

BIGGER FARM CROPS MEAN OF DIRECTOR

New School Official Thinks Teaching of Agriculture Should Be Practical SHORT COURSES

Sending Teachers to Truro in Summer for Some Preliminary Training in School Gardening and Nature Study — Crop Competitions by Counties Planned.

"Practical" was the word which came most easily to the new director of agriculture in schools, Mr. J. B. Stewart, the former inspector in an interview with The Telegraph yesterday in which he outlined some of the work planned by his department. That he is convinced that there may be a very important effect on the economic situation seems very probable from the ideas which he gave expression yesterday. Beginning with school gardens the new director hopes to institute a series of farm competitions along the lines of the corn clubs of the south with the object of increasing the efficiency of different kinds of crops.

"If a certain kind of crop produces several bushels more to the acre as a result of the competition it can easily be seen how much the province will benefit," he said.

Teacher Training. The new director met Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, and Rev. J. B. Daggett, secretary for agriculture, here yesterday and after the conference said that the chief matters considered was the training of teachers for agricultural work in the schools.

"To provide for this," he said, "we are sending a limited number of teachers to the Rural Science School at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, which opens on July 8 and continues until August 31. The teachers who are chosen from the applicants will have their transportation expenses paid and will also get a grant of \$15 towards their other expenses in case they take the course and devote their whole time to the work."

This action following so closely upon the minister's visit and the protest addressed to him on that occasion and during the past winter have greatly stirred the people along the route and the loss of the railway is made even more bitter by reason of the circumstances attending it. The government's total disregard of their rights and necessities has aroused deep resentment and the people are determined to follow their lines that they have laid for nearly a year.

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ALFALFA FIREGUARDS

Much of the loss of crops, buildings and other improvements, caused by railway fires in cultivated sections of the main provinces, could be avoided if farmers would raise some non-combustible crop on a strip of land adjacent to railway rights of way. Alfalfa is suggested in this connection, since this crop will not burn and a narrow strip would form a thoroughly efficient fireguard. Where clover can be grown successfully, will answer equally well. The growing of potatoes, beets, or other root crops will serve the same purpose, where local market conditions will permit. This would also be a step in the much-to-be-desired direction of diversified farming.

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resurer, who is supposed to pay it out in the order of the minister who, it is explained, cannot be expected to know which localities the money is most needed. In the absence of a competent and expert for the provinces, it is decided to leave it to the judgment of assistant superintendents, who are often accused of being influenced by political friends and who expend it on parts of road which are not in the greatest need of repair.

The opinion is freely expressed that a road law will provide for some system of appraisal, under which a competent overseer shall regularly inspect the road in his territory, see that there are no direct obstructions to interfere with proper drainage and repair holes and washouts which if taken in time can be remedied with little trouble, but if allowed to go for several weeks, become serious.

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VOL. LII. IGNODES PROTEST OF NORTH SHORE

Blackville Branch To Be Abandoned

Road That Has Served People 30 Years To Be Closed

Residents Along Section Are Up in Arms About Arbitrary Action of Minister of Railways—Work Train at Work Lifting Rails.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Chatham, N. B., June 26.—That the interview with the minister of railways on Tuesday and the various protests that have gone to Ottawa on behalf of the Chatham section of the Canada Eastern have amounted to nothing, is all too apparent today, for the men are now at work preparing to tear up the rails on the Chatham side, and it is said to be the intention of the railway management to take these up from the Blackville bridge down to Malpas's Sliding about three miles from Chatham Junction.

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"FIGHT FOR MILLIONS" IN BRITISH COURT

Sensations Promised in Suit to Break Will of Sir John Murray Scott Who Left \$5,000,000 to Lady Sackville.

London, June 26.—Sensations of possible highly interesting developments were introduced today in the "fight for the millions" as the public call the suit over the will of the late Sir John Murray Scott, who left nearly \$5,000,000 to Lady Sackville, a relative of a former British minister Washington.

Frederick E. Smith, counsel for those who are trying to break the late Sir John Murray Scott's will, mentioned an alleged secret visit to the lawyer's house by Lady Sackville, when she was seen at the drawer of a desk in his library. Scott immediately became intensely agitated and burst into a perspiration, exclaiming: "My God, it's incredible!" Scott had no idea that Lady Sackville was in the house. He believed she was at her residence, Knole Park, Kent, at the time, according to Attorney Simon, who said that the Sackvilles were known to the Scott family under the nickname "The Locusts," while in the servants' hall Lady Sackville was referred to as "The Earthquake."

FOURTEEN DIE OF HEAT IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, June 26.—Although the average temperature was below normal, excessive humidity was responsible for the total of fourteen fatalities during the last of the hot days of the week.

INTERCOLONIAL HAS A NEW CHIEF ENGINEER

C. B. Brown of C. P. R. Appointed

Will Take Up Duties July 1 and Make Moncton His Headquarters—Was formerly Stationed at St. John and Has Had a Successful Career.

(Canadian Press.) Montreal, June 26.—The appointment is announced of C. B. Brown to the position of chief engineer of the intercolonial railway in Canada. Since graduating in civil engineering at Cornell, fourteen years ago, Mr. Brown has been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific railway, filling various engineering positions from rodman to principal assistant engineer, a post to which he was appointed two years ago, and which he now resigns to become head of the government railways engineering department.

Mr. Brown is very well known both in eastern and western Canada, having been in turn resident engineer at London (Ont.); assistant divisional engineer at Calgary; divisional engineer at St. John (N. B.); and Montreal, before becoming chief assistant of the C. P. R.

Although a graduate of an American college, Mr. Brown is a Canadian. He was born in Kingston (Ont.) thirty years ago, and is thus a comparatively young man. Later he resided with his parents at Ottawa and there, where he took his college course.

The management of the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railways feel they have secured a particularly able and experienced man in the new chief engineer, who will take up his residence at Moncton on July 1.

DECIDES CIVIL SERVICE INCOMES ARE EXEMPT

Judge Hardy of Ontario Finds In Favor of Brantford Officials.

Brantford, Ont., June 26.—Dominion officers are not liable for income tax. This is the judgment handed down by Judge Hardy, in the appeal of S. W. Raymond, postmaster; J. C. Montgomery, assistant postmaster; A. E. Harley, customs house officer; M. J. Donohue, inland-revenue officer; and Gordon Smith, Indian superintendent, against the Dominion government.

BRITISH COAL KING'S DAUGHTER CHARGED WITH INCENDIARISM

Cardiff, Wales, June 26.—Mrs. Mackworth, wife of Captain Humphrey Mackworth, of the Royal Monmouths, and only daughter of David Alfred Thomas, the "British Coal King," and head of the Cambrian combine, who is now in Canada, was arrested tonight at her residence and conveyed in her own motor car to the police station at Newport, charged with setting fire to a pillar box.

WANT 2,000 SQUARE INCHES OF HUMAN SKIN IN BUFFALO

Buffalo, June 26.—More than 10,000 square inches of human skin must be given for grafting purposes if the death list of the Husted elevator explosion and fire is to be kept from reaching far more appalling proportions, according to conservative estimates of physicians in attendance on the injured at the various hospitals.

AWARDED \$500 FOR LOSS OF HIS SON IN TITANIC DISASTER

London, June 26.—The king's bench court today gave judgment in favor of Thomas Ryan, an Irish farmer, who had brought suit against the White Star Steamship Company to recover damages for the loss of his son in the Titanic disaster. The judge awarded Ryan the sum of \$500, which had been agreed upon and the costs of the suit. A similar award was made in two other cases at the same time.

FAVOR "BIG STICK" IN TARIFF BILL

Club Proposed for Other Countries

Retaliatory Clause to Prevent Trade Discrimination

Democratic Senate Caucus Have Lively Debate on the Proposal But Matter Remains Unsettled—Further Effort to Prevent Free Sugar.

Washington, June 26.—Urgent desire to win the president with a tariff "big stick," one of stronger and greater proportions than provided in the amendment suggested by the finance committee majority, developed today in the Democratic caucus of the senate on the tariff bill.

Discussion of the proposed "countervailing duty" on wheat and flour, which the committee recommended, led to a general debate on retaliatory and countervailing tariff rates, and Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, urged the proposed adoption of an amendment that would give the president power to enforce countervailing tariff rates on all commodities refusing to deal with the United States on a reciprocal tariff basis.

The amendment proposed would in many respects take the place of the maximum clause in the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, but Senator Smith advocated a provision that would be broader than that, and that would give the president authority at any time to interpose against any tariff which might discriminate against the products of the United States the same tariff rates exacted on American goods. Such a clause in the tariff bill, it was argued, would place the United States in a position to defend the country against any unreciprocated action or attempt to shift off its foreign trade.

Discussion of the proposal was spirited, strong opposition developing at once. Among the senators who attacked the idea were O'Gorman, Reed and Martineau. Debate was winding warm when the caucus was forced to recess for the afternoon. The committee will be resumed tonight.

Senator Randall has an amendment to extend the date of the sugar schedule until February 1, 1914, permitting sugar planters and refiners to get rid of their year's crop without the burden of the decreased tariff. This has been refused by the majority of the finance committee for consideration. The committee will recommend some form of amendment later to the caucus.

Other suggestions propose to suspend the operation of the sugar duties for three months after the passage of the bill and that the rates on manufacturers of wool be made effective ninety days later, and the free raw wool provision sixty days after enactment of the law.

REV. MR. HOPKINS BADLY INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Moncton, June 26.—Rev. Mr. Hopkins, pastor of the Coverdale, Albert county, and Shediac group of Baptist churches, was in a bad runaway accident here tonight, while driving to town from Albert county his horse took fright at a train and ran away.

Rev. Mr. Hopkins was thrown out and the wagon smashed to pieces on top of him. He was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and taken to the hospital. It was found he had two ribs fractured and was suffering considerable pain, leaving doctors to fear he is injured internally. The extent of his injuries therefore cannot be ascertained at present.

COVERDALE PASTOR IN MONCTON HOSPITAL WITH TWO BROKEN RIBS AND OTHER WOUNDS.

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TEN ITALIANS KILLED BY BLAST ON C. P. R. WORK

Kingston, Ont., June 26.—Latest reports from Parham say that ten Italians were killed in an explosion at the C. P. R. construction camp near there. A heavy blast, which was being prepared, was prematurely exploded.

A telephone message from Long Lake the afternoon stated that six of the bodies had been recovered. In all it is understood, ten were killed, and search for the other four was going on. The bodies recovered were the two slain Friday afternoon, when they will be viewed by a coroner's jury.

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