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MAKE THE MOST OF OURSELVES.

This is the globe trotters' age. There are a great many people who have time and money to spare, and they are always on the lookout for hitherto undiscovered green areas where they may pasture during the summer season. Of late there has been a growing interest shown in the Maritime Provinces, by the tourist element of society. St. Andrews and St. John have always secured the lion's share of these desirable visitors, while the rest of the province has been obliged to content itself with the autumnal visits of representatives of the genus tramp.

A well-organized movement is now on foot to boom the province, at large, and point out what is certainly the truth, that in various sections there are beauties of nature, which if only known would draw novelty seeking wanderers.

The Boards of Trade in the several towns of the province have taken up the idea, and a number of views of places of interest have been sent to railway guide books for summer tourists, and have been thankfully received for insertion by the companies which are getting them up.

It is now the turn of the Woodstock Board and citizens generally to fall into line. In order to start the ball rolling, a meeting of citizens, under the auspices of the Board of Trade, will be held on Friday evening in the town hall. Addresses will be made in explanation of the scheme, and Mr. Ira Cornwall, of St. John, secretary of the Provincial Tourist's Association, has promised to be present and put the subject plainly before the meeting.

There is no section in the province more worthy of a visit by tourists than Carleton County. The county itself stands without a peer in the maritime provinces, as an agricultural section. Go where you will, and you will find more attractive farms and farm buildings than are to be found within the boundaries of this county. Then with regard to scenery pure and simple, what can excel a drive up river, on either side of the noble and historic St. John. Few tourists have an idea that beautiful scenery, in conjunction with fertile farms, and a prosperous people is to be found in New Brunswick.

There is first class hotel accommodation in Woodstock, and if the demand increases the supply will be on hand. Throughout the county, there are an excellent class of plain hotels. But in all this there is room for improvement, which undoubtedly will take place when the shoal of summer tourists strikes this way.

Our duty is to make ourselves known. Advertise ourselves whenever and wherever we can. And in order to set at this intelligently, a rousing meeting is asked for Friday evening.

We print in another column an article from the Star-Herald of Presque Isle, rather strongly combatting the idea of reciprocity between Canada and the States. We are not certain whether the Star-Herald represents the opinion of the public in Aroostook County, or not, but probably it does. It makes a mistake in speaking of Mr. Farrer as an M. P., but this is no reproach, for in writing of American public men, Canadian papers are quite as liable to display much more glaring ignorance.

If we are to have our share of the tourists who will visit the province next summer, we must tidy up the town. Individuals have been progressive in putting in plate glass fronts and in making their places look neat and clean. The new council may well consider, even as a measure of economy, the replacing of the rotten planks on Main and King streets, with asphalt. It is often economy for a man to build a new and durable house instead of patching up his old building. What do the councillors think?

Farmers' and Dairymen.

The annual meeting of the F. & D. association of N. B. will be held in the Temperance Hall, Fredericton, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10th, 11th and 12th February next, opening at 2 p. m. on Wednesday the 10th.

The following subjects will be introduced for discussion: "Good Roads," by S. L. Peters and Howard Trueman; "Fruit Growing," by Messrs. C. L. S. Raymond, Samuel Randall, Geo. E. Baxter and W. S. Blair; "Mistakes in Dairying," by Messrs. E. H. Turnbull, T. C. B. Milbery, Harvey Mitchell and J. E. Hopkins; "How to keep the Boys and Girls upon the Farm," by Miss Susie A. Crawford and Mr. John R. Tompkins; "The Retention of Fertility," by Messrs. H. B. Hall and John Dawson; "The Registration of pure bred Stock," by Messrs. Donald Innis and D. Sinclair Smith; "The Stable Management of Cattle," by Messrs. W. F. George and D. C. Parent.

The subject of Agricultural Education will also be discussed.

Mr. Geo. W. Forrest, superintendent of the Maritime Experimental Farm, will make a report upon some features of the work under his charge. Prof. F. T. Shutt, chemist, to the Dominion Experimental Farms, will be present to assist in the discussion on retention of fertility and stable management of cattle, and Prof. Jno. Craig, horticulturist, to assist in the discussion upon fruit growing. Everybody is invited to attend and join the Association. The membership fee is \$1.00.

All members have a right to speak twice in each discussion. Ladies are particularly invited. Reduced rates on all railways. Buy one way first-class ticket over I. C. R. and C. P. R. and ask for standard certificate.

BUTTER AND FRUIT EXHIBIT.

There will be an exhibit of winter fruit and fresh dairy butter at the meeting. \$30 will be given in butter prizes and several special prizes. Entry forms and all information can be had from Harvey Mitchell, Department of Agriculture, Fredericton, and from W. W. HUBBARD, Corresponding Secretary.

Sussex, N. B.

Imperial Parliament.

The English Parliament is in session. With regard to the treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, the Queen's speech contains this clause:—"It is with much gratification that I have concluded a treaty for general arbitration with the President of the United States, by which I trust that all differences that may arise between us will be peacefully adjusted. I hope that this arrangement may have further value in commending to other powers the consideration of the principle by which the danger of war may be notably abated."

Amid the many important questions affecting countries in all portions of the world, which are dealt with, it is almost amusing to read this paragraph: "A bill will also be submitted to you to improve the arrangements for the water supply of the metropolis." British Parliament covers a wide scope of legislation certainly.

Crow's Nest Road.

All sorts of rumors are floating about regarding the proposed construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, B. C., to tap the Kootenay. One day the C. P. R. has the deal in its hands, the next the Dominion Government is to construct the line and then something else is to be done.

The latest story is that the Provincial Government of British Columbia is to build the road. The assertion is that one of the chief objects Hon. Mr. Blair, the Minister of Railways and Canals, had in visiting the coast was to prevail upon the local administration to undertake the project under the guarantee of the Federal Government.

According to this statement the arrangement is that the powers at New Westminster shall build that part of the road lying between the British Columbia boundary and Macleod to be constructed by the Dominion. In this event it is the intention of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway to build the 50-mile link between Macleod and the Great Northern in Montana.

A Gloomy Prediction.

Prof. Bernard Bigsby, of Detroit, delivered a lecture recently in which he said that the condition of affairs which led up to the French Revolution was almost identical with that prevalent today in the United States. There, money was king, people worshipped the golden calf, public morality was at a low ebb, religion was losing its hold on the people, monopolies controlled the government, and millionaires waxed richer and richer on the toil of the ill-paid laborer. Some American institutions were rotten to the core. The whole fabric of the Union needed overhauling. God would one day call the nation to severe account. Meantime, he said, a gigantic strike was impending and would probably occur this spring, shaking the industrial structure to its centre and producing widespread disaster and ruin.

Dr. Bigsby's remarks created quite a sensation.

Ammonia For Colds.

"For a cold in the head, catarrh and the like," said a physician, "the simplest remedy, and one of the best that I know of, is to put a few drops of ammonia into the hands. Make a cup with the two hands and breathe the fumes. This will clear out the throat also. For tonsillitis or even diphtheria, I do not know of anything better. It is also very beneficial for croup, though, of course, small children do not know how to breathe it. For annoying colds in the head which prevail at this time of the year it will be found effectual. The fumes of ammonia are death to almost all forms of bacteria. If it were frequently and generally used, diphtheria as an epidemic would be unknown."

At a parish church in Kent recently, the clergyman was reading the notices for the week and ended by saying: "There will be christening next Sunday at 10.30." He then slowly walked to the pulpit. Suddenly turning towards the congregation, he remarked in severe tones, "Remember, Mrs. Tomlinson, I said 10.30. A year ago you were late, I believe."

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Mr. Laurier on Reciprocity.

The mayor of Montreal, Mr. Wilson Smith gave a banquet the other evening, which was attended by many celebrities and notables in Canadian public life. The governor-general was present, so was Sir Adolph Chapleau, lieutenant governor of Quebec. They both made speeches, but the interest was centered in the remarks of Mr. Laurier, who is the virtual ruler of the country, at present. The reports of his speech on this occasion, appearing in the various newspapers, seem to agree. Among other things, the premier said: It had long been his opinion the commercial relations between Canada and the United States should be more friendly than they were at present. While he was emphatic, in asserting that the efforts of parliament should be directed towards getting for Montreal and Canada at large the trade of the Western States, let it be well understood that he was against the idea of friendliness with the United States meant hostility to England. The government intended to have, so far as they could, better trade relations with our neighbors to the south, yet if that meant hostility to England, they would have none of it. It was the boast of Canadians, and he was proud to say it in the presence of Her Majesty's representatives, that colonials, though they were, they did not believe the sun shone on a freer country than this, and they felt gratitude to the great country which had protected their liberty. It was with these sentiments that he wished to approach the Government of the United States. If it were his duty and privilege to go to the United States and speak of better trade relations between Canada and that country, he would say, 'We come here, not as suppliants, but as free men, to talk business with free men, and if you will accept a basis of relations upon this ground, let us at once negotiate; but if you expect that we come here simply to starve the country to which we belong, we shall do nothing of the kind.' They would ever be true to their allegiance. He believed that if they approached the United States in that spirit, and did not go in any cringing spirit, or any other spirit than that of freedom, self-respect and dignity, they would have a hearing; and if they failed in their endeavors, we should still do by ourselves. And if we had to do by ourselves, there was a great deal for us to do.

Prominent Business Man of Peterboro Cured of Eczema.

Mr. Thos. Gladman, book-keeper for Adam Hall, Esq., stove and tinware dealer, Peterboro, writes the following facts:—"Have been troubled for nine years with Eczema on my leg, and at times the itching was something terrible; tried many eminent doctors and was pronounced incurable. I had given up hopes of even being cured when I was recommended by Mr. Madill, druggist, to try a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and I am happy to testify that after using two boxes I am completely cured."

In The House of Commons.

While speaking in the House, says Mr. Augustine Birrell in the Cornhill Magazine, I have never failed to notice one man, at all events, who was paying me the compliment of the closest attention, who never took his eyes off me, who hung upon my words, on whom everything I was saying seemed to be making the greatest impression. In my early days I used to address myself to this man, and try my best to make myself worthy of his attention, but sad experience has taught me that this solitary auditor is not in the least interested in me or in my speech, and that the only reason why he listens so intently and eyes me so closely is because he has made up his mind to follow me, and is eager to leap to his feet in the hope of catching the speaker's eye the very moment I sit down. Yet for all this, vanity thrives in the House—though what it feeds on I cannot say. We are all anxious to exaggerate our own importance, and desperately anxious to make reputations for ourselves and to have our names associated with some subject to pose as its patron and friend. On great parliamentary nights these vanities, from which our leaders are not wholly exempt are very conspicuous. On such occasions the House of Commons has reminded me of a great drying ground, where all the clothes of a neighborhood may be seen fluttering in a gale of wind. There are nightgowns and shirts and petticoats so distended and distorted by the breeze as to seem the garments of a race of giants, rather than of poor mortal men, even the stockings of some slim maiden when puffed out by the lawless wind, assume dropical proportions. But the wind sinks, having done its task, and then the matter-of-fact waterwoman unpegs the garments, sprinkles them with water, and ruthlessly passes over them her flatiron, and, lo and behold! these giant robes are reduced to their familiar, domestic and insignificant proportions. A marked characteristic of the House of Commons is its generosity. We have heard far too much lately of contending jealousies. The only thing the House is really jealous of is its own reputation. If a member, no matter who he is, or where he sits, or what he says, makes a good speech, and creates a powerful impression, nobody is more delighted, more expansively and effusively delighted, than Sir William Harcourt. On such occasions he glows with generosity. And this is equally true of Mr. Balfour, and indeed of the whole House, which invariably welcomes talent, and rejoices over growing reputations.

Tobique Valley.

A special general meeting of the Tobique Valley Gypsum company was held recently in Ottawa. Hon. Mr. Costigan, Hon. Peter White and Senator Temple were among those present. A number of shareholders were represented by proxy. It is reported there are good prospects of arrangements with the C. P. R. to operate the Tobique Valley railway next spring, in which event the company will commence active operations.

Preparing for the Worst.

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