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Nature Blessed Bear River.

Written for the Monitor by W. Henry Lannin, Worcester, Mass.

Where nought of roar of modern city mart,
Invades the airs that bathes the sleeping hills,
Where not of wealth doth lavishly impart
Its sordid sheen, grime-backed by soulless mills;
Far hence removed lies nestled mid green trees,
A quiet village on Bear River's shore
Twice daily fanned by ocean's tidal breeze,
That blows from Fundy Bay where billows roar.

The tidal waters from Atlantic's bowl,
Pour through the "Gut" and greet the river's flow,
They freight both tug and schooner to their goal,
To port of village snug inland below.
Mid verdant hills that tower in dreamy airs,
The tidy homes of villagers are seen,
While snowy spires of houses built for prayers,
Do voiceless speak of faith in God unseen.

No bleer-eyed idlers here stand moping 'round
With sordid thoughts and speech that's basely low,
No bar-room den infects with brawling sound,
No man's allowed to vice wounds free bestow.
Sweet peace and piety find here their home,
While Nature's balm sifts health on aerial wing;
Through shady glens brooks course and sing and foam,
And wild birds midst the forest joyous sing.

From out the village winds an upland road
To reservation lands on Indian Hill
Where Micmac natives have a sure abode
In lowly cabins built by native skill.
These dark-faced scions of a tribe of yore
Do lend a charm to quiet village street;
To him who enters Indian's cabin door,
A welcome word his ears is sure to greet.

Tis pleasing truth as tourists can attest,
Bear River citizens have minds well read;
The choicest literature of authors best,
Doth evidence their minds are richly fed,
These Anglo-Scots care more for what is true
Than do the "wind-fall" herds of mortal base,
Who've swept in cities, a pestiferous crew,
From foreign purlieus, an ignoble race.

If All Who Hate

If all who hate would love us,
And all our loves were true,
The stars that shine above us
Would brighten in the blue
If cruel words were kisses,
And every scowl a smile,
A better world than this is
Would hardly be worth while;
If purses would not tighten
To meet a brother's need,
The load we bear would lighten
Above the grave of greed.

If those who wine would whistle,
And those who languish laugh,
The rose would route the thistle,
The grain outrun the chaff
If hearts were only jolly,
If grieving were forgot
And tears and melancholy
Were things that now are not;
Then love would kneel to duty,
Then all the world would seem
A bridal bower of beauty,
A dream within a dream.

If neighbor spake to neighbor,
As love demands of all,
The rust would eat the sabre,
The spear stay on the wall;
Then every day would glisten,
And every eve would shine,
And God would pause and listen,
And life would be divine.

Forgot to Put on the Oil.

He was bald-headed, with a four-days' growth of beard on his chin, and he walked into the barber's shop and sat in the chair of the inquisitor.

"Shave, sir?"

"No," growled the man in the chair. "Measure me for a pair of boots."

"This isn't a bootmaker's shop, sir."

"Isn't it?"

"No, sir; it's a barber's."

"What kind of work do you do:"

"Shave men and cut their hair, sir."

"Do you think a man with no hair would come for a hair cut?"

"No, sir."

"Do I look like a lunatic?"

A negative shake of the head from the barber.

"Well, presuming I'm sane, but bald-headed, what would you naturally suppose I came for?"

"For a shave."

"Then why did you ask me if I wanted a shave? Why didn't you go to work at once? If some of you barbers would cultivate the habit of using your eyes, you'd increase your profits."

And the barber was so astonished that he forgot to ask the man if he wanted any oil on his hair when the operation was performed.

A Swell Affair.

Why is a watchdog bigger by night than by day?

Because he is let out at night and taken in in the morning.

A Letter from the Front

Mr. E. A. Craig has received the following interesting letter from his son, Lance Corporal Percy Craig, of the Kings Liverpool Rifles:

B. E. F., Aug. 5—Am still with you, Dad, and feel fairly good, though very tired and am very busy picking mud off myself. At the same time am very thankful to be here at all, when so many of the boys are gone.

We went over the top as per schedule with a full battalion, fighting strong, and today, after four days fighting, we're a dreary shadow of a handful of men and only one officer left out of that whole fine battalion. We gained our objective, however, and I might say we are one of the very few Battalions who did, but at what a terrible cost. We lost our Major, Adjutant, five captains and God knows how many Lieutenants and all that is left of that fine battalion is about seventy men and one officer, that was a week ago, one thousand strong. We made a gain of four miles straight ahead from our former front line, but in a terrible counter attack by the Germans, were driven back, when there were only about eighteen and one officer left to hold the line we had gained.

The officer gave us the word and he was wounded then (afterwards killed), "every man for himself" and we dropped back to the line behind us, got some reinforcements and charged again and retook the line again and WE HELD IT.

It has been pouring rain every day and nigh[illegible] we started and the mud is hip deep everywhere here. Our artillery are in an awful mess. In their great attempt to shift guns forward to hold the line for us, as horses are mired everywhere and even our big tanks are stuck in great seas of mud and over all the terrific struggle to hold an advance.

Fritz's big guns far ahead of us are roaring and filling the air full of shells, bursting in front, over head, behind you, and machine guns, (I think he must have a million of them) all sprinkling bullets everywhere. Oh its a great game this war.

Estimates put the number of German prisoners we have taken in this battle at nearly eighteen thousand and there must be nearly as many as that killed and wounded. I will give you one great terrible struggle to show you what our boys are up against. On our right was the famous Black Watch, on the left was one of our own division, the "Lancanshire" Fusiliers, and King's Own, together in a great line we swept up over the crest of a ridge, called the "Frezenburg Line." Before us was a small, deep valley, and across it on the other side in front of us was another ridge.

As the line of us started down the ridge into the valley, old Fritz spurred on from the ridge across the valley with artillery at point blank range. High explosive shells, 18 pounders, wizbangs, artillery, mind you, fired right into us and men went down literally in hundreds, but still we kept on and he had to stop firing, hitch up his guns and gallop off away from us to prevent US, ONLY INFANTRY, from capturing them in a bayonet charge.

It's an honest fact, if this battle had been fought 50 or 75 years ago, "The Charge of the Light Brigade" would have been mere child's play and beautiful poems would have been written about it. But nowadays its only called a very fine advance and in newspapers you would read about our troop making an advance of 3 miles on a 16 mile front, or something like that. Well, we got relieved last night by the Royal Irish Rifles and some other regiments of another division, and so we are back from the line for a rest. I don't know how long it will be for, but it will take some time to get us strengthened up again. So may be we are in for a good rest this time. Will write you again in a few days. So good bye, with much love to all at home.

PERCY, K. L. R.

Room for Circulation.

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, he said: "Now, boys, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I should turn red in the face."

"Yes, sir," said the boys.

"Now," continued the teacher, "what I want to know is this: How is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't rush into my feet?"

And a little fellow shouted: "Why, sir, because yer feet ain't empty.

A Different Problem

"Children," said a teacher to the pupils, "you should be able to do anything equally well with either hand. With a little practice you will find it just as easy to do anything with one hand as it is with the other." "Is it?" inquired an urcin at the foot of the class. "Let's see you put your left hand in the right hand pocket of your trousers."

One on the Old Man.

The editor's small boy had just been brought to judgment for telling a fib. His sobs having died away, he sat for a time in silent thought.

"Pa," said he, "how long will it be before I stop gettin' licked for tellin' lies an' begin to get paid for 'em like you do?"

Had Not Read all the Ads.

"You are a fraud, sir," cried the indignant patient. "You guaranteed your medicine to cure after everything else failed." "Well, my dear sir," replied the quack, "probably you haven't tried everything else."

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This rebirth of Halifax is shown in two things,—the mighty works which are now being carried out there and projected, great landmarks of progress which stand out for all to read; second, that more difficult thing to see, but far more significant—there has been a change in the whole attitude of the people, there is more of that co-operation among business men that is a first step to progress, there is more optimism, there is more confidence among the business men in the future of the city. Halifax is to-day a live-wire business city with modern shops, latest goods in all lines, and keen for business.

First among the great landmarks of progress that stand out for all to see is the new Halifax Ocean Terminals, well along to completion, costing millions of dollars, and placing Halifax in the very front of the ocean ports of the world. Concrete piers over half a mile long have been constructed, beside which the largest ocean giant liners will look like pigmies; a great stretch of ground has been levelled as a shunting yard and a location for the handsome union stations; a tunnel in many places scores of feet deep has been dug for miles thru the solid rock as a roadbed to connect up the terminals by rail with the main line at Rockingham; and more railroad yards have been built at Rockingham for the accommodation of thousands of cars. All of these are preparations for the immense trade that will be handled at this Empire port.

Next, the Imperial Oil Company is building a plant on Halifax Harbor that will cost nearly $3,000,000. Similar plants are being built at Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, each at what this giant company thinks is the stratgetic point of the Maritime Provinces, of Upper Canada, of the Middle West, and of the Pacific Coast respectively. The choosing of Halifax as the location for this huge industry is very, very significant.

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FISH METHODS AT BOSTON PIER

Appeals for a Larger Use of Fish as Food

Through the United States an appeal to "eat more fish" has been spread broadcast, and in relation to this Herbert C. Hoover, National Food Administrator, is urging economy in the use of meats, calls attention to the abundant supply of foodfish in the waters of the Atlantic Coast and makes a plea for greater "marketing facilities" to increase its general consumption.

In Boston the householder has been able to see the progress of fishing methods from the time some years ago when the fisherman himself went about selling his catch as best he could and collected his profits, when possible, to the present time when fishermen and dealers have formed three corporations, have been successful in having the State build an up-to-date fish pier and freezer in South Boston, and have introduced modern business methods in handling the fish supply of New England.

Identified by a look-out on the pier, the fisherman of today from the mackerel grounds or along the Grand Banks, is announced by a shrill whistle which brings all dealers to the exchange rooms. When the vessel finally docks, the captain goes to the exchange room and announces the amount and variety of his catch. An auction follows at which only exchange members are allowed. Finally the successful bidder is given a bill of sale and the transaction is nearly completed. The fisherman goes to the cashier's window, shows his credentials and is paid in full by the exchange for his entire sale.

The fish is then in the hands of the exchange and the dealer buys it from that organization, of which he is a member, for the amount paid the fisherman plus one-quarter of a cent for each pound, to pay for the operating expenses of the exchange. It is then sold to the retailer at the price plus the wholesaler's profit and a 95 cents per barrel trucking charge. When the housekeeper obtains the fish it has three profits attached to it and sometimes is not as fresh as many consumers desire all seafood.

In the case of cod, which is marketed in two forms, the company has a choice of two prices. What was formerly known as large cod has been termed steak cod, meaning that it is large enough to cut into steaks, and the small cod is named market cod. Steak cod has the head removed by the wholesale dealer who adds one-third of a cent to the price on account, it is claimed, of the waste in weight caused by removing the head. It is then sent to the dealer. Last week's prices for market and steak cod were: Market cod, $6 to $7 per hundredweight; steak cod, $13.50 per hundred weight.

At the retail stores market cod sold for from 8 to 10 cents a pound and steak was from 12 to 18 cents a pound. This means a profit of about one or two cents a pound; whereas on steak cod the quotations show profit as large as six cents a pound. At one market the same price was quoted for both varieties.

New Norwegian Fishhook.

A company has been started with a capital of $67,000 to exploit a new fishhook. The feature of the new fishhook is that the little point on which the fish bite fast, and which is usually fastened inside toward the angle's bend, will be swung out to the side at an angle of 45 degrees. This slight change is said to cause a real reduction in the loss of fish that bite. A factory is being built to manufacture these hooks. The discovery has been patented in Norway and abroad.

A Good Guesser.

Herbert Edwin: "I say, Johnny, which is the way to the Pavillion?"

The Gamin: "Ow'd yer know me name 's Johnny?"

Herbert Edwin: "I guessed it."

The Gamin: "Well, if yer so good at the guessing game, ye can keep on and guess your way to the Pavillion."

PARADISE RED CROSS

Annual Statement from August 1916 to August 1917

For the benefit of those who cannot attend our Red Cross meetings, I am sending the report of our year's work from Aug. 1st, 1916 to Aug. 3rd, 1917. We have about forty members but have only averaged an attendance of elever or twelve.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, Aug. 1, 1916	$ 37.07
Collected for British Red Cross	51.35
Collected in West Paradise for British Red Cross	6.90
Collected for French Red Cross	85.85
Collected for French Red Cross in West Paradise	15.10
From suppers, concert, etc.	72.22
From dues	30.70
From Membership fees	1.50
Contributions	16.05
Collected	18.00
Contributed by Dramatic Club	25.00
Contributed by Willing Workers	26.00
Sale of quilt	7.40
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Expenditures

Postage on parcels, letters etc,	$ 5.33
Merchandise	120.61
Medical Appliances	56.00
British Red Cross	50.00
French Red Cross	100.00
Ice cream	12.00
Rent of vestry	2.00
Carfare	.50
Telephone	.20
	$356.64
Balance on hand Aug. 3, 1917,	$36.50

From October 1916 to July 1917 we have forwarded to Halifax: 54 pyjama suits, 19 hospital shirts, 38 grey flannel shirts, 21 kit bags, 7 comfort bags, 40 handkerchiefs, 6 quilts, 3 face cloths.

139 pairs of socks were also given and sent to the soldiers as gifts, and to be distributed to those who needed them. There were also Christmas stockings filled and sent to soldiers.

ANNIE E. MORSE, Secty.-Treas.

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Legislative Protection in Nova Scotia For Sheep Owners.

The plan announced by the Department of Agriculture of Nova Scotia to help those who wish to buy ewe lambs to add to their flocks is a practical one. Of course it involves the investment of money, but so does the exploiting of any other enterprise. Probably the argument which will most frequently be advanced against any measures to increase the sheep breeding interest of Nova Scotia will be the lack of protection against dogs, a matter which cannot be minimized, but in regard to which the province has better legal protection than is ordinarily understood. So far as destroying dogs that worry sheep is concerned, no other province of Canada has as drastic legislation as Nova Scotia. "The Sheep Protection Act" (See chapter 61 R. S. 1900 and ammendments in chapter 63 of the Acts of 1908) provides that any person may kill any dog which he sees pursuing, worrying or wounding any sheep or lambs or straying on a sheep farm, or even at large at any hour of the day or night without a collar bearing the name of the owner of the dog. Only a partial exception to this drastic law exists in the case of the dogs owned by the adjoining neighbor.

Efforts were made last winter to assess taxes on dogs and to set aside the fund created by this tax for the purpose of indemnifying owners of sheep killed by dogs, the owners of which were not known. The act did not pass mainly because it received very little endorsement from the farmers of the province. None the less the sentiment in favor of the Act was so strong as to lead one to say that farmers could easily have the Act passed at the next session of the Legislature should they wish it. In the meantime however, the owner of the sheep who is ready to use measures at hand has practically unlimited powers so far as the destruction of dogs is concerned, powers which are worth exercising in these days when no other class of live stock will pay a handsomer revenue than sheep.

Conservation of Ewe Lambs

How to increase the numbers of sheep in Nova Scotia is a matter always of great interest, but of almost paramount interest now. It can only be done by conserving the ewe lambs for breeding purposes instead of allowing them to go to the butchers' hands. This has been done to a larger extent during the past two years than formerly, but needs to be extended if the province is to reap the full benefit from the present high prices for sheep and lamb products. It is with a view to bringing about this condition that the Department of Agriculture has arranged with its county representative, Dr. Hugh McPherson, of Antigonish, to take measures to secure select ewe lambs, which would otherwise go to the butcher and have them shipped to parties who will send in their orders, either directly to him or to the secretary for Agriculture, M. Cumming, at Truro.

Provided orders are received, Dr. McPherson plans to purchase select ewe lambs direct from the farmers. He expects that he will have to pay for them about 1c. per pound more than for commercial lambs, equal to about $1.00 per head. Those interested in securing breeding ewe lambs in this way should send in their orders during September or early October. Just what the lambs will cost cannot be definitely stated at the present time, but it will not likely be much less than $10.00 per head delivered. This may seem a large price in comparison with half that figure at which lambs could be bought before the war but it must be remembered that butchers' lambs have nearly doubled in wool has trebled in value.

It is to be hoped that many interested in sheep breeding will take advantage of this opportunity to get ewe lambs, which should be conserved in the interests of increased wool and mutton production in the years to come.

When in need of goods of any kind, always consult the advertising columns of the MONITOR before making your purchases.