ST. JOHN TO HAVE ONE OF FINEST APARTMENT HOUSES IN ALL CANADA

Hon. Wm. Pugsley Interested in Company Which Proposes to Put Up Highest Building in City at Corner of Princess and Germain Streets—Homes for Forty-five Families.

Saturday, June 21.

A proposal soon to take definite shape will go a long way towards filling one of St. John's greatest needs. The Telegraph learned last night that St. John is to have a thoroughly up-to-date apartment house to be erected on the fine vacant lot at the corner of Princess and Germain streets. Honorable William Pugsley who bought this piece of property some months ago originally intended to erect a modern garage there but as the location is much better adapted to residential purposes, being in one of the best sections of the city, he has decided that it would be more desirable to have an apartment house built on the lot.

For some time negotiations have been under way looking to the organization of a company having this object in view and it will not be long before the undertaking will assume practical shape. Plans have already been drawn for a building of seven stories, occupying a space 100 feet by 80 feet and to contain forty-five apartments with the most modern conveniences. The building is to be of fireproof construction and if the plans are carried through it will compare favorably with the most ornate of the larger apartment houses in Ottawa and Montreal, ranking with the Roxboorugh in the capital and the Linden in Montreal.

The architect who has the matter in hand is coming to St. John next week. The announcement that this desirable corner is to be used to provide for a class of building which is becoming a necessity in a city of any size will be received with great satisfaction. If the enterprise comes forward with Hon. Mr. Pugsley's support it will be quite in line with the progressive and constructive work he has always done for this community.

JUNE WEDDINGS

Kirkpatrick—Kirkpatrick

Friday, June 20.

The wedding of Roy A. Kirkpatrick of Fairville to Miss Clara J., daughter of Frederick Kirkpatrick, took place last evening at the home of the bride in City road. Rev. George A. Ross officiated. The groom is employed with the C. P. R. as fireman. After a reception and luncheon at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick drove to Fairville where they will reside.

Beattie-Vanwart

Friday, June 20.

At the home of the bride's uncle, Wilfred Scribner, 39 Albert street, last evening Miss Dora Myrtle, daughter of Wesley Vanwart became the bride of Ernest Manford Beattie. Both bride and groom belong to Kars, Kings county, and will make their home at that place on their return after a short trip. The wedding took place at 7.30 o'clock and was solemnized by Rev. J. D. Wetmore, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church.

Clarke-Bright

Friday, June 20.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening in Portland Methodist church, when Rev. William Lawson, assisted by Rev C. Reddick, united in marriage Miss Selina Bright, of Carbonear, Nfld., to Eugene Clarke, also of Carbonear. The bride looked charming in a gown of white silk with lace trimmings, with bridal veil and orange blossoms and carrying a bouquet of cream roses and maiden hair fern. The bride was attended by Miss Mima Curtis, while Jas. Clarke supported the groom. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served at the new home of the bride and groom, 29 Barker street. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke received many beautiful remembrances in cut glass and silver.

Martin-Gayner

Friday, June 20.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception when Rev. D. S. O'Keeffe united in marriage Anastasia Gayner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gayner, and Arthur Marten, formerly of Fredericton. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a very pretty costume of cream serge with a white picture hat with a willow plume and crystal trimmings and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaid wore a fawn colored suit with black satin trimmings and a black hat trimmed with pink roses. The groom's present to the bride was a substantial check, to the bridesmaid a gold bracelet and to the groomsman a set of gold cuff links. After the ceremony all drove to the home of the bride's parents at No. 5 Frederick street, where supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Marten will reside at No. 96 Forest street. Their popularity was attested by the many beautiful presents received.

Ferris-McCready.

A charming wedding of much interest to New Brunswickers took place on June 18 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCready, Toronto, when their daughter, Miss E. Maude McCready, was married to Lewis Stowe Ferris, of Brooklyn (N. Y.) The bride was given away by her father. She wore a traveling suit of black and white with Nell rose trimmings and a waist of grey crepe de chine veiled in Nell rose ninon with white picture hat with white plumes and Nell rose trimmings. She carried a shower bouquet of American Beauty roses and lilies of the valley. The Lohengrin wedding march was played by Mrs. Love, and while the register was being signed Mr. Love sang very acceptably. The bride's mother received the guests in amethyst pan velvet with pearl trimmings. Among the out of town guests were: Mrs. J. E. Price, of Regina, who wore grey silk charmeuse with pearl trimmings; Mrs. L. S. Ferris, mother of the groom, who wore black charmeuse with tunic of crystal, and Miss Vannie Wheaton, of St. John, who wore old rose satin.

The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch bracelet; there was a baby grand piano from the father of the bride, a Haviland china dinner set from Beecher Wetmore, of Lower Millstream, in the presence of a large number of friends of the young couple.

After the ceremony, supper was served at the home of the bride's aunt, where only the near relatives and friends were present. The bride received many nice presents, among them being glass, linen and silverware. The bride's traveling suit was of navy cloth, and large black the mother of the groom, and a silver service with mahogany tray and gold drawing room clock from J. E. Price, of Regina, uncle of the bride, in addition to a fine array of other gifts.

They left for Renforth (N. B.), where they have a summer cottage, and after a few weeks will return to Toronto, where they will reside.

The bride's parents formerly lived at Norton, and they and their daughter have a host of friends in this city and throughout the province.

Brastow-Murray

Chatham, N. B., June 19—A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murray at eight o'clock last evening, when their daughter, Nina Helen, became the bride of Royce Wilmont Brastow of South Brewer, Maine. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Henderson. The bride was given away by her father. She was unattended. Only immediate friends and relatives were present. The bride was most becomingly gowned in white satin trimmed with orange, carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and lillies of the valley and looked very charming and lovely. After the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served and the guests were waited upon by four girl friends of the bride, Miss Nan McKnight, Miss Irene Loggie, Miss Ethel Stothart and Miss Grace Huson. Among the guests were E. H. Brastow, father of the groom and the latter's sister Mrs. Gene Burr who had come from El Paso, Texas, to attend the wedding. After a honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Brastow will reside in South Brewer.

Daniels-Mabee.

A pretty wedding of much interest took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride, Perry's Point, Kings county (N. B.), when William H. Daniels and Annetta Eleanor Mabee were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Gordon Lawrence, of Trinity church, Kingston (N. B.), the bride being given away by her father, Drake Mabee, and attended by Miss Annie P. Daniels, of Bar Harbor, Maine, sister of the groom, Bart Worden, of Kingston, acting as best man. The bride was prettily attired in white embroidered voile carrying a large bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid wore a gown of blue mesaline dropped with pink and blue chiffon, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents, among which was $50 in gold, received from the American Law Library, New York city, of which the bride was formerly an employe, and a gold watch and fob, the gift of the groom. The happy couple left for a few days visit to the Annapolis Valley, and on their return will make their home at Perry's Point, Kings county (N. B.)

Hutchins-Campbell.

The United Baptist church, Collina, Kings county (N. B.), was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, when Margaret Isabella, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Campbell, was united in marriage to John Lorne Hutchins of Head of Millstream.

The bride, who was given away by her mother, was prettily attired in a white gown of allover embroidery with fringe trimming, and wore a bridal vail and orange blossoms. The ceremony was performed before a bank of potted plants and cut flowers, by Rev. T. Nelson Parker, assisted by Rev. T. Flat with plumes. The happy couple will reside for the present at Head of Millstream.

Trudelle-Mercier.

Dalhousie, June 18—A very pretty wedding took place in the R. C. church here on Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., when Rev. A. A. Boucher united in marriage Miss Lumina Mercier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Mercier, and Henri E. Trudelle of Edmonton. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a cream serge suit and large black picture hat trimmed with uncurled ostrich plumes and carried a bouquet of roses and carnations. Ed. Trudelle, of Quebec, supported the groom. At the conclusion of the service a wedding repast was served at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Trudelle will reside in Edmonton, Alberta. A large number of beautiful presents were received.

Before leaving Edmonton the groom was presented by his friends there with a magnificent cutlery service and a handsome clock. The happy couple, amid showers of rice, and good wishes, left for Gaspe in the afternoon by S. S. Canada. After returning to Dalhousie to spend a couple of weeks, they will visit Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Regina.

The bride's traveling costume was a navy blue tailored suit, with hat trimmed with American beauty roses.

McGaw-Cooper.

Saturday, June 21.

The wedding of Miss Carrie L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, of Gagetown, to Joseph A. McGaw, a popular employee of the St. John Railway Company, was solemnized last evening at St. George's church rectory, Bathurst (N. B.) Rev. J. A. Cooper, brother-in-law of the bride, officiating. The rectory was prettily decorated for the ceremony, which took place beneath a floral bell. Apple blossoms and white lilacs were used in the decorative scheme. The bride was gowned in a becoming costume of ivory duchess satin trimmed with duchesse lace and apple blossoms. She wore a veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of lillies of the valley.

After the marriage ceremony, the wedding party enjoyed a car ride to "The Points," and on their return refreshments were served in the rectory. Many costly wedding gifts were received, including a dinner set from the employees of the St. John Street Railway.

Mr. and Mrs. McGaw left Bathurst on the Ocean Limited, and after a short honeymoon trip will reside at 20 Main street, Fairville.

Gower-Freeze.

Saturday, June 21.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. M. F. McCutcheon, when Eva Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Freeze, of this city, was united in marriage to Arthur N. Gower, of Westport (N. S.) They were unattended, and only immediate friends were present. The bride wore a traveling suit of brown with picture hat. Mr. and Mrs. Gower will take a trip through Nova Scotia, after which they will reside at Digby.

Sproul-Hilyard.

Fredericton, June 22—(Special)—A wedding of interest took place Saturday evening at Grape Cottage, Brunswick street, when Miss May Hilyard, youngest daughter of Mrs. F. S. Hilyard, and James Harding Sproul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. M. Sproul of Hampton, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Dean Schofield. Chas. H. Edgecombe was groomsman, and Mrs. John C. Allen, sister of the bride, matron of honor. The flower girl was little Miss Catherine Allen, niece of the bride. The bride was escorted to the parlor by her cousin, George Hilyard, of St. John, and was given in marriage by her mother.

Many visitors were in the city to attend the wedding. They included the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. George Hilyard, of St. John; Mrs. V. A. Waterbury and Miss Waterbury, of Boston; Mrs. Gray Murdock, and Mrs. W. P. Downing, of St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Sproul left last night by C. P. R. on their honeymoon. The groom is a captain in the 74th Regiment Brunswick Rangers, and will attend camp which begins this week at Sussex.

OBITUARY

Dr. Charles A. Secord.

Friday, June 20.

Miss Celia Secord, of this city, yesterday received the sad news of the death of her brother, Dr. Charles Armstrong Secord, which occurred yesterday in New York. He was a son of the late Frederick Secord, and was educated in this city, and a number of years ago took up his residence in New York as assistant to his brother, Dr. F. R. L. Secord, surgeon and dentist, and some time later practiced his profession for himself with great success. He always retained his interest in his native city and made frequent visits to it. He was a man of the most amiable disposition and had a large circle of friends who will regret very much his death.

Dr. Secord was never of very robust physique and had been in failing health for some years, but his death came rather suddenly. Besides his sister, he also leaves a brother, J. E. Secord, of E. G. Nelson & Co. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon from St. John's Stone church with which he was formerly connected.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wilson.

Friday, June 20.

Friends of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wilson will regret to learn of her death, which occurred yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. J. D. Allan, Pleasant Point. The deceased, who was in her 87th year, leaves, besides her daughter, three sons, Samuel and William, of Calais (Me.), and Alexander, of Lawrence (Mass.), and a nephew, M. B. E. Allan, of this city. Mrs. Wilson was a native of Ireland, and had lived in St. John since childhood. Her husband was the late Alexander Wilson, contractor, who predeceased her thirty-fixe years ago. Mrs. Wilson had been a regular attendant of the Presbyterian church.

James Riley.

Friday, June 20.

The death of James Riley occurred yesterday at his home, 78 Somerset street, after a short illness from pneumonia. He was about sixty-five years of age and had for some time been employed in the Portland Rolling Mills. His wife, one son, Edward, and one brother, Edward, all of this city, survive. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 2.30 o'clock.

Miss Mary Ann Buxton.

Miss Mary Ann Buxton died very suddenly from heart trouble at the home of her nephew, Samuel Buxton, Deerville, Carleton county (N. B.), May 20, aged 77 years.

The deceased was the youngest daughter of the late John and Mary Buxton, pioneers in the settlement of Jacksonville, and was born there July 18, 1836. She was possessed with a most genial disposition and was familiarly known to her many friends and acquaintances as "Aunt Ann."

Notwithstanding the fact that she suffered the loss of sight several years ago she was ever cheerful and bore her affliction with wonderful patience and Christian bravery.

The funeral was held at Jacksonville. Rev. E. C. Jenkins, pastor of the Avondale Baptist church, of which she was a member, spoke from a text chosen by herself, Mar. 14-8: "She hath done what she could."

Earle Garfield Day.

Chipman, N. B., June 18—On June 18 the death took place of Earle Garfield Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Day, of Chipman. The deceased was fifteen years of age.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, June 15, in the Baptist church, Rev. R. J. Plint officiated, assisted by Rev. M. P. King. Interment was at the new cemetery in Chipman. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Chipman during recent years, which was a striking tribute of the respect and esteem in which the young man was held. He was one of Chipman's most respected young men and a great deal of sympathy is being expressed for the sorrowing parents and the seven brothers and two sisters who remain.

Mrs. H. G. Spearman.

Friday, June 20.

Much sympathy is being expressed for the death of Mrs. H. G. Spearman yesterday at her home in Forest street. She had been ill only a short while, and her death was very sudden. She is survived by her husband and two children, one two years of age and the other just a week old.

Mrs. Elizabeth Quinsler.

Saturday, June 21.

Mrs Elizabeth Quinsler, widow of William Quinsler of this city, died at her residence, 61 Adelaide street yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Quinsler's death came after an illness which lasted almost a year. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Court and was born in St. John where she has lived all her life. She was a woman of fine character, a regular attendant of St. Luke's church, and was widely known for her kindliness and Christian spirit. She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Solomon McConnell, Mrs. Charles Marvin, Mrs. George Wetmore, Miss Margaret and Miss Bessie Quinsler, of this city, and Mrs. James Price, of Spokane (Wash.) One son survives her, Joseph C. Quinsler, of Vancouver. Mrs. Leonard Parker, of Tynemouth Creek, is a sister and William Court, of this city, a brother.

Mrs. Sarah Hunter.

Saturday, June 21.

Word reached the city yesterday of the death of Sarah, widow of Henry M. Hunter, formerly of this city. She was 82 years of age and had resided in Toronto for several years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Sutton Boyd, of Moncton; two sons, Herbert Hunter, of Buffalo, and Harry, of Toronto; and two stepsons, Joseph Hunter, of Boston, and S. E. Hunter, of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of N. W. Brenan & Sons.

George L. Lyons.

Boston, June 20—George L. Lyons, the husband of Mrs. Mary Lyons, who has been living at 7 Rand Place Roxbury district, is dead at his late home there. He was prominent in Boston and Roxbury. Mr. Lyons was 57 years of age, a native of Chatham (N. B.), and lived in New Brunswick for twenty years before coming to the United States.

William R. McCluskey.

Boiestown, N. B., June 20—In the death of William R. McCluskey, who passed away yesterday after a short illness, one of the best known residents of the Miramichi has joined the great majority.

Mr. McCluskey, who was 52 years old, had been one of the foremost men of the Upper Miramichi section. He had carried on a large general store business and was also successfully engaged in the lumbering business, being an extensive dealer in pulp wood, railway ties, etc., as well as long lumber.

In his career he had made for himself a reputation for business intergrity which was of the best. Besides his widow, he is survived by a family of ten, eight sons, Frederick, in the United Stated, Chipman and Willard, at Cobalt, and Hedley, Dell, Lawrence, Reginald and Audrey, at home, and two daughters, Misses Winnifred and Vida, at home.

Mrs. Frank K. Dixson.

Hopewell Hill, June 18—Mrs. John K. Dixson, of Mountville, this parish, died at her home there this morning, after a long illness from cancer. Mrs. Dixson was about 55 years of age and was highly respected. She was a daughter of the late Robert Milburn, of Curryville, and leaves her husband, two sons, Watson and George, of Mountville and four daughters, Mrs. George Downey, and Mrs. Trueman Smith of Curryville, and two married in the States. She is also survived by three brothers, John W. Milburn, of Mountville; Asa Milburn, of Curryville and Wm. Milburn, of Sydney, and two sisters, Mrs. Wilmot Cochrane and Miss Jane Milburn, of Curryville.

Charles Yerxa.

Fredericton, June 21—The death of Charles Yerxa occurred this morning, after a lingering illness. He was seventy-nine years of age and was a son of the late James Yerxa, of Keswick. The late Mr. Yerxa was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of the late Michael Yerxa, of Keswick. The children by the first wife are Mrs. Robert Baird and Mrs. Herbert Colwell, of this city; Mrs. Horace Lockwood, of Woodstock, and one son, Parkin Yerxa, of Bangor (Me.) He is survived by his second wife, formerly Miss Ebbett, daughter of the late James Ebbett, of Keswick. The children by the second marriage are Mrs. Albert Libbey and Miss Lulu Yerxa at home. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edward Hughes, of St. Stephen.

Mrs. Eunice N. Titus.

Monday, June 23.

The death of Mrs. Eunice N. Titus, wife of the late Charles Titus, of Upham, Kings county, occurred tonight at 6.45 o'clock, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Angus McLean, 206 Douglas avenue, at the age of seventy-three years, after an illness of three months. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Peter McIntyre, St. John; Mrs. John W. Snow, Moncton; Mrs. Angus McLean, of St. John, and Mrs. J. Herbert McAvity, Sussex; and three sons, Berfort W. S., Bloomfield; Frank S., Campbellton, and C. Wilbur. She was a daughter of the late Jacob Dykeman, of Jemseys, Queens county. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 2.30 o'clock, from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Angus McLean, 206 Douglas avenue. Interment will be in Fernhill.

Thomas J. Williamson.

Monday, June 23.

Thomas J. Williamson, of this city, died while being taken to the General Public Hospital Friday evening, after a brief illness. He was fifty years of age and leaves a wife and two children. His daughter is Mrs. William Dunham, of Macon, Georgia. Three brothers—George and Arthur, of St. John, and William, resident in the West—survive him. The funeral takes place today at 2.30 o'clock, from 39 Carleton street.

If the contents of the garbage can are drenched with kerosene daily, it will discourage the flies.

HAVE INSPECTOR TO SEE DAIRIES AT ANY OLD TIME

Retiring Chairman of Board of Health Recommends Permanent Official

ENSURE PURE MILK

Great Advance Made in Six Years Towards More Sanitary Housing in St. John—Thinks City Commissioners Now Have Enough to Do Without Supervision of Health.

Saturday, June 21.

Having served as chairman of the Board of Health for six years Thomas Gorman, who retired this week has become familiar with matters affecting the health of citizens, and when asked to speak of some of the outstanding features yesterday he referred particularly to the need of a permanent dairy inspector to be on the job all the time, making sudden and unexpected visits summer and winter to the farms supplying milk to the city.

"This is necessary," he said, "before the board's work in connection with the milk supply is complete and the people are assured that they are getting milk free from any contamination. The board could then satisfy itself that conditions at the place of production were always as they should be."

Sterilizing Cans.

Mr. Gorman said, however, that a great improvement had been made in the inspection of milk during the last few years. All cans must be sterilized before they are returned to the city and it is one of the duties of the board's inspector to visit the sidings where the milk is loaded to see that this plan is carried out.

As for housing reform, Mr. Gorman thinks a great improvement has been made in the last years he as chairman having passed and seen carried out hundreds of orders for the installation of sanitary conveniences.

Speaking of the proposal to turn the work of the board over to the city commissioners, Mr. Gorman said that he did not think it would be any more practical or as economical than the present system, as the members gave their time free of charge and all worked in harmony. As the government had some control, having the appointment of the chairman and one other member, and also contributing to the work, he thought that this would suffice so far as supervision was concerned, if the question of home rule was left out of it. The work of the board, he thought might hinder the commissioners from attending to their numerous other duties.

THREE NOVA SCOTIA BROTHERS ESCAPE DEATH PENALTY

Halifax, June 20—The trial of the three Graves brothers, charged with the murder of Kenneth Lee, in June of last year, was concluded at Bridgetown (N. S.), today, and the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter. They were convicted of murder last year and sentenced to death, but their counsel succeeded in securing a second trial for them. They will be sentenced tomorrow.

Bridgetown, N. S., June 21—Graves brothers were sentenced this morning to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

A meeting of fishermen will be held at Wilson's Beach Tuesday evening to discuss the question of holding a fish fair in connection with the exhibition in St. Stephen in September.

C. E. Harding has sold the wooden two-family dwelling with freehold lot 40 by 100 feet, 177 and 179 Duke street, to a local purchaser. The sale was made through Allison & Thomas.

The secretary of the Board of Trade orchard company has received word that 800 fruit trees have been set out on the farm near Brown's Flats. All the trees are said to be in good condition and within the next few weeks it is likely that a party of Board of trade members will visit the form.

The farm lands of New Brunswick have attracted another settler. Yesterday H. M. Weeter, of Pennsylvania, arrived in the city and after a consultation with the secretary of the board of trade left for up river points, where he will look over farms with the idea of locating here and raising fruit. He heard of the fruit prospects here from Henry T. Hoag, secretary of the board of trade.

Application has been made for the incorporation of "The Sturgeon Cove Lumber & Land Company, Limited," capital stock $40,000, with head office at Black's Harbor, Charlotte county. The applicants are Lewis Connors, Bernard Connors and J. Edwin Connors, of Black's Harbor; Hugh R. Lawrence and A. Gilmor Stewart, of St. George; W. Jack Campbell, of St. John, and F. Howard Grimmer, of St. Andrews.

When the table cloth shows signs of wear, cut it up into cloths the size of napkins. They will often save you good napkins and will come in very handily for the picnic basket or to wrap about a dainty bit of food which is sent to the neighbors.

When frying apples or bananas, try using olive oil; it is much better than butter fat.

BAD ROADS AND NO HOPE FOR ANY IMPROVEMENT

Flemming Road Act Is a Political Scheme

ROAD PATROLS ARE GREATLY NEEDED

Weakness of Present Plan as Seen in Practice—Where is the Highway Engineer Who Was to Direct the Work? Too Much Politics and Too Little Roadwork.

The Highway act adopted by the local government at the last session of the legislature is not giving satisfaction to the people of the province. Some sections of it would seem to be all right in theory, but it is declared by those in close touch with the situation that the Act as a whole does not work out well in practice.

More general complaints are being made this year about the condition of the roads all over the province than ever before, and these complaints are by no means confined to opponents of the government. Many friends of the administration who have the welfare of the highways at heart, have no hesitation in condemning the Act as impracticable, chiefly owing to the fact that the municipalities have no voice in the expenditure of the road money and nothing whatever to say about where or when road work shall be done, or who shall supervise it.

The People Have No Say.

Whereas, under the old Act, road superintendents were chosen by the highway boards, of which each parish had one, composed of two parish councillors and a third man known as the highway secretary appointed by the government, thereby giving the people some say in the expenditure of their own money, under the present Act the supervisors for each highway division in each county of the province are political appointees selected by the minister of public works; and the county inspectors, of which each county is supposed to have one, are also direct appointees of the minister, and, in all cases, supporters of the government. So far as known, none of the county inspectors has yet been appointed.

No Engineer Yet.

One of the features of the Act which strongly appealed to members of the legislature when it was before that body, was the section providing for the appointment of a road engineer for the province who should have the supervision and general control over the building, maintenance and repair of the highways and the expenditure of all the money appropriated by the legislature for such purposes. No engineer has yet been named; consequently, the expenditure of all road money and the full control of all work being done have been left in the hands of the district supervisors who in many cases know very little about road construction, turnpiking and drainage, and are often so busy with their own farm duties that they refuse to attend at the proper time when road work should be carried on. For this reason farmers throughout the country are complaining that bad spots in the roads, which if taken in time would require little attention, are allowed to become worse while the supervisors are busy putting in their crops or doing other spring work on their land, until by the middle of June the road is almost impassable and can be repaired only with great effort and expense.

Statute Labor Difficulty.

And here arises the difficulty in the performance of the statute labor for which the Act provides. The section reads:

"The resident ratepayers of any division may perform labor in lieu of money payment of road tax at the following rates: For the man, 12½ cents per hour; for a double team, with a competent teamster and proper and necessary implements, 30 cents per hour, and for a single team with a competent teamster and proper and necessary implements, 22½ cents per hour.

"All labor in lieu of taxes shall be performed before the fifteenth day of July in any year."

It is pointed out that farmers will not turn out to work on the road for 12½ cents an hour when at the high wages prevailing in other lines of work they can earn from $2 to $3 a day. Of course, the Act provides that:

"On the expiration of the time allowed for the performance of labor in lieu of money payment of road tax, the supervisor shall forthwith make up and certify to the county secretary a list of ratepayers who have not performed labor in lieu of money payment, showing the total amount of road tax due by each ratepayer; the county secretary shall, on receipt of such list, forthwith proceed to have such unpaid road taxes collected as delinquent parish and county rates are collected, under the provisions of the Act respecting Rates and Taxes, and when so collected and returned shall credit the same to the road tax fund of the parish in which they were assessed."

This, it is contended however, is all right so far as it goes, but the trouble lies in the fact that the money so collected is not spent on the road when it would do the most good, that is, at the time set for the performance of the statute labor.

The amount of this tax is reckoned as follows: "Upon the poll of every person between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, resident in the parish, the sum of $1.50, and an amount not less than one-fifth of one per cent. upon the assessed value of the real and personal property and income of every person, male or female, minor, or company, or body corporate, and upon the property of any undivided or undistributed estate, as set out in the assessment roll."

No Knowledge of Where Money Goes.

Those who complain that the government work is not being done to the satisfaction of the people, point out that the taxpayers have no knowledge of where their money goes. The parish collector hands it over to the county treasurer, who is supposed to pay it out on the order of the minister who, it is explained, cannot be expected to know in which localities the money is most needed. In the absence of a competent road engineer for the province, he is forced to leave it to the judgment of partisan supervisors, who are often accused of being influenced by political friends and who expend it on parts of the road which are not in the greatest need of repair.

The opinion is freely expressed that no road law will ever be satisfactory until it provides for some system of patrol, under which a competent overseer shall regularly inspect the road in his territory, see that there are no ditch 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.

The Highway Act of 1913 is considered a fine piece of political machinery, but of little use to the people of the province in the upkeep of the roads.

BIGGER FARM CROPS IDEA 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, R. P. Steeves, the former inspector in an interview with The Telegraph yesterday in which he outlined some of the work planned by his department. That his appointment may have a very important effect on the economic situation seems very probable from the ideas to 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 one of 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 10. The teachers whom we will choose 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 full course, devote their whole time to the work, pass the examinations and take up the practical school gardening and agricultural work during the first term.

"Boards of trustees which introduce school gardening as a portion of the school work will receive encouragement in the way of financial assistance to a certain extent under regulations to be framed and the intention is to have the work done practically with the school garden as a piece of apparatus used in the general educational work of the schools.

Farm Competition.

"Competition in plots, first at school and then extending to the children's own farm homes will be instituted and prizes offered for the best results. These will be awarded according to counties and regulations will be framed with the object of extending as far as possible the line of study besides the importance from an economic standpoint of improving farm crops."

"Assistance will be given for the maintenance and equipment of school gardens so that the teaching may be the most practical form. Teachers who have taken a full or partial course in school gardening or nature study work who wish to take up the work in schools next term or trustees wishing to obtain such teachers would do well to apply to the directors at once.

"The department is also very desirous that Arbor Day and its object of improving the condition of school grounds should become a more satisfactory element in country school life and competitions will be instituted with this end in view.

"Encouragement is also to be given to the elementary domestic science in the schools of the province and it is hoped that many country schools will avail themselves of the opportunities in this respect.

The director is available either by letter or personally at Sussex, where his office is located at present, and will be glad to give teachers, trustees and others interested every assistance.

ALFALFA FIREGUARDS

Much of the loss to crops, buildings and other improvements, caused by railway fires in cultivated sections of the prairie 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, it 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.—C. L. in Conservation.