

IT WAS ENTHUSIASTIC.

**THE AGRICULTURAL MEETING
A SUCCESS.**

IMMENSE GATHERING—INSTRUCTIVE
ADDRESSES.

The Agricultural meeting of last Saturday night, held by Hon. C. H. Labillois, his confreres, and the County members, was very largely attended. The Forester's Hall was packed and very many were unable to get entrance.

The Band and many citizens met the visitors at the express. They proceeded to the Riverside Hotel, and shortly after they took a drive around town and Mr. Labillios was permitted to view the Hartland Bridge.

The meeting opened at 7.30 and J. T. G. Carr read an address to Mr. Labillois, as follows:

To the Hon C H Labillois, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sir: It is with feelings better felt than expressed that we welcome you and your co-workers to our village.

We understand that the meeting is to be non-partisan and non-political. It is to be along a line that interests us all, that is, Agriculture.

Agriculture has become of paramount importance in this province, and we rejoice that our government, of which you are an honored member, recognizes the great need of reform, and that you are trying to bring this about.

We welcome you here because we believe your visit to be greatly in our own interest as well as that of our own province. We are but a village yet. As the little darkey in the south said: "Ise only small, but Ise growin'."

According to current reports Hartland does a larger export business than any station on the C P R north of St John with one exception—and that is Woodstock. Our exports are principally agricultural products including a great deal of live stock. From this station during the past year have been deprived of the patronage of the most prosperous part of the county and which is rightfully ours, all for the want of a bridge across the river.

During the short time you have been here you have seen this great need. You have also noticed that we have all the facilities that the people need for transacting business. During the year past we have had added a newspaper, a bank and two important business firms. Our newspaper has been a successful advocate; our bank attracts trade and attention.

Now, sir, help us to a bridge and we will continue to grow, and a few years will show a marvellous progression, not because of our own enterprise altogether but by being located exactly in the centre of one of the most fertile agricultural districts on God's green earth. Keep us cut off from that prosperous western side, and we remain where we are.

At present the business men of this vicinity are forming a board of trade with a membership of about 60. This shows determined enterprise.

To you, honorable sir, and to your respected coadjutors, we extend a hearty welcome, and may your coming be to us as a cloud in a drouth, a sign of refreshing.

(Signed) JOHN T. G. CARR,
A. S. ESTEY, M. D.
FRED H. STEVENS.

Committee appointed by the Villagers of Hartland.

January 29, 1898.

In reply Mr. Labillois said that he appreciated the people's address, and stated that he had heard of Hartland Bridge before. He had not the power

to make any promise but would certainly use his influence in our cause. Beginning his discourse he said he was not a farmer but had traded with farmers 20 years, sat in the House 16 years, had been a member of an Agricultural Society for 12 years and a member of the Government for 6 years. He was surprised at the evidences of push and enterprise in our town. He said the lumber business was about done, the fish business on the decline, and would ask Hartland what was left to keep the province advancing. His experience was that agriculture was all that was left, and with that object in view Mr. Mitchell had found it advisable to create the office of Commissioner of Agriculture. Some great work must be done; some great blow must be struck. Considering this he had procured the appropriation necessary to make the present tour. The speaker recounted the various vicissitudes foreign farming countries had undergone to procure their present high standing. Ten years ago N. B. made 60 tons of cheese; last year it made 550 or 600 pounds. This showed that farming productions could be increased. There was only one way to do it—that each individual farmer strives to increase the quality and quantity of his produce. The speaker said farmers should be open to instruction and couple that with experience.

The Wheat Question was an important one at issue. Mr. Emmerson had in view a Wheat Policy, but he was not in a position to make known what it was. The farmers should strive to find out what would be best. He thought pork must be an important industry in Carleton County. With regard to poultry he could say at present a man was in England trying to open up a market for poultry, and undoubtedly would be successful. He was to locate in St. John and handle New Brunswick fowls. With regard to fruit raising he said a gentleman would soon make a tour of the province giving practical instruction in fruit growing. He thought this a grand county for cheese and butter. The Dairy Superintendent will assist in the propagation of this industry, and gives bonuses to cheese factories. The Sussex creamery made last year 275,000 pounds of butter. He said cheese could be made both in summer and winter. "Farmers," said the speaker, "do not think enough of their profession. Ever and always the farmer comes first." He then quoted from Cicero and Cato Major "Give the boys an education—not an arts course, but one at the agricultural school, where more could be learned in 4 or 5 years than in 30 on the farm." Mr. Labillios regretted that there were not more thrifty Agricultural societies. "Make New Brunswick one of the brightest spots on earth!"

Col. McRae of Guelph, Ont. was the next speaker and said no one, not even the preacher, had a more important calling than the farmer. He was surprised and glad to see so many farmer's wives and daughters present and said he could easily account for their presence by their superior intellects over the men. "Tuberculosis" was his subject. He said it was not a new disease but was known 400 years ago and was on the decrease. He doubted if

there was a parish in N. B. without many cases of the disease. It was synonymous with consumption in humans. Every tame animal was subject to it but it was altogether unknown in wild animals. Tuberculine showed the presence of tuberculosis in every case where it existed. The flesh of cows diseased with tuberculosis is not dangerous to eat, the danger is in the milk. A strong constitution is not liable to the disease or if inoculated can get rid of it. The danger of contagion lies alone in the sputum and the milk.

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