

CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZERS

ANNUAL MEETING OF N. B.
AGRIC. SOCIETIES UNITED

Officers Elected—Fertilizer In-
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der Embargo.

The Agricultural Societies United of New Brunswick at the annual meeting held here yesterday elected officers for the ensuing year and transacted other business.

Officers Elected

The officers elected are as follows:
W. H. Moore, Scotch Lake, York County, president.

C. M. Shaw, Hartland, vice president.

J. D. McKenna, Sussex, secretary.
Roy McCain, Florenceville; Boyd Merrill, de Wolfe; S. B. Wright, Andover; W. H. Huggard, Norton; additional members of the directorate.

Question of Fertilizers

The Agricultural Societies United have been active in the matter of importing commercial fertilizers as in the preceding years. The association has been successful in procuring large quantities of acid phosphate and sulphate of ammonia. If embargo conditions admit, nitrate of soda also will be procured. The ending of the war makes it possible that the embargo will be removed shortly. These important ingredients of fertilizers are purchased co-operatively by the various agricultural societies of the province.

Meeting of Reconstruction Committee
A meeting of the Reconstruction Committee will be held at the Board of Trade rooms this evening at eight o'clock to discuss after-the-war problems.

Returning to Boston

Police Magistrate Limerick is leaving tomorrow for Boston. The condition of his father Mr. Joshua Limerick is critical. Mrs. Limerick remained in Boston while the magistrate returned to transact some important business.

Badly Scalded

Mrs. Francis Barnett of Southampton had the misfortune to fall at her home a short time ago while carrying a pot of boiling water and was severely scalded. Her friends will be glad to learn that she is now on the road to recovery.

At Edgecombe's

Flags and bunting for decoration next Tuesday for Governor General's reception, can be had at Edgecombe's. Evening gloves and toggery for ladies and gentlemen for next Tuesday's reception can be procured at Edgecombe's.

Death at Municipal Home

The death occurred at the Municipal Home last evening of Daniel McDonald aged sixty years after a short illness. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Solemn service was conducted at St. Dunstan's Church by Rev. Father Carney. Interment was made at the Hermitage.

Hospital Flag Removed

A citizen recently brought to the attention of the public the fact that the flag at the Victoria Public Hospital was in danger of being destroyed because of its position. The halcyons were off the pulleys. The flag was removed from its dangerous position yesterday.

Police Circles Quiet

Nothing unusual took place in police circles yesterday. All had a very quiet time with the exception of Policeman Jones, who with his family, were moving to another part of the city. Somehow his plans were somewhat delayed and during the course of moving several exciting incidents occurred which were not only unusual but very humorous.

Married in England

Miss Mary Laurence MacLaren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. MacLaren of St. John was married on the 25th inst. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Reading, England, to Lieut. William L. Caldwell formerly with the Bank of British North America. The bride was with the V. A. D. which went from St. John for service in the hospitals in England.

Changed to Regent Street

It occurred last evening on Regent Street at the corner of Charlotte Street. The scene of action was moved by mutual consent to that vicinity by both gladiators who evidently did not choose to have their names mixed up with the recent King Street occurrences. It was a "Mutt and Jeff" comedy repeated. Jeff was upset and pommelled by Mutt and then the latter took to his heels. Yes it was a real lively occurrence and on account of one of the fair sex too.

Became Demented

A colored girl was brought to the city by Mrs. William D. Gunter from her home in Bermuda recently with her young brother. The girl proved unsatisfactory and worked at various places. Lately she has been acting in a queer manner and last night she became insane. The police were called to the home of Mr. J. Gordon St. John Street where she was and she was lodged in a cell for the evening. An effort is being made to have her sent back home.

LIVELY TIME AT ANNUAL MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NO. 34; UNCOMPLIMENTARY REMARKS MADE

Directors Elected in Spite of the Excitement—Total Number Increased from Fifteen to Twenty-one—New Deputy Minister of Agriculture to be Director—Secretary W. S. Hooper and Vice-President G. Y. Dibblee in Lively Exchange—Secretary Finally Withdrew from Meeting.

Although an armistice was declared in Europe some time ago and permanent peace is expected soon, Agricultural Society No. 34 which operates the Fredericton Exhibition, produced some hostilities on its own account yesterday afternoon. The occasion was the annual meeting. Usually that gathering is very tame and devoted to routine matters but yesterday's gathering was an exception. Language hot and fiery was used by one member to another and withdrawals from the meeting resulted. The directors were elected however and will meet later to elect officers. Whether peace will hover over the affairs of Agricultural Society No. 34 by that time is problematical. No date for the directors' meeting has yet been set.

Mr. Dibblee in the Chair

Mr. G. Y. Dibblee, second vice-president was in the chair, President J. A. Campbell being absent on account of illness and first-vice-president C. H. Thomas having died since the last meeting. There were several points which caused the fire to fly. One was the move to have the number of directors increased from fifteen to twenty-one. The opinion was expressed that if the new directors were not more energetic in the affairs of the society than were some of the old ones, they had better not be elected. The movement to get some new blood in the directorate, however, succeeded and twenty-one were elected.

"Where Are the Papers?"

Another lively scrap ensued when the chairman demanded of the secretary Mr. W. S. Hooper, the bylaws, membership lists, and other documents pertaining to the society. The secretary retorted that such were not necessary and that a sloven wagon would be needed to bring to the meeting all the documents deemed necessary by the chairman.

Question of Dues

Then a question of dues arose. Secretary Hooper stated that five of the directorate owed dues. Names were called for but the secretary would furnish only one. This caused some more lively comment on the part of some of the members and it was intimated that there was something behind this statement. Secretary Hooper

came back strongly. Chairman Dibblee Mr. William McKay and Secretary Hooper took the prominent parts in the performance. Mr. C. F. Chestnut expressed dissatisfaction with some matters and withdrew from the meeting. Discussion went on fast and furious and took on a decidedly unparliamentary tinge. Secretary Hooper finally withdrew expressing an opinion of the mentality of the chairman which was not flattering and intimating that that officer should go to a warmer climate rather than brave rigors of a New Brunswick winter. This produced a return from Mr. McKay which in turn reflected on the mentality of the secretary. All in all "a pleasant time was had."

Directors Elected

Incidentally the society elected the following as directors: J. A. Campbell, G. Y. Dibblee, Peter Farrell, A. C. Fleming, C. F. Chestnut, J. Stewart Neill, W. E. Farrell, W. S. Hooper, Hugh O'Neill, A. D. Thomas, F. B. Edgecombe, William McKay, W. H. Moore, W. T. Chestnut, Harry A. Smith, H. G. Kitchen, J. H. Fleming, F. L. Cooper, C. B. Steele, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. The latter replaces the late C. H. Thomas.

Secretary Hooper Firm

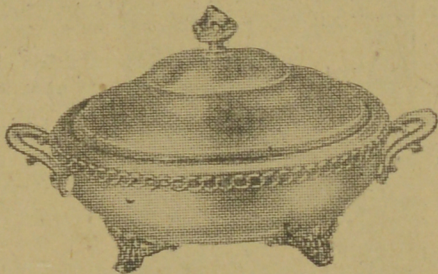
Today Secretary Hooper is firm in his determination not to return to a meeting presided over by Vice President Dibblee. It is expected however that the matter will be settled and peace once more reign as Fredericton is to have an exhibition in 1919.

In England For Treatment

Mr. John Horncastle received an official telegram from Ottawa this morning stating that his son Gunner Martin Horncastle had been moved to a hospital in England for treatment.

Discharge of Soldiers

Discharge instructions as regards soldiers on harvest leave since July 1 have been received by district headquarters. The men to get their discharge are to follow one of two courses; that is to return to their battalion and receive their discharge in person or to sign a release forwarded to them by mail. The object of the second method is to avoid taking from useful employment such as are now so employed. From the military standpoint the personal discharge is preferable, doing away with much clerical work.



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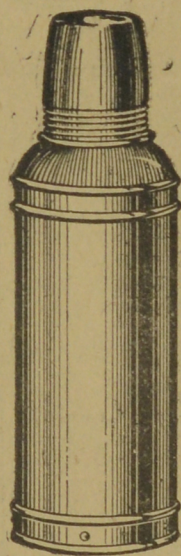
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