

Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

Edited for the Farmer readers of the MONITOR by an Annapolis Valley Agriculturist

We invite communications from farmers, giving their own views on the subjects mentioned in the talks, and also on any other subjects of interest to the farmer.

Round Hill Farmers' Club.

The members of the club had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting address of fruit growing on Monday evening, Jan. 13th, the lecturer being Mr. R. S. Eaton, of Kentville.

Consolidated Rural Schools.

(Special despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Prof. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairy, has just returned from a visit of investigation and observation to a portion of the State of Ohio, where considerable progress has been made in the improvement of rural schools.

PIONEER OF CENTRALIZATION.

Six years ago Gustavus Township became the pioneer in that part of the United States in the consolidation of rural schools. There were at that time 143 out of an enrollment of 1,102. The year before consolidation the number of schools was 225.

SCHOOL VANS.

The contracts for conveying the children to and from the schools are given to the responsible persons. These are under bond to provide comfortable covered wagons, and to comply with the regulations of the school authorities.

THE SCHOOL WORK.

The scope of the work in all these schools is substantially the same. Inpector Cowley reports that "the three lowest grades overtake the work ordinarily covered by the public schools in Ontario. The highest grade goes as far as our continuation class grade A, being competent to accomplish about three years of high school work."

Education Methods Improved.

IMPROVED ATTENDANCE.

Although the weather was rainy and the roads as bad as three inches of snow, the number of pupils attending the central school in the country, where children may be conveyed to school from their homes in district sections and enjoy the privileges of a well equipped school, such as is usually found in the large towns.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

Amid the singing Pines Away from Frost and Cold.

Just now a number of our readers are planning to visit the States for the winter and no doubt the majority of them will do as they have done in the past, and accompany their families for six months, to Southern Pine, N. C., and those who want to make a winter home in Florida, Louisiana or Texas can get round trip tickets from Southern Pine at the most favorable rates and thus have unnecessary expenses.

DINING WITH THE QUEEN AT WINDSOR.

Quite punctually at 8.30 they noticed the Queen and her ladies in black and stockings (no order, as he had the Legion of Honour, and was wearing a foreign order). In white brocade velvet and diamonds. We found the party in the dining room, and the Duchess of Edinburgh and Princess Beatrice. She shook hands with me and Madame Mohrenheim, bowed very graciously to all the others, and passed at once into the dining-room.

The Modern Farm.

I do not mean the expensive plaything of the millionaire. I have in mind the house of the farmer. It is not a sumptuous or imposing, nor is it architecturally correct. It is built for comfort, health and convenience.

FARMS WANTED

I have a call for a number of farms. If you have a farm of 10 to 20 acres, with a good house and a well equipped farm, please write to me at once.

CHURCH SERVICES.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Rev. E. Underwood, Rector. James Church, Bridgetown. Sunday services: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Communion: 1st Sunday in the month at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2nd Sunday in the month at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. 3rd Sunday in the month at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. 4th Sunday in the month at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Stomach and Bowel Trouble.

A thoroughly satisfactory cure for Chronic Colic, Indigestion, Heartburn, Bloating, Sick Stomach and Summer complaint, is a few drops of Nervine in sweetened water. It is a powerful cathartic, and keeps the bowels regular.

NEUMONIA IS AT HAND.

Do not neglect any cold, as the advice suggested by Dr. Reynolds, the commissioner of health of Chicago, is to take a few drops of Nervine in sweetened water. It is a powerful cathartic, and keeps the bowels regular.

Sound Investment at Home in a Rich Mining Property.

The Eastern National Copper Company, Limited, whose Gold and Copper Deposits are at Cheticamp, Cape Breton, is capitalized at \$500,000. The Board of Directors of eight includes some of the Best Known and Most Respectable Business Men of Halifax, who have become members of this company, confident that the property it has acquired is one of the most valuable in Canada, and situated in one of the most promising mining districts in America.

The mining areas purchased by the Eastern National Copper Company, Limited, have been thoroughly prospected and have undergone expert examination by trustworthy engineers during the past eighteen months. It has been on the evidence of mining men competent to testify as to the worth of the property that many have already been satisfied to subscribe for stock, believing that they were joining in an enterprise giving promise of large returns and that their shares would assuredly advance in value as the development operations proceeded.

The Company is now blocking out a Body of Copper Ore estimated to contain 160,000 TONS. The average result of the tests so far made to determine the value of the Ore is ELEVEN DOLLARS PER TON, and when the work now under way is completed it is calculated that there will be ORE IN SIGHT to the value of \$1,600,000.

The Development Operations are Proceeding with Pay Ore on All Sides of a Two Hundred Foot Slope which is being driven through the Main Deposit.

Other Beds of Copper are known to Underlie and Overlie the Bed Now Being Developed, and it is confidently expected that This Mining Property will prove of vast Value when a Few Months' More Work has been performed.

Gold is Associated with the Copper Contents of the Eastern National Ore, in Quantity Probably More than Sufficient to Pay the Expense of Mining and Milling, Leaving the Other Contents to the Good.

The Operations now being conducted by the Eastern National Copper Company, Limited, were begun only after the proposition had been most carefully investigated and large expenditure of money had been justified by the results of such investigation. The Company considers the opportunity for investment one of the most attractive before the public. Stock which is now being sold at a low figure will certainly advance as progress is made on the Deposits. Several liberal offers to purchase this property were received and declined before the present Company acquired it. The former owners are shareholders in the Eastern National, having accepted stock in payment for their interests and so demonstrated their confidence in the worth of the Copper Deposit now being opened and other Deposits which it is proposed to develop at an early date.

The sum of \$10,000 is to be expended in the present operations, in order to further establish the extent of the Copper Beds, and place a large quantity of Ore in Sight. Part of this amount is being raised by the sale of a block of stock at 20 per cent. of par. Fully Paid Up. Additional stock will not be offered at present. That already marketed is held by the purchasers for higher prices.

Applications for stock should be addressed to ALFRED BENNETT & CO., 16 Prince Street - Halifax, N. S.

Copies of the Prospectus and any information respecting the foregoing proposition may be obtained from ALFRED BENNETT & CO., or from the EASTERN NATIONAL COPPER CO., Ltd. 16 Prince St. - Halifax, N. S.

GREAT DISPLAY Going South FOR Fall Stock STORES WINTER? Crowe's Stove Store Queen Street, Bridgetown. FINEST and FRESHEST Meat & Fish always in stock. W.M. I. TROOP, GRANVILLE STREET. FARMS WANTED. CHURCH SERVICES.

There's Money in It. Chase Brothers Company. 1400 Gross Tonnage, 383 H. P. Dominion Atlantic Railway Steamship Lines. St. John via Digby. Boston via Yarmouth.

Canadian Pacific Dominion Atlantic Railway Steamship Lines. Christmas and New Years. One first-class fare for Round Trip between All Stations, Montreal and East. St. John via Digby. Boston via Yarmouth.

Patents. Scientific American. A Handily Illustrated Weekly. Latest Reports on the Progress of Invention.

John Fox & Co. Auctioneers and Fruit Brokers, Splitfield and Stratford Markets, LONDON, G. B. PALFREY'S CARRIAGE SHOP. Repair Rooms. Corner Queen and Water Sts.

THE SINGLE TAX IN NEW ZEALAND

(The Springfeld Republican.) These come to the American states department from Consul Billingham of Auckland, N. Z., a report which will interest the single taxers, if not other people. It relates to the land-taxation act of New Zealand passed some years ago, and now in operation over a good part of the colony.

The figures at least show a general disposition to try the method of raising public revenue and the question of permanency in the change is yet undetermined. The country has found it easier to convince city people of the desirability of the change than it has to convince agricultural districts that the most movable property has been encumbered by the land tax which has most generally adopted the land tax and which is to be most satisfied with the experiment. The consul says:

"The farmer, under the general property tax has paid to the general government (two cents) in the pound sterling (\$4.80) on the total value of his property and stock, and an exemption up to £500 (\$2,435). Under the land and income tax, the value of his land and stock goes free of taxation, but he is liable to pay as much as 10 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high as 15 per cent. on the value of his stock, and as high as 20 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high as 25 per cent. on the value of his stock, and as high as 30 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high as 35 per cent. on the value of his stock, and as high as 40 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high as 45 per cent. on the value of his stock, and as high as 50 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high as 55 per cent. on the value of his stock, and as high as 60 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high as 65 per cent. on the value of his stock, and as high as 70 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high as 75 per cent. on the value of his stock, and as high as 80 per cent. on the value of his improvements, and as high 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