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readily, and banking by mail became an established branch of business. Progressive banking institutions promptly realized the enlarged field of usefulness opened to them through the banking-by-mail idea, and there are to-day mil-lions of dollars on deposit with these houses belonging to people who have never seen the institutions with which their money is entrusted. Many of these great banking houses have thus become international in their scope. Their progressive measures have incidentally exerted a strong influence in pressing home the gospel of thrift and economy to every civilized nation.

The depositors are from every sta-tion of life. The cowboys and ranch-men of the West welcome the opportunity of placing a portion of their in-comes in a safe place, where it will be earning something for old age or a rainy day. Officers and men in the army and navy, stationed in out-of-the-way corners of the world, have sent orders to Washington for a portion of their pay to be sent each month to the companies with which they have their accounts, thus obliging themselves to save systematically and regularly. Other de-positors are found among farmers, mepositions are found among farmers, ine-chanics, laborers, school teachers, pro-fessional men, miners, business men and women in every pursuit. Even bankers living in sections where interest rates are low send their money to the four per cent.-paying companies, in order to increase its earning power. Another important class of depositors is made up of those who have trust funds to invest. Four per cent, interest, com-pounded four times a year, without danger of loss or deterioration, is one of the most attractive propositions that can be placed before the average trustee or executor. Hundreds of thousands of dol-lars of trust funds, therefore, find their way through the mails to the mail banking institutions.

As to the safety of sending money As to the sarety of schoning money by mail—in important consideration to the depositor—so far as the writer can learn there has never been a dollar lost to depositors through the failure of the mails to take care of their part of the transaction.

P. E. Island Letter

It is now April 20th, and there is still a lot of snow on the fields and roads and the bays and rivers are icebound. Communication with the mainland is pretty regular since a week ago, but the straits and gulf are chock full of the heaviest ice. The winter steam-ers have all they can do to effect crossings, and it does not look as if summer navigation would begin till May. The late spring is making fodder scarce with many stockmen, but there is more than sufficient on the Island to carry all stock through

all stock through.

A very successful seed show was recently held in Summerside. It was by far the most successful seed show ever had there. The quality of the grain, grass seeds, potatoes and other farm seeds was of the very best. Our farmers look for only the best seeds now. It was not always so. The work of the Seed Division during the post five or six years has, however, been of great value to farmers it. the matter of securing only the best.

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Our Provincial Government has voted \$6,000 for exhibitions this year; \$4,000 is for a Maritime Exhibition at Char-lottetown, and the bilance to be divided for exhibitions in Kings and Prince counties. We have had only one exhibi-tion on the Island for a number of years past and many think it is a mistake to divide the Government grant between the counties, claiming, and rightly so, that our province is only large enough that our province is only large enough for the success of one show. Queens County is the only one that has proper exhibition buildings. These were creed a number of years ago by the "Char-lottetown Driving Park and Exhibition

Association.

Dairying is on the up grade here, and last year's big prices for cheese and butter will stimulate production this season. The co-operative companies are preparing to manufacture a larger quanpreparing to manufacture a larger duan-tity in future. Many of them have put in ice to control the temperature in the curing rooms. Last season was so hot during July and August that some of the cheese made in these months was heated and had to be sold at a lower price.

There has not been so much beef stall fed here this winter as formerly, and fine finished cattle are scarce. Our large meat dealers may have to import some from Ontario again.

The horse business is booming and several good sires in the different breeds have been imported since last season. Prince Edward Island had gone out

of sheep raising to a great extent, but a change has come and many are starting flocks again, and hope to share in the high prices which have obtained the

the high prices which have obtained the past year or two for wool and lambs.

The "Provincial Stock Farm" is to be sold, the herds having been disposed of. In place of it we are to have an

Experiment Station, to be run by the Dominion Government. This is, we think, a welcome turn in affairs agri-cultural and we have every confidence that an experiment station under the supervision of Dr. Saunders will be productive of great good to our farmers by giving them object lessons as to the farm crops which are most suitable to our conditions of soil and climate.

Prices of all farm produce are good and now that spring is near we can renew our communication with the wiside world without being subject to interruption, our people are getfect to interruption, our people are get-ting up their courings again and will live in hopes of better winter com-munication in future, either by tunnel or bridge, whichever the Dominion Gov-ernment decides on.

Ottawa Notes

Ottawa, April 29, 1907. Mr. W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist at the Central Experimental Farm, is preparing for an interesting experiment in tomato growing and shipping. Spring-ing up in the rich fertility of the hotbeds tomato growing and snipping. Springing up in the rich fertility of the shobeds
are hundreds of tomato plants, a little
ground. They will be transplanted as
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soon as the reach their full height the
terminal buds will be nipped off. This
will cause the plants to throw out several bearing shoots, which, it is expected, will produce a great deal more fruit
than if the plants were allowed to take
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will sell in the English market and also
to test the feasibility of shipping tomatoes that distance. It is undertaken
for another reason also, namely, to take
the fruit out of competition with comfruit out of competition with commercial growers in the home markets. There is a possibility that a few small shipments may be made to distant places

shipments may be made to distant places such as Manitoba or Cobalt.

Another experiment of an interesting nature will be the growing of an acre of tobacco. The plants for this are also being prepared. The product of the acre will be cured under the direction of Mr. Charlan, an expert obtained from the French Government by the Canadian Federal Government. He has been in investigation of the tobacco growing and currie industry.

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The Canadian Government has appropriated \$15,000 to assist in the extension of the Ottawa Electric Railway to the Central Experimental Farm. It will build the portion of the tracks that was laid unon the farm property. This are laid upon the farm property. This will be a great convenience to the many farmers' excursions which annually visit the farm. But, unfortunately, according to present indications, there is not much hope of the work being completed

this summer.

Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Canada's Dairy
Commissioner, has received the important appointment of delegate to the third Commissioner, has received the impor-tant appointment of delegate to the third triennial congress of the International Dairy Federation, which meets at the Hague, Holland, in September of this year. The congress is a very important one, as it will consist of delegates from all the dairy countries of Eurone—Eng-land, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, France, Norwav and Russia, it is understood, will all be represented. Mr. Ruddick will not only attend this convention, but will also attend one a week previous in Brussels, at which the dairy industry, from the standpoint of nublic health, will be discussed. It will be attended largely by medical health officers.

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