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NEW BRUNSWICK POTATO EXPORTS

Movement Was Active Last Week--
Low Priced Seed Indicates
High Priced Crop

The heaviest movement on record, is the report of the potato traffic from New Brunswick to the States during last week, given by the C. P. R. this morning. This week business was easier.

Shipments of seed potatoes were especially pronounced, there having been considerable quantities shipped to West Virginia and Maryland. The brisk demand for potatoes followed a lowering in the price, with the result that quotations advanced somewhat.

Potato experts state that potatoes will be dearer next Fall as an advance in price usually follows low prices for seeds, one reason for the paradox is that when seeds are low farmers put down better potatoes, hence the yield is of superior quality.

Large quantities of pulpwood have also been moved to this province into the States. In the past week there has been a slackening as the roads have softened and also because contracts are being completed.

The good business in potatoes and pulpwood made up in railway traffic for the stagnation in lumber.

Concerning the pulp wood situation during the past winter, it is said that operations were facilitated and accelerated by good road conditions and by the fact that there were plenty of choppers available.

T. W. CALDWELL ON PATRONAGE

T. W. Caldwell, M. P., has written the following letter to the daily press: I always believed that the patronage system as practised in times past was not in the best interests of Canada, and when the Union Government stated that they would abolish the old patronage system I believed that they had taken a long step in the right direction, but to my disappointment, while they have professed to abolish the patronage system and have appointed a Civil Service Commission, which is supposed to have the appointment of all Civil Servants, I find that at the present time the most important appointments are being made under the old patronage system; for instance in the appointing of the Census Commissioners, of which there will be one in every constituency in Canada for the supervising of the taking of the Census the coming summer. The appointment of these Commissioners has been made by the Minister of Trade and Commerce on the recommendation of the member from that constituency, if he is supporting the government otherwise on the recommendation of the defeated candidate. Again, there was a new Dominion Election Act passed in 1920 which makes it necessary to appoint enumerators or registrars for every rural or urban polling division, respectively, and instead of these officials being appointed by the Civil Service Commission as would naturally be the case of the old patronage system was completely abolished, they are now appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer, who in turn is appointed by the Government.

With regard to the Inside Service, I believe the Civil Service Commission have a fairly free hand in making appointments, but as shown by the two instances cited above, the outside appointments in the Civil Service where political advantage may be gained by the government making appointments, the old patronage system is still in effect in a most partizan sense. In conclusion I would say that while I was never in favor of the old patronage system I believe that the present system as carried out at the present time retains all the evils of the old system while pretending to abolish them.

Yours sincerely,
T. W. CALDWELL

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CONCERT A SUCCESS

The entertainment given last Thursday evening by the local Women's Institute was a highly enjoyable affair and was greeted by a packed house. The receipts of the evening amounted to more than \$100. The main feature of the program was the play enacted by a number of the members. Each part was well carried out and some of the local hits produced much mirth. After a few introductory remarks by Mayor Kelley, a quartette composed of George Lucy, Guy McGinley, Alfred Moore and A. B. Plummer rendered a selection, which was followed by a solo by E. C. Morgan. After the play, "A sewing circle at Mrs. Martin's"

there was a duet by Mrs. A. Y. Dickinson and Mrs. P. A. Allen; a piano solo by George Lucy; Monologues by Guy McGinley; vocal solo by George Lucy; reading by Miss Clara Hagerman; the national anthem.

NEWMAN CLARK HOPELESSLY INSANE

Attorney General Byrne is expected to take action soon regarding Newman Clark, condemned to be hanged for the murder of Phoebe Bell at Grand Falls on March 25, 1920, but recently reprieved and granted a new trial by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The defence in this case has relied upon a plea of insanity as several witnesses were present when Clark shot and killed the girl. Clark later turned his revolver upon himself and afterwards escaped from a hospital at Grand Falls, where he was supposed to be hovering between life and death and was captured across the international boundary in Maine with his feet so severely frozen that an operation was necessary.

If Clark is to be tried again his case will be on the docket of the next Victoria County Circuit Court, but that does not meet until September 27, when Mr. Justice Crockett will preside. According to reports reaching the Attorney General's department here recently Clark is now hopelessly insane at the Andover jail. The opinion is expressed here that the outcome of his case will probably be his commitment to an insane asylum and that alienists might be called upon to examine him before long.

Attorney General Byrne came here from Edmundston where he had been conducting the St. Pierre trial. But again on Saturday he left for his home at Bathurst, to return here on Tuesday for the resumption of the session of the Legislature.

B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL

On Monday evening, March 14, the B. Y. P. U. held their monthly social in the vestry of the Baptist church. A pleasing program was carried out. Opening--"Sound the Battle Cry" by Sunbeam Class. Duet by Warren White and H. A. Sippell. "Asleep in the Deep." Solo--"I am Lonesome that's all" by Kathleen Kennedy. Song--"A volunteer for Jesus" by the Commerce Class. Trio--"Rebecca at Sunny Brook Farm" by Lorne Britton, Mabel Morgan and Queenie Britton. Reading--"How to avoid getting married" by Gage Montgomery.

A demonstration by H. A. Sippell, "How gramophone Records are made," followed, after which delightful refreshments were served.

BAIRDSDALE SCHOOL

The following are the results of the recent examinations held in this school: Grade V--Margaret Baird 96.3, Anna Howlett 72.4. Grade Vb--Mildred Baird 55, Hazel Lamoreau 48, Marie Lamoreau 32.3. Grade IV--Lorne Howlett 68.8, Emery Baird 65.3, John Cassidy 59.3. Grade III--Norma Howlett 70.8, Joseph Sweeney 54.5, Helen Baird 51.4. Bernice J. Kinney, Teacher

IS ACCUSED OF KILLING HER CHILD

St. John Girl to be Arrested at McAdam--
Ill and May Not Recover

The body of an infant child, with a shoestring tightly tied about its little neck, was found in a bathroom at the C. P. R. Hotel, at McAdam, on Sunday. Sheriff John B. Hawthorne was notified and drove to Hawtry Station, where he picked up Dr. B. H. Dougan, coroner, and together they proceeded to McAdam, where last night they held an inquest, which did not conclude until five o'clock this morning.

The verdict of the jury was that it was a case of infanticide, and that the child had come to its death at the hands of Miss Margaret Long, of St. John, who was its mother. Miss Long, who is about 21 or 22 years old, is now in such a condition at McAdam that she cannot be moved from the hotel, but when she can be moved, she will be brought to the Victoria Hospital here, and later will be placed under arrest on the charge of having killed her infant child.

The evidence heard by the jury showed that the finding of the infant's dead body at the head of the bath tub in the bathroom had been reported to Miss Grant, manageress of the hotel, and she had at once called a doctor, who found that Miss Long had given birth to the child, and, it was said, she had admitted tying the shoestring about its neck.

AN OCTOGENARIAN

On Tuesday The Observer office was brightened by a call from Shepherd M. Boyer who was celebrating his 81st birthday. Mr. Boyer is still an active worker, still cultivating a few acres of land and doing all the chores about his premises. Physically well preserved he is most remarkable for his memory. He recalls many interesting events of his early days. He was born at Victoria Corner, the son of Moses Boyer, and there his boyhood was spent. His first schooling was in a log house, near the brook that flows across the main road at Somerville directly opposite Maple street, Hartland. Mr. Boyer recalled in an interesting manner events of "the winter the soldiers went through"--1861-62. He with others was engaged in transporting them.

Mr. Boyer has been all his life a great reader and acquired the desire to see for himself the people and places he had read of. Therefore he visited the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893 and the great Exposition at Paris in 1900 and it is safe to say that he absorbed more knowledge from what he saw and heard than any other one in ten thousand.

Eighty-one years old, with sight and hearing almost as good as new and speech and quickness of understanding not at all impaired, Mr. Boyer is indeed to be congratulated. The Observer joins with his many friends in wishing him many happy returns of his birthday.

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