FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 26—The agent for property at the corner of Regent and Charlotte streets in this city, formerly owned by Hon. E. H. Wilmot, and more recently occupied by Ex-Mayor John Palamer, stated this evening that the report published today to the effect that the property had been purchased by J. Ross Thompson, chief engineer of St. John and Quebec Railway, was incorrect.

The first right of way for the Valley Railway has been secured by the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, ex-Warden John Scott having given the deed of the right of way across his property at Dumfries to President Gould of the company as a Christmas gift. Many other residents along the St. John Valley who have been enthusiastic in their support of the railway project will give the company the right of way across their property.

Mrs. Crookshank, widow of Otty Crookshank, for many years deputy auditor-general, died here this morning. She was a daughter of the late Hon. John R. Partelow, St. John, and was aged eighty-four. She leaves two sons—Conductor Andrew Crookshank of the Intercolonial, and John R. Crookshank; tlso two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Fowler and Mrs. Walter P. Fenety. The body will be taken to St. John on Thursday morning for interment in Fernhill.

Richard H. Phillips, health inspector for the city expired suddenly at his home here this morning. He was stricken down while donning his overcoat and was dead when found. He was a son of the late James P. Phillips, who published the newspaper "Headquarters" here years ago, and worked in the office as a printer for some time. He afterwards carried on a milk business. For ten years he had been inspector of health. He was a prominent Baptist, and was at one time clerk of the Brunswick street church. He is survived by one son, R. L. Phillips, president of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association, anl one daughter who lives in the west.

The engagement of Miss Ethel Boyd, daughter of John A. Boyd, mechanical foreman of the Intercolonial, to J. W. Graham of Milltown, is announced.

The funeral of Frank H. Everett was held this afternoon under auspices of Fredericton Lodge K. of P. Services were conducted in St. Ann's church by Rev. Canon Cowie.

Charles K. Howard, travelling freight agent of the C. P. R., has been offered a position with the Quebec & St. John Railway Company.

Miss Eleanor Rainsford, daughter of the late Capt. Charles Rainsford, of the 104th Regiment, is seriously ill in Kingsclear. She is ninety-three years of age.

George Smith and his two sisters, Miss Smith and Mrs. Carman, are confined to their home on Brunswick street with pneumonia and congestion of the lungs. They are all in a critical condition.

Fredericton, Dec. 27—In the city council chamber this morning W. E. Jardine, retiring manager of the local branch of the Bank of New Brunswick was waited upon by prominent citizens and a gold watch, suitably engraved, was presented to him. An address was read by Mayor Thomas. Mr. Jardine returned thanks in an appropriate speech. He will leave tomorrow evening for British Columbia to go with the Bank of Vancouver.

The school inspectors of the province will hold their annual conference with the chief superintendent here tomorrow.

There was a light fall of snow this morning.

Scott Act Inspector McFarlane and Detective Roberts made seizures of liquor at Stanley and Millville this week.

Last Saturday morning County Scott Act Inspector W. L. McFarlane and Detective James Roberts drove in the pouring rain to Stanley and arrived at Blanch Crotty's place, where they found some men drinking and confiscated the liquor, which they brought to this city in a valise. On Christmas day the inspector and detective went to Millville and that evening seized twelve bottles of whiskey in the possession of Brock Good, and yesterday morning, while en route home from Millville, they stopped off at Upper Keswick station and there raided the premises of Rainsford Allen, but found no liquor there.

Today's Royal Gazette gives notice that Rev. Albert Clinton Berrie, of Woodstock; Rev. T. Beecher Wetmore, of Lower Millstream, Kings county; Rev. M. Latouche Thompson, of St. John; Frank Gaskill, of Hampton, Kings county, and Rev. Wilfred F. Gaetz, of St. John, have been registered to solemnize marriages.

George McSweeney, Beatrice McSweeney, John L. McSweeney, Anges McSweeney, and E. Albert Reily, all of Moncton, give notice of application under the firm name of "George McSweeney Co., Ltd.," to do general contracting and real estate business. The head office will be in Moncton, and the capital stock of the company will be $49,000.

Notice is given in today's Royal Gazette of the application for letters of incorporation of W. E. Washburn, W. J. Nagle, J. C. Earle, G. E. Logan, A. H. Washburn and Mrs. Gertrude Nagle, all of St. John, under the firm name of "Washburn, Nagle, Earle, Ltd." The company intended to carry on a general retail and wholesale millinery business in the province of New Brunswick. The head office is to be at St. John, and the capital is to be $10,000.

Cards have been received here from Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stewart Mahary, of Calgary, announcing the wedding of their daughter, Miss Vera Laverne, to Henry Waldron McLeod, at their home, on Dec. 20. Mr. McLeod was formerly of St. John and is a grandson of A. D. Yerxa, late recorder of York county, and was also formerly a student at the U. N. B. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod will make their future home at Revelstoke (B. C.).

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REXTON

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 22—Miss Nellie Clark, teacher of pianforte at Mount Allison Ladies' College, came home Tuesday to spend her vacation.

Dr. F. W. Tozer returned home yesterday from Portland (Me.)

Mrs. Alexander McGregor was called to St. Joseph's yesterday on account of the illness of her son, James, who is attending college there.

The funeral of A. L. McNairn was held yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. Rev. A. D. Archibald officiated at the services at the house and the grave, in Galloway cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Peter Elward takes places here this morning. Rev. Father Lapointe will celebrate requiem high mass and interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Miss Jessie Ferguson returned Wednesday from a visit to friends in Moncton.

Miss Albena Wood, who has been teaching school at Main River, is home for her vacation.

Miss Maude Mundle, who has been attending Mount Allison Ladies' College, is home for the holidays.

There is a case of smallpox at Richibucto Village, and the house under quarantine. The school there closed last week in consquence.

The public examination was held in the primary department of the public school tonight, by Miss Laura Mitchell. The pupils acquitted themselves well in their studies, and the programme of entertainment, which was carried, was very much enjoyed by the large number of visitors present.

The intermediate department was examined yesterday and a great many visitors were present. The work of the pupils showed thorough training on the part of the teacher, Miss Smallwood. The songs, recitations and dialogues, delivered by the pupils were exceptionally well rendered. The class rooms were tastefully decorated, a large Christmas tree in each room being an important feature. The drawings on the boards were very interesting. The public examination was held in the advanced department of our school yesterday and was very interesting, the most important feature of which was the presentation of the lieutenant governor's medal to one of the pupils, Miss Sarah Palmer. Miss Palmer made the highest average in this county at the high school entrance examinations, held last June. She also received a $5 gold piece, awarded by H. M. Ferguson to the pupil taking the medal. This is several times that a pupil of this school has won the medal, and Miss McInerney is to be congratulated on her success as a teacher.

James McGregor is recovering from his illness at St. Joseph's College. His mother and brother, Roy, are with him.

Lawrence McNairn, of Moncton, was in town Thursday attending the funeral of Aanythony McNairn.

Mrs. James Mitchell is still in very poor health.

Mrs. John Dickinson, who is receiving treatment at the Moncton Hospital, is not improving as fast as her friends would like to see her.

Rev. Father Tessier, of St. Joseph's College, came in yesterday and went to Richibucto to assist Rev. Father Martinueaux during the holiday season.

Mrs. J. C. Glencross went to Moncton yesterday to spend a few days.

Walter Jardine came from Fredericton yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jardine.

Law Lennox came home yesterday to spend Christmas Christmas.

Leonard Roach come home yesterday from Chatham where he was attending St. Thomas' College.

Fred Cail, Harry Gould and Roy Peters came from McGiarney's Junction yesterday to spend Christmas at their homes here.

Fred McLean returned from Saskatchewan yesterday to spend the winter at his home in Jardineville.

Miss Lillian McLelland, who has been teaching school at Pine Ridge, came home yesterday to spend her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Howard, of Kent Junction, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

Harlen Warman of Molus River had two fingers cut off while working at a wood cutter a few days ago.

Louis Richard, of East Galloway, returned yesterday from Fredericton where he was attending the Provincial Normal School.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 24—Mrs. Whitman Tingley, of Chester, sustained severe injury yesterday morning by a kick from a horse. Mrs. Tingley, in the absence of her husband, went to the barn to feed the horse, when the animal, a large stallion, kicked, the blow striking Mrs. Tingley in the face, inflicting a bad cut and splintering the cheek bone.

The injured woman was unconscious for a time from the blow, but recovered and walked to the house. Drs. Carnwath and Dash, of Riverside, were summoned and attended to her injuries, and she is now reported as resting quite comfortably.

Peter Daley, an old resident of Germantown, died quite suddenly on Friday, having only taken ill the day before. He leaves a wife and grown up family.

The terminal examination of the Hopewell Cape school took place on Thursday, the pupils, under the direction of the principal, Jack H. Dixon, and Miss J. P. Brewster, of the primary department, making a very excellent showing. In addition to the examination of work of the past term, an interesting programme was given that was much enjoyed by the visitors, of whom there was a large number present. Short addresses were given by W. W. Wright, Freeman Crocker and Miss Evelyn R. Bennett. Quite a number of the pupils in each department had been present every day during the past term.

Saturday's train on the Albert road brought in a large number of passengers, three cars being well filled with former Albert county residents and others bound to these parts for Christmas.

Miss Margaret Archibald, of the Sussex school staff, came to her home here yesterday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brewster and child, of Moncton, are spending a few days at the former's old home here.

Miss Mary Russell, who has been teaching at Upper Dorchester, came home on Saturday for the vacation.

Among those at home at the shiretown for Christmas are: Bruce Dixon, of the U. N. B.; Fred Burns, of Halifax; Miss Louise Burns, of Moncton; Miss Ola Burns, who has been attending school in St. John; Miss Margaret R. Lynds, teacher at the provincial normal school; Miss Reita Fownes, from Wolfville; R. B. Bennett, M. P., of Calgary.

Frank McNaughton, a McGill medical student, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Carter, wife of Sheriff Carter, at Hopewell Cape.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Bishop and children, of St. John, came on Saturday to spend Christmas at Mr. Bishop's former home in Harvey.

Professor Paul S. Duffy, instructor in music in the Halifax school for the blind, and organist in one of the city churches, came to his home at Hillsboro on Saturday for the holidays.

Capt. Western Crocker, of Riverside, was operated on yesterday for a serious internal trouble. He is reported to be doing satisfactorily.

The real property of the late Wm. H. Newcomb, of Albert, was sold by auction yesterday in the interests of the heirs. The property, which consisted of three houses, realized some $1,500. One house at Albert was bid in by E. O. Barber for $900.

An interesting Christmas service was held in the Methodist church here this evening. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Kirby, delivered an impressive discourse appropriate to the occasion, and the choir sang Holy Night and other fitting selections. Miss Celia Peck presided at the organ.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins, the newly appointed rector of St. Alban's Anglican church, Riverside, preached there today at 10.30 a. m. Rev. Mr. Grant preached in the Baptist churches on the Hopewell field today.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 25—Mrs. Richard Hawkins, of Wetaskewin (Alta.), came to her former home here today, for a brief visit. Mrs. Hawkins, before her marriage, was Miss Martha Braig. She has been living in the west for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wright and children, of Moncton, spent Christmas at Mr. Wright's former home at Mountville.

The three year old child of Captain John Lunn, of Albert, died yesterday. The child's mother died only about a wee kago.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 26—John Richardson, a well known resident of Memel, is seriously ill at his home there. Dr. Murray is attending him.

Captain Crocker, of Riverside, who was operated on for a serious internal trouble on Saturday, continues in a satisfactory condition, and unless complications develop, is expected to recover.

Peter Daley, of Germantown, whose death occurred on Friday, was buried yesterday, interment being in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Riverside. Rev. Fr. Lockary officiated at the services.

The funeral of the little child of Capt. J. P. Lunn, of Albert, took place today, burial being in the Hopewell cemetery. Rev. Mr. Kirby conducted the services.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, Dec. 25—Special Christmas music was sung in the churches here yesterday. In Chalmers' church, besides special music by the choir, a solo was well rendered by Mrs. William Campbell, of Mount Allison, Sasckville, who is spending her vacation in town, the guest of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. James.

Chesley D. Buck and his bride of three months, came last week to spend Christmas with her aunts, Misses Jardine, of Platt's Point. Mr. Buck will remain a few days; Mrs. Buck will make a longer visit.

William Denham, principal of the Grammar School, went to his home in St. John, to spend vacation.

Mr. Steeves, of the advanced department, went home to Sussex to spend Christmas.

John Jardine, of Madison (Maine), arrived on Saturday to spend a short vacation with his father, James A. Jardine.

Miss I. J. Caie, principal of the Milford Superior School, came on Saturday to spent the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Caie.

Thomas Murray, a student at St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, came home last week to spend the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Murray. Barke McInerney, a student at the same college, is home to spend vacation with his father, Edward McInerney.

Miss Edith Bourque, a pupil at the Buctouche convent, is spending the vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Bourque.

Miss Leah O'Leary, a student at the Chatham convent, came on Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O'Leary.

Mrs. R. J. Cauley came from St. John on Saturday to join her husband, who is the new accountant for R. O'Leary.

Miss Kate Robertson, teacher at Kent Junction, came on Friday to remain over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson. She left yesterday morning for Boston on a holiday trip.

William Robertson, who has been attending business college in St. John, came on Friday to spend vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Robertson.

Miss Agnes Flanagan, stenographer for a law firm in Moncton, came on Saturday to spend Chistmas with her mother, Mrs. Martin Flanagan.

Miss Ella Kavanagh, teacher at Kouchibouguac, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kavanagh.

Fred Mundle, of the Bank of New Brunswick staff, Moncton, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Mundle.

Richibucto, Dec. 26—There is a case of diphtheria in town at the home of Mrs. John Stevenson. Her son, Lee, has been taken with the disease, and the house was yesterday quarantined.

J. D. Phinney, K. C., of Fredericton, came today, being called here by the sudden death of his brother, Robert Phinney.

Miss Lizzie Irving returned recently from Montague (P. E. I.), where she had been spending the past two months with her sister, Mrs. C. Irvine MacNeill.

Miss Marie Lynott, of St. John, came on Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lynott.

Lester Brown returned recently from a trip to St. John.

Mrs. Harry Lanigan and children, who for the past two months have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert McKinnon, left recently to join Mr. Lanigan, who is employed by a lumber firm in the northern part of the province.

Misses Florence and Marguerite Bourque, pupils at the St. Louis convent, are spending the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Bourque.

Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Haines have gone to Galloway to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Fred. Kennedy.

Duncan Allenach, of the I. C. R., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allenach.

APOHAQUI

Apohaqui, N. B., Dec. 26—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strong and family, of St. John, spent Christmas day with Mrs. James Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Keith, of Petitcodiac, spent the holiday with Mrs. Keith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Veysey.

W. T. Little and little daughter, of Fredericton, are spending a few days at David Little's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ellison and daughter, Miss Florence, spent Christmas in Rothesay with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gregg went to Petitcodiac to spend the holiday at Mrs. Gregg's former home.

A. H. McCready, of Sackville, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McCready, on Christmas day.

The Misses Grace Secord, Annie Armstrong and Georgie Chambers are home from their respective schools to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. J. L. McWilliam has returned to her home in Harcourt, after spending some weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Humphrey.

Mrs. Church and James Bayley, of Petitcodiac, were here yesterday attending the Bayley wedding.

Mr. Nickerson, of Shediac, spent Christmas here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Secord.

Miss Margaret Johnson, of Houlton (Me.), who has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Johnson, returned yesterday.

Hazen Ferguson, of Sussex, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones.

Mrs. Guy H. Adair is visiting relatives in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of St. John, spent Christmas with Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason.

Miss Greta Hallett, of Sussex, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Folkins left today for their home in Calgary.

A. B. Wetmore, who has been confined to his bed for fourteen weeks with typhoid fever, is improving very slowly, being able to sit up only a few minutes each day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Orchard are spending a few days with relatives in St. John.

JEMSEG

Jemseg, Dec. 26—The school here was put through a public examination of a very thorough character on Wednesday last by the teacher, Miss Nehida Purdy.

The Rev. C. G. Pincombe attended the closing on Friday last and delivered a very practical address to the scholars on Obedience, Punctuality and Cleanliness. Miss Julia Gunter then presented Arnold Dykeman with an address from his classmates on leaving school for a business course. This is Miss Purdy's second year at the school.

The churches in Upper and Lower Jemseg were beautifully decorated and large congregations attended the Christmas services, conducted by the Rev. C. G. Pincombe.

Miss Fanny Gunter is in a precarious state of health, which at her advanced age causes anxiety.

The following are spending the Christmas vacation with friends here: Miss Fannie Purdy, with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Purdy; Miss Olive Gunter, Jack Pincombe, Claremont Dykeman, Burbee Elgee, and Reed and Cecil Ferris, with their parents.

Mrs. William Purdy has been suddenly called to St. John in consequence of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Worden.

A concert was arranged by C. B. Dykeman, superintendent of the Sunday school, and given in the Baptist church on Christmas night before a crowded audience. One interesting feature was the hearty co-operation of a number of young ladies who ably assisted to bring the affair to the great success it was. Among those deserving special mention are Miss Lottie Dykeman, Julia Gunter, Maud Curry, Ina, Cilla and Susie Colwell and Muriel Elgee. Deacon Joshua Colwell spoke briefly on the recent Provincial S. S. Convention in St. John; C. B. Dykeman on Parents Interest in Sunday School Work, and at the end of the programme the Rev. C. G. Pincombe gave a an eloquent address on The World Without Christ—A Contrast.

MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 26—At a meeting of the city council tonight to consider the water and light department reports for the year Mayor Reilly stated the present year had been the most profitable since the city expropriated the works. The net profits amounted to $21,390.92, with cash on hand of $44,985. The gross revenue for the year was $51,527.

City Clerk Magee and Auditor Carter submitted a financial statement in connection with the water department showing that the department really owed the city treasury $32,298.15. They suggested steps be taken to divert some of the surplus of the water department to reducing the city taxes for ordinary purposes. The council decided to seek legislation carying out these suggestions.

The Main street tunnel constructed by the I. C. R. under the Northern railway crossing has been declared ready for traffic and the city council tonight gave the I. C. R. authority to close up the old roadway over the dangerous crossing and diverting trame through the tunnel.

That natural gas was on the city the night of the big conflagration on Main street last week, was the statement made by the city engineer tonight. The council instructed the city engineer to be present at the test of gas pipes before the company turns on its gas for use, in order to see that the safety of citizens is properly safeguarded.

HAVELOCK

Havelock, Dec. 26—Many of the people of the village and vicinity visited John Perry, of Canaan Road, who yesterday celebrated his 100th birthday. He received many congratulations from old friends and was also the recipient of tokens of remembrance. Mr. Perry is not very active just now but has all his faculties and converses freely of old times. He is living with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Dunham, where he receives every attention to make him comfortable.

The opening of the new school building took place here on Thursday, 21st inst., and was well attended. The meeting took place in the assembly hall of the building and was addressed by Hon. H. R. Emmerson, M. P., of Westmorland; Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. for Kings-Albert, and Amos O. Blenes, school inspector. Miss Jones is the principal of the Superior school here and has given good satisfaction.

Miss Estella Alward, of Upper Ridge school, held her examination on Friday and after the exercises were finished the pupils gave an excellent programme of dialogues, recitations, with music instrumental and vocal. Miss Alward will remain another term, her services being highly appreciated by all.

Miss Zella Alward, formerly teacher of Havelock Superior school, will next Thursday be one of the principals in a very interesting event at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Alward. Mrs. Nanie Fownes gave a party recently in her honor at the residence of Mrs. John C. Price, when she (Miss Alward) was made the happy recipient of many tokens of remembrance and the good wishes of many of her young friends.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec 25—Mrs. Edward Wiseman, of Mile Stone (Sask.), is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry MacLean.

Mr. Payne, of the Bank of Montreal, Bathurst, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Tingley, of Moncton, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. T. Austin Scribner.

Thomas Bellmore, of the West, lately of Blackville, is the guest of Ald. George Stables.

Mrs. James Bryenton, of Bryenton, returned Thursday from Fredericton, whither she had accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Clinton Parker, of Derby, to Victoria Hospital. Mrs. Parker is doing well.

Large congregations greeted all the pastors at yesterday's services in the churches. In the morning at the Methodist church the programme was largely supplied by the Sabbath school scholars.

In the evening at the Presbyterian church, after an eloquent sermon by Rev. S. J. MacArthur, a missionary address was delivered by Manager McCurdy, of the Royal Bank, recently a delegate to the Laymen's Missionary meetings at St. John.

The funeral of Mrs. Geo. Ife, of Derby, was held Saturday.

SALISBURY

Salisbury, N. B., Dec. 26—Among the Salisbury students and teachers home for the holidays are Fred Francis and Stanley Trites, Montreal; J. Stewart Henry, Hillsboro (N. B.); Gurney Steeves, Fredericton; Misses Alice Patterson and Louise Trites, Sackville; Helen Sentell, St. John; Bessie Francis, Norton; Beatrice Jones, Perth; Alice and Mary Foster, Sackville.

Miss Vera W. Littlefield, who has been spending a few days with friends here, returned to Boston on Friday accompanied by her cousin, Miss Coral V. Mitton, who will spend sometime in Massachusetts.

Temple O'Blines and Alex. Bleakney are spending the holiday season with friends in Portland, Maine.

At the school closing here on Friday, after an attractive programme by the scholars of the three departments, the teachers, Principal T. T. Goodwin, Misses Margaret Gaynor and Mabel Parker, each received a handsome present from the pupils of their respective departments.

Charles L. Henry, superintendent of the Salisbury Baptist Sunday school, was presented with a valuable chair and an address by his fellow workers in the school on Christmas night.

HARVEY STATION

Harvey Station, Dec. 26—Christmas passed over very quietly, the absence of snow made getting around a little inponvenient. The chief event of the day was a rifle shooting match, which was engaged in by a considerable number of men and some excellent shooting was done. Thos. O. Harris captured first prize; Wilmot Tracey, second, and Odbur Little, third.

Among the holiday visitors are Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Macdonald, of Calais; Miss Nellie Smith, of Providence, and David Smith, of Calgary, the guests of Mrs. W. E. Smith. Mr. Smith went west about seven years ago and is with his brother engaged in the real estate business in Calgary. This is his first visit to his old home in that time, and he is receiving a warm welcome from his many friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis E. Macdougall, of Kentville (N. S.), are also spending Christmas here, the guests of Mr. Macdougall's mother, Mrs. T. Robinson.

The people of Tweeside have their new hall well advanced and expect to have it completed in a short time. The building is large and will be a great convenience to the place.

FLORENCEVILLE

Florenceville, N. B., Dec. 22—The closing exercises of the Consolidated school took place yesterday with a record attendance of visitors. School closed today and the teachers have left to spend the Christmas vacation.

The monthly meeting of the Agricultural Club was held Wednesday evening. After the business was transacted an excellent paper on poultry raising was given by Dr. Barry Hagerman.

Rev. D. Fiske, B.A., has left to assume charge over a large field in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. McCain have gone to Presque Isle for Christmas.

ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 26—(Special)—The delegates from the St. John Presbytery, Rev. Gordon Dickie, and Rev. Mr. McPherson of Harvey, arrived here today in the matter of the merger of the St. Stephen and Milltown congregations. The other members of the committee did not arrive. The delegates met the trustees and session of elders in Elder Memorial Hall, when the matter was discussed thoroughly. A resolution was finally passed unanimously that the feeling was, that the scheme was not practicable at the present time.

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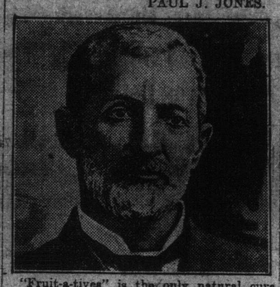

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THE FARMERS' POSITION

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—The millennium seems to be near at hand. The farmer at last has got the ear of the politicians. Mr. Rowell, the leader of the opposition in Ontario, and Mr. Borden, Premier of Canada, are both out with a farmers' policy. Mr. Rowell proposes a commission to find out what is really wrong with the farmer, and he will promote the immigration of farm laborers, build a system of good roads, extend electricity to the farm, appoint inspectors to stamp out noxious weeds, establish demonstration frams, and make agriculture colleges do more experimenting.

Mr. Borden, in the speech from the throne, flatters the farmers. Farming, he says, is the great basic industry of Canada, and therefore the time has come when greater aid and encouragement should be given to those who are engaged in the cultivation of the land. A bill would be introduced, he said, to provide better roads, and another to assist and encourage the farmers to secure the best results in production and at the same time to secure the fertility of the soil.

Mr. Rowell's royal commission might be worth while if only to decide the claims of rival experts and to settle authoritatively whether agriculture has declined because of small profits, limited markets, high protection, laziness and stupidity, or to a tendency of the people of the country to prefer the allurements of city life. The appointing of inspectors to rid the country of noxious weeds is an interesting proposition, and to most of the farmers would seem to be on a par with the proposal of a noted poultry expert who advised the agriculturists of Sackville to grow and sell no more hay from the Tantramara marshes but to go extensively into the raising of geese.

Mr. Borden's government is making an attempt to secure a trade treaty with British Guiana, which has a population of 17,000 whites and 300,000 blacks, and refused a trade with the country, to the south of us, that portion of which, east of a line from Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico, has a population larger than that of Great Britain, and imports 60 per cent. of the food-stuffs it consumes.

However, it is not the intention of this article to critize the measures proposed to aid the farmers of Canada, but only to note the desire of the politicians to make a move which they think will be popular. This with the constantly decreasing rural population of Eastern Canada is surely sufficient to convince all that radical means must be taken to stay the constantly increasing tide of emigration from the country districts south into the United States, where the most of them continue to live and prosper under an alien flag.

What is the cause of this ever increasing desire of our young men and women to leave the homes of their fathers all through the country districts of these provinces by the sea? Is it, as the advocates of the "interests" asert, that these simple country people are caught by the stories of a fairer land far away, and, child-like, leave their beautiful homes of plenty and exchange a life of comfort on the farm for dingy quarters, and hard work with small pay in the industrial centres of the country just across the line? Or is it that these young people (the fairest and brightest of our land) after years of experience with hard work and small returns have learned that some one has sinned, that all classes are not equal, that the government of the country in protecting the manufacturers by a high tariff, the doctors and dentists by legalizing their fees (as requested by these professions) the teachers and civil servants by pensions, and other classes by various other means, has so over-burdened the farmers with the cost of bonusing and pensioning all these that the maintenance of their roads, schools, and churches (ever increasing as the population decreases) has become so difficult that they are constrained to leave the homes of their birth in the country and seek their livelihood in some of the occupations that are protected by the laws of the land.

And now these "interests," fearful that the decline of the consuming population will lessen their opportunities for profit, cry out to the government of the day to expend more money to bring in new settlers to replace those that are gone. Tax the farmer to help maintain all other classes; then, again, raise the taxes to educate himself by lecturers, usually professional men who have not made a success in the calling of their choice. Apply the remedy again for better roads, and better schools, and, finally, tax those that are left to bring foreigners to compete with themselves.

And thus the work of experimentation goes on. Some thoughtful farmers have been bold enough to suggest that the government aid agriculture by a bounty on the chief products of the farm. And what would happen if our government should be reckless enough to act on their suggestion? Why, the farce would be complete as each industry would then pay its own bounty or protection. The farmer would collect toll from the manufacturer to encourage him to raise potatoes and grain; the manufacturer levies a tax on the farmer to enable him to get a bare living at producing farm implements, stoves, woolens, cottons, and numerous other manufactured articles. The doctors and the dentists, by the fixing of their own fees, and, thereby anulling the law of competition, extract by the painless method their little donation from the public; and likewise all other bonused classes are taught that it is better to receive than to give. The laborer, then, being the only class not having the legal right to get something for nothing, would have to go out on strike or pay the whole shot alone.

Now, Sir, if the opinion of an ordinary farmer is worth anything, I would suggest that the best method of encouraging and improving agriculture is to remove all obstructions to trade, to leave the farmer unfettered by protective tariffs and allow him to sell where he can sell the best and make him free to buy in the open markets of the world. The protective tariff of Canada does not protect the farmer, and so long as we are heavy exporters of our main products it never can protect. We want no favors; we need no bonus, or protection. All we ask is the privilege of working out our own destiny without having to pay tribute to any other industry.

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To clean a burned kettle, turn out the burned contents, but do not fill with water. Set it aside to cool, and then place in a handful of washing soda and water and let the solution boil for an hour or more.

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