

# THE OBSERVER

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## To Raid the Brown Tail Moth.

Dominion Government Officials After Them—Will Investigate the St. John Valley.

J. D. Tothill, Dominion entomologist, is in Charlotte county searching for nests of the brown tail moth. This is the most destructive pest that ever visited the country. Several colonies were found last year and if left alone they will over-run the country next year, destroying not only fruit trees but others. The St. John Valley will be thoroughly searched.

Fruit growers, school teachers, school children and all interested, can do a public service by keeping a keen watch for the winter nests, which are composed of a few leaves wrapped about with a web of dull grey color and with a silvery sheen usually found near the top of the branches. In size they vary from that of a small butternut to a pear. Anything of this nature found should be securely wrapped and mailed to Mr. McIntosh, Natural History Museum, St. John, accompanied by a letter giving details of where the nest was found. Mr. McIntosh will advise the sender whether or not the nest is that of the Brown Tail or exactly what it is. Valuable aid in ascertaining the districts where the pests exists may be given to the field force.

It is proposed to establish a station for the breeding and distribution of parasites which keep

the pests in check, at some point in the province, and everything possible will be done by both the Dominion and the Provincial departments of agriculture to protect the country from the scourge.

## Activity at Plaster Rock.

There will be great activity in the lumber business this winter at Plaster Rock, and the saw mills there will be starting up very soon, which will make employment for a great many mill men, and woodsmen.

It is unusual, in fact never before, have the mills run on long lumber through the winter. This winter D. Fraser & Son have secured an immense tract of land on the G. T. P. and will haul their logs over that road and the C. P. R. direct to the mills. The distance is 14 miles and the C. P. R. will run two trains a day, operating over the G. T. P.

## Hurst Needs 10,000 Pullets.

Charles W. Hurst, formerly of Hartland, now manager of a large egg-producing plant in Mulga, Ala., writes: "We are all well and I am getting along with my large family of feathered pets O.K. I have 1200 chicks just four weeks old—just as nice a lot as you would want to see. Also will have hatchings coming off in December, January, February, March, and April for next year's layers. Must have 10,000 pullets to take the place of old stock."

## Prefer New Brunswick to Western Provinces.

Farmers Who Have Had Experience in Both East and West Explain Why.

Bishop Richardson's remarks in his address at the recent missionary congress with reference to the desertion of the farm lands in this province and the lack of enthusiasm and enterprise on the part of New Brunswickers caused considerable discussion among the delegates, and nearly expressed hearty approval of his views. Two young men who have spent some years in other parts of Canada and have made agriculture their life work were particularly enthusiastic regarding what his lordship said of neglected opportunities.

Bedford Hartt, registered from Jackson town, Carleton county, with his father runs a big farm in that locality. Some years ago he went west and homesteaded a quarter section, making good his claim to the 160 acres. Then he rented the new farm and returned to New Brunswick and this is his testimony: "I am glad that I am running my New Brunswick farm this year," he said, "rather than my quarter section in Alberta for I believe my crops will be worth more in this province. Last year in what is considered the most fruitful part of Alberta south of the Bow river, there was not a bushel of oats raised in the whole township in which my land is situated, all killed by drought. This year in Northern Alberta, in the Hardisty section, Charles Richardson and family who went out from Newburg Junction, Carleton county, had all their wheat frozen on July 17, and the large acreage of grain was so absolutely useless that the farmers set fire to it in the stalk and burned off their fields.

"These are some of the things which must be counted when one is considering making one's home in the West."

John Woods, from Welsford, Queens county, and for a time he was superintendent of a fruit farm in the Niagara district, following a course in the Ontario Agricultural College. He has been back in New Brunswick now for more than two years and is looking about for a suitable place to purchase. He has great faith in the fruit raising possibilities of the province believing that with the absence of pests and with the weather conditions to be relied upon, parts of this province cannot be surpassed.

"It is not very encouraging for a beginner in the Niagara peninsula," he said, "to be asked from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for a moderate sized farm and not less than \$100 an acre for uncleared, undrained land. There is no better life for a young man than for him to start on a farm in New Brunswick, within reasonable distance of transportation facilities and markets."

Mr. Hart pointed out what the Carleton county farmers are losing by the defeat of the reciprocity agreement. "I have figured as closely as I could," he said, "on my crop this year at prices paid by American buyers and at the prices offered by our local concerns, and find that I am losing not less than \$300. It was very amusing to me during the recent campaign to see some men shouting 'let well enough alone,' when their sons had left them to make a better living in Maine and in the West and they themselves had been spying out land with the object of bettering their conditions. Our one consolation is that these men, since the agreement has been defeated, are suffering with the rest of us."

Letters received in the city from people who have moved recently to a West-

ern town indicate a very distressing condition of affairs in that much-boomed city. Coal, it is reported is so scarce that many families are suffering in order to save as much as possible, two or more families are making common cause, cooking and keeping warm with the same fire.

If some effort was made to collect information along these lines and send it out as an antidote to the "lying pamphlets" mentioned by the Bishop, it is more than likely that the population of New Brunswick would increase more than 10,000 in ten years.—Telegraph.

## Another Dissatisfied With the West.

Chase, B. C., Nov. 19

Editor Observer: As it is raining and snowing here today I thought I write to give the young folks of New Brunswick an idea of what western Canada is like, for I was led to believe that British Columbia was a second Garden of Eden. But it is far from that, for I have learned that one dollar in New Brunswick is worth three here. A pair of shoe-packs that can be bought there for \$2.00 costs \$9.00 here; gum rubbers that cost \$1.50 there will cost \$6.00 here.

Let me give the young men and women of New Brunswick good advice: Stay home. You can have plenty of work, good wages and a good time.

J. E. H. A.

## The Youth's Companion Calendar For 1912

The publishers of the Youth's will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$2.00) is paid for 1912, a beautiful Calendar for the new year. The cover picture reproduces a water-color painting of a bit of New England coast, giving a glimpse of breeze-swept ocean, of smiling sky, of warm, sunny rocks, which will come like a breath of salt air to those who have once lived near the sea and to those whose whole life has been passed inland. The picture being in eight colors, the tones of the original are faithfully reproduced.

There will be church of England service in the Hall on Sunday next at 11 o'clock. All are welcome.

Mrs. H. M. Stevens has come to Hartland to spend the winter with her son, Fred H. Stevens.

Wanted—a few dozens of really fresh eggs. Cash will be paid. Bring them to The Observer office.

C. E. Allen went to Vancouver last week to remain some time.

## Produce Prices

Potatoes.....	\$1.35
Hay, loose .....	8. to 10.
Oats, .....	.37
Eggs, .....	.25
Butter.....	20 to .23
Pork.....	.07
Beans.....	2.50 to 2.75
Chickens.....	.10 Hens .07
B. W. Meal.....	1.75
Ducks and Geese .....	.12

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