

WHY MENIER BOUGHT ANTICOSTI.

An Island 135 Miles Long and 40 Wide for \$12,000, With Spruce Enough to Supply the World With Paper Pulp.

Henri Menier, now in his 48th year, was born in France in the 1853. His family had acquired many millions of dollars in manufacturing. Henri, always a quiet youth of studious habits, and intelligent beyond his years, was called upon to take charge of his father's vast interests at 18.

He literally walked in one day from a school room to the private office of a business measuring in capacity and importance more than one hundred million francs. At 19 he had mastered the details, at 20 he began to enlarge the plant, at 25 he had practically doubled the output, at 30 his name was a household word in four continents, at 35 his fortune had reached the enormous figure of two hundred million francs, and at 42 this man, in whom practical science, a philosophical disposition and commercial shrewdness struggled for the mastery, bought the Island of Anticosti.

The act was typical of the man. He was approached one day by an Englishman named Kendrick, who announced that he had an Island to sell.

"Where is it?" asked Menier.

"At the mouth of the St. Lawrence River," was the reply.

"Ah, Anticosti!"

The Englishman nodded.

"The price?"

"One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars."

Henri Menier had paid double that sum for a steam yacht. The amount was a trifle not one month's income, and for the sole ownership of an Island which he knew contained more than 2,000,000 acres of land—it was really ridiculous.

"The title is absolutely clean," remarked Kendrick. "We can prove it from the time the Island was granted to one Joliette in 1627 by the King of France."

"Why do you wish to sell it?"

"Because it is an elephant upon our hands," was the frank reply. "I am the secretary of a company called the Island of Anticosti Company, Limited. The company bought the Island in 1889 from the former owners, who had failed to make it pay, and now we wish to get rid of it. The price is small."

Mr. Menier fully agreed with the latter statement, but his business instinct would not permit him to close a bargain without due investigation. The purchase of an orange, or a horse, or a locomotive for the private railway on his country estate, receives equal consideration.

"Return tomorrow," he said briefly. "I will look into the matter."

Then he began to absorb information regarding this strange island, which had so unexpectedly crossed the horizon of his daily life. He found the details interesting to the degree of fascination. He learned that Anticosti was a great bulk of land 135 miles long and 40 miles broad, lying at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, and that it had for its nearest neighbors Labrador and Newfoundland and Halifax, names which conjured up visions of icebergs and dreary solitudes.

On the following day Kendrick visited him. He said, briefly: "I am undecided. I will send a commission of three to investigate and report. Until then he will wait."

It was simply the business shrewdness of the man, the shrewdness that had made him a king among financiers at 25 and a multimillionaire at 30. With him the golden crown worn by Croesus would have had to bear weight and test before a franc was invested in it.

"It is only £25,000," persisted Kendrick. "A simple sum of \$125,000. The wood on the island is worth more than that."

"I will send a commission," replied Menier, imperturbably. "If you do not care to wait—"

Kendrick waited.

A commission of three men selected by Menier set out at once, and in due course of time an enthusiastic cable message reached Paris. Then the commission returned and supplemented the message with more enthusiastic comments and reports.

"It is a wonderful place," said the three. "The soil is fertile, the fishing invaluable; the spruce forests covering the island are almost ample enough to supply the world with paper pulp." In brief, the reports gave Anticosti the very best character.

His business instincts satisfied, Menier closed the bargain at once and became the sole owner of a spot of land great enough and rich enough to form the realm of a king.

When a man takes a bit of land that has remained idle and unproductive since the world has known it—a bit of land, say, of 2,000,000 acres, or about 3 times the size of the average European principality—and through the efforts of his brawn, or of brawn

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controlled by him, converts it into a garden spot and a source of good to the world in general, he is regarded either as a man of commercial instincts finely developed or as a philanthropist. He may be both.

Henri Menier of Paris is both.

From France to the island of Anticosti, in the mouth of the St. Lawrence river, is a far cry. Geographically the distance between is about 2500 miles, but in climate and in appearance and in all the various attributes of a country they are antipodal. The one is bright, gay, cheerful, sunny and civilized, in fact, La Belle France; the other drear, cold, ice-bound in winter and almost unsettled. There is no affinity, no purpose, no taste in common between the two; yet in the past few years the money, the talent and the science of a son of one have been poured out for the benefit of the other.

In 1895 the name Anticosti was barely known to Henri Menier of Paris. Today Anticosti is the subject of his waking thoughts and of his dreams.

In 1895 the shores of this island, which stands like a monstrous tooth in the mouth of the mighty St. Lawrence, knew only the footprints of occasional fishermen, or of the few settlers who had ventured fortune along the sands; today Anticosti boasts a thriving town, built and conducted on modern principles. Besides quays and costly breakwaters and important canning factories are to be found there.

Until five years ago no human being had forced the woody barriers of the interior; today the small army of workers employed by Menier, the modern pioneer, is pushing steadily onward, building roads, making clearings and laying the foundation of agricultural prosperity.

Within five years more than two millions of dollars have been expended by Henri Menier for the benefit of this island of the New World. In the same period he has worked many hours each day upon the problem of its future. He has brought science and intelligence and physical labor to bear upon the question of its development, and where he has sown dollars he intends to sow hundreds, and where he has devoted the brains and the strength of a battalion he intends to devote the strength and brains of a corps.

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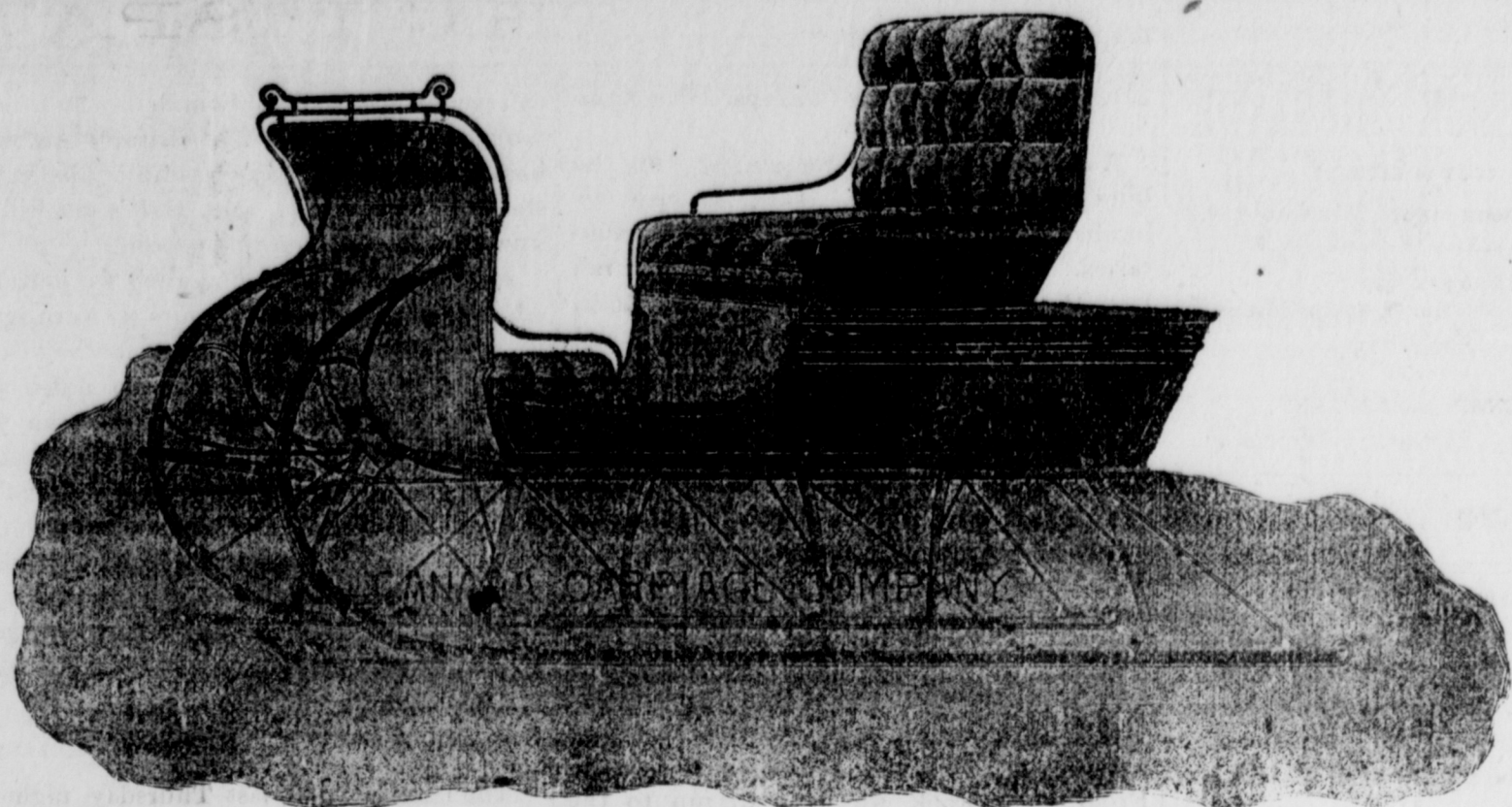
Good Prospects For Breeders of Draft and Carriage Horses.

In harmony with progress generally the Breeders in America have learned that horses must be raised for special purposes if the breeder would make his business most profitable, say McLoughlin Bros. in The National Stockman. Of all the different types and breeds of horses probably the most in demand are work horses and carriage horses for pleasure driving. As a rule, work horses are used for heavy draft, while carriage horses are intended to pull a light load at a moderately rapid rate of speed.

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Although high class coach horses sold for high prices during time of depression on account of their scarcity, yet the demand for them has also increased, and prices have advanced. The farmers and breeders who have got trotting bred road mares and who will breed them to high class coach stallions are sure to derive a profit in any event, because no matter whether times continue prosperous or the reverse there has been and always will be a demand for the kind of high acting carriage horses they will raise.

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"One night O'Rell had been in bed for perhaps an hour in the Grand Pacific hotel in Chicago when there came a very decided rapping at his chamber door.

"Who's there?" called Max.
"A reporter," came the answer.
"Well, I can't see you now. I'm in bed."
"The Frenchman heard his door pushed open, and the chair which he had placed against it tumbled over. Some one advanced into the room, struck a match and proceeded to light the gas.
"Well, well! What'll you have, sir? What'll you have?" cried Max O'Rell indignantly.

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