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LOOKING FOR TOURISTS.

The Tourist Association has made its first annual report and it shows in a concise way what work the organization did to induce tourist travel in the direction of St. John and the province generally. It is satisfactory to know that the association proposes to continue the good work and we may look for greater results every succeeding year. As a matter of fact, apart from what the transportation companies have done, St. John has had but little advertising abroad as a pleasant and delightful place to spend the summer in. Halifax and Nova Scotia, on the contrary, have had exceptional advantages in this respect. That energetic steamship manager Hon. L. E. BAKER has been indefatigable in his efforts to advertise the Yarmouth S. S. line from Boston to Yarmouth and to tell the best-sick residents of the big American cities about the beauties of Nova Scotia. In this he was ably assisted by the Dominion Atlantic railway who have dinned the name of the heroine of LONG FELLOW'S poem so incessantly into the ear of the American people that it is almost second nature with them now to associate the Evangeline land and the "Evangeline Route" with all that is delightful in summer time. It is interesting and instructive, however to note how Mr. BAKER and Mr. GIBKINS managed to get so much free advertising in the press. When those excellent steamers, the Boston and Yarmouth were placed upon the route an invitation was extended to representatives of the Maritime province newspapers to take a trip to Boston and return. Many availed themselves of the opportunity and the result was a cordial understanding between the officers of the transportation companies and the press and many columns of the best advertising that could have been obtained. The people of the Maritime provinces, but particularly Nova Scotia, were especially impressed with the idea that the New Yarmouth steamers were all that was desirable. Having accomplished this Mr. BAKER and Mr. GIBKINS invited representatives of the best New England papers to journey through the "land of Evangeline". They did so and when they returned home gave tourist travel to Nova Scotia a tremendous boom. The good work has been continued and elegant pamphlets and guide books now flood the country. St. John only began to imitate this example last year and the results were seen at once. One press party were shown the beauties of St. John and the river, and the accounts of their trip were satisfactory from every point of view. Now we have the gratifying information from the Canadian Pacific Railway that they propose to make the west better acquainted with the east by means of splendid photographs similar to those of western scenery which they have distributed and which have challenged the admiration of many thousands. And on the same day that the report of the tourist association is given to the public the information appears that a large syndicate purpose to build large tourist hotels in different parts of Canada. Five or six cities are named but St. John is not among them. Here is work for the tourist association at once. We have excellent hotels but not sufficient to accommodate all the travel that may be induced to come in this direction.

OUR NEIGHBORS INDUSTRIES.

New Brunswick is so situated in respect to the State of Maine that it should be possible to have as flourishing manufacturing of wooden ware as exist there. We have plenty of lumber of all kinds and yet it is a strange fact that the opportunities that apparently present themselves in this direction are not taken advantage of. True we have some enterprising manufacturers of wood but they are few in number, compared with our neighbours across the line. A recent summary of the business says that the spool factories of Maine turn

out annually about 250,000,000 spools, which will hold 50,000,000,000 yards of thread—200 yards to the spool. There are seventeen of these factories in the State employing 550 hands, at average wages of \$1.50 a day each, or \$247,500 a year total. In the making of spools, 30 500 cords of white birch timber, or 15,250,000 feet are used. This timber is worth \$4 a cord. A large part of the spool timber cut in Maine is not manufactured there, but shipped from Bangor to great factories in England and Scotland. This year Bangor exported 6,978 668 feet of spool bars to the United Kingdom, the value being \$144,000, and more will be shipped next year. There is practically no limit to the supply of white birch available. The so-called 'novelty' mills of Maine are numerous all through the hard wood districts. In these mills are turned out all kinds of little wooden boxes, many of which are used by druggists; checker boxes, checkers, dice boxes, wooden stoppers, handles of a thousand kinds and shapes, toothpicks by the million, ladders, swings, sleds, school desks and chairs, toy carts and wheelbarrows, tables, desks, cycle stands, baby sleighs, and other things too numerous to mention. The largest 'novelty' factory in the world is at South Paris, Oxford County, where about 200 hands are employed. Another factory has just completed an order for 8 000,000 checkers and 200,000 dice boxes, and at another factory in the same town they have made this year 525 000 000 toothpicks. One firm has made 5 000,000 skewers, such as are used by butchers. Wooden bicycle rims are also important articles of manufacture. The product of these factories goes to all parts of the world. The timber used was once considered practically worthless.

Is there not a valuable suggestion in this for New Brunswick enterprise?

Mexico has a bull fighter named EL CURTIA, who not long ago suffered in reputation from the report that he had been beaten by a woman. This he denied, and notified all local newspapers that instead, he had knocked the woman down four times with a chair. To be sure he had been sent to jail but instead of serving out his eight day sentence he was let off on the payment of a fine. This he construed as a vindication of character and invited the press to indorse it.

The Philadelphia Enquirer in an article on natural parks has something pleasant to say of Rockwood as follows: "The town of St. John N. B. has carried out a similar undertaking in its vicinity. Paths and roads have been cut through a charming stretch of woodland, and the result is a park in which the natural predominates, and the views that are afforded, outside of the park, are of the most delightful character."

The western school m'jam who got into a row with a board of education because her pupils persisted in eating raw onions ought to have seen at once that the strongest arguments were against her.

Superstitious people will be inclined to believe that this is going to be a very stormy year—if there is anything in bad beginnings.

BOB FITZSIMMONS isn't either a tough or a bar-room buster—so he says himself.

They gather gold in quartz in the Klondyke.

Harboring a Fugitive From Justice.

Officer Caples of the police force had an unpleasant task a few days ago—hunting up a young lad who escaped from the reformatory. The boy was assisted to hide from the police and when the officer located him he was hidden wholly in bed between two of the daughters of the home of Mr. Tennant. Then there was some fun, for the officer had a delicate task to effect his capture. But he did so. And now the magistrate proposes to make it interesting for Mr. Tennant for harboring the fugitive.

The Senior Member of the Firm.

Mr. S. B. Myers, the senior member of the firm of Myers Bros., arrived in the city this week from Montreal and was introduced to many of the friends made by his brother, Mr. A. W. Myers, since his arrival in the city. Mr. Myers was more than pleased with St. John and those who met him would not fail to be impressed with his business like method of discussing matters and to appreciate his genial and hearty manner. He returned to Montreal Thursday afternoon.

Positively All Done by Hand.

All open front shirts done by hand with the New York finish. It is picturesque—Try it. UNGAR'S LAUNDRY and Dye Works. Phone 58.

To dye or not to dye, that's the question. If dye you must on account of your grizzly beard, use Buckingham's Dye; it is the best and the cleanest.

LOOK OUT FOR THE DOGS

NOBLE NEWFOUNDLAND ANIMALS IN DANGER OF ILL USAGE.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Should Step in and Look Into the Matter of Shipment and Comfort of the Dogs—Some Facts About Them.

I don't know what the various branches of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals throughout Canada and the Maritime provinces, can be doing, or thinking about—clearly they are not doing anything, and if they are thinking at all the result is not apparent! Otherwise they would scarcely look on supinely while the most shocking cruelty was being practised upon man's most faithful friend the dog, and calmly allow the greed of speculators, and American transportation companies to condemn hundreds of these poor creatures to a life of misery ending in a cruel death. These much vaunted societies may, if they feel so inclined plead the densest of stupidity in extenuation of their neglect of the duties they have voluntarily assumed, but they certainly cannot plead ignorance, since one can scarcely pick up a paper without seeing some account of the transportation, or shipment of dogs enroute to the Klondike to be used for pack purposes. There is at least nothing at all secret about the methods employed, except where the dogs are stolen, and one would almost imagine that the business was a perfectly legitimate one, judging by the apathy shown in the matter.

On Sunday morning a carload of so-called Newfoundland dogs passed through Moncton on their way West via the C. P. R. They were the property of an American company, and represented the first shipment of dogs from Newfoundland, for service in the Klondike. There were a hundred and thirty of these poor noble fellows who are being sacrificed to the greed of man, and they were packed in double decked sheep cars, to be transferred at Vanceboro and thence begin their weary journey to their death. Presumably they were fed, and cared for during their journey for otherwise they would not reach their destination in sufficiently good condition to bring a respectable price; but if they were not, it would simply be a preparation for their chronic condition when they reach the land of death and desolation in which their future lot is to be cast. The railway department at Moncton have sent an order to New Glasgow for five double deck sheep cars, and one cattle car to be at Sydney on Tuesday, for the purpose of receiving between eight and nine hundred Newfoundland dogs, which are expected to arrive at that port by the steamer Bruce from St. Johns on their way to the Klondike. The miserable animals will make the entire journey in open cattle cars in the depth of winter, and those who escaped death from freezing, and not too badly maimed from frost bites to be of any service, will doubtless have received a tolerable breaking in for the hardships they will encounter. The promoters of this creditable enterprise, or at least the shippers of the dogs, are Messrs H. Harris and H. Campbell, who no doubt expect to realize a comfortable sum by their speculation. Now anyone who has read Caspar Whitney's clever book—"On Snow-Shoes to the Barren Lands," will have little difficulty in picturing the fate which lies before those unfortunate dogs, and the sufferings they will have to go through, before death relieves them. At the conclusion of his book Mr. Whitney speaks eloquently of the sufferings of the dogs, and confesses that even now, after his terrible journey is over and his hardships almost forgo ten, he is still haunted by the thought of the wretched dogs, and the agonies they endured from starvation and fatigue. "Their staring eyes and tucked up stomachs still haunt me in my dreams," he says. Often throughout his narrative he mentions casually that he and the Indians merely chewed a piece of frozen musk ox entrail, in order to deaden their hunger, and leave the scrap of frozen fish they possessed, for the dogs, otherwise they could not have done their work, and the men who were dependent upon them would have perished. "They have never in their lives known what it was to have enough to eat, and their normal condition is that of semi-starvation," says the author.

The dogs Mr. Whitney wrote about are natives of the country, the hardy Eskimo dog, who can stand an amount of hardship which would speedily kill any other living creature. He can dig a hole for himself in the snow and, encumbered with his harness and sledge, snooze peacefully in a temperature of twenty five below zero, while he waits outside some hut for his master to resume his journey. Even fifty below zero, on an empty stomach troubles him very little, he is so used to it that he can scarcely imagine anything different, so he can afford to be philosophical.

But the dogs born and bred in the dewy

and comparatively mild climate of Newfoundland are very different creatures and no more fitted to face such conditions of life than the natives of an Indian jungle would be to take up an all fresco existence in Canada. They are not draught animals, and instead of coming from a long line of ancestors accustomed to hauling burdens almost from the time they could walk, these poor animals have never been even broken to the collar; they must first be trained—and brutal work the training of a full grown dog is—then totally unaccustomed as to work of any kind they must learn the bitter lesson of doing the work of a horse on starvation rations, and under conditions which will kill them by hundreds.

It is utterly useless for those interested in the scheme to say that these dogs will be well cared for, that they represent valuable property, and it is to the interest of their owners to see that no harm comes to them people who have taken the trouble to inform themselves on the subject are well aware of the fatality of such reasoning! They know that where men are dying of starvation it is scarcely likely that dogs will be well fed, and that where the shelter provided for the miners is of the most meagre description and utterly inadequate for the severe climate it is natural to suppose that the outside air will be good enough for the dogs, and that the majority of the poor brutes will perish miserably. Little do the speculators who hope to clear a few dollars per head, on the dogs, care for such matters; but little either does the brutal carter who beats the life nearly out of his horse care for the animal's suffering. It is the concern of the society which stands pledged to look into such cases, and whose duty it is to befriend the horse, and punish his owner. And in this respect that the S. P. C. A.'s of the Maritime Provinces scandalously failed in their duty! Not only have they failed to make any effort to present such an outrage on humanity, but, so far as I have seen they have not even made the slightest protest against it. Thus it seems to devolve upon me as a very humble member of the S. P. C. A. but one, who by right of membership possesses the authority to criticize her fellow members, to draw the attention of the various branches of the society to the matter, and to enter my personal and strong protest against the course they have seen fit to pursue in the matter as well to accuse them publicly of unpardonable neglect of their duties.

Handsome Calendars.

The most artistic Calendar of the season comes from the office of the Dominion Atlantic railway. The steamer Prince Edward is shown using her search light by night at sea, while the words "Evangeline Route" surmount the Calendar in such shades that combined with the bright printing the effect is very striking and attractive. The Toronto Brewing and Malting company through its agent William McIntyre is distributing a handsome lithographed Calendar showing two Englishmen on horseback in hunting costume calling at an inn for a glass of ale and quaffing it without alighting. The calendar is serviceable, the dates being large and a complete calendar of the year on the card itself.

We have received calendars from the Hartford, London and Lancashire, and the Ems Fire Insurance company Geo. E. Fairweather & Son, representatives in this city.

Mr. E. J. Armstrong, printer and publisher, has issued a handsome and effective wall calendar. An excellent portrait of the gentleman himself is contained thereon, and the whole is a good example of the work done at his printing establishment.

The large calendar of Messrs J. & A. McMillan is again at hand and is as handsome and useful as ever.

Messrs I. Matheson & Co. Ltd. of New Glasgow advertise themselves as well as the city in which they live and manufacture, by sending out a calendar with a splendid half tone view of New Glasgow upon it.

From the Ontario Accident Insurance Company comes a fine wall calendar. A full leaflet for every month with a neat design of a maple leaf wreath around the Canadian ensign. R. Ward Thorne is the agent in this city.

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DORCHESTER.

[Progress is for sale in Dorchester by G. M. Fairweather.]

JAN 5.—The weather is so cold that the workers who have been having a holiday are shivering over the return to work. The schools have reopened. The principal N. W. Brown and Miss Britt came from Fredericton on Monday, Miss Grierson from Richibucto, and Mr. J. D. Brown from Amherst, on the same day and the children who could face the gaze on Tuesday morning have again started on the road to knowledge. The Messrs. Landry have gone back to St. Joseph's college. Mr. Gideon Palmer took the Quebec express this morning to Halifax to resume his studies at Dalhousie. The party at Mrs. Barlow Palmer's last Wednesday was pronounced a great success, as her parties always are. Among the guests were some strangers



Mrs. R. We'don, Mr. Barlow Palmer's sister from Quebec, who is spending the winter with her relatives here, Miss Louise Skinner of St. John who is visiting Mrs. Hannington.

Mr. J. Russell Foster has been ordered to Kingston, Ont., to take the same position there that he has filled here, warden's clerk. We can ill spare a young man and he will be much missed in society and the church choir, of which he has been a member for many years.

The staff of the penitentiary is undergoing many changes. The storekeeper, Mr. Fraser, has been superannuated. Mr. F. Landry appointed to his place. Mr. Fraser's family will be a great loss as the young ladies were most energetic workers in the presbyterian church. Other changes are spoken of but they are all of a political nature, so beyond my comprehension.

There is the great annual event in progress this week, the meeting of the municipal council. Mr. Early Kay of Salisbury who has held the position of warden the last two years has been re-elected for another term.

Another pleasant party was much enjoyed last evening at Mrs. Charles S. Richards, some members of Baskin's Orchestra from Moncton furnished excellent music; the invitations were numerous—a few absentees missed a delightful evening amongst those present a few visitors were seen—Mrs. George Robinson of Digby who is visiting her sister Mrs. A. S. Oulth, Miss Louise Skinner of St. John, Mr. B. B. Teed and Professor Tent of Sackville. The ladies were all in full evening costume and all looked their best; the guests were: The Misses Palmer, Mrs. G. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Foster, Miss Edna Lawton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hazen Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Teed, Judge and Mrs. Landry and Miss McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Chapman, Mr. A. J. Chapman, Mr. J. A. McQueen, the Misses Foster, Misses Hannington, Miss Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Friel, Miss Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McGrath, Mr. Roy McGrath, Mr. Payzant and Mr. McLeod, Dr. Teed, Mrs. T. A. McGrath and others.

Miss Laura and Amy Milner of Sackville have been visiting Mrs. S. Leslie Chapman.

Miss Edna Tingley has returned from a holiday visit to Moncton.

There are rumors of an entertainment of a promising kind to come off in the near future—it is to be hoped they will materialize. PERSONALS.

PETITODIA.

Jan. 5.—Mr. Ralph Trices of Sackville is visiting at "Fairview."

Miss Florence Jones returned home on Monday.

Messrs McLean and Vincent of St. John were in town on Monday.

Miss Annie Webster spent Sunday on Apple Hill.

Master Robert Trices was in Moncton last week.

Mrs. L. B. Ayer was in Moncton this week.

A very pleasant party for the young people was given by Mrs. C. H. Gross on New Year's eve in honor of her guest Miss Randolph. The evening was spent in progressive whist and about twelve a very dainty supper was served. Those present were, Misses Manie Trices, Ella Blakey, Alice Keith, Julia Keith, Ella Trices, Messrs. Will Blakey, Stephen Pascoe, Charlie Trices, Hugh Keith, Walter Blakey, and Bernard Ryan.

Messrs. H. S. Keith and R. Pincus of St. John spent Sunday with Mr. Keith's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Keith.

The Misses Steeves of Salisbury are visiting Mrs. Nelson Price.

Mr. C. B. Trices returned to Montreal on Tuesday to resume his studies at McGill.

Mr. Ernest McLeod, who has been living with his uncle, Mr. B. Frez, returned to his home at McAdam Junction on Monday. He was a great favorite with the young people and will be greatly missed.

Mr. E. Robinson of Moncton spent Sunday with Mrs. H. Humphries. DICK.

RIORIBUTO.

Jan. 5.—Misses Ida and Sadie Hudson gave a very pleasant party to a number of their friends last Thursday evening. Cards and dancing were the principal enjoyments of the evening.

Miss Loggie of Chatham spent last week in town the guest of her sister Mrs. Robert Painmye.

Miss Maud Greiserson returned to Dorchester on Monday.

Miss Maggie Smith of Chatham was in town this week, the guest of Miss Fannie Sayre.

Mrs. Harry Hutchinson of Buctouche, is spending some days in town the guest of her sister Mrs. John Stevenson.

Miss Sadie Hudson went to Main River on Tuesday after spending the holidays at her home.

Miss Nessie Ferguson spent last week in Shediac returning home on Saturday.

Mrs. John Short returned from St. John on Saturday. Mr. Short accompanied her here returning home on Monday.

The friends of Mr. W. W. Short are sorry to hear of his illness of the past week and also of his little son Jack, and hope they will both be soon able to be out again. AURORA.

APOHAQUI.

DEC 29.—Mrs. A. L. Price, Sussex, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Sinnott.

Mrs. Clowes Vanwart and son spent Christmas with Mrs. M. Fenwick, Mrs. Vanwart returned to Fredericton on Tuesday accompanied by Miss Lena Fenwick.

Mrs. James Lamb, Sussex, spent the holiday with Mrs. Will Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McD. Campbell spent Saturday and Sunday in Moncton.

Despite the cold weather which prevailed on Christmas Day quite a number took advantage of the good skating and spent a very pleasant afternoon on the lake.

Miss Flora Ellison entertained a few friends to tea on Christmas day.

Mr. C. McCready, St. John, spent the holidays at his home here.

Mr. A. H. McCready, Sackville was in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Heber Folkins visited Friday last week.

Mr. Will Abrams spent Sunday in St. John