

WOODSTOCK, N. B., MARCH 16, 1904.

Local Legislation.

Premier Tweedie promises to put a secret ballot law through the house this session. The Hon. Wm. Pugsley informed the house that the payments on account of the consolidation of the statutes have so far amounted to \$23,197.13. He hoped the work would be completed by the end of the session. The Hon. Mr. LaBillois introduced the new highway bill.

By this bill the distinction between great roads and by-roads is abolished and all roads on which public money is expended are to be deemed common and public highways, and subject to the provisions of the act. This is a proper provision, for the distinction between great roads and by-roads has ceased to have any meaning, because some by roads are more important than some great roads. The government will establish as many highway divisions in each county as they deem necessary, appointing a superintendent over each division. These superintendents, who will be subject to the general supervision of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, shall have the sole ordering of the construction and repair of the roads in their respective divisions, and shall have charge of all culverts and of bridges of not more than 40 span or 12 feet height. The superintendents may make repairs either by day's work or by public auction. The superintendents are required to keep the flooring of all covered bridges covered with snow during the winter. Statute labor is abolished and in its place a road tax is provided for.

Mr. LaBillois thought the province might be divided into 15 bridge districts and a bridge inspector appointed for each.

Under the old act the department had to deal with 1580 officials, while under the new act it will have to do with at most 160 road and bridge officials.

Teachers are Scarce.

The following interesting paragraphs are taken from the annual report of Inspector F. B. Meagher.

The scarcity of trained teachers has been severely felt during the year in this Inspectorate.

Owing to this scarcity a number of small ungraded schools have either been closed or placed in charge of local licensees. This latter course is open to so many objections that it is almost a question whether it is better to adopt it or to allow the schools to remain closed. I have at least tried to confine my recommendations to remote and isolated districts where trained teachers are ordinarily unwilling to go, and when the issue of local licensees can in no way conflict with their interests.

The parsimonious support given to their school by the ratepayers of a large number of districts is undoubtedly the cause of this diminution in the ranks of the teaching profession, for teachers are gradually taking up more profitable occupations, and not until more liberal wages be given them, can we hope to retain them in sufficient numbers to effect a proper adjustment between the supply and the demand.

On the other hand I can say with certainty that never before during my term of office has there been such a manifest improvement in the condition of the schools at large throughout this territory as in the past year. I attribute this in part to the establishment of schools for manual training, and to the stimulus given to the study of Natural Science by Instructor Brittain in his visits to the centres which he has selected in Carleton and Victoria Counties, but the main cause lies in the teachers themselves, many of whom are exhibiting a surprising degree of energy and enthusiasm in the improvements of their school environments, in the establishment of school libraries, and in the procuring of needed apparatus by their own efforts. Nor are the evidences lacking of a corresponding improvement in the internal educational work, so that viewed from any standpoint, it seems to be evident that important and progressive influence are operating in the development of the schools, and this year I shall look for a still further increase of educational activity.

On examining the following table it will be seen that out of a grand total of 266 schools the average number closed during the year was thirty one. In Carleton County, the average number was fourteen; in Victoria County, eleven, and in that section of York Co., which has been placed under my supervision, the average number was seven. The majority of these schools would have been in operation if teachers could have been procured.

St. Patrick's Day.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians have an excellent programme arranged for their usual celebration of St. Patrick's Day, composed of solos, duets, readings, recitations etc. A very laughable farce entitled "Pro. Baxter's Great Invention for the Restoration of Youth," will be played, showing the wonderful power of electricity. The characters for this important feature of the celebration have been carefully selected and will no doubt prove the best and most laughable farce ever played in Woodstock.

The entertainment is to take place in St. Gertrude's Parish Hall.

Those who have seen the entertainments of the Hibernians are familiar with the excellent musical and dramatic talent displayed. This one will excel all former celebrations. Admission 15 and 10 cents.

Bacon, Ham and Egg Trade 1903.

The following is the report of Mr. A. W. Grindley, agent of the Department of Agriculture in Great Britain regarding an important branch of the Canadian export trade in food products.

The Canadian Egg Trade is in a good way, best brands selling as high as fresh or Danish selected. The eggs are chiefly shipped in the "Canadian box", with "fillers" holding thirty dozen. The style of package is popular and being of good quality gives general satisfaction. A limited number of eggs are shipped in the "foreign box" which holds twelve long hundreds (1440 eggs). The eggs in these large cases are packed in straw or excelsior and are put up in this style at the request of the importers. "Continental" and "Irish" eggs are packed in this style of package.

Both "fresh" and "glycerines" have come forward late in the year in large quantities; the quality was good, but the total shipments have not been so large, owing to scarcity of eggs in Canada.

According to a book recently published in Russia, that country boasts of having left Denmark behind as regards export of eggs. Russian competition in butter, eggs and poultry is becoming very serious by reason of adopting up-to-date methods, and these products are becoming much more popular on the British markets, owing to the improved quality. Russia, Denmark and other foreign countries are now taking greater care in selecting, grading and packing eggs, as well as getting them marketed as fresh as possible.

These foreign eggs now arrive regularly several days every week, as well as regularly every week of the year. The bulk of these eggs are perfectly clean, and are graded into as many as six sizes, so that today the British importer is not inclined to speculate as in former years, and will have little if anything to do with stocks which have been held in cold storage.

As Canadian exporters have to meet this competition, great care must be taken in selecting and sending forward only eggs which are perfectly fresh, clean and graded into sizes.

During 1903 the United Kingdom imported 19,848,897 great hundreds (120) of eggs, valued at \$6,617,619. Canada's share of this large trade amounted to only 557,080 great hundreds, valued at £218,571. The imports from Russia amounted to £1,866,421 and from Denmark to £1,648,367. Germany, Belgium and France are the other leading exporters of eggs to Britain, each of these countries sending from three to four times as many as Canada.

BACON AND HAM TRADE 1903.

Mr. Grindley also reports as follows concerning the Bacon and Ham trade.

Canadian mild-cured bacon and hams are becoming very popular in Great Britain and are preferred to those imported from the United States, as they are leaner and there is always a demand for lean cuts. Canadian packing houses should make a close study of the various British markets and supply them with the cuts which are in demand by the consumer.

There is still room for improvement as regards packing cases, these are often of knotty lumber, badly nailed, and no battens at ends (same as American packers use) which give double nail bearings. Heavy split wood hoops should be used to bind round each end of the case and for extra large cases an extra binder should be placed round the centre.

Shippers of these mild cured meats must take advantage of the best means of transportation which are now provided. Ship goods as little as possible to be sold on commission and then only to reliable firms who will see that they are warehoused under proper conditions as regards cleanliness and temperature.

MEDICINE FOR MEN.

Something that will Banish Worries and Brace Up the System.

Has it ever occurred to you that you need a medicine AS MEN—not as old men or young men but as men? Are you never conscious that the wear and tear of life which men sustain need repair? Worry wears a man out quicker that work, but worry is not an accident, it is a symptom—a symptom of nervous exhaustion. Other symptoms are nervous headache; morning laziness, that makes it difficult to get out of bed; a weak feeling in the back; indigestion; breathlessness after slight exertion; irritable temper—perhaps some nerve pain such as neuralgia, sciatica or incipient paralysis. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as a medicine for men, act directly upon the source of discomfort. They restore manly vigor and energy, improve the appetite and tone up the nerves and the whole system. Mr. Neil H. McDonald, Estimere, N. B., is one of the many men who has proved the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He says: "I am glad to be able to say that I have found Dr. Williams' Pink Pills all that is claimed for them. I was completely run down; my appetite was poor, and I suffered much from severe headaches. Doctors medicine did not give me the needed relief, so I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I used only a few boxes when my former health returned, and now I feel like a new man."

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A Word for Parents.

In an article in the April Delineator on Growing up with One's children, which is filled with sensible advice to mothers, Mrs. Theodore W. Birney has some excellent remarks about the treatment of children that are grown. Many parents will do well to take to heart the following paragraph:

"There is one thing parents should recognize: that their children are growing up and that their authority as such grows weaker every day, while their influence waxes stronger in proportion as their government has been wise, tender and just. Many a household is discordant because parents insist upon treating their grown sons and daughters as though they were still children. They issue commands, criticize and find fault, forgetting apparently that the season for training is practically ended, and, were it not, such methods would result in more harm than good. I know a family in which are two daughters, both past twenty-five, and a son in his thirties; they seldom, if ever, leave the house without being questioned as to where they are going, when they will return, why they go, why they wear such a garment instead of some other, wouldn't they best take umbrellas, are they warmly or coolly enough dressed, as the case may be, etc., etc. Personal liberty is such a precious possession, and life is so much sweeter and happier in households where there is mutual confidence and where trivial personal questions are regarded almost as a discourtesy."

Hints For the Dairyman.

Don't allow the milk to stand in the stable. Don't mix water with the milk to raise the cream.

Don't guess the temperature of the cream by sticking the finger in it. A thermometer costs 25 cents.

Don't salt butter by guess. Weigh or measure it.

Don't use cheap, coarse salt. Only fine dairy salt is fit.

Don't touch the butter with the hands.

Don't think rinsing will keep cans and dairy utensils clean. Add boiling water, washing powder, muscle and sunshine.—L. W. Lighty.

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BORN.

HOLYOKE.—At Woodstock, on Thursday, March 10th, to the wife of A. D. Holyoke, a daughter.

WATSON.—At Woodstock, on Wednesday, March 9th, to the wife of F. I. Wilmot Watson of Woodlawn, a daughter.

OLMSTEAD.—At Grafton, March 12th, to the wife of F. H. Olmstead, a daughter.

THOMAS.—At Campbellton, N. B., March 10th, to the wife of Rev. H. E. Thomas, a daughter.

DIED.

HOLYOKE.—At Woodstock, on Friday, March 11th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Holyoke.

INSURANCE MANAGER WANTED.

Wanted—a district Manager for counties of Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska. A liberal contract will be offered to a suitable man willing to devote his entire time to the work. Apply WRIGHT & EVERETT, Manager North American Life, St. John, N. B. March 16th, 1 mo.

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A second or third class female teacher, just from Normal school, for district No. 18, Parishes of Kent and Aberdeen. Apply to R. J. LEE, Sec'y. to Trustees, Beaufort, Carleton County. February 24th.

House For Sale Or To Rent.

The premises in Grafton recently occupied by Mr. Wallace Gibson, consisting of house, ell and stables, all new and in good condition, for sale or to rent. Possession given any time. For particulars apply to LOUIS E. YOUNG, Barrister. Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 25, 1904.

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