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HAMPTON HAPPENINGS

April 6—Miss Catherine Bartlett spent Easter in St. John, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Cushing.

Miss Margaret Turnbull was the week end guest of Mrs. Silas Alward, St. John.

Lorne Parlee, of Moncton, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Parlee.

C. T. Wetmore and Earl DeLong were in Moncton last week attending the meeting of the Teachers' Association.

Miss Flora DeLong, of Milltown, spent the Easter vacation guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeLong.

Miss Gladys Smith has returned home, after spending the winter in St. John.

Mrs. C. T. Wetmore left this week for Gagetown, being called there on account of the death of her father, Mr. McCordie.

Mrs. Eddis Flewwelling spent a few days in St. John, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teed.

Mrs. F. E. Whelpley and Miss Nora Welpley, of Moncton, spent Good Friday with Mrs. Welpley's sister, Mrs. N. M. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeLong and children, of Prince Edward Island, spent the week end with Mr. DeLong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeLong.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hayes and young son of Montreal, spent Easter with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wilson spent the week end in St. John, the guest of their daughter, Mrs. H. H. Scovil and Mr. Scovil.

Mrs. DeForest spent Easter with her family in St. John.

Charles Titus and family, of Titusville, have moved into the McCready bungalow, which Mr. Titus purchased recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith, of oDrchester, N. B., spent Good Friday with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruddick Smith.

Miss Celia Carney, who is attending the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, is spending the Easter vacation with her father, James Carney.

Miss Mildred Ross, of Sussex, spent the Easter vacation with her parents Rev. G. A. Ross and Mrs. Ross.

Mrs. Caithness, Misses Margaret and Nancy and Master Donald Caithness, of St. John, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Campbell.

Miss Grace Keohan, R.N., of St. John, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keohan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pope Barnes, of St. John, spent Easter with friends here.

Miss Eileen Compton left on Monday for Montreal to visit her grandmother, Mrs. R. Appleby.

Miss Stevenson of Golden Grove, spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. Leon Seely and Mr. Seely.

Mrs. T. Wm. Barnes of St. John, spent the week end in Hampton.

Miss Blanche Whitehead, of St. John is a guest at the Wayside Inn.

Mrs. Walter Fowler, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Mrs. John Lloyd.

Leonard Belliveau and O. Burgess, of Moncton, were week end guests at the Wayside Inn.

Charles Campbell spent the Easter holidays with his father, Sheriff I. Campbell.

Miss Mary Smith, of Truro, spent Good Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith.

Mrs. Charles Nugent and children of Anagance, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Keohan.

Miss Ella Stark, of Norton, was a visitor here last week.

Miss Mabel Bannerman, of P.N.S., Fredericton, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bannerman.

Mrs. Wm. Keohan and children Paul and Mary, of Boston, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. John Keohan. Mrs. Keohan was called to Sussex on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. Doherty. Little Paul and Mary are spending a few weeks with their grandparents here, while Mrs. Keohan has gone to Sussex to be with her mother.

The annual meeting of the Hampton Tennis Club was held on Saturday evening at the store of J. Wm. Smith. A very successful year has been completed and now since the Hampton Tennis Club and the Curling Club have affiliated with the idea of building a club house near the tennis courts, in view, a very interesting and active year is looked forward to. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, A. Ren Smith; vice president, Miss Gladys Smith; secretary-treasurer, C. T. Wetmore; executive committee, Miss Gladys Smith, Cecil Langstroth, Jack Ross; tournament committee, Mrs. C. C. Langstroth, Miss Carol Chipman, C. S. Wetmore, Robert Hallett, Robert Ross; tea and entertainment committee, Mrs. Frank Compton, Ren Smith, Robert Hallett.



HIGHFIELD

April 6—Sunday's storm added considerable more snow to the abundance we still have.

Miss Emma Ward and friend, of St. John, who spent Easter with Miss Maggie Ward, returned to the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pearson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pearson on Sunday.

Mrs. Oren Cook, Carsonville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. H. Pearson.

Rev. C. A. S. Warneford, who was taken with a weak spell on Sunday morning during service, is much improved.

Thomas Muir is confined to the house with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ward and Miss Martha Ward spent yesterday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. George Ward, Annidale.

Mrs. Margaret A. Pearson, who has been ill with tonsilitis, is improving.

Mrs. John M. Pearson and Miss Elsie Eldridge spent Easter with relatives at Hampton.

Arthur L. Pearson, St. John, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Margaret A. Pearson.

Church Meeting at Highfield

The annual meeting of the parishioners of the parish of Johnston was held in St. John's church, Highfield, Monday, April 5th. Routine business was transacted and the following officers were elected for the coming year

Church wardens—Isaac Pearson, Ralph Richardson.

Board of vestry—Harry McIntyre, Robert Stewart, Isaac Jeffrey, John Crawford, Fred Pearson, Jas. Thompson, John M. Pearson, Albert Kierstead Harry Pearson, Clarence Pearson, Wm. W. Pearson, Medley Pearson.

Vestry clerk—Medley Pearson.

eDlegates to Synod—Charles I. Pearson, Bert G. Pearson; substitutes, Ralph Pearson, Hanford Pearson.

Murray Hoyt, an engine driver on the C.N.R., met with serious injury at the South Devon round house Monday morning. He slipped and fell on ice, dislocating or breaking one of his hips. He was taken to Victoria Hospital for examination and treatment.

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MOUNTAIN DALE

April 5—Roy Long spent Wednesday at Apohaqui.

Miss Ellen Steen spent the week end at her home here.

John Watson spent Sunday afternoon in this place.

Misses Elizabeth Simpson and Eleanor Simpson spent Saturday with Miss Mabel Boyd, of Goshen.

Edward Chown spent Wednesday evening in this place.

Miss Florence Parlee is spending her Easter holidays at her home in Apohaqui.

Mrs. S. M. Cameron spent Saturday evening at the home of Ray Gregg.

James Cameron and William Cameron spent the week end in St. John on business.

A. S. Wright spent Sunday at the home of Charles Steen.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson spent Saturday evening with Eva Long.

William Simpson spent Saturday at Berwick.

NORTON

April 5—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Long, of River Bank, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Wilcox of the same place, have a young daughter to gladden their home.

Earl DeLong, of Hampton, passed through Norton last Tuesday, on his way to Midland, where he has charge of one of the schools.

Albert Folkins was home for the Easter holidays. His sister, Miss Winnie Folkins, R.N., of Halifax, was also home.

Miss Lena Heine has returned to Norton, after visiting relatives in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sommerville spent Easter visiting friends in St. John.

Harold Perkins, agent for Beatty Bros., spent a few days recently with his family. Mr. Perkins is very busy, as this company is selling many farm conveniences.

Mrs. Price, who has been visiting her children in the States, will return to her home shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, of Hampton, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Price.

Miss Ethel Sharpe, of this place, spent a few days recently at her brother's in Midland.

Large congregations were present in all the churches Easter Sunday. Splendid music was given by the choirs and helpful sermons by the pastors.

Miss Cooksen was the soloist in the United Baptist church at the morning service.

The . B. M. A. met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. H. Perkins.

Thomas McFarlane lost a very valuable cow, one day last week.

The teacheu of the Norton Superior school, returned to their work last Wednesday. Norton has an excellent staff of teachers.

N. Huggard and P. Cowan, of Hatfield's Point, were in the village on business on Tuesday.

Norton has been very fortunate this season so far, as there has been very little sickness.

ORIGIN OF "APRIL FOOL"

"Even in these times of turmoil and contention, there is still one day when a man may not only play the fool, but his friends are privileged to give him a headlong push down "fools' hill."

The origin of the custom of playing practical jokes on friends and neighbors on this All Fools Day is variously explained. Some of these explanations may interest those who have eaten cotton pie and bean chocolates, says a bulletin from the National Geographic Society.

Some writers trace the custom back to the days of the miracle plays given at Easter time. One of the most popular tableaux satirized Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod. In the decadent days of these dramas actors played largely for the amusement and applause of the groundings, until Herod, in out-Heroding himself, and Pilate, in the performance of his ablutions, literally made fools of themselves.

"A Feast of Fools' was held in the early spring by the Romans, and the Hindus, since time immemorable, have celebrated as a Saturnalia the vernal equinox, or Feast of Huli. During these festivities, the chief amusement seems to have been that of fooling people and sending them on fruitless errands.

Many students trace the origin back no farther than France in the sixteenth century. At any rate, the custom seems to have radiated from France to England as well as to Germany, if we are to believe what Grimm says about it. France was the first nation to adopt the reformed calendar which decreed that the year should begin on the first of January. Consequently those who objected to sending out their New Year's gifts and felicitations upon the newly chosen date instead of April 1, as they had done previously, subjected themselves to endless taunts for being old fogies by going on visits that then had no meaning. The French call the victim of a prank on April 1, 'un poisson d'avril,' or 'an April fish,' The origin of the expression used in this connection probably arose in the obvious comparison, between the person who 'bites' unwittingly and the April fish, which is a young fish and therefore easily caught.

In Scotland April Fool's day is observed, but under a slightly different name—the day for hunting the gowk or cuckoo. Some few of us who, in our unsophisticated days, have gone 'snipe hunting' in this country, know how the fellow feels who hunts the gowk, and realize that to be called an 'April cuckoo' is not a compliment, that bird being a by-word of contempt in almost every land.

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ROOM IN AUSTRALIA

Australia at last is about to divide the Federal northern territory, forming more than one-sixth of the continent, into two parts by an east and west line along the twentieth parallel of latitude. Queensland and West Australia are each larger than the precent territory. The division is expected to stimulate sottlement and result in the formation of two sizable States in future should population increase and force the others to admit them to Federal union. Meanwhile the Commonwealth will administer them by commissions. None of the original separate colonists cared to include this vast undeveloped area in its domains, though South Australia had attempted it in 1863 with the idea of building the trans continental railway to reach the northern coast.

The road was begun from Port Darwin on the north, reaching Pine Creek, and from Adelaide on the south, reaching Oeodnadatta. Then the project was abandoned, not one fifth of the line having been finished. When the six separate States were united the Commonwealth sought to assume the government of the territory, but it was not taken over until 1911. Then the Federation agreed to settle all the deficits incurred by South Australia in administration of the region and to complete the railway. The first step will be to build a link from Oeadnadatta to Alice Springs, which is expected to be the capital of Central Australia. The distance is 279 miles and the estimated cost $8,500,000.

North Australia as well as Central Australia is fertile and in parts well watered. The seat of government is to be Newcastle Waters, where the three commissioners to be appointed must remain continuously in the exercise of their duties. Subject to ministerial control, they will oversee the construction of roads, railways, telegraphs, telephones, boring for water and the conservation of ports and harbors. Outlays exceeding $125,000 for new railways or public works must have the assent of the Minister concerned before submission to the Federal Parliament. With a population of only about 5,000 in the present northern territory—less than one person to a hundred square miles—there is evidently plenty of room for development and Australia's cry for immigration is easy to understand.



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LIME AS AN AID TO SUCCESSFUL CLOVER GROWTH.

Through the use of lime and the clover plant it is possible to utilize atmospheric nitrogen for crop production. It has been found that clover has the power, through the aid of bacteria which live in the nodules on the clover roots, to extract nitrogen from the soil air. Tests conducted by Dr. F. T. Shutt, Dominion Chemist, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, are conclusive on this point, showing a gain of 308 pounds of nitrogen per acre to a depth of 4 inches in five years, where clover was grown, turned under, and the land reseeded to this crop.

Bacteria are extremely sensitive to changes in the acidity or alkalinity of the medium in which they live, and lime, because it creates a suitable medium for the nitrogen-fixing bacteria, is particularly valuable in promoting clover growth. These nitrogen-fixing bacteria may readily be found in soils supplied with lime, but may be entirely lacking in soils deficient in lime, which would indicate that the nodule bacteria, whether within the plant root or living in the soil itself, are influenced in their development by the lime in the soil.

Lime has an influence upon the bacteria which bring about the processes of decay and nitrification, and plays a significant part in stimulating all soil organisms that have to do with the liberation of plant food in the soil.

Clover is generally spoken of as a soil builder. This, in part, is due to its collecting of nitrogen, and in part to its physical effect. In respect to the latter it is well known that no crop so thoroughly fills the soil with roots to as great a depth as does this plant. On decaying, not only are air passages provided, but the decaying roots aid in the liberation of insoluble mineral materials, and the humus left from the decay prevents the leaching of soluble plant food and the excessive drying out of the soil.

In a field test at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Kentville, on one-half acre, the average of four such plots where no lime was used was 2480 pounds of hay per acre, and an adjoining plots of similar size, limed, 4560 pounds of hay per acre. The areas not limed had inferior clover growth with grasses predominating. The limed area was practically all clover.—W. S. Blair, Superintendent, Experimental Station, Kentville, N. S.

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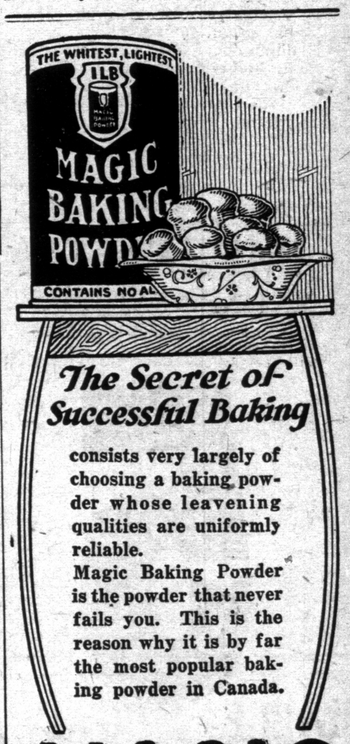
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MILDEST WINTER IN 48 YEARS

Western Canada has just passed through the mildest winter that that part of the Dominion has experienced in 48 years, according to records supplied by the meteoroligical office at Toronto. Every important point registered much higher average temperatures than normal. At Dawson City the mean temperature was 15 degrees above normal for the three winter months of December, January and February; at Edmonton 8 degrees above normal; at Calgary 14 above normal; Moosejaw 13 above normal, and at Winnipeg 8 above normal. Dawson for the month of January showed 30 degrees milder than normal.

Dawson City 1 below zero, normal 16 below; Edmonton, 20 above, normal 12 above; Calgary 30 above, normal 16 above; Moosejaw 19 above, normal 6 above; Winnipeg 10 above, normal 2 above.

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