

Here and There

Agricultural products harvested in British Columbia during 1923 were nearly \$4,000,000 in excess of the 1922 total, according to the annual report of the provincial department of agriculture. Total production for 1923 was \$59,159,798.

The ninth winter carnival at Banff, Alta., will be held from February 7 to 14, 1925. The curling bonspiel in connection with the carnival will run concurrently from February 9 to 14. Revelstoke has fixed its carnival dates for February 3, 4 and 5, 1925.

Tourists to the number of 100,000 are estimated to have entered the Province of Nova Scotia during the past season. These people have left approximately \$7,500,000 in the province, an increase of 25 per cent. over the previous year. The number of motor cars entering the province during the tourist season exceeded 11,000.

Canada Book Week was held from December 1 to 6 this year. Addresses, radio broadcasting and special displays in stores throughout the country drew attention to the objects of the week, which are to promote the reading of good books generally and to foster Canadian literature. The week was, as usual, a distinct success.

The foolhardy recklessness of certain motorists was recently strikingly illustrated at a public crossing on the Canadian Pacific Railway line at Blind River, Ontario, when a speeding auto approached the crossing so rapidly that the driver was unable to pull up, and ran his car into the side of a train which was passing at the time. Fortunately, no one was injured.

In recognition of its excellent exhibits at the 1924 exhibition at Toronto, the Canadian Pacific Railway has been awarded one of the medals specially struck off for presentation to the Dominion and Provincial governments, and to a limited number of other exhibits whose high class entries in the live stock and agricultural departments won them championship prizes.

The plans for the construction of an immense amusement centre at Victoria, B.C., to be called the Crystal Gardens, have just been announced by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is responsible for the scheme. The gardens will include a salt water swimming pool 150 feet long, and a series of dancing floors, with tea rooms and gymnasium. Great quantities of plants, vines and shrubs will be grown in the structure, which is on the lines of a vast conservatory, containing 36,000 square feet of glazed glass roof surface.

A considerable increase in the sheep population of Canada, which has declined since 1920 from 2,255,000 to 1,875,000, is expected as a result of the recent importation by Alberta ranchers of 400 Rambouillet rams. These animals are merinos, with fine wool, bred in France from Spanish merino stock. Louis XVI obtained the first flock as a gift from the King of Spain. A harem of 20,000 western range ewes will be provided for the Alberta purchase. The enterprise is important, an account of the prevailing world shortage of wool.

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This popular company have had a very successful tour throughout the Maritime Provinces and reports from the various places they have played speak very highly of them. They will open here with a very delightful comedy bill which for working purposes has been entitled "Just One Girl". Possibly quite a few who see this bill will recognize it as something they have seen in picture form under a different title. This hour ever is no drawback but rather will come as a welcome surprise to those to whom the play is found to be familiar in any way. To say more would only spoil the pleasure that is in store for those who take in this performance.

What's In The Bible?

The Bible contains 3,585,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books.

The word "and" occurs 46,277 times.

The word "Lord" occurs 1,855 times.

The word "reverend" occurs but once, which is in the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm.

The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118 Psalm.

The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J.

The finest chapter to read is the 26th chapter of the Acts of the apostles.

The 19th chapter of 2 Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike.

The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther.

The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John.

The 8th, 15th, 21st and 31st verses of the 107 Psalm are alike.

All verses of the 136th Psalm end alike.

There are no words or names of more than six syllables.

It is only once recorded that Jesus rejoiced, Luke: 21

BADLY FROZEN
Andrew Cassle, a well known resident of Douglstown is a patient in Hotel Dieu Hospital, suffering with both his hands and feet and one arm frozen. Dr. B.A. Marven is in attendance and the unfortunate man is suffering terribly.

Fox Breeders Organizing

Steps are being taken to organize the fox breeders of New Brunswick. There are several hundred of the farmers of this province who are now raising foxes, besides many in other lines of business who are interested either as individual owners or as stockholders in some of the large ranches. On Nov. 29 a meeting was held in Moncton to take the initial steps for the forming a New Brunswick Fox Breeders Association. A subsequent committee meeting prepared to draft a constitution which will be submitted to a final organization meeting which will be held in Moncton on Friday Jan. 2, next at 2 p. m. Every fox owner is invited to this meeting.

Chatham Took Second Place In Competition

Of the Canadian units which participated in the Imperial challenge Shield Rifle competitions for boys this year, the tenth Canadian Machine Gun Brigade Cadet Corps of Winnipeg attained highest averages, and thereby wins the trophy awarded annually by the Governor General of Canada for the highest all-round efficiency in a Canadian unit shooting in the Imperial Shield contest. The winners of the major trophy presented by Colonel R. W. Prennell of the South African defence forces, have not been announced.

Of the ten Canadian cadet corps which fired, 100 per cent, of their strength, the Winnipeg unit scored highest, an aggregate of 7,429 for the eighty boys comprising the unit or an average of 62.86 out of a possible 100. Chatham N. B., Grammar School, with an average of 90 came second, followed by Trinity College Cadet Corps, Port Hope, Ontario and Wingham High school corps, each of which scored 88.78 per cent of possible 100.

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Lumbering Is Much Improved

Lumbering conditions in the New Brunswick woods have been much improved by the recent snowfalls and the colder weather which has prevailed during the past few days. Sufficient snow has fallen to enable the various lumbering crews to commence hauling and yarding operations under normal conditions.

Mild weather and lack of snow which preceded the winter-like conditions of the latter part of the week made toting and hauling unusually difficult in swamp and low-lying land. With hard bottoms and lots of snow, regulation loads can now be hauled and the cutting operations are gathering way for the season.

The recent upward trend of lumber prices has greatly improved the general season's outlook and has induced a spirit of optimism. This spirit is easily noticeable according to those who have recently visited the lumbering areas. Men are plentiful and there is every prospect that a good season's cut—at least an average—will be the final result.

A large number of contracts for telegraph and telephone poles are being filled by New Brunswick operators this season who are not confining their operations only to long lumber and pulpwood. Lathwood fence-posts and railway ties are also being cut in considerable quantities although the majority of the contracts for railway ties have been already filled. The contracts for telegraph poles have been received largely from the Western provinces and United States.

Currents And Cruising Bottles

A bottle thrown into the sea by the United States Fishery Bureau off Chatham, Mass. has been picked up at Brixham, having accomplished its voyage across the Atlantic in just two years. Similar experiments over a considerable number of years by Captain Simmons, F.R.S. yielded some interesting results. Of several thousands of bottles which he committed to the waves about 10 per cent were picked up in various parts of the world, and the particulars asked for on the letter in each bottle were supplied by the finders. Many of these bottles drifted 10,000 miles before coming ashore, the average rate of travel working out at about half a mile an hour. One of Captain Simpson's bottles took four and a half years on its sea trip, in which time it travelled from Capetown to the Shetland Islands. In less well authenticated instances a bottle is said to have been thrown into the sea off Christchurch, New Zealand, eleven months later while another, committed to the Atlantic 1250 miles N.W.N. of Capetown, reached Port Phillip, Australia in five months.

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Dedication of Organ at St. Paul's Church, Nelson

A large number of people were present Sunday morning Dec. 21st. at St. Paul's church when a special feature of the service was the dedication of a new organ to the Glory of God and in living memory of the late Mr. George Burchill, Jr who was organist in St. Paul's church for several years before his death.

During the services the Archdeacon remarked that for the first nine or ten years after St. Paul's was first used for public worship, which was on Christmas Day, 1825 the singing at the services was without instrumental accompaniment. But about the year 1834 the first pipe organ, built by a man from Truro, N.S., was placed in the gallery and was in use until about 50 years ago when, being out of repair, its use was abandoned and the choir

moved down from the gallery to stands. The Archdeacon expressed the hope that the new organ might long be a worthy instrumental accompaniment to the vocal offerings of praise to God in St. Paul's, and thus be a worthy memorial of Mr. Geo. Burchill who, had he lived, would doubtless have regarded it as one of his highest pleasures to play upon it, and who could cause it to give expression to the notes which fell so gratefully upon his musical ear. Mr. Kebble, the organist of St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, who built this organ out of a combination of three organs that had outlived its usefulness though still still having good material in them was the organist of the day and members of St. Mary's choir and congregation were present.



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