

PRESIDENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION DELIVERED EXCELLENT ADDRESS

Following is a report of the annual address of President H. A. Slipp delivered at the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers Association here today:

We meet today for the 23rd. Annual Convention of the New Brunswick Fruit Grower's Association, and as it has been the custom in the past for the President to deliver a short address upon these occasions, I ask your indulgence for a few moments.

1927 has gone into history and it is only by the use of the experience gained during that year that we can now hope to profit from it.

First, I think 1927 demonstrated to the apple grower, as never before, that he must take better care of his orchard if he hopes to make a success of it—that means better cultivation and fertilization of the soil, better care of the trees and better care of the fruit. The man who thoroughly sprayed his trees last year, using the proper mixture of spray materials and the proper equipment for applying it had little to complain of in the way of results.

I visited orchards last year that were bearing a stand of fruit which the owner had every reason to be proud. I also visited orchards that showed a good crop of beautifully

colored fruit that was almost entirely worthless, due to scab, and I found in every case that the difference in quality of crop was simply the difference between attention to, and neglect of spraying.

I believe that we might classify the Fruit Market conditions of 1927 as good. Montreal market was particularly active during the early Fall shipping season and has remained fairly steady right through, for the better grades of apples.

It has often been remarked at these meetings, that New Brunswick while exporting a large part of her apple crop, at the same time imports more apples than she raises. This is a regrettable condition, and a condition that I believe the grower has, in a large measure been responsible for, offering as he has, to the local market, apples without name, grade of standard often of most inferior quality and contained in a very unattractive package. The local dealer, quite naturally purchased the larger part of his apples where he felt more certain of knowing what he was getting.

For some time now we have been trying to win back the confidence of the local dealer and during the past year especially, progress has been made.

New Brunswick apples in attractive packages and properly graded have been offered for sale in local retail stores and are proving very satisfactory to dealer and consumer alike.

Grading and Packing.

Now, I believe it is squarely up to us whether we want to build up a good local trade or not and there can be no question but what to do. Therefore, let us give even more attention to grading and packing so that we can prove to the consumer that we are able to offer him a barrel, or box, or hamper of apples as good as the best that he can procure anywhere. The introduction of the bushel hamper as a package for placing our apples on local markets proved popular. This package and also the half bushel hamper may be used quite largely in the future for such purpose. The prospect for placing an increasingly larger portion of our crop of apples on New Brunswick markets is distinctly encouraging and as plans to bring this about are under consideration, it is probable that 1928 will see a marked advance in this respect.

It is very encouraging to note that the planting of new trees this year will be, at least, double that of last year and I feel that I am speaking for the entire Association when I say that we greatly appreciate the very generous assistance which the Provincial Department of Agriculture is giving us, in the purchase of these trees. We feel, however, that planting is not yet as extensive as it should be.

The Strawberry Crop.

I am informed that the strawberry

crop for 1927 was approximately one million quart boxes, which represents an increase over 1926. The prices received by the growers were generally quite satisfactory. The operation of the canning plant of the Western Packing Company at Coldbrook, just outside Saint John, during the past two seasons has been decidedly beneficial in stabilizing and improving the prices on fresh fruit markets. It is to be hoped that our strawberry growers will do the best they can to put the operation of this canning factory on a permanent basis by giving it an increasing measure of support.

It is a pleasure to be able to announce that we now have the largest membership in our history, many new members having been added this last year and I believe we will find from our Secretary-Treasurer's report that we are better off financially than ever before, all of which, taken in connection with the fact that the Government at Ottawa has at last granted our Province those concessions which we have long considered our rights, should encourage us to put forth every effort for advancement so that we may take our proper place in the forefront of that era of progress and prosperity, which I firmly believe, the Dominion of Canada is now entering.

Clifford—I love you. Will you marry me?

Mae—Oh isn't that wonderful. Do you love me enough to fight for me?

Clifford—Er—point him out, and I'll be more able to tell you after I see him.

MR. A. G. TURNEY GIVES GOOD ADVICE TO FRUIT GROWERS

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grower in the fine packing of his apples. Why shouldn't we? Is it because they have better soil and climatic conditions, better all round growing conditions? I say, emphatically, No! They have to use expensive irrigation—they are by no means entirely free from frost damage, either during blossom or in the winter—and they cannot and do not grow apples as naturally as in the East. You know very well that nature gives New Brunswick apples a color and a quality unsurpassed anywhere! and with a freight advantage of one to three thousand miles, are you still going to say that you cannot compete. No! As I see it, it is entirely a matter of the personal element, of the man behind the orchard. I grant you that the Western apple grower is a specialist, he has had to be to carry on at all—but there are no unsurmountable objects to prevent us from being just as good apple growers as they—and I do not want to believe that our growers, are ready to admit lack of ability and take a second or third rate position as apple producers for that reason.

Better feeding and mulching of the land, more thorough spraying of the trees, thinning of the fruit on some varieties and above all better handling of the fruit from the tree to the market, are essential to the further development of apple growing in New Brunswick. Better apples—better packed—that should be our motto for 1928 and as long as we remain in the apple growing business.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members for the hearty co-operation and support which they have always given me in carrying on the work of the Association and to ask them for a continuance of it in 1928.

Here and There

Winnipeg.—The British boy immigration scheme has been adopted by the Manitoba Provincial Government, and about fifty lads will be brought here this year for placement on farms in the province. Hon. A. Prefontaine, Minister of Immigration, announced. First, the boys will be placed at the Manitoba Agriculture College for preliminary training in farm work.

Calgary.—Two commercial airplane transport projects are being developed in Calgary. One calls for the use of airplanes carrying twelve persons each, to be used principally for passenger, freight and mail traffic between Calgary and Edmonton; the other calls for lighter machines, two or three passengers, for Calgary-Edmonton and mountain flight purposes.

All the way from Camrose, Alta., to Glasgow, Scotland, unaccompanied, a distance of approximately 5,000 miles is the record of Donald James Campbell, nine years of age. He took the All-Red route of the C.P.R. across the Dominion to Saint John, where he embarked on the liner Montclare bound for Glasgow. He is visiting his aunt, who lives in Busby, Glasgow.

All previous records in connection with the westbound movement of grain to Vancouver over Canadian Pacific Railway lines were broken during the first two weeks in January, according to E. Cotterell, superintendent of transportation, western lines of the company. Deliveries at Vancouver by the Canadian Pacific during the fortnight in question totalled approximately 22,500,000 bushels of grain.

Calgary.—Farm land values in Southern Alberta are tending to become firm as the result of the series of good crops, and more inquiries for farm acreage have been received in the last few months, according to real estate men, than in any similar period in the past five or six years. Farms offered for sale last spring at \$15 per acre and bringing no offers are selling now for from \$20 to \$25 per acre. The demand for farms both for purchase and rental is decidedly strong.

In recognition of the fine work by officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National during the last summer tour of the second triennial Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress, presentations of gold and enamel cuff links were made recently, to fifteen employees of both companies, at a dinner held in Montreal. E. W. Beatty, president of the C.P.R. and Sir Henry Thornton of the C.N.R., were both present.

Snowshoe week in Quebec got away to a good start when several thousand members of the Raquette Clubs paraded the streets of the old city and later some 1,300 snowshoers in full winter festival costume made an attack on the walls defended by the garrison and illuminated by a brilliant fireworks display. The chief center of interest there is the International Dog Derby, which is to be staged shortly and for this, visitors from the entire Dominion and the United States are flocking to Quebec, taxing the Chateau Frontenac to its full capacity. (8)

CARRIED WIFE TO BED

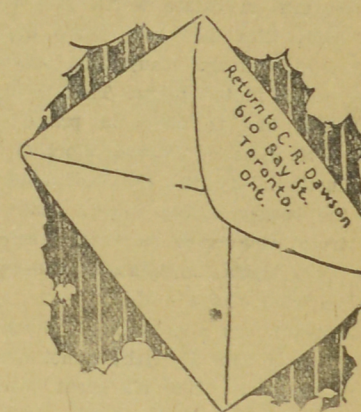
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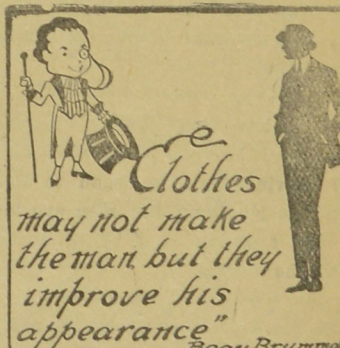
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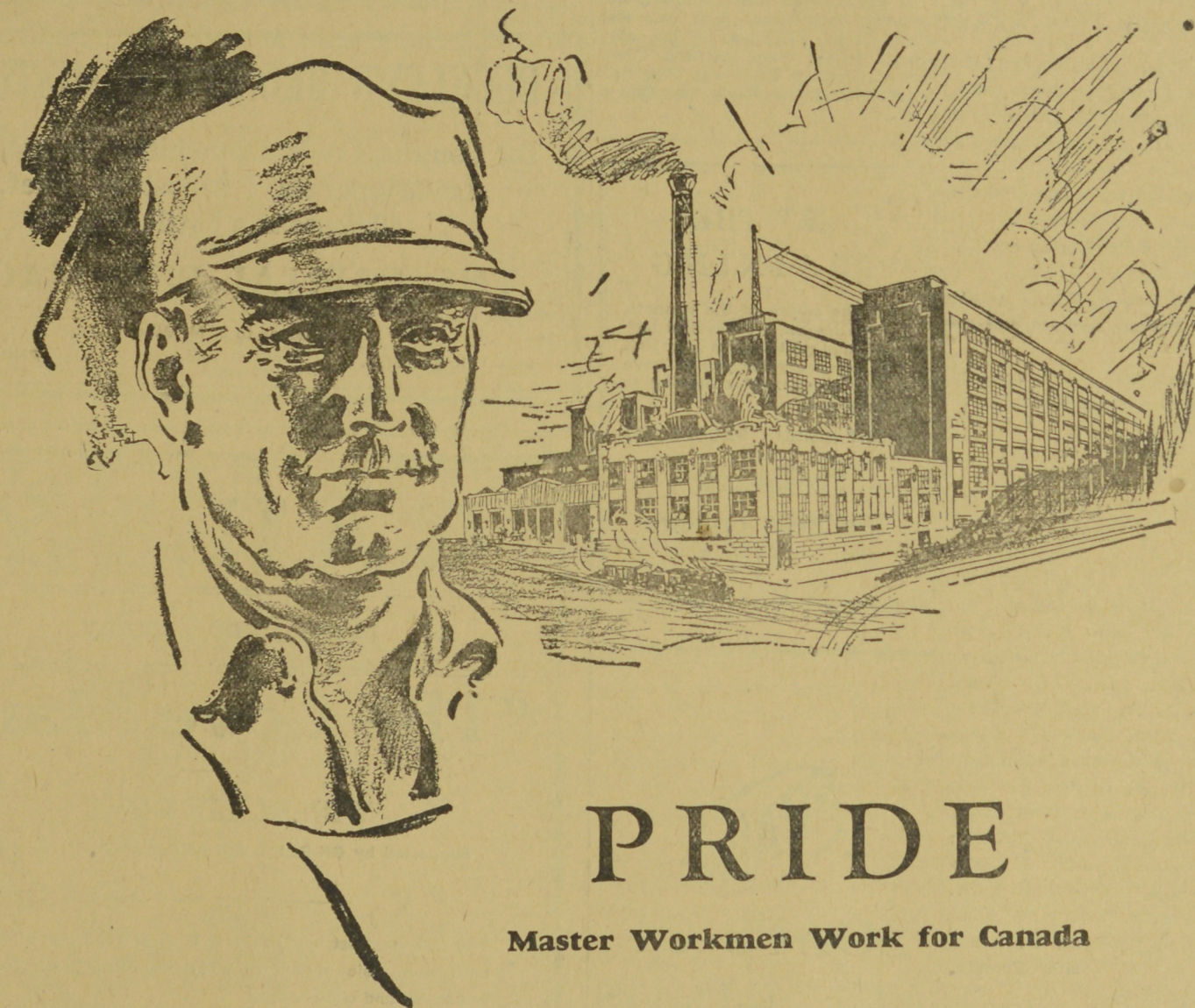
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