

Suburban Notes

Digby

Judge A. W. Savary, of Annapolis Royal, was in Digby on Saturday.

Mr. Jacob Wyman, of Tiverton, was a passenger to Yarmouth Thursday.

Mr. Ernest Fairweather left Thursday to return to Ottawa via Halifax.

Miss Violet Shreve, of Halifax, is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. C. Shreve.

Miss Susie Beaman is visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. John Beaman.

Mr. Michael McKinnon, of Kentville, spent the week end at his home in Digby.

Ete. Fred McKay, of Rossaway, was a passenger from Middleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Short were passengers on the east bound express Saturday.

The Miss Smalles, of Digby, spent a few days at Mrs. L. V. Shaw's, Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ross, of Yarmouth, are spending a few days at Bear River.

Mr. T. E. G. Lynch returned home Wednesday from a business trip to Bute, Montana.

Mr. O. G. Byrne, of New York, arrived here Friday to spend the summer at Smith's Cove, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Leander Payson is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Payson of Deep Brook.

Mrs. Oressa Hardy, of Boston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blackadar, Weymouth.

Capt. Robt. Russell, of the Patrol Service, Halifax, is spending a few days at his home.

Mrs. Denton Nelly, of Gloucester, arrived here Thursday to visit her mother, Mrs. Cornwall.

Misses Oradell Peck and Mafor Woodworth are visiting relatives at Miramichieville and Acadiaville.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Faust, of Boston, arrived Thursday to occupy their summer residence, Shore Road.

The Digby Methodist church, church matinee, sang at the service at Smith's Cove, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Karl Faust returned to Boston Saturday, after spending his vacation at his summer cottage, Shore Road.

Mr. C. M. H. Robb, of Waterford, has recently been wounded in the head while on active service in France.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lutz, of Moncton, N. B., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Vye, Queer St.

Mrs. Fred O. Payson, of Cambridge Terrace, Cambridge, Mass., is visiting at Mrs. W. W. Payson's, at Deep Brook.

The ladies of the Digby Methodist church held a successful garden party Thursday. The proceeds amounted to \$157.00.

Mrs. A. M. Hill and children, of Yarmouth, are visiting the Misses Smalle Montague Row. Mr. Hill arrived Thursday.

Mrs. J. T. Brooks and daughter, Isabel, of Somerville, Mass., are visiting Mrs. George E. Turnbull, Light house Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Merkel and little son returned to Halifax Friday, after a pleasant visit with Mr. Merkel's mother.

Mrs. Joseph E. Henshaw, of Hartford, Conn., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George E. Turnbull, Lighthouse Road.

Rev. E. and Mrs. Underwood, of Bridgetown, who spent a few days in Digby, returned home Friday.

Mrs. R. A. Sutherland and children of St. John, N. B., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. VanBarrington, Montague Row.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Payson and Master Howard, of West Roxbury, Mass., spent the week-end with Mr. Payson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Payson at Deep Brook.

Mr. W. J. Agate, the popular proprietor of the Waverly house, has made big improvements in the office and writing room of that well-known hotel, made necessary by steadily increasing business.

Mrs. J. M. Thibodeau, of Quincey Mass., accompanied by her grand-daughter, Catherine Landry, and niece, Marjorie Lewis, of Roxbury, Mass., arrived here Thursday to visit friends in Rossaway and Weymouth.

The Salvation Army Boy Scouts arrived here Saturday from St. John and gave a musical concert in the S. A. Hall on Saturday evening and the Bijou Dream theatre on Sunday they left here Monday morning for Brighton, where they will spend a week camping.

LAWRENCE TOWN

Mr. Percy Richardson is visiting his mother at the Elm House.

Pastor Beals occupies the pulpit at Albany on Sunday morning.

Miss Frances Tipper, of Tupperville, is a guest of Mrs. L. Stoddard.

Miss Frances Stoddard spent last week at South Williamson, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fair, of Aylesford, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shaffner last Monday.

Many are asking for the date of the Annual Farmers' picnic. It should be larger and better year by year.

Mrs. (Dr.) L. R. Morse was "at home" to a large number of friends on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The Bridgetown, Lawrence town and Middleton Townships Ladies had a picnic on the Island Friday afternoon.

The Reverend Canon James, Rector of St. Stephen's, Calgary, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. James.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Whitman, of Kentville, are the guests of Mrs. Whitman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Osmond Falson.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Phinney and family, of Halifax, came by auto last Saturday to spend a week visiting relatives.

The Island Park is filled with tables and seats—a perfect place for picnic parties. Cool, shady, with opportunity for land and water sports.

Capt. McLaughlin, having been overseas for two years, recently returned, and with his wife and children are guests of Mrs. Owen Graves.

Miss Pearl Balcom has returned to Natick, Mass., to resume her studies in training for nurse. She was accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Caldwell, of Dorchester, Mass.

Services for Sunday, Aug. 5th, 11 a. m., Episcopal Church, Dr. Ronald Morse speaks in the Baptist Church in the evening, at 7.30

Miss Cora Balcom, of St. John, and Miss George Balcom, of Margarettville, spent a few days last week at Lawrence town, guests of Mrs. C. S. Balcom and Mrs. Mary Durling.

Miss Muriel Phinney, of Halifax, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Phinney, Miss Lyons and Mr. M. Pincio, of Waterville, are guests at the same home.

A recital will be given on Thursday evening in Phinney's Hall by the Misses Alice Fair and Evelyn Nelly, of Aylesford, and Miss George Balcom, of Margarettville. Proceeds for Red Cross.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. John Stoddard entertained her guests, the Misses Eva and Marion Magdahl, of Falkland Ridge, by inviting a number of friends to a picnic held on the Island Park, which was very much enjoyed by all.

The executive of the school exhibition are anxious that the gardens, poultry and stock should now receive the best of care. Let there be a good show of botany, domestic science, work manual training, maps, writing and other school work. The subject for essays, open to everybody, should receive special attention. Let teachers, trustees, parents and pupils make every effort in preparation for the school exhibition.

As a tribute to Pastor Beals, Mrs. (Dr.) W. S. Phinney and Mrs. MacMahon had the auditorium of the Baptist church, prettily decorated with flags for service on Sunday morning. One large flag draped the desk in which was an emblem of mourning caught up with flowers, Sunday afternoon, Mr. Beals went by auto to Moristown, where the memorial service was held.

GRANVILLE CENTRE

Miss Edith Goodwin is visiting relatives in Lower Canada, Kings Co.

Miss Agnie Roney is attending the summer School of Science at Truro.

Mrs. Annie Calnek is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. W. Longley, in Paradise.

Little Miss Della White, Port Wade, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Hannah Tauch.

Mrs. W. W. Troop was "at home" to a number of young ladies on Saturday afternoon last.

Miss Mabel Troop, of Campbellton, N. B., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Troop.

Mr. Froland Hunt, of South Brookfield, Queens Co., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Withers.

Principal E. A. McCormick, Mrs. McCormick and little son, are visiting their old home here.

Mrs. C. MacLean, of Margarettville, is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Willett.

Miss Christina Willett, after a vacation of two weeks spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Willett, has returned to her work in Amherst.

Miss Bessie Young, who has spent several weeks in Bridgetown and vicinity, has returned, and is at present suffering from an attack of measles.

The August meeting of the W. M. A. S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Arnold Eaton, Thursday afternoon Aug. 9th.

Mrs. and Mrs. M. D. Bent, Mr. and Mrs. Stimpson, and Mr. Norman Willett spent "Cherry Sunday" in Bear River.

Miss Isabel Longmire, of Annapolis, spent last week at home. Her sister, Miss Longmire, has been seriously ill's recovering.

Mrs. John Dunn recently received word of the death of her brother in law, Mr. H. H. Hildesheim, of New Brunswick, who was in England had their brother had been killed in action somewhere in France.

In the Episcopal Church, Sunday, Aug. 5th, the service will be in the morning, conducted by a young man from Bermuda, who will have charge of the Parish for two months.

Sunday, Aug. 5th, there will be service in the Baptist Church morning and evening. Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 10 o'clock morning service. Special singing at both services.

DEEP BROOK

Mrs. McPherson and son, of St. John, are spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Flick.

Mr. Clarence Adams, of Bear River, spent Sunday at her home here.

Sergt. Robert Vroom, of Halifax, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. James R. Vroom.

Rev. Mr. Harkness, of Wolfville, is spending a few weeks in the pretty village of Deep Brook.

Miss Nova Marsters, who is learning the telegraph business in Bear River, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. Ned Rice, of Boston, arrived on Tuesday and will spend a few weeks the guest of Mrs. C. Harris.

Miss May Ruggles was in Upper Canada a few days last week, the guest of her friend, Miss Joe Gilliat.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Payson, of Roxbury, Mass., were in the village last week the guests of Mrs. W. W. Payson.

Rev. Will Archibald and family motored from Wolfville on Wednesday and will occupy their cabin for the month of August.

Mrs. Grace Teagdale, after spending two weeks with her father, Mr. James Ray, left for her home in Everett, Mass., on Saturday.

Our popular summer hotels, the Sea Breeze and the Colonial Arms are well filled with guests for the month of August. They will have all they can accommodate.

The parish of St. Clements will hold their annual garden party on the rectory grounds in Clementsport on Wednesday afternoon and evening, August 8th, 1917. Everyone come.

Confirmation service was held at St. Matthew's church on Tuesday afternoon, when the Archbishop of Nova Scotia administered the Rite to five candidates in the presence of a large congregation. The Archbishop gave

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THE VENEREAL DISEASES

(Issued by Dept. Public Health, N. S.)

For some years there has been a growing tendency on the part of many thoughtful people to give attention to the serious problems which are associated with the venereal diseases. A marked impetus has been given to this movement by the war, sexual instinct is one of the primal instincts, it differs from the other primal instincts, as hunger and thirst, in that its purpose is the perpetuation of the species rather than the preservation of the life of the individual, and consequently its satisfaction is not necessary to the health of the individual. It is quite possible that repeated strong and unsatisfied appeals to the sexual instinct may be injurious, just as passion of any kind may be injurious, but this is the most that can be said.

This last statement is in itself of importance. It is to be particularly noted, moreover, that appeals to the sexual instinct are responsible for disaster so frequently. Every physician of experience will bear witness that victims of venereal disease frequently volunteer this information. We have, therefore, a double reason why, again in the interest of health and efficiency, our young people should not be exposed to the dangers which associate with suggestive pictures, plays and literature, and with immodest attire.

There has been much discussion of late as to the advisability of instructing children in sex hygiene. Without doubt ignorance of the consequences of sexual relationships is responsible for much disease and distress. On the other hand, many people fear that instruction in such matters may stimulate rather than allay curiosity, and may thus do harm. If we must choose between two evils, the choice should fall upon the lesser. It is quite conceivable that tactless and injudicious instruction might defeat the object in view, and comparatively few persons are so gifted as to enable them to present so delicate a subject in a suitable manner. Yet the potentiality for good of well conceived and well imparted instruction would appear to be so great that we feel it is to be advised. A person of proved aptness in such teaching might well be made an official of the State, and deputized to go from school to school to address the pupils on this surprisingly important subject. In this way we may reasonably expect that children will receive correct and useful information, rather than the distorted and imaginative views they are so likely to pick up if left to their own devices.

In order that any measure may succeed it is necessary that it should have the support of public opinion. This leaflet is issued with the object of directing the attention of our people to the importance of the subject with which it deals. It is hoped that it will receive full and sympathetic consideration, and that it will assist in opening the way for such legislative enactments and other measures as may appear necessary to adopt.

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There is much reason, therefore, for considering the possibilities of prevention of diseases of this class, quite apart from the well known fact that such diseases are the cause of a great deal of domestic disharmony and unhappiness. It is quite impossible to over-emphasize the seriousness of these consequential conditions, which include much chronic invalidism, particularly amongst women, sterility, many manifestations of organic disease of the nervous system, blindness and insanity. American statistics show that about ten per cent. of cases of insanity are due to syphilis. The statistics of several other countries show even a higher percentage than this.

It is a commonly held belief that gonorrhoea is not a very serious disease. This is entirely wrong. The disease, as already stated, is more prevalent than syphilis, and is accountable for an enormous amount of suffering and disability. Many of the most painful and disabling conditions which surgeons are called upon to treat are the result of this disease, and practically all cases of blindness developing in new born children are caused by the introduction of the germs of gonorrhoea to the eyes of the unfortunate children of infected mothers.

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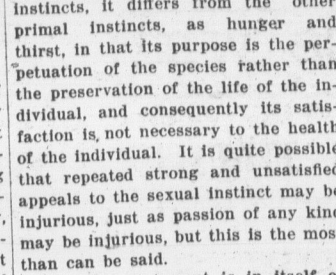
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Alleged Profits of The William Davies Company in 1916 on Bacon, as Indicated by Department of Labor to be Five Cents per Pound, Intrue: Actual Profits Two-Thirds of a Cent per Pound

THE statement issued by the Department of Labor concerning the business of The William Davies Company Limited has been given wide circulation throughout the country and provoked public unrest.

Whatever the technical wording of the report was, the effect has been that the newspapers have published that "the profits on Bacon alone" of this Company "for 1916" were about "five millions of dollars." This interpretation of the official report is not surprising in view of certain statements that the Commissioner of the Cost of Living makes. The Commissioner is reported as saying that "There were two individual cases of profiteering in 1916 and that had these cases occurred since the passage of the Cost of Living Order-in-Council, he would consider it his duty to recommend that

the facts be laid before the Attorney-General for consideration as to their criminality." The situation created by such erroneous and damaging statements is serious as emanating from a Government official, from whom one looks for not only accurate statements but correct conclusions.

The William Davies Company, being a private concern, has followed the practice of all private corporations, except when it made a bond issue in 1911, in that it has not published reports of its assets and liabilities or profit and loss. The present circumstance, however, in which a Government Official has led the public to false conclusions, makes it advisable for this Company, for both the public interest and its own interest, to publish particulars of its business as well as point out the error of the statement of the Government Official.

3.45 per cent.

The William Davies Company has assets of \$13,385,000 of which \$3,865,000 is tied up in fixed investments.

To provide the necessary facilities for the increased volume of business the Company expended \$750,000 in buildings and equipment during the year. Companies of other character present no more reasonable statement of profit and loss based upon the investments made in the business.

The William Davies Company offered to the Imperial authorities, as well as to the War Office Service (which represents the Imperial authorities in Canada) to place the output of its Factory with respect to Bacon supplies, Canned Beef and Pork and Beans at the service of the authorities, on the basis of cost plus an agreed percentage. These offers were successively declined as the authorities evidently desired to purchase in the open market, and on this basis The William Davies Company has secured War Office business by open competition with the world.

Respecting the Report of the Commissioner on the Cost of Living:-

Last Winter the Commissioner, under authority of Order-in-Council, required packers to submit statements of their business for the year ending March 31st, 1916, of incoming stocks of Meats and the cost of such, as well as statements of outgoing product and the selling value, as did this Company. An Official of this Company pointed out this cold-storage distinction to Mr. O'Connor and Miss McKenna in Ottawa a few weeks ago, and the failure to make the distinction after having had it pointed out evidences lack of desire for accuracy of the real information desired.

It is true The William Davies Company, in 1916, exported 97,791,000 pounds of Bacon, but we do not know how the margin of 5.05 cents per pound is arrived at by Mr. O'Connor, as there were no figures to justify such a conclusion. The probabilities are that the margin is arrived at by taking the average cost per pound of incoming product from the average cost per pound of outgoing product. This may be a rough way of estimating the gross margin when dealing with small figures, but when dealing with figures the size and range of which are as large as those of the Davies Company, the margin of 5.05 cents per pound is a very important difference in the total, and one must be careful to make sure that the outgoing product is the same finished merchandise of the incoming product reported on.

Allowing it to pass, however, as a rough estimate, we wish to point out—(first)—the inquiry of the Commissioner allowed only for incoming freight and unloading charges, and made no provision whatsoever for operating charges of any kind, such as labor, cutting material for the curing of the meat, and the cost of the curing process. In addition to this was the actual cost to land and sell this 97,791,000 pounds in England after leaving the packing house, which involved charges of 2.9 cents per pound, plus 2.9 cents per pound for inland and ocean freight, landing charges, war and marine insurance, cables, and selling commission to agents. The ocean freight and war risk alone would make up 2.4 cents of the charge of 2.9 cents per pound. This 1.2 cents, plus 2.9 cents—a total of 4.1 cents—must be deducted from Mr. O'Connor's margin of 5.05 cents per pound, leaving a margin of .95 cents, or slightly less than a cent per pound, which still has to be reduced because of the error of premises and because of further factors which have to be considered to determine net profits.

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If the passing out of existence of a corporation such as The William Davies Company, or if nationalization of packing houses would materially and permanently reduce food prices, then in view of the present world tragedy it ought to be consummated without delay. The fact of the matter is, however, that with millions of people in Europe turning from producers into consumers because of the war, and the tremendous destruction of food products incident to war, there is no remedy for the high prices of food which conditions last, except the remedy of thrift and increase of production.

Long before there was talk of a Food Controller in the United States or Canada The William Davies Company urged the Government at Ottawa, in writing, to appoint a Food Controller with full power to do what he saw fit, as we realized at that time the upward tendency in the price of food commodities unless checked by official effort. At the most a great deal cannot be done in kinds of commodities declines also. What can be done can only be done by a Food Controller. We wish to point out that nothing at all can be accomplished unless the data secured are accurately and clearly made and the deductions therefrom sound. Only public harm arises from dangerous incompetency in the haphazard collection and careless use of important figures.

As far as The William Davies Company is concerned this terminates all public statements of the Company, and it will pay no more attention to speculative and haphazard statements made either by newspapers or civil servants. The only further statement that will be made will be at an official investigation.

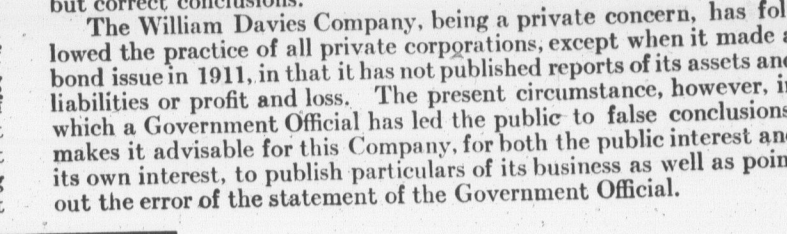
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