when it dries and mingles with the air that is breathed by high and low alike, that is the time it is a menace to all whose constitutions are in a weak enough state to receive it. This is no theory to be scoffed at. It is a horrible fact and before we start cleaning the interior of the houses, let the Town Council clean the exterior, that is the sidewalks, which today represent the public cuspidors.—Lunenburg Progress.

Digby Has Another Criminal Sensation.

Cowardly Attack of One Colored Man Upon Another Will Probably Result in Death of Injured Man—Tebo Pays Penalty of His Crimes.

Digby has a double sensation this week. On Monday the hanging of John Tebo for the murder of Edward MacGregor took place. The day previous another crime was committed about two miles from the scene of the MacGregor tragedy and another murderer will likely pay the penalty with his life.

A Digby dispatch says:—Waldon Harris, colored, who has been working at St. John during the last three years, arrived at his home at Marshalltown, with his family for his vacation. He called at a neighbor's house about one o'clock, where was present William Owens, colored, a native of Annapolis County. As Harris entered the door, Owens struck him a terrific blow on the head over the ear. The hammer penetrated the skull about half an inch. Dr. Patten, of Digby, was called and considered Harris' condition critical and likely to prove fatal. Chief of Police Bowles was summoned at five o'clock, Owens, who was home, fled for the woods, with the chief in pursuit. The chief fired four shots at a distance of twenty-five yards. A fifth shot grazed the fugitive's right leg. He fell, and was handcuffed and lodged in the Digby jail. He is held pending further developments. There was a private grudge between the men.

It is said that Owens belongs to Granville Ferry.

John Oliver Tebo was hanged within the jail yard enclosure last Monday morning. Tebo, who is about nineteen years of age, was tried in Digby in June and found guilty of the murder of Edward MacGregor, who mysteriously disappeared on the night of October eighteenth, 1910, and whose body was found near the old Oakes Road, Nov. 20th.

On the night before the execution he confessed to the murder, admitting that he killed the old man for his money, and that he had pre-meditated doing so. While in a neighbor's lot with the old man, where they had gone for cabbage to treat themselves to a "cabbage supper" he made use of the axe which he had in his hand to strike his friend in the head. He then took his pocket-book containing something over a hundred dollars and went to Digby and St. John where he spent all the money. He professed repentance and conversion.

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