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### NO LIQUOR IN PARCEL POST

Postmaster General Does Not Wish to Put Temptation in Way of Employees

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—In an interview today, the Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Postmaster-General stated that after giving the matter considerable thought, he had decided to make a public statement as to the parcel post regulations bearing on the question of the transmission of intoxicating liquor. At first, Mr. Pelletier declined to make any statement as to the regulations until the whole scheme was worked out and all the regulations drafted and issued.

However, in view of the numerous communications received at the Department daily from those who believe in temperance principles, and in order to avoid giving these people so much trouble in writing the Department on the matter, the Postmaster-General has come to the conclusion, that as his mind had been made up, from the beginning on this point, he may as well let the public know now that no intoxicating liquor will be allowed to be transmitted by parcel post.

It has been incidentally regarded that perhaps the Postmaster-General was doing this to please the Dominion Alliance. Mr. Pelletier's answer to this is that he was not doing it at the special request of the Dominion Alliance or any other organization, which directly or indirectly, might be considered as a political or quasi-political organization; that the question had been decided on its merits, and to further the good administration of the postal service.

POSTMASTER'S REASONS. The Postmaster-General was shown a letter recently published in the press in which the question was put as to why liquor should be prohibited from the parcel post when it was considered permissible and proper for transportation by railways, steamboats, etc. Mr. Pelletier answered that he had no intention of discussing the matter at great length. He was satisfied to give two reasons for the movement. In the first place he had recently notified the postal employees (particularly those to whose care money is entrusted), that if they used liquor, they would be dismissed. Consequently, he was not going to be instrumental in putting liquor within reach of these employees who had been warned, and he told that he led them into temptations.

In the second place, Mr. Pelletier said these are many places where the sale of liquor is now prohibited and illegal, because the people have decided that it should be so. "Am I going to thwart their wishes by allowing the transmission of liquor by parcel post into the districts where the people have said they do not want it?"

In conclusion, Mr. Pelletier said, the question is settled and will not be re-opened.

It is known that Mr. Pelletier is a firm believer in temperance principles, and that before entering the Government for a number of years a member of an anti-alcoholic league of the Province of Quebec.

### LARGEST OVERLAND MAIL TRIP IN THE WORLD.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 4.—Four trusted employees of the Hudson's Bay Company, which has operated in this country since 1670, accompanied by two dog teams, each carrying 300 pounds of mail and provisions, are on the way to Fort McPherson, 2,100 miles north of here, on what is considered to be the longest overland mail trip in the world. They are scheduled to reach the fringe of the Arctic Circle on February 28, the journey occupying about sixty days.

The trip from Edmonton to Athabasca, one hundred miles, was made by train the first day, after which the party started on the lonely trail, which follows the windings of the Athabasca, Slave and Mackenzie rivers. Of the teams, with two men, is destined to Fort Smith, the other going to Fort McPherson. The "numbers" are experienced river and woods men, who have passed years in the north country.

Included in the mail is a small packet for Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, to be delivered at Herschell Island, the most northerly mail point in Canada. The original plan was to push on to the far outpost, but adverse just received are that the supply ship Bevedere, which sailed from Nome last July has not yet reached there. In the event the ship does not arrive soon, the detachment of Royal North West Mounted Police, stationed on the island, will fall back to Fort McPherson. Otherwise, the mail carriers will continue their journey two days later, to Fort McPherson. "The winter trip to Fort McPherson is fraught with great danger," said Acting Postmaster Cairns, "but we feel confident that the Htn will get through, as they know all conditions of the country."

### Nova Scotia Got Most of Prize Money

In Dairy Contest Held in Connection With the Winter Fair.

Amherst, Dec. 10.—The results of the seventy-two hour dairy contest at the Maritime Winter Fair were posted this morning, and the Nova Scotia breeders obtained the most of the prize money. The outstanding winners were, Messrs. S. Dickie & Son, Onslow, N. S.; Fowler Bros., Amherst Point; Prescott Blanchard, Truro; Logan Bros., Amherst Point; D. J. MacKay & Sons, Scotsburn, N. S.; H. S. Pyles & Sons, Amherst, and J. R. Semple, Brule, N.S.

### DAIRY CATTLE SPECIALS.

Fowler Bros. won the sulky rake, value, \$23.25, donated by T. Eaton & Co., Toronto, for the best three grade cows, any age, S. Dickie & Son won the \$25 given by the Holstein-Friesian Association, for the sweepstakes in Holsteins; they also won the \$50 prize given by the association for the highest scoring cow in the dairy stable.

S. Dickie & Son won the silver cup value \$100, donated by Henry Birks & Sons, for the highest scoring cow in the dairy test, any breed or grade. Dickie also wins the cultivator given by the Amherst Trading Company.

### BEEF CATTLE AWARDS.

Harold Etter, Westmorland Point, won the silver cup, donated by M. J. O'Brien, for the best shorthorn animal, any age. This cup was won in 1909 by C. A. Archibald, Truro; won in 1910 by C. A. Archibald, won in 1911 by Harold Etter; won in 1912 by R. A. Snowball, Chatham. Other prize-winners in the shorthorn classes were, Edwin Forrest, Amherst Point, C. H. Angus, Barrington, N. S. M. Chas. W. Forrest, Amherst, N. S. M. Tignish; R. A. Snowball, Chatham; H. P. Lawrence, Nappan Station.

In Herefords, Aberdeen-Angus, Galloways and Devons, A. Badshaw, Amherst, 2 firsts; Edwin Forrest, Amherst Point, second; A. O. F. Gill, Little York, first; Edward P. Anderson, Sackville, 1 first and 1 second. Prize winners in grades of any breed were, Hasen Etter, Westmorland Point; Edwin Forrest, Amherst Point; A. Badshaw, Harold Etter, Thomas J. Etter, Edward P. Anderson and James Anthony, Amherst.

Owing to some default the results in the Ayrshire tests have not as yet been handed down.

The judge at the fair this year are as follows:—For beef cattle, R. B. Smith, Columbia, Ont.; sheep, Alex. Hume, Menie; Hervey Mitchell, Charlottetown, and W. A. MacKay, Truro; poultry, Fred Watson, Masheua; F. C. Ellford, Ottawa; W. H. Smith, Kingston; seed, E. D. Eddy, Ottawa, S. J. Moore, Truro; fruit, Prof. W. S. Blair, Kentville.

The management greatly missed W. W. Black, who has always been one of the leading workers in connection with the fair, and also R. S. Starr. Mr. Black is ill with appendicitis, and Mr. Starr is at the present time in Guelph, Ont.

### Enormous Mail for Britain

Montreal, Dec. 15.—It took a special train, ran in two sections of four cars each tonight, to convey Jack Canuck's Christmas mail to John Bull. There will be other big shipments of mail greetings and more tangible matter to the Old Country, but the loads sent away this evening contain the letters and packages that will get to the old folks, wives and sweethearts in time for Christmas Eve, which is even more of a festival over there than Christmas Day is here.

The mountains of mail that are timed to travel by the Royal George from St. John today include over eight hundred thousand ordinary letters, 7,230 parcels, 17,105 registered letters and packages, besides four hundred sacks of newspapers. The ordinary letters were contained in 338 sacks weighing about 20,280 pounds; there were sixty-two sacks of registered mail, and 165 baskets of parcels. Altogether the Christmas mail shipped from Montreal tonight for the British Isles and European countries weighed about forty tons. This, it must be remembered, is mail handled at Montreal only, and does not include the contributions forwarded from Toronto and the West.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Editor.—I noticed an article in the Monitor a few weeks ago from your esteemed correspondent in reference to wheat grown on the Demonstration Farm, and some by the writer. The first was spoken of as "pure bred registered red fife, sent out under government inspector and seal," while that grown by myself was an inferior variety, badly mixed. Let me say in defense: I purchased four bushels from one of the best seed houses in the Dominion, E. A. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Manitoba. They wrote me it was fully ninety-nine per cent pure Marquis wheat, which I think was correct. The Dominion Government Farm Report for 1911 says on page 143:

"Spring Wheat.—Early ripening varieties. . . . The kernels of Early Red Fife are indistinguishable from the ordinary Red Fife, but the kernels of Marquis are somewhat shorter and of a slightly deeper color as a rule. Both are hard wheats, giving flour of first class strength and color for bread making. These two wheats have now been tested at various points. . . . General opinion favors Marquis. This wheat is proving extraordinary successful in the prairie provinces. Early Red Fife has also done very well, but appears more subject to rust than Marquis. Further—Marquis can be recommended as the best early ripening spring wheat at present available.

Marquis wheat has attracted a good deal of attention outside of Canada, samples sent to the United States, Great Britain, Austria, South Africa and elsewhere.

Bulletin No. 71 of same year page 6, says: "Marquis wheat.—This early spring wheat can now be confidently relied on as the best of its class. It was introduced in 1907 and has had an almost unbroken record of remarkable successes ever since. It produces very large crops, has unusually good straw and is more resistant to rust than the common varieties." From four bushels sown I threshed fifty bushels clean grain, with considerable loss from a poor season and washouts, several bushels more than the Demonstration Farm produced from same amount of seed."

And as to impurities, I think it a very clean lot. I had some ground, and even in stone burrs, the flour is very nice, makes a beautiful blend, while the coarse cannot be beaten for breakfast food.

True, the judge who was sent to judge the standing grain, said, "too many red heads." Quite a few had red chaff. I examined them carefully and so far as I could see there was no difference in the heads, except a few had red chaff.

I sent samples of each to Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and in reply Dr. C. E. Saunders, Dominion Cereals, under date of Sept. 30, 1913, says: "There has been trouble for some years with red chaff heads in Marquis wheat. These, I think, are the result of a variation which occurred some years ago, but which does not appear to be occurring from year to year. While I think the grain in the red chaff heads has the same qualities as in the white heads, it is undesirable of course to have such an appearance of variation. We have eliminated the red chaff heads from our best stock at Ottawa, but we are not yet able to guarantee that our distribution stock is absolutely free from them. The matter is, of course, of no importance in raising seed for commercial purposes, but in competition the presence of the red chaff heads would always go against a competitor."

I think you will find if you grow a small area from white heads which are hand picked, so as to be absolutely free from red chaff heads, that you will have no further trouble with the variation." I regret I was not allowed to compete for the prize grain or county prize, with register No. 2 Marquis at Amherst. Would like to have had high honors conferred on Annapolis County in wheat growing, as I feel confident we can grow 30 to 40 bushels of clean grain per acre every year.

T. E. SMITH.

Sir Gilbert Parker, who has recently been in America, travelling as far west as the Canadian Rockies in pursuit of local color for a novel that he is finishing, will contribute to the Christmas Scriber the story of "The Great Minus," in which he returns to the Hudson Bay region where he made his first great successes.

### Apple Shippers Lost Over \$50,000

Some Fruit Sent From Nova Scotia to English Market Arrived in Poor Condition.

Apple shipments for the past month of November through the port of Halifax showed a decrease over the corresponding month of 1912 of 22,417 barrels. Following are the figures: November, 1912, 112,756 barrels; November, 1913, 90,339 barrels.

Shipments of the fruit for the corresponding seasons of the two years were, for 1913, to the end of November, 84,470 barrels less. The following are the figures for the two seasons: 1912, to Dec. 1st, 373,782 barrels; 1913, to Dec. 1st, 284,416 barrels. The falling off has not been in proportion to what it will be for the whole year which ends next March, accounted for in this way; the autumn varieties were of a heavier crop than the late winter ones.

Captain Allan, of the United Fruit Company, gave the following information to a Morning Chronicle reporter regarding the apple market for the year and the conditions affecting it. During the past month the prices of apples have undergone wide fluctuations. The variations in price abroad have not been due to excessive shipments at any one time—the Nova Scotian crop has been too light for that. Only two steamers have carried from Halifax anything like fair quantities, and we are reminded of the old saying that "there is always something to keep the rabbit's tail short."

Unfortunately two boats have landed apples in Europe in bad condition entailing a loss to shippers of fully \$50,000 on two cargoes. Those interested in the fruit trade have felt for a long time that the system of precooling before going on board to insure against the long passage from Halifax to London is the only safe way to insure a good delivery. He said there has been no improvement in the Halifax-London service for a number of years. The Halifax-Liverpool service has been greatly improved during the past two years. The importance of fruit being carried over quickly was brought home to the shippers by the sale of the steamer Michigan's cargo of apples when some of the leading varieties in Liverpool on Friday, Nov. 28th, netted back to the growers in Annapolis Valley a full sovereign (\$4.86) per barrel.

The good sale in Liverpool was made while the English market was suffering from a depression caused by poor fruit in London, this proving very conclusively that a year with a short crop like the present, demands an essential, that of quick transportation. With that facility there is a guarantee for phenomenal prices right through our heavy shipments.

Cold weather without any mishaps from now on warrants a steadier market for good fruit than has been experienced for a number of years. The Halifax market has also improved since colder weather has set in. Some of the best varieties are being wholesaled at \$3.75 per barrel. Quite a change has taken place in the local apple market during the past year. Formerly about all this market was getting was the poorer class of fruit, No. 3's etc. Now buyers are finding out that it is more profitable to buy a better grade of fruit.

### Tiverton Family Moves to Bridgetown

The Tiverton correspondent to the Digby Courier writes: Mr. L. H. Outhouse, one of Tiverton's merchants, who has carried on a successful business there for over twenty years, and purchased the store formerly owned by Mr. J. E. Lloyd, at Bridgetown, N. S., and with his family moved to that town on Thursday, Nov. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Outhouse will be greatly missed in Tiverton, where they took a deep interest in church work. In Sunday School, Mr. Outhouse was an earnest worker and under his care the Sunday School has progressed satisfactorily, he being the Superintendent for many years, and the members regret to part with him.

In the Ladies' Auxiliary Mission work, of which Mrs. Outhouse was Recording Scribe for some time, she was a faithful and devoted worker, and her friends here were very sorry to lose her. While we regret their departure we wish them continued success and happiness in their new home.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. A. L. WOODROW

Citizens of Bridgetown Present Him with Gold Watch as a Token of Their Good Will and Esteem

About one hundred of the leading citizens of the town met in the Ruggles Block on Saturday evening last and presented A. L. Woodrow, Esquire, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who is about to leave the town to become manager at St. John's, with a gold watch, chain and locket with monogram, and the following inscription inside the watch: "To A. L. Woodrow, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, by his friends in Bridgetown, Dec. 13, 1913," accompanied by the following address:

To A. L. Woodrow, Esquire, Manager of Bank of Nova Scotia, Dear Mr. Woodrow:—

We among your many friends here take this opportunity on your departure from our town, to convey to you our warmest feelings of friendship and best wishes for your future success. We all appreciate and recognize your business ability and your genial and obliging disposition and regret your removal. We trust that you will make as many true friends in your new home as you have made here.

We ask you to kindly accept the accompanying gold watch and chain as a slight token from us of our good will and esteem, hoping as time rolls on that you will often be reminded of your pleasant sojourn among us, and hoping that as you are taking with you as your wife, one of our most estimable ladies, that you may be induced often to visit us. We trust that the young son will grow to manhood and be "chip of the old block." Again wishing you and your

good wife and young son "Billy" all future happiness and prosperity wherever your lot may be cast.

Believe us, Most sincerely yours, Your Friends of Bridgetown, Bridgetown, December 13, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor presided, and after reading the address, made the presentation.

Mr. Woodrow, who was escorted to the meeting by Mr. Lewis, his successor here and Town Clerk Ruggles, was completely taken by surprise, and had not the slightest intimation of what had been arranged.

After some complimentary and very appropriate remarks by the Mayor, following the presentation, Mr. Woodrow thanked the citizens and in a neat speech referred at some length to his pleasant stay here, and the many true friendships formed, and hoped he would be always as successful in making elsewhere.

He then introduced Mr. Lewis, his successor, and bespoke for him the same kindness and good feeling from the citizens during his stay that he himself had received.

Mr. Lewis made a suitable reply, after which a number of those present expressed themselves, and all testified to the high esteem in which the recipient was held by them. After a cordial handshake all round with best wishes for Mr. Woodrow and his good wife and family, the gathering dispersed.

### Church Notes—Parish of St. James

ST. JAMES CHURCH BRIDGETOWN.

Preparations are being made this week for the fitting celebration of the Christmas festival. Busy hands are working for the decoration of the church, and the choir again practicing Christmas music.

The service at this church on Next Sunday being the 3rd in the Christmas Day will be at 11 a.m. Next Sunday being the 3rd in the month the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. followed by the usual service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Friday evening Bible Class continues to give both pleasure and profit. A cordial invitation to join is given to any person interested in Bible study. The study hour is from 7.30 to 8.30, and the meeting is held in the Sunday School room.

ST. MARY'S, BELLEISLE.

Here the "brush" is all ready and the willing workers will meet at the church tomorrow (Thursday) evening to commence the work of decorating. The service at this church on Christmas Day will be at 8 a.m. with Christmas music, sermons and Holy Communion.

The service next Sunday will be at the usual hour—3 p.m.

### Methodist Church Circuit Notes

(Christmas Sunday, Dec. 21) BRIDGETOWN.

The services in this church Sunday will be in keeping with the glad season of Christmas. The Christmas sermon for the day will be preached on graphophone.

at the morning hour, and at the evening service a series of Christmas exercises will be given. Christmas anthems will be rendered by the choir at both services, and at the close of the evening service (about 8:15) the choir will render a number of Christmas Carols specially selected and studied for this occasion.

BENTVILLE. A Christmas sermon will be preached at the service here at 11 a.m.

GRANVILLE. Christmas exercises with an address upon the Advent theme, will be given in this church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. N. B. The offerings at Bridgetown and Granville will be for the Superannuated Fund of the Church.

### Bridgetown Baptist Church

Sunday services: Bible School at 10 a.m. Public worship at 11 a.m. and at Centrelea at 3 p.m. followed at the latter place by the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. There will be a Christmas musical service at 7 p.m. to be rendered by the choir, assisted by Mrs. D. G. Harlow, reader.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

B. Y. P. U. on Friday evening at 7.30. Despite the inclemency of the weather a successful supper was held by the ladies of the church on Thursday and Saturday evenings. The sum of eighty-five dollars was realized. The ladies desire to express their thanks to Mr. Charles Tupper for the excellent music furnished by the Edison graphophone.

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