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M. K. PIPER
 PROPRIETOR AND PUBLISHER.

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Forest fires although disastrous enough in their immediate effect are apparently not without their uses after all. It seems that the white birch springs up and thrives best in the wake of the forest fire, and where as this was once despised as an inferior wood it is now proving to be one of the most useful and valuable of forest products.

Quoting from an editorial in the New York Sun:—

"The white birch of New England, one of the most despised of all the forest trees, is dignified by the forestry service of the department of agriculture of the United States, in a pamphlet. It is called the paper birch, though it is never used for making paper. Indians used to make their curious pictures on its bark, and it was their only paper. Maine industries occupy the centre of the paper-birch world, but there is some manufacturing from it in the other New England states and New York."

"Spoons, shoe pegs and shanks, toothpicks, dowels, toys, novelties and various other articles are made of the birch, and all the efforts of science to discover a substitute have failed. No other wood or made-up material is considered fit for the goods that are made of the white birch. When that is taken into account, there is some value to forest fires, for it is on the burned-over woodlands that the birch thrives to the best advantage."

"There are thousands of acres over which owners look with regret on the springing up of white birches, but that is not the practice in Maine. The farmers recognize a value to the quick growth. They can get from \$15 to \$25 a cord for it at the spool and peg mills, and the waste material is worth from \$3 to \$4.50 a cord for shipment to cities for firewood."

"The forest service claims that some 80,000 cords of the white birch is cut annually, beside the waste, and that means 32,000,000 board feet of lumber. All of that is used in this country except about 4,000,000 board feet shipped to Scotland for making the same kinds of goods as the paper birch is prized for in this country. In years gone by the Scotch have been a good deal more of the birch, but they have of late found cheaper supplies in Scandinavian forests."

"Therefore, it is plain that the poor old white birch is a better tree than its reputation. There might be no spoons and no toothpicks but for that, and the shoes would be pegged with nails and wire more than they are now. That 80,000 cords of paper birch is worth about \$1,600,000 a year, and that would be missed by the farmers if the growth of the birch were discouraged too much."

"The crop is not continuous on one piece of land, for the birches and poplars, the latter being generally designated as poppies, are but the temporary growth that follows forest fires. They give way generally in a few years to the pines and hardwood trees that are more hardy, and men of experience claim that they prepare the land by some mysterious process of nature for the more valuable growth that follow. Long Island is the southern limit of the white birch, but it grows as far north as the better known sections of Canada, and may be expected to grow for all time, or until man uses all the acres for more profitable crops."

Good work has been done on the sidewalks at the eastern end of the town and they are in better shape than ever before. We presume the plan is to cover all sections of the town during this season. We take the liberty of directing the attention of the road commissioners, lest they should have overlooked it, to the School Street sidewalks. The abundant crop of hay has been gathered from them and yet there is something to be desired. The oldest resident says he does not remember ever having seen a shovelful of gravel put on them except by the property owners. This is an important section of the town and all visitors are shown our handsome schoolhouse and beautiful school grounds, but the road impression is somewhat marred by the defective condition of the sidewalks.

CRANBERRY EXPERIMENTS.

(Canadian Horticulturist.)

Cranberry culture is becoming an important factor in the fruit industry of Nova Scotia. In 1890, the output from cultivated bogs amounted to 400 barrels; in 1898, it reached nearly 4,000 barrels; in 1908, about 8,000 barrels. A barrel holds 80 quarts, and a well managed bog should yield at least 150 barrels. At five or six dollars a barrel the yield per acre sells for \$750 to \$900. The crop is a profitable one, but the growers are constantly meeting with discouragement and disappointment. Insects and frosts are the worst enemies and were particularly aggressive during the years 1902 to 1906. In view of the constant damage done by these enemies and of the fact that a well managed cranberry bog entails a comparatively large initial expense, we would suggest that the provincial government establish a cranberry experiment station. A proper location in a cranberry district, could be purchased outright or arrangements similar to the "model orchard" plan, could be made with an established grower. The cranberry growers of Massachusetts are working to secure a station of this nature in that state as they are planting larger areas each year and have to contend with the usual difficulties. As the United States growers are competing more each year with Canadian growers, it is time that the industry here was put on a firmer basis.

A cranberry experiment station would investigate insects and diseases and how best to spray and otherwise control them. It would determine the best methods of flooding and other means of preventing injury from frosts. Systematic experiments with fertilizers could be carried on with relation to their effect on the color, quantity, size and keeping qualities of the fruit and to determine their retentive values in the soil. The propagation, development and origination of varieties, the destruction of weeds and mosses and the study of climatic conditions could all be included in the work. There are many problems to work out and much to learn in this industry. The establishment of such a station should be considered favorably by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

THE CHLOROFORM JOKE.

(Hamilton Herald.)
 Dr. William Osler has completed his 60th year at last, and is being reminded on all hands of his chloroform joke. He cannot expect to live down that unfortunate bit of pleasantry.

Ottawa, July 19.—Canada's trade for June shows an increase of \$9,606,898, compared with June of last year, and for the first quarter of the present financial year an increase of \$20,686,824 over the corresponding period of last year.

WHAT CAUSED THE ACCIDENT TO THE NEW GLASGOW PICNIC TRAIN?

The Eastern Chronicle, New Glasgow, (Liberal) after giving an account of the serious accident to a crowded picnic train, that left the rails near Trenton last week, has the following:—

"Just what caused the accident is of course open to expert explanation. One caused assigned is a loose wheel, another a bent axle, and others look on the track with suspicion. Our knowledge of railway running requirements is merely superficial and the examination we made of the track where the car ran off on the following day, was superficial, but if we were asked for a cause for that run off, we would try and apply common sense, and unhesitatingly lay it to the condition of the track. From a switch some yards below the Trenton station to about where the wrecked car lay, the track rests on a mass of rotten sleepers, that should have been replaced years ago, one would judge. As one examiner remarked, 'The rails might as well be lying on the mud.' We were told that the sleepers were only rotten on the top; in reply we ask what hold can a spike have if only the point touches sound wood? Some years ago a representative of this paper had occasion to walk over the piece of track on the Sydney road, out past Matheson's Foundry, for a mile or so. He severely commented on the condition of the sleepers there, and it later developed that the local men were all aware of their rotten state, and the track master had requested new ones to renew that section, but the powers in Moncton knew better than the men on the spot and turned the request down. There was no delay following our exposure of the state of the track. It's a safe guess that a similar condition exists with regard to the sleepers at the scene of the run off. If a track official has to beg for material to keep his track in safe condition, and then have his requests pigeon-holed, is a nice state of affairs. In Moncton they may term it retrenchment and economy, but to sound it correctly, they should prefix 'criminal' before the words. A railroad official with a spark of spunk in him, and we have them here, must have hung his head with shame when he looked on those rotten sleepers after the wreck on Friday. If those in Moncton will not give these men a free hand to keep affairs in a safe condition, let the politicians step in and back them for these necessary expenditures before the Minister or on the floors of the House, else give up carrying passengers except in very small numbers, and at a snail's pace. It was no place for a heavily loaded excursion train. This is the people's road. They want no criminal policy of retrenchment, and above all they want a safe road."

(From The Outlook.)

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Judge Longley and family are in town.

Miss Grace Thomas is visiting Miss Hilda Grimm, of Springfield.

Miss Kathleen Colpitts, of Yarmouth, is visiting Miss Susie Marshall.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Mulhall and two children are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Young.

Dr. W. F. Read has gone to Montreal to take an extended course in medical research.

Mr. Harry DeLancey, of Boston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Uniacke DeLancey.

Mrs. Stout and daughter, Mildred, of Maplewood, Mass., are guests of Mrs. Charles Marshall.

Mrs. Cunningham (nee Nita Eaton) and little Evelyn, of Halifax, are guests of Mrs. O. A. Rogers.

Mr. Kenneth Phillips, of Sydney, arrived on Tuesday to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Phillips.

Mr. D. C. LeGalle has been suffering a great deal with his knee. He was unfortunate and slipped on a doorstep and struck his knee.

Miss Lucina Elliott, of Brickton, who has been ill the past six months, passed away on Tuesday morning. She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

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HOUSEKEEPERS of BRIDGETOWN

Do not fail to attend the free demonstration

ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR

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Miss MacPhee, conducting these demonstrations for the OGLYVIE'S FLOUR MILLS CO., is a graduate of the best college of Household Science in America, and will explain thoroughly all the newest and best methods of bread, cake and pastry making. Also free samples of cooking will be served to all present.

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"Black Prince" hose for boys are worth trying. They make less work for the mother.

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The undersigned has opened a Laundry Business in Bridgetown in the old Revere House. Having had fourteen years' experience in the business I can assure you of satisfaction. Give me a trial.

W. E. White
 Bridgetown, July 24th, 5' ins.

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 E. Kaulbach, C.A. Principal
 15 College St. HALIFAX, N. S.

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Collars Ladies' Lace Collars Sale Price 10c.	Side Combs Celluloid Side Combs Sale Price 6c	Fly Paper Two double sheets Sale Price 4c	Cup and Saucer Japanese china Cup and Saucer. Sale Price 12 1-2c	Tray Cloth Hemstitched Edge. Sale Price 19c.
Belts Ladies' White Belts Sale Price 10c	Ribbon Taffeta Ribbon, 4" in. wide. Sale Price 15c. per yd.	Strainers Extension Strainers Sale Price 12 1-2c.	Jardinieres Fancy Decorated Jardinieres, large size. Sale Price 14c	Embroideries Corset Cover Embroideries. Sale Price 15c.
Laces To clear stock. Sale Price 2 & 3c per yd.	Buttons Pearl Buttons. Sale Price 2 doz. for 7c.	Talcum Powder Violet Talcum Powder. Sale Price 8c.	Graters Vegetable Grater. Sale Price 8c	Dress Shields Ladies Dress Shields Sale Price 12 1-2c

GROCERIES. SPLIT PEAS, lb., .04 RICE, 2 lbs. for .39 MIXED CAKES, 3 lbs. for .25 MACARONI, 3 pkgs. for .25 SALMON, can, .12 CORN, can, .09 PEAS, can, .08 PUMPKIN, can, .09 PEACHES, can, .19 TOMATOES, can, .10	GROCERIES. KOVAH JELLIES, pkg., .08 CREAM TARTAR, pkg., .06 PEPPER, pkg., .06 GINGER, pkg., .06 CLOVES, pkg., .04 VANILLA-EXTRACT, bot., .08 LEMON EXTRACT, bot., .08 JAM, in glass jars, .15 SEEDED RAISINS, pkg., .10 RAISINS, lb., .08	GROCERIES COW BRAND SODA, .04 MOIR'S BEST CHOCOLATES, .36 MIXED CHOCOLATES, lb., .25 CHALLENGE CHOCOLATES, lb. 20 BON BONS and CREAMS, lb., .15 CREAMS & CHOCOLATES, lb., .13 NATIONAL BLEND TEA, lb., .28 UNION BLEND 30c. TEA, .32 UNION BLEND 35c. TEA, lb., .28 RED ROSE 40c. TEA, lb., .35
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WANTED:— Good Print Butter, 20c. pound trade, Saturday. Eggs 20c. dozen.

W. W. CHESLEY

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