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The Busy East for June.

The Busy East for June, is devoted particularly to the interests of the Annapolis Valley, in Nova Scotia. Full information from every point of view, industrial, commercial and scenic, appears in the eighty-eight pages of this issue. In a general way the first few articles deal with the setting and conditions of life in the Annapolis Valley and hint at the potential possibilties of this country. 'Nova Scotia, the Beautiful Summer Land,' The Importance of Good Hotels and of the Tourist Traffic,' 'The First Letter Writting Week in Nova Scotia,' and an article on the Federate Boards of Trade of Western Nova Scotia, by H. G. Harris, of Kentville, are all of general interest, and some of them of more particular appeal to the business man both in the Annapolis Valley and elsewhere. Following these, Professor W. Saxby Blair, of the Government Experimental Station at Kentville, contributes an authoritative article on 'The Possibilities of Sheep Raising in Nova Scotia,' which is followed by a sketch of the Berwick Fruit Company, an association of Apple Growers in the Annapolis Valley who have applied the principle of co-operation to the marketing of their fruit Short descriptions then follow, of the main towns through the Valley, with particular attention paid to their commercial activities and their possible development. Beginning at Digby, this series of descriptions traces through the Valley to Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Middleton, Berwick, Kentville, Wolfville, Hantsport, and Windsor, concluding with a sketch of St. John, the American Gateway to the Tourists' Land of Promise. This number of The Busy East is profusely illustrated with scenic views throughout the beautiful Annapolis Valley and contains in addition, splendid reproductions of two paintings by the famous Canadian Artist, John Hammond, R. C. A. It is a magazine which should be in the hands, not only of every business man and loyal citizen of the Maritime Provinces, but of all intending tourists and prospective settlers, forming as it does a permanent guide to one of the most beautiful and productive sections of Nova Scotia.

Our Native Birds.

There is no fact more readily accepted by reasonable people, when brought to their notice, than that our native song birds should be protected. Still there is a large number of reasonably intelligent people who hardly know we have song birds; or at least could not identify a single species, except perhaps our old friend, Robin. Now there is scarcely any subject more fascinating than the study of our native birds. One not acquainted in featherland could scarcely believe that on a bright summer morn it would be easy, all within a few minutes, to distinguish by sight or note at least a dozen different species of garden birds. This is especially true around our home where stray cats and English sparrows are now rare visitors Most of us are lovers of music; so why not have it around our homes, sweet and free, unmarred by the discordant chatter of unwelcome aliens.

But there is another side to the question, the pocket side. I have done all I could to protect my feathered allies around our home; and while there was a large showing of canker-worms and green apple bugs in the orchard, they seem to have vanished without doing much damage and yet I have used no poisonous spray to kill the same. Is it worth while to protect the birds? You may ask how they are to be protected. The way I have endeavored to attract them is to first eliminate all stray cats and English sparrows; second, see that they have plenty of fresh water for drinking and bathing in dry times; third, see that there is plenty of nesting material scattered around; and then see that your premises is not a common run for boys who still have the savage instinct to rob birds' nests and stone birds. I must here say that our scoutmaster, Mr. Percy Brown, has done great work for the birds in training the boy scouts to have a kindly regard for our feathered friends. In regard to why we should eliminate cats, I shall make no comment as none is necessary. The charge against the English sparrow is perhaps not so clear. We accuse him of driving the song sparrow from his nest and appropriating it to his own use. Now the song sparrow is one of our greatest destroyers of the mosquitoes and other aquatic insects. We also accuse the English sparrow of driving from the nest the hair bird, cousin of the indigo warbler and a very pretty and sweet songster. We also accuse him of driving from their nests the martins, a very pretty and useful bird, and the swallows, by taking possession of their nests. We also accuse him of being a very pugnacious bird, and of killing other birds much more useful than himself. In addition, he is a boisterous chatter and disturber of our peace and quiet. Now, I do not pretend to say that the English sparrow has not his good points, but I have never seen them, however, because of his detestable habits. Some time ago I read an article in a magazine that the days of poison sprays would be unknown. C. M. COWAN

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The Lack of Leadership.

The Montreal Financial Times finds in Canada a lack of leadership to encourage thrift. That leadership should come from Ottawa, either directly or through the agency of a national organization. We read of the thrift campaign in Great Britian:—

'The latest British papers to hand convey the news that the National War Savings Committee has resolved to appeal to all citizens to observe the week beginning on July 16th as a national war saving week. The object is to fix the attention of the people in a very special and definite way on the supreme needs of the nation in the present crisis, and on the fact that these needs cannot be met unless the civilian population back up the navy and the army by providing an adequate supply of munitions and everything else they need for the war. Lord mayors, mayors, chairmen of urban district councils, the clergy and ministers of all denominations, and other leaders of public life are being invited to support this special effort of the national committee, and every citizen is to be asked, if possible, to purchase 15s. 6d. War savings certificates, or to join a War Saving Association. The fact that anyone, irrespective of income, may now purchase 15s. 6d War Savings Certificates (on which no income-tax is payable) and hold any number up to 500, opens the way to this appeal. Churches, school teachers, employers of labor, works managers, trade unions, friendly societies, clubs, and every other group of ten or more people who are already working together for other objects will be urged, at the same time, to form war saving associations.'

Contrasting this with the situation in Canada, the Financial Times says:—

'The difference between this effective British system and our own haphazard, spasmodic and short-armed method of encouraging thrift, lies in the fact that the British have learnt the necessity and value of employing existing organizations. There is not a Y. M. C. A. branch, a young people's society of any church, a debating club, an athletic club, or a trade union in this country which could not profitably be enlisted to do yeoman service in a thrift campaign—not merely for the immediate saving of a substantial sum of money, but also for the inculcation of a permanent habit of more careful living—if only the lead were given by the proper authorities. Yet absolutely nothing is being done, and the second Domestic War Loan, which is already coming into sight, will like the first, be drawn almost entirely from the already accumulated savings of the people, instead of being saved out of their current earnings as it perfectly well could be. In the meanwhile every cent of unnecessary expenditure which still goes on in Canada is either sending money out of the country, or keeping men at work in the training for or carrying on military operations against the common enemy.'

Infantile Paralysis.

(Issued by the Department of the Public Health, Nova Scotia)

Acute anterior poliomyelitis, commonly called infantile paralysis because it usually affects young children, is at present epidemic in exceptionally virulent form in the city of New York, and has caused many deaths. In as much as there is a possibility that the epidemic may spread it is thought wise to issue this bulletin.

The disease is not unknown in Nova Scotia, an occasional case being reported from widely separated localities. With us, it is more common in the rural districts than in the cities or towns.

It is due to one of the tiniest of microorganisms, an organism so small that it can be detected only when massed in groups in the field of the microscope. The germ loses its virulence very quickly when exposed to the air, and this is doubtless one of the reasons why the disease is no more prevalent than it is. Some 'strains' of the organism appear to be more active in causing the disease than others. It is thought that the 'strain' responsible for the present epidemic in New York may have been brought by immigrants from southern Europe.

We are in ignorance of many of the factors concerned in determining an attack of the disease. It is infectious, and yet it is unusual for more than one child in a family to be attacked even though several may be undoubtedly exposed to infection. Occasionally, however, several members of a family may be infected, and on rare occasions adults suffer from the disease. Often the strongest and apparently the healthiest member of a family is the one to fall ill, so that the best of health does not insure safety from attack.

The first symptoms are as a rule indefinite and may suggest only some disorder of digestion. The character of the illness varies greatly from case to case. During the rise of epidemic diseases, the attention of the public is focussed on the disease and any ailment suggestive of it is apt to be regarded with suspicion.

The infective element is given off especially in the discharges from the nose, throat and mouth but possibly also in discharges from bladder and bowel. It is thought that infection is received principally through the mouth. All discharges from a patient should therefore be disinfected immediately upon issuance from the body, and any article soiled by such discharges should also be disinfected at once. It is of special importance that the hands of those in attendance upon the patient be most carefully cleansed after rendering the patient any service. The dishes used by the patient should be separately washed, better sterilized, and reserved for his use alone.

It is generally thought that the infection is disseminated especially by 'carriers'—people who, although not themselves ill, have been in contact with patients or their discharges and harbour the germs in their throats. Those who have had the disease, even in the abortive form, may also be carriers for some time after convalescence has set in

It is difficult to identify carriers, but all who may have come into contact with patients suffering from the disease, or who may themselves have had it, should regard themselves as possible carriers and ask the advice of a physician as to how they may render themselves non-infective

Every patient suffering from the disease should, of course, be strictly isolated, and every case of the disease should be immediately reported (as required by the Public Health Act) to the appropriate Medical Health Officer. If energetic measures are adopted immediately upon the appearance of a case, the community may be saved a disastrous epidemic

Again Wounded.

Mrs. Rachel DeWolfe Archibald received a cable on Monday of this week that her son, Lieut Leon Archibald, has been admitted to hospital, suffering from shell shock and slightly wounded. This is the second time Leon has been wounded. He was in the first engagement at Ypres and after a six months absence in hospital voluntarily returned to the Front. In November he was given a lieutenancy with the Royal Engineers and honor for, "services well rendered" and has been attached to the "crack" regiment of England, the Black Watch. In March he received a second star and is now First Lieutenent On being urged to return home his reply is: "I am here to see it through I am needed and here I shall stay."

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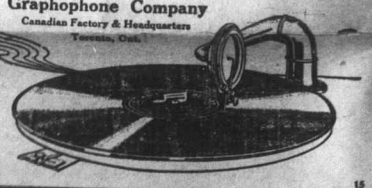

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