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Public Opinion

PRaises THE EXP. STATION

Fredericton, Aug. 26, 1922.

To the Editor of The Mail,
Sir:—Your readers might be interested and possibly surprised by a note or two I am submitting regarding a local institution our Experimental Station for agriculture.

Dr. Kammeyer, the gentleman who so efficiently and courteously presided over Chautauqua which entertained and inspired hundreds of our citizens young and old during the past week visited the Station, and his report of what he saw there was a revelation to the writer, and he thought it might be so to others. This Dr. Kammeyer be it remembered holds the chair of Economics and Sociology at the College of Agriculture of Kansas.

He said that Fredericton and the Province of New Brunswick ought to be proud of this Experimental Station; that he was more pleased with it than with any Experimental Farm he had visited either in the United States or in Canada, and he had visited very many of them.

We did not have time to go into details regarding many of the departments of the Station's activities, but he stated that the orchard was a surprise and a revelation to him. He had not imagined that a climate so far north as our could produce fruit in such abundance and beauty. He also was delighted with the display of flowers—those attractive old-fashioned flowers. The rich coloring of both the fruit and flowers led him to think that our climate must have some special adaptability for horticulture and floriculture. Dr. Kammeyer asked Superintendent Bailey if the farmers took full advantage of the splendid opportunities for improvement afforded by the Station. Superintendent Bailey replied that many farmers were attending the lectures and demonstrations in the various branches of farming now being given in a series of picnics held at the Station.

Yours very truly,
GUARANTOR.

DIGNITY OF LONG SKIRTS

Editor of The Daily Mail.

Sir,—The new and fashionable long skirt has caused a great deal of agitation. However, it is plain to be seen that those who would follow Dame Fashion—and who of the fair sex dares to refuse?—will soon array themselves in that garment.

Personally—and I am a woman—I will be glad to see it become a universal fashion. The short skirt ushered in a period of laxness of morals and right thinking. It was inevitable that it should. In adopting the short skirt women have thrown aside the age-old sign and custom of approaching womanhood.

What little miss of the period before the short skirt did not look forward to the time when mother would lengthen her frock and give consent to the putting up of her hair? Why? Because she knew and mother knew that in that way it would be apparent to the world that she was approaching womanhood and that she might then demand the respect that it called for.

The girl herself understood that this time called for a change in bearing—a sedateness, a gentleness, a reserve in manner that befitted the length of the frock. Watch any group of children playing, attired in long skirts; their attempt at dignity would put to shame some of our women of 40.

Who has not attended a fancy dress ball and seen women there ranging in ages from 25 to 50 attired as dolls, Spanish girls, maids, dancers, etc., all in the much-abbreviated skirt? It is remarkable how kittenish and frisky they will become solely because of the freedom that the skirt implies. The short skirt of today implies freedom, liberty and a sort of party behavior at all times. The young, who do not realize the danger, act on impulse, the older women think only of the fact that they have regained their youth to that degree and must live up to it, and there are many who appear to be making the most of the opportunity and grossly overdoing it.

The long skirt will mean a tendency toward a change in bearing, a new reserve, a new dignity, that may tend to bring back the admiration and respect that men have been losing for our sex. The new skirt is of a width that gives ample freedom for any movement a true lady cares to make, and as it barely reaches the ankle there is practically no danger of its sweeping the streets. It is true that if the wearer crosses her knees in a public place she will probably not be the centre of attraction of all the male contingent present, and lying on the ground in a public park will not afford a sight seeing expedition full return for their walking, but it will have its

The Union Asks For Cut In Freight Rates

Would Promote Industrial Freight Rates and Reduce the Cost of Living—Municipalities Convention Brought to a Close—Hon. J. E. Michaud's Work is Appreciated.

Edmundston, Aug. 26—That freight rates should be reduced without delay in order to reduce the high cost of living and to prevent the loss of thousands of dollars to the people of the province was the substance of a resolution offered by Councillor Belle Isle of Campbellton, and passed at the final session of the union of New Brunswick municipalities this morning. Councillor Belle Isle's resolution which was passed unanimously:

Provided that copies of it be sent to the premier of New Brunswick, to the minister of railways and canals and to the premier of Canada.

Mayor Fish, of Newcastle, in discussing the resolution, spoke particularly of pulp wood, large quantities of which, he said, were lying idle in different parts of the province. The freight rates on the railways were such, he said, that in some cases the deduction of the amount of the freight charges from the market price of the pulp wood would leave scarcely one-third of what it cost the operator to get out the pulp wood.

He contended that there was shortsightedness displayed on the part of the railroads in not lowering the rate and instanced as an example of this one case where 1,000 cords which were conveniently situated for rail shipment had been transported to the waterfront and there shipped by vessel at a cost of about forty per cent of the \$35 a carload asked by the railway.

Councillor Belle Isle's resolution was: In the opinion of this union here assembled the railway freight rates should be materially reduced without any further delay; therefore be it resolved, that this union hereby places itself on record as urging the railway authorities to effect such freight rate reductions, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the prime minister of Canada, to the premier of New Brunswick and to the minister of railways.

Additions to Executive

After considerable discussion it was decided to raise the number of the executive, exclusive of officers, from nine to fifteen, the idea being that each county could be represented when all the counties joined the union. Those added to the original nine chosen on Friday evening were: Councillor John T. O'Brien, Lancaster; Mayor J. A. Reid, Fredericton; L. P. Smith, Albert county; Warden Barton, of Queens county; Councillor Belle Isle, Campbellton, and Mr. Hunter, St. Stephen.

On motion of J. King Kelley, the meeting voted to request the provincial government to draft an autonomous municipalities act. Mr. Kelley advocated an act that would be all inclusive in its scope that would serve to replace the towns and villages incorporation acts and to harmonize the diverse legislation on the subject of incorporation.

Thanks Expressed

Vote of thanks were passed to the town of Edmundston for the hospitality and entertainment tendered the convention, to J. King Kelley, honorary secretary-treasurer, for his work on behalf of the organization, and to Miss V. M. Gibbon, the official reporter of the meetings, Warden J. W. McPhail, of Victoria, the newly elected president, spoke appreciatively of the reception given the delegates and said that the convention had been one of the pleasantest ever held by the union.

Alderman Leger replied on behalf of Edmundston, assuring the company of the pleasure and privilege it had been to have the union meet there and expressing the hope that some future meeting would again find the convention in the shiretown of Madawaska.

Campbellton Next Year

Mayor Mersereau, of Chatham, said that it had been his intention to invite the union to hold its next annual meeting at Chatham, but he understood that Campbellton was keen to have the convention there, and he would not press the invitation. Mayor N. C. McKay, of Campbellton, then invited the union to meet there in 1923, which invitation was accepted with thanks. It was left with the president

reward in a new feeling of superiority, a new dignity and a new womanhood.

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Personal Mention

Mr. Earle R. Macnutt, barrister of Halifax is visiting his father, Collector Macnutt.

Chatham Gazette: Miss Christena Tennant who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDonald at Burnt Church, returned this week to Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Burns and Miss Gladys Burns returned Saturday from an Auto trip to Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper and John Cooper who have been visiting in the city left for their home in Kansas city yesterday.

Ald. and Mrs. F. L. Cooper have returned from a trip to Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. John Rogers left for Fredericton Junction yesterday where he has accepted a position on the School Staff.

Dr. C. R. Fletcher who has been visiting Collector Macnutt left Saturday evening for Siousscott, Mass., where he will spend several weeks before returning to New York.

Globe: Misses Thelma and Pattie Hay, Fredericton, arrived here Friday evening and will spend some time in the city the guests of Miss Gladys Styles, 25 Carmarthen street.

Dr. Wier of Doaktown was a guest at Windsor Hall on Saturday.

St. John Journal—Rev. J. J. Pinkerton of Marysville, was recently the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Josselyn, at Silver Falls, Rev. Mr. Pinkerton's former charge, Master Stanley Pinkerton who was spending his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Josselyn, has returned to Marysville, to begin his studies at the school which opens today.

William Speight of St. John spent Sunday in Fredericton.

Miss Bessie Miller of St. John was in the city Sunday.

Mr. Bert Nelson left on Saturday for Toronto where he will spend his vacation Mr. John M. Keefe of Grand Falls was in the city on Saturday.

CITY SCHOOLS REOPENED TODAY

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One Grade to a Department

The policy of one grade to a department has been adopted for the Charlotte street and Smythe street schools as far as possible. That made a rearrangement necessary at the Charlotte street school. The departments there will be as follows: Miss McAdam, Grade I; Miss McKenzie, Grade II; Miss Emily Thompson, Grade III; Miss Pinder, Grade IV; Miss Betts, Grade V; Miss Alexander, Grade VI; Miss Pearl Ross, Grade VII; Principal Nevers, Grade VIII and overflow in Grade VII; Miss Helen Young, overflow from Grades III and IV. Miss Emily Thompson has severely wrenched one of her ankles and during her indisposition her department is being taught by Miss McElveney.

The Model School which has dealt with directly by the Department of Education as part of the Normal School has fifty pupils in each of two departments and forty-eight in each of the other two. Miss Mabel Logan is permanently appointed to Grades I and II in that school succeeding Miss Gibson and Miss Mildred Palmer to Grades III and IV succeeding Miss Harvey, Miss Gladys Fulton and Miss Margaret Cummings take appointments at Morrison School.

In Devon School.

In Devon the school reopened with a number of new teachers. The staff there is composed of Principal E. B. McDiarmid, Miss Muriel Burt, Miss Stickles, Miss Jamer, Miss Annie Grannan, Miss Ethel Sweeney, Miss Mary Grannan and Mrs. Harvey. The latter is ill and her place has been filled. The total attendance at the Devon school has increased.

Pastoral Letter.

A pastoral letter from the archbishops and bishops of Canada, asking for the generous contributions of the people, especially of the Dominion in the reconstruction of the shrine at St. Anne de Beaupre, was read in St. Dunstan's and St. Anthony's Catholic Church yesterday. The letter told the history of the shrine since it was first founded, and extracts from the pastoral letter, which was circulated at the time of the construction of the Basilica recently destroyed, were read. It was announced that there would be a pilgrimage to the shrine in the near future.

Three Protectionists

Three protectionists claimed the hospitality of the police cells during the week-end. Two of them spent two nights there.

NOW SHOWING AT THE GAIETY

The Monday-Tuesday play is "The Wallflower" with Colleen Moore the featured player.

Miss Moore plays her role with a fine sense of the comedy values it involves. At first she is so awkward, dowdy and ugly that one wonders why nobody has thought of making it a criminal offense for women to avoid beauty parlors. Later she becomes such a charmingly graceful and alluring creature that the spectator hopes the women's clubs will endorse "The Wallflower" as something every woman should see.

Think There is Coal

St. John Globe:—Reports of coal outcroppings at Beaver Lake and at another area near the city are being investigated and samples of the coal are said to be undergoing tests.