

## Port Williams

On March 7th, the Gaspereau Division (S. O. T.) was entertained by the "Lily of the Valley" Division, of Port Williams. About 75 members of the visiting Division were present, and a splendid programme was given from both sides. After the program, a hot supper was served which all seemed to enjoy.

Mrs. James Kennickell has returned home, after an absence of two months, during which time she has been visiting her brother, Mr. L. Sanford, of Brookline, Mass.

The patriotic entertainment, "The Making of Canada's Flag," given in Temperance Hall, on March 11th, by the young people of Port Williams, under the direction of Mrs. O. G. Cogswell, was a decided success. Although the roads were bad, the hall was well filled and the amount of \$25.00 was realized.

Miss Margaret Masters, of Berwick, accompanied by her friend, Miss Armstrong, of Kingston, (both students at Acadia Seminary) were guests of Mrs. G. H. Illey (the former's aunt) on Saturday last.

Mr. J. W. Harvey left Tuesday afternoon for Halifax on a short business trip. Mrs. K. T. Hibbert, of Halifax, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Chase.

Mrs. J. K. Illey, late of Halifax, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Illey (parents of J. K. Illey) left last week to join her husband in the Western Provinces.

Miss Helen MacDonald, of Truro, addressed the Women's Institute of Port Williams on Thursday last, and spent the week-end with Mrs. D. S. Collins, of this place, returning home Monday.

Mr. David Sutton, and his son Durrell, have purchased the property at Starr's Point, belonging to the late Arthur C. Starr. It is rumored they take possession early this spring. This is one of the finest fruit farms in our Valley, and we wish the new owners every success which we know will be theirs.

Mr. J. O. Jess, teller at the Royal Bank, entertained about thirty of his young friends on Saturday evening. A very pleasant time was spent with music and games. The serving of light refreshments brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

### NORTH GRAND PRE NOTES

Mr. Ray Welton and Mr. John Eagles spent last week-end in Halifax.

A very pleasant evening was spent last Sunday at Mrs. Vernon Gould's when the people met for a "Sing." This is to be repeated every week, at the different homes.

Mr. Fred Middleton is spending a fortnight with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Palmer, before he leaves for the West.

Buddie—"Have you stopped smoking?" Ferdie—"Yep, sworn off." Buddie—"Why?" Ferdie—"It's getting to be so darned effeminate."

## SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION OF EGGS

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—The following article from the Sydney Record will be of special interest to Wolfville people as the Mr. Percy Bishop referred to is a native of and well known in this town.

**Electrically lighted hen coops.**  
Continuous fresh air no matter what the temperature.  
Feeding a 'summer menu' in mid-winter.

**A fourteen hour day.**  
Scientific care according to Agricultural Department reports.  
And the result is:

**A production of 449 eggs from 20 hens in the mid-month of winter.**  
**Production of eggs at an actual cost of 30 cents a dozen in January when fresh eggs were selling at 90 cents and more, a dozen.**

These are some of the things which are being done in the "back yard" of a city lot, by Percy Bishop of the F. W. Bishop Company.

"My hens are purely a hobby," said Mr. Bishop yesterday, "but by proper care and feeding, I have proved that they can be made to pay, and pay well."

### Scientific Methods

"A hen is simply an egg-laying machine," Mr. Bishop went on, "and you have to look after her efficiently and scientifically, as you would any other machine. That is the only secret. I get my information mainly from bulletins of the government department at Ottawa. I follow the methods of feeding at egg-laying contests and any other detailed information I want, I get by writing the department."

The result is apparent in the record quoted above made during the month of January. Mr. Bishop has a flock of 20 pure bred Plymouth Rock hens.

"It pays best to keep them all of one breed," he said.

The hens are housed in three large coops, each 12 by 14 feet, and each electrically lighted.

### Fourteen hour day

"The lighting counts considerably," he said, "I give my hens the full fourteen hour day of light all the year 'round, just the same as they would get in the summer. I have the switch from the coops in my bedroom. At four o'clock in the morning on goes the light. I have placed the food and water for their morning meal in the coop the night before, and the hens are up and picking for their breakfast at the same time they would be around in midsummer."

### Summer Menu

"Well," said Mr. Bishop, "some people think it is sufficient to keep a hen laying, to go to the door of the coop and throw in a handful of grain. They seem to forget that in the summer-time when hens normally lay best, they not only get this grain, but in addition they get out and pick up grass and grit and an occasional worm for themselves. Deprive them of these extras and their winter grain food is simply enough to keep them alive. I try to keep the summer menu going all the year 'round. There is a pan of dry mash continually in the coops—for hens

should never be allowed to go hungry—and of course I feed them grain. Then I give them oyster shells, grit, and raw meat to take the place of the occasional summer worm. They should have plenty of water."

### Plenty of Fresh Air.

Each of the three coops on Mr. Bishop's city poultry farm is open on one side. The open space is covered by a thick layer of muslin which admits air, but excludes snow and rain and breaks a heavy wind.

"The one thing hens need is plenty of air," said the owner, explaining this system. "They breathe out a great deal of moisture and on entering closed coops in winter mornings, you frequently find the walls lined with white frost and the fowls shivering with the damp cold. The open side in my coop allows the moisture to escape and keeps the humidity of the air the same as outdoors. I have never had a single case of hens suffering from the cold even on the coldest morning."

"This idea is directly adapted from the reports of government experts," he added.

Mr. Bishop believes if results such as he has obtained, can be had with a city lot, the poultry farmer who has room to go in for the business on a larger scale can make all kinds of money and still provide eggs at prices far below those current today.

According to present plans, the fishing schooner, *Bluenose*, now building at Smith and Rhuland's yards, Lunenburg, as a contender for the honor of representing Canada in the 1921 international schooner races off Halifax, will be launched on Saturday, March 26th. The vessel is now planked and decked with the deck houses up and the hatches and skylight in place. Virtually all that now remains to be done before launching is the finishing, such as interior work of the cabin and foc'sle and odds and ends. The caulking was practically all done as the vessel was being planked. About thirty men have been employed in the construction of the schooner.

Thousands of British are coming to Canada next month, the majority wanting to farm.

## Grand Pre News

We are sorry to report Mrs. W. C. Trenholm quite ill at her home and hope she will have a speedy recovery.

Mrs. George Harvey spent Saturday in Kentville, visiting her daughter, Miss Kathleen, who is at the Sanatorium. We are pleased to hear that Miss Harvey is doing nicely.

Mrs. W. P. Eaton who has been ill with a severe cold, is improving.

The Community Club had their weekly meeting on March 9th and it was made very interesting by a musical entertainment.

The Hattie Jost Mission Circle met on Monday evening at the home of Rev. G. W. Whitman.

The residents of Grand Pre were saddened on Thursday, March 10th, by news of the death in Halifax of Mrs. MacLachey, a highly esteemed resident of this place, at the age of 76 years. Mrs. MacLachey was the widow of Edward MacLachey, and daughter of the late Andrew Borden, and sister of Sir Robert Borden, J. William Borden and Miss Julia Borden.

The deceased had spent her life in Grand Pre, and was a devoted wife and mother. She is survived by all her children, by whom she will be deeply mourned. The children are: Mrs. Charlotte Mrs. Charlotte Rand, Canning; Rupert E., a merchant, Boston; Arthur E., of the Post Office, Halifax; Reginald L. Customs Officer, Halifax; Harry O., Barrister, Truro; Miss Katherine O., who did such splendid service as matron of McGill Unit in France; Walter, Ottawa, and Miss Frances, at home.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was from the home in Grand Pre on Saturday afternoon, was conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. W. Miller, Wolfville, assisted by Dr. MacDonald and Rev. G. W. Whitman. The burial being at the Old Presbyterian Church Cemetery. The music was in charge of the male choir of the old Church.

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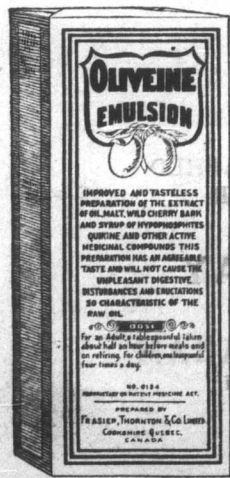
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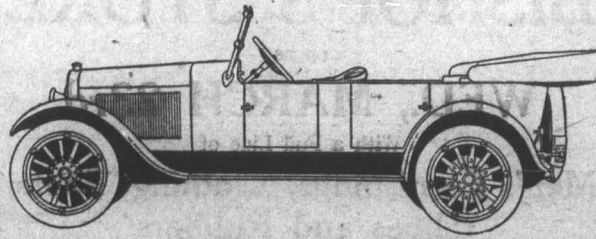
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