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THE WISE OLD PIONEERS.

Superintendent M. A. MacLeod contributes to the Agricultural Gazette of Canada an interesting article on the Agricultural Societies of New Brunswick. He notes the fact that the first Society was formed in St. John in 1790 but the field of operations was small for quite a number of years. In 1826 the Agricultural and Emigrant Society was organized in Fredericton, and Mr. MacLeod says "it was due to the efforts of this society that New Brunswick acquired the honor of being the first province of Canada to import pure-bred cattle from Great Britain."

The Provincial Government gave a grant to aid in this good cause, and Mr. MacLeod says:—
Subsequent live-stock importations were made until, in 1860, the grants for this purpose totalled \$5,000. These importations laid the foundations, from fifty to seventy-five years ago, of the best herds to be found here."

The system of apportioning annual grants to agricultural societies was adopted in 1840, and \$100 allotted to each county. In 1843 it was provided that the societies must submit a statement of their accounts before getting another grant. In 1840, with not more than 2200 in any one county. Other changes came until 1869, when a Provincial Board of Agriculture was appointed. It consisted of a man from each county, three members of the Government and the professor of chemistry of King's College (now the University). This Board urged the importance of a model farm and agricultural school, so that what is now accomplished at Fredericton was in the minds of farmers sixty-four years ago. In 1874 a Secretary for Agriculture was appointed and the Board ceased to function, as its duties were brought under the immediate supervision of the Government. This experiment was not a success, and after six years a new Board was created, comprising one member of the Government and six men appointed by the Government from the nominees of the officers of the agricultural societies. This system continued until 1888, when the present act providing for a Minister and Deputy Minister or Secretary for Agriculture was adopted.

During the life of the Board a model farm was actually established, but it did not fulfil expectations. The policy was right, however, and Mr. MacLeod says:—
"Today experimental stations and demonstration farms are fulfilling the objects aimed at by these worthy men, and the Agricultural College at Truro, Nova Scotia, short courses, etc., are doing for our young men who wish to take advantage thereof, what the mooted schools of over sixty years ago claimed they would do. At the present time an agricultural school is being erected on the Experimental Farm at Fredericton, where it is hoped many of the sons of members of our agricultural societies may gain some of the advantages sought for them in the early sixties by the Board of Agriculture."

Mr. MacLeod points out that there are now 152 agricultural societies in this province, with upwards of nine thousand farmer members, who subscribe annually about \$19,500. The Government appropriation of \$24,000 gives every member The Maritime Farmer, and the balance is allotted to the societies. Since 1913 there has been an agricultural society division of the Department of Agriculture, with a superintendent in charge.

The agricultural societies promote improved live stock, co-operative handling of fertilizers, feeds, seeds, spraying materials and other commodities, the sale of stock and crops, holding fairs and developing an active social life. Referring to fairs or exhibitions, it is noted that the first was held in Fredericton in 1862, the second in Sussex in 1861 and the third in Sackville in 1872. Today exhibitions are annual and numerous. In addition to the agricultural societies there are now the Farmers and Dairyman's Association, the Fruit Growers Association, the Agricultural Societies Union, which deals with the purchase of chemicals and mixing of fertilizer; and the Dairyman's Union, which conducts an annual cheese and butter show and a fortnightly cheese and butter board. All these activities have developed from the efforts of the far-seeing men of the early years of the province, of whom Mr. MacLeod says:—
"A perusal of the minutes of Agricultural Society meetings, held in the forties and later, reveals the fact that some of the deliberations of that time were on subjects that are considered quite up-to-date nowadays. They reveal men of vision, intelligence and energy who had the good of future generations at heart. They were laying the foundation strongly and well, with a view to leaving a noble heritage to their children and their children's children."

Fredericton is to be congratulated on the great success of its exhibition, whose varied and splendid features have proved so great an attraction to people from other parts of the province.

CHOOSING IMMIGRANTS.

A recent Washington despatch to the Wall Street Journal says that there is a prospect of a revision of the American immigration laws at the next session of Congress. We quote:—
"A clear statement of immigration problems with proposed remedies is under consideration of Secretary of Labor Davis, who has returned from Europe, where he made a thorough study of the subject. Before this statement is made public, the Secretary will have ready for presentation to Congress proposed legislation to carry out his ideas. The secretary already has talked with President Coolidge about immigration. In a general way, Secretary Davis is understood to favor a system of highly selective immigration with the important provision that the selecting shall be done abroad so far as possible, which will do away with the turning back of prospective immigrants after they have reached this shore. That will require cooperation of American consuls, steamship lines and the foreign governments. Beyond that the basis for selection probably will remain some quota system, but not necessarily that in force at present. It is not likely the immigration doors will be opened any wider than at present, however. It is the belief here that it is the type and not the number of immigrants it lets in which is the main trouble with the present law."

If this forecast is warranted, there will be no letting down of the bars to admit undesirable into the United States. That country has no longer an open door for "the oppressed of all nations." It wants only the healthy and fit. The suggestion that the selection be made before the newcomers leave the other side of the Atlantic is in their interest, since it is a great hardship to make the ocean voyage and then be rejected. Canada and the United States may be said to have identically the same immigration problems, since Canada also, should admit only the healthy and fit.

The following very interesting item appears in the Edmonton Bulletin:—
"A forestry official of the Dominion Government says the forest is invading the prairie and that during the last dozen years the timber line in the western provinces has moved out into the open country for a distance of from 60 to 100 miles. The main reason no doubt is that settlement has checked a chance to grow wherever the wind may carry them and drop them in the favorable soil. The poplars of the older provinces destroyed the forests. In the prairie country they are creating forests without meaning to, by keeping down the enemy that swept the plains clear of trees in the long gone ages and kept them clear."

The tragedy near Welsford yesterday has shocked the community. It was a dreadful ending of what had been planned to be a delightful excursion. The danger of the level crossing is again tragically emphasized, and motorists should heed so terrible a warning of this one of the risks of the road.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

An earth shock of moderate intensity was recorded on the seismograph, at the Gonzales Heights Observatory, at 11.15 a. m. yesterday.

Edward Bourgeois, a section hand of the C. N. R. at Moncton, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when struck on the neck by a piece of steel.

R. B. Russell, secretary of the Central Labor Council of the One Big Union, is to be a candidate in the North Winnipeg by-election.

Major George Washington Stevens of Montreal was yesterday elected by the Council of the League of Nations to succeed R. D. Waugh of Winnipeg on the commission governing the Saar Valley.

Dr. Robert Magill, secretary of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, predicts a blockade at Port Arthur and Fort William towards the end of October, if the present shipping conditions on the Great Lakes continue.

The striking pressmen in New York were last night ruled out of the International on the grounds that the walkout was illegal. To the number of 2,800, the pressmen have been on strike since midnight Monday.

Hon. Louis Philippe Brodeur announced yesterday that he had sent in his resignation as Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, because of ill health.

The store of Jones Bros. at Apohaqui was broken into during the night of Tuesday or early Wednesday morning, and \$33.44 in cash and a quantity of jewelry and other articles stolen.

CHILDREN SEE MAN KILL HISSELF ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE
New York, Sept. 21.—Children playing on Riverside Drive, near Grant's Tomb saw a shiny revolver in a man's hand. They drew near the bench where he sat and nudged a spokesman to ask the man to show them the weapon.

He turned it upon himself, pulled the trigger and the bullet entered his brain. He was Louis Cohn, of 1061 Inverdale Avenue, the Bronx.

Cuba has an almost inexhaustible supply of copper.

LIGHTER VEIN.

The Weezy Party.

Professor (explaining the results obtained from the inflection of the voice): "Did I ever tell you the story of the actor who could read a menu so as to make his audience weep?"
Student (strangely moved):—"He must have read the prices."

You Know How It Is.

Alas! We'll soon need coal for furnace fires; but first we'll have to buy the car new tires.

He Was No Fool.

The fake oil well salesman had spent an hour trying to induce the farmer to invest in some of the stock.
"Say, look here," finally exclaimed the exasperated farmer, "I often buy live but never dead stock."

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

How He Knew.

During the performance at the local picture theatre the following novel was flashed on the screen during the interval:
"Lost, between Myrtle Grove and the theatre a gold ring. Finder will be rewarded."

In less than five minutes a man presented himself at the box office.
"The ring is found," he said.
Immediately the clerk rushed off to fetch the manager, who at once came in and started to congratulate the man.
"Have you got it with you?" he asked.
"Oh, no," replied the man, "but I've only just come along that way and it wasn't there, so it's found."

Detained by Friends.

A young man who had gone for a week's holiday long overstayed his time.
On his return to the city a friend who knew he was none too flush of money said to him:
"Why did you remain away so much longer, Jim?"
"My friends kept me there," replied Jim.

"Your friends? Why, I didn't know you had any friends at the seaside," said his companion.
"I haven't," he answered. "My friends are all in town, and they refused to send me any money."

Evening Classes Soon At The Standard Business College

As a Result of Many Requests from the City and Other Places.

In response to numerous eager requests and inquiries, evening classes in commercial subjects and penmanship, stenography and typewriting will open almost immediately at the Standard Business College, which enjoys an enviable reputation among business and professional men who express decided preference for the graduates of this popular commercial institution.

The class in commercial subjects and penmanship will open on Monday evening, September 24, and that in stenography and typewriting on Monday evening, October 1st.

These classes will be in charge of the Principal, Miss Johnson, assisted by Mr. Eric Murray, a recent graduate to the staff of the Standard Business College.

Those desirous of preparing themselves for more rapid promotion and increased salaries should apply at once to the Standard Business College, Standard Bank Building, corner Germain and King streets. Phone Main 206.

Diana Sweets Re-Opens Tomorrow

New Dinner System For Sales People is Special Feature.

Saturday, September 22nd, brings with it the re-opening of the finest and most modern dining and luncheon department and up-to-date confectionery store in the city, by Stevenson Brothers, the genial proprietors of Diana Sweets, at their present premises, 9 Charlotte street.

After a visit to leading Canadian and American cities in quest of new ideas, Mr. Christopher Stevenson has spared neither effort nor expense in refitting the firm's commodious premises with a special view to the requirements, comfort and convenience of sales people who have but little time at the noon hour when a tempting, toothsome, sustaining meal is of so much importance.

Handsome, new, mahogany settees, sanitary glass topped tables and a new tiled floor will completely transform Diana Sweets to what will be added a handsome white kitchen, spotlessly clean which will be in charge of a skilled chef of wide experience in the bigger cities of this continent.

The candy department has been and will be brought abreast of the times, nearly all candy being made on the premises with quality at its best. The ice cream, also the product of Diana Sweets, is made of finest and choicest materials under strictly sanitary conditions and the big soda fountain leaves nothing to be desired.

Daily uniformed sales girls will attend to the comfort and requirements of all visitors, who will be cordially welcomed on the opening day and at all times at Diana Sweets, 9 Charlotte street. See adv. page 10.

RING SOLVES WAR MYSTERY.

A mother's gift of a ring has been the means of solving a seven-year-old war mystery. After the first battle of the Somme, in July, 1916, Donald Poulter of the London Rifle Brigade was reported missing. He was known to have been one of a party surrounded by the enemy, but no information as to his fate was forthcoming.

His mother has now informed by the War Graves Commission that the body of her son has been found. It was identified by means of a ring which had belonged to his dead father and had been given to Poulter by his mother on the eve of his leaving for France.

BORDER LADIES AT BAR HARBOR

Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Veazie at the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 21.—Canadian and American women joined in extending best wishes for the work of the Federation of Women's Clubs at the opening session of the thirty-third annual meeting of the Maine Federation.

Guests of honor were Mrs. A. E. Veazie of St. Stephen, who brought greetings from the Canadian Federation and Mrs. William Todd also of St. Stephen, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, who brought greetings from her husband in behalf of New Brunswick.

Both women spoke of the strong bond of friendship between the people of St. Stephens and Calais, just across the line. "There is no line there," she said, "although each is loyal to his own country." She described the arch of peace between the two countries on the western coast and urged the erection of a similar one in the East.

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BOB-HAIRED FRESHMAN BATTLE COLLEGE HAZERS

Pittsburgh, Sept. 21.—Bobbed hair has halted the initiation of freshman girls at the Carnegie Institute of Technology here. In past years the chief hazing custom has been to compel first-year girls to wear their hair in plaits and in other quaint ways, with ribbons predominating. The custom is passed, sophomore girls declare, because of the popularity of "the bob" and they are in a quandary to find a substitute.

Croquet is a revival of the old game of Pall Mall, which gives its name to a well known London street.

The curfew was introduced by William the Conqueror, probably as a safeguard against fire.

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