

Apple Growing in the St. John Valley.

Until this year apple growers along the St. John River have never shipped fruit to Europe, but acting on the advice of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, some of the growers this season made trial shipments, mostly to Glasgow. The "New Brunswick," the Duchess of the other provinces modified by the later seasons and colder climate of New Brunswick is quite a firm apple suitable for fall shipment. It is quite largely grown and a lot was shipped the first week in September which netted \$2.50 per barrel. This was followed by a shipment of the "Wealthy" which did equally well. In previous years this class of fruit was sent down the river in old barrels or boxes, with little attention to packing and grading, and the average price obtained from local dealers was 75 cents to 1.00 per barrel.

Last spring a Dominion fruit inspector visited the principal apple growers in the St. John Valley, with the object of giving them instruction and encouragement in the work of building up a fruit industry. He found them discouraged with the prices formerly received for apples of the above sorts, which grow exceedingly clean and rich in flavor along the river. However, this year's export shipments have been so satisfactory that growers are quite pleased with the prospects, and many new orchards are being set out on the lines recommended by the Fruit Division.

A storehouse has been erected at St. John where large quantities of Ontario apples will be received and repacked for shipment during the winter months. Young orchardists would find a visit to this establishment very interesting and instructive as it would enable them to gain a practical knowledge of the essentials of packing and grading for the export business in a very short time.

The Cowardly Shark.

Every sailor in the South Seas, declares a writer in the Washington Star, knows that the shark is a coward. A man who has served many years in the United States navy tells of an experience with sharks at Tahiti. A crew of seamen gunners had obtained permission to take a beach swim, and had not given a thought to sharks, although they had seen numbers of them about the harbor.

In addition to being young, writes the sailor, I was more self-confident than I've ever been since, because there wasn't a man or boy on board that could teach me anything about swimming. That's how it came about that as soon as we jumped into the water on the Papete beach I proceeded to outswim all the rest, just to show 'em.

I didn't turn to look back until I was about three hundred yards from the beach. The only reason why I turned around then was because I heard a lot of noise from the beach.

When I turned, I saw about a hundred naked natives and all of the fellows from our ship lined up on the beach at the edge of the water, jumping up and down and waving their arms at me, and yelling with all their might. But I saw nothing more important than that. There were, it seemed to me, about a million huge, wet, and shiny shark-fins between me and the beach. Some of them weren't more than ten yards from me.

I stopped and trod water, and nervously slapped the surface of the water with my hands. I noticed that when I slapped the water particularly hard the sharks that were nearest to me edged back and circled at a greater distance from me. So I kept on slapping the water.

The sharks were waiting for me to get tired, and they took it easy. Forty natives put out after me in one of those sixty-foot-long and two-foot-wide canoes with the outrigger arrangement familiar in the South Seas; and in the bow of the boat and directing them was an old quartermaster from a British trading schooner in the harbor.

"Splash, keep a-splashing, you Yankee pup-idiot!" he bawled at me as the canoe approached where I was in the middle of the semi-circle of waiting sharks.

I was a good deal scared, but as the canoe approached I noticed that all of the natives that weren't helping to pull the canoe were leaning over the side, and slapping and churning the water with all their might and main. That settled it. The sharks dispersed like a bunch of stampeded mountain-goats, and I was hauled into the canoe, and scolded by the British quartermaster for my folly until we pulled up on the beach. That was my first experience with the cowardice of sharks.

Cheap Rates to Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, N. B.

For the above the Canadian Pacific Railway will issue from Newburg and Stations Northward December 9th to 13th inclusive to Amherst and return at rate of single fare to St. John plus \$3.85 St. John to Amherst and return. From all other stations on the Atlantic Division in Canada tickets on sale December 10th to 13th on same basis, return limit of all tickets December 17th. On December 13th all Agents on the Atlantic Division in Canada will issue a special low rate to Amherst and return good going on that date only, good to return until December 16th. Judges and Exhibitors on presentation of certificates will be issued on December 8th and 9th at single fare for the round trip, with return limits of December 17th. For further particulars apply to nearest Ticket Agent, or write C. B. Foster, District Passenger Agent, St. John, N. B.

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Mr. Geo. Johnson, of the village of Ohio, N. S., gives strong proof of the truth of the above statements. He says: "My son, now nineteen years old, suffered greatly with Kidney trouble. He was constantly troubled with severe pains in the back, and often passed sleepless nights. His appetite failed, he grew weak, and could hardly do the usual work that falls to the lot of a boy on a farm. We tried several kidney medicines, but they did not help him any. Then a friend recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and this was the first medicine that reached the cause of the trouble. He used the pills for a couple of months and I am thankful to say is now as strong and healthy as any boy of his age."

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Elephant Cemeteries.

The great bulk of the supply of ivory tusks hoarded by native chiefs in Africa, and shrewdly dealt out by them to traders in such a manner as not to glut the market, come—so say London dealers—from "elephant cemeteries," places to which elephants are said to resort when about to die. These spots are met with occasionally in the jungle, and they bear evidence of having been frequented by moribund elephants for centuries. Not more than 15 per cent. of the ivory now obtained in Africa comes from animals killed by hunters.

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Teachers' Institute.

The Carleton County Teachers' Institute will meet in Graham's Opera House Thursday and Friday December 22nd and 23rd. Following is the programme:—

FIRST SESSION, THURSDAY, 10 A. M.

Enrolment. Appointment of committees. Addresses by President, Inspector and others.

Paper—"Writing from a practical standpoint," P. R. Hayward. Discussion by Abram C. Cronkhite.

SECOND SESSION, 1.30 P. M.

Roll Call. Minutes. Paper—"Ferns," W. M. Crawford. Discussion I. N. Draper.

Illustrated talk on "Educational Handwork," T. B. Kidner. Visit to Sloyd School.

Evening to be arranged for.

THIRD SESSION, FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Roll Call. Minutes. Reading and language lesson, Miss Alexander. Discussion, John M. Keefe.

Some remarks on reading, Inspector Meagher. Discussion D. C. Haviland, B. A.

FOURTH SESSION, 1.30 P. M.

Roll Call. Minutes. Paper—"Aims and Methods in School Work," John Britain. Discussion, H. F. Perkins, B. A.

Hearing a faint rustle in the darkened hallway below, the elder sister, supposing the young man had gone, leaned over the balustrade and called out: "Well, Bessie, have you landed him?" There was a deep, sepulchral silence for some moments. It was broken by the hesitating, constrained voice of the young man: "She has."—Chicago Tribune.

BORN.

SHAW.—At Upper Woodstock, on Thursday, December 1st, to the wife of Sandy Shaw, a son.

MARRIED.

IRVING-GARDNER.—On Nov. 28th, at the Parish Church, Richmond, by the Rev. A. W. Teed, rector, Sadie Irvine to Andrew Gardner, both of Hammond Plantation, Me.

MCCORMACK-MERRITT.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Bristol, N. B., Nov. 30th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Charles Henry McCormack of Upper Woodstock, to Idella Maude, daughter of the late Israel Merritt, of Bristol.

FOSTER-BUCKER.—At the residence of Mrs. Abraham Clark, on Monday evening, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, M. A., Mr. William Foster, of St. John, to Miss Elizabeth Bucker, of Fredericton.

AITKEN-CAMPBELL.—At the Baptist Parsonage, Andover, Dec. 2nd, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, Asa W. Aitken, of Red Rapids, and Devedia Campbell, of Arthurette, Vic. Co.

DIED.

CHASE.—In West Newton, Mass., Nov. 20th, 1904, of tuberculosis, Byron Blackford Chase, aged 16 years and 10 months, eldest child of Llewellyn W. and Elizabeth M. Chase, and grandchild of the late A. M. Brodick, of Jacksonville.

MACINTOSH.—Suddenly at Boston, on Nov. 30th, Donald M. Macintosh, aged sixty-two years, eldest son of Ann and the late Wm. Macintosh, of Upper Woodstock, New Brunswick, and brother to W. D. Macintosh of British Columbia, and Mrs. Wm. Murphy of Montreal. (St. John papers please copy.)

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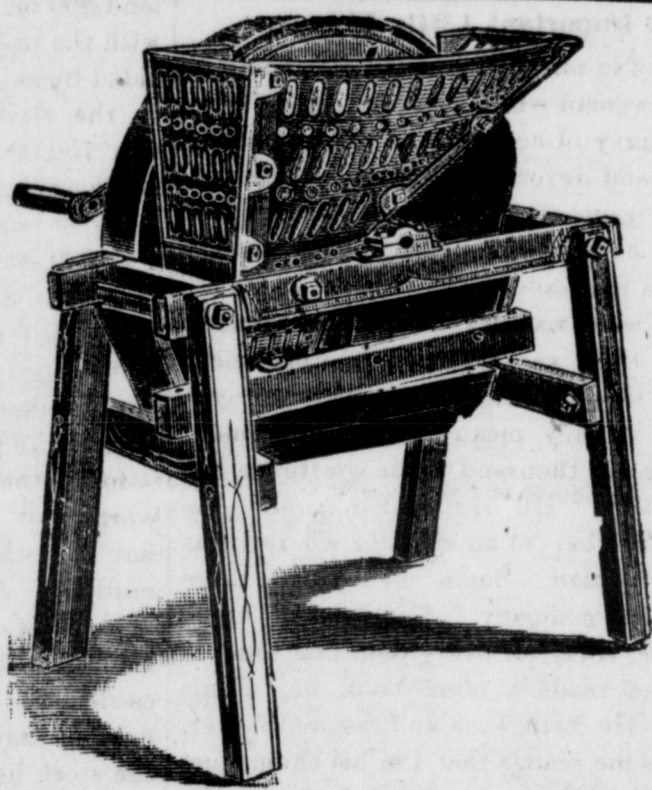
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