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FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

BURTT'S CORNER

Burt's Corner, May 23.—The funeral of the late Richard Jones of Burt's Corner took place Thursday afternoon, the 19th inst. It was largely attended. Mr. Jones was one of the oldest and most highly respected men of this section of country. He had reached the age of 87, and was well and active up to a few days of his death. He was a man of exemplary character, a good citizen and a kind and loving father, husband and friend. He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters, who keenly feel their loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. E. Cooke assisted by Rev. A. L. Fenwick. Interment was made at Burt's Corner.

The season is advancing and the farmers are busy preparing for seed.

Mr. E. Burt's Mill is running daily and extensive shipments of lumber are going out. Mr. Burt will manufacture more lumber this year than in previous years.

The Comet was seen on Friday evening by a number of persons at the Corner. It was directly in the Northwest. It was quite distinctly seen with a field glass.

Mr. Roy Burt has purchased a very fine entire Percheron horse from parties at Presque Isle, Me. He is pronounced first class by all who have seen him. He comes of the best of stock and has a good pedigree.

Mr. E. Burt has purchased a very fine automobile and is very much pleased with it. Mr. Burt has much business to transact in the City and other points and he will use the machine for that purpose.

Mrs. Harry Allen, who has been seriously ill is much better.

The Sunday School of the Christian Church, Burt's Corner, intend observing Children's Day the 12th of June in the evening. The management is under the direction of Mrs. Wesley H. Jones and Miss Beulah K. Allen. The proceeds will go to the Home Mission Field of the Province.

PARKER'S RIDGE.

May 24.—On May 23rd, that day of days, our school-children held a very interesting "Empire Day Celebration" in their spacious schoolroom.

The room was artistically decorated for the occasion. Chains of red, white and blue crepe paper were much in evidence. Across the back of the room was stretched a long piece of red cloth, on which were gilt letters making the words, "God Save the King." Across the entrance hung the grand old flag. On the front blackboard were drawn the Union Jack and the crosses of St. Andrews, St. George and St. Patrick's. On one of the other boards were drawn the "Coats of Arms" of the provinces. The teacher and the girls of the VIII and VII grades are certainly to be congratulated on the tasteful appearance of their schoolroom.

At 1.45 sharp, the pupils took their places, and soon the benches were filled with visitors. The IV grade were called upon to read "My Own Canadian Home" and acquitted themselves in a highly satisfactory manner. The VIII grade read Rudyard Kipling's "Recessional" and showed an intelligent understanding of the piece. Several compositions were read on different subjects suitable for the occasion.

At a signal from the teacher, the pupils left off work, and proceeded to carry out a very appropriate programme. The programme began by the singing of the Doxology, by visitors and pupils. Recitations were said by Bernice D. Pond, Jeanne I. McLennan, Mary McDonald, Lillian B. McLellan, Stella J. Spencer and Alma L. Smith. The following beautiful songs were rendered: "In All Lands East and West," "My Native Land," "The Maple Leaf Forever" and "Guard the Flag." The last named song was sung by five girls viz: Lillian B. McLellan, Stella J. Spencer, Gertrude McLennan, Gussie Spencer and Georgie McLeod, six boys acted as "Sons of the Empire" viz: Ellsworth Hinckley, Judson Spencer, Claude Boies, Chester Boies, Harold McLellan and Nelson Pond. Susie Smith read a very interesting paper, entitled "The origin of the names of the provinces."

Essays were read on "Why I love Canada," "The Life and Reign of King Edward" and "Canada's Relation to the British Empire" by Della McLellan, Georgie McLeod and Guy Ryder, respectively.

An "Empire Catechism" added much to the programme. Those taking part in it were: Annie McLellan, Ellsworth Hinckley, Annie Densmore, Della McLellan, Stella J. Spencer, Jeane McLellan, Susie Smith, Alma Smith, Georgie McLeod, Gussie Spencer, Bessie McDonald and Guy Ryder.

Another very pleasant feature was an address by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

Miss Russell from Doaktown, presided at the organ.

The entertainment closed with "God Save the King".

Miss Greer, the teacher must feel very gratified at the success of her entertainment.

The pupils of the Parker's Ridge School, wish to thank Miss Russell and Mr. Watson for their kindness in coming such a long distance to help make the day a success, also the other visitors for so kindly attending.

HAWKSHAW

May 23.—Mr. L. Palmer has so far recovered from the effects of his severe illness that he is driving his own team. An attack of lagrippe put him under the doctor's care again a few days this spring, but he expects to fill a good man's place this summer.

Perley Quigg has returned from a trip up river. While at Andover, he called on Mr. J. T. Stuart and secured control of the pasture lands belonging to the Shaw property.

Dr. Coffin is about to move over from Lower Southampton and occupy the Shaw house.

Fred Elliot has rented the Lounsbury house from Gilman P. Shar, and is doing a good business. Gossip has it that one of their most obliging and efficient clerks will take up other duties in the near future.

Our blacksmith shop is under the management of Mr. Burt Simmons of Allendale. With a skilled workman like Geo. Fredericks at the forge satisfaction is guaranteed.

Mrs. Alexander Sharp has been for some time in very poor health, but her many friends hope she will be her cheery self when summer comes again.

Murray Manuel is home from college. He preached a good sermon to an attentive congregation in the hall last Sunday. A colt which he bought from Mr. Patterson of Temple, is now breaking in to wagon, attracts lots of attention from local horsemen.

Surprise is expressed on every hand at the volume of business being done by the firm of M. A. Allen, dealers in country produce, general merchandise, etc. corner Bridge and River streets.

H. L. Morse, our harnessmaker has sold his driving horse to J. C. McDonald, proprietor Riversdale Hotel. Mr. McDonald whose business is increasing, has put up a large new stable. The frame was supplied and erected by Hiram Manuel, and is of timber from the extract buildings that once stood at Millville.

At Pokiok, Gilman Bros. and Burden have about half a million ft. of sawed lumber rafted beside some seven hundred thousand of laths and will send it to the market in a few days.

Manager Pond of the York and Sunbury Milling Co., has stopped driving and began raling operations, although the rear of his drive is some three miles back. It was a hard season for driving such a stream as Pokiok. John Quigg, his foreman has been confined to his home with lagrippe for several days. Mr. Quigg is spoken of as one of the best men on the river to bring a drive out of a hard stream. Some interest centres on the sluice in which Mr. Pond is to run the logs from the stream to the river. It is a new departure and if successful will be great improvement over old methods.

WILLIAMSBURG

May 23.—Mr. John Dorcas, who got his foot cut so bad on the drive three weeks ago, is having a serious time of it, complications have set in and it is possible that he may lose the foot and part of the leg, if not his life. Drs. Sterling and Moore are in attendance and doing all that is possible to alleviate the pain and intercept the complications that is arising. The people of this community are anxious to see Mr. Dorcas recover rapidly.

Dr. Falkins, the new doctor in this place, is doing quite a practice, considering his short time in this locality. He is located at Stanley, in Dr. Wainright's old stand, who is now practicing at Gibson and Fredericton. Dr. Falkins has been out looking over the old telephone lines to Woodlands, Tay Creek, Tay Mouth, Cross Creek and Williamsburg, and finds them out of order, the doctor has employed a local man to go all over his lines and take out all the boxes and have them repaired, and the line put in first class working order, the doctor purposes to have each box bridged.

Mr. James McCoombes and wife are visiting this place, his wife is now recuperating after a recent illness, we are glad to see her around again enjoying good health.

The construction people at Napadogan, are, according to reports, filled up with men.

Mrs. Abner Thomas died very suddenly a few days ago from a serious illness known as peritonitis. The people sympathize with Mr. Thomas in the bereavement of his wife, and six small children on his hands and no mother for them is a serious proposition.

Miss L. Fox, second daughter of Mr. Ed. Fox, is seriously ill with that dreaded disease, appendicitis. Dr. Sterling is in attendance and the time is not opportune for an operation.

Baseball has again started down the road judging from the noise each evening.

What became of the flag that the people bought for the school house in district No. 6? The flag pole is down and where are the trustees?

The energetic and enthusiastic agent, Mr. Dan McMillan is again round, looking after the wants and needs of the farms.

Miss Sarah Currie is visiting relatives in this place.

Mr. Stanley Douglas, lumberman of Stanley, has not yet had his new

NEW ZEALAND AFTER BRITISH APPLE TRADE

(London Standard)

The initiation of an apple trade between New Zealand and the English markets may now be said to have been fairly launched, for, so long as the consignment arrives Home in a satisfactory condition, a good connection for New Zealand fruit will be established on the London market. Experts have stated that the quality of the fruit which is being sent from Nelson is of the best, and in addition the fruit has been packed in an approved style, and has been most carefully inspected before shipment. In any case the Nelson growers do not stand to lose much on the shipment, even, by reason of unforeseen circumstances, should it fail, for the shipment is made under a guarantee of 1d. per pound from the Department of Agriculture. The Department has done everything to ensure that the shipment should be made under the best of conditions. The district fruit inspector, Mr. Hallam, was sent to Tasmania to study the conditions there prevailing and to bring back full particulars as to the methods employed in the conduct of the great Tasmanian overseas trade in apples. Since his return the inspector has been busily engaged meeting growers and imparting the information he has gained in Tasmania. At several of his meetings he has stated that Nelson could grow apples with any place in the world. All that was required was that the grower should pay attention to proper grading and packing. Mr. Hallam points out that Nelson is in a better position than Tasmania for exporting fruit, as the season on this side is fully a fortnight earlier. This season it is four or five weeks ahead. This means that the New Zealand shipment will arrive on a bare market, and, providing the fruit is landed in sound condition, the quality must command a high price.

CANADA'S EMPIRE TRADE.

The trade between Great Britain and Canada totalled, 1908-9, \$204,302,113 (imports \$70,556,778; exports \$133,745,335).

When British preference of 33½ per cent. was given in 1897 imports from Britain were 29 million dollars; 1908-9 70 millions. Great Britain is now Canada's best customer.

Chief items Canada brought from the United Kingdom, 1908-9: Cottons and manufactures of \$3,285,702; metals and minerals and manufactures of \$11,877,683; sugar, etc. \$1,185,708; silk and manufactures of \$1,923,974; spirits and wines \$1,356,335; settlers' effects, \$1,799,285.

Chief items Canada sold the United Kingdom, 1908-9: Animals, living \$10,280,449; breadstuffs, (chiefly wheat), \$60,946,834; fruits, \$2,959,847; furs and skins \$1,169,854; leather, etc., \$2,123,776; metals and minerals, \$4,006,769; provisions, \$31,325,827, wood and manufactures of 111,505,873.

Canadian grain exports to Great Britain, 1908-9, 51,646,457 bushels; value \$48,227,446.

Canada has sold in ten years to Great Britain, \$226,925,420 worth of grain.

Canada's trade within the Empire (other than United Kingdom), 1908-9 \$28,909,383.

electric light repaired, the dynamo was run in connection with his mill and the electrician allowed the amation to connect with the dynamo and burnt out and all the cost now would be to have the coil removed. It seems too bad that a railway town like Stanley has to go in the dark without even a lamp on the corners.

ZION

May 23.—The weather of the past few days has been very fine, but very heavy frost at night.

All the men have returned from the stream drive again.

The farmers are busy getting in their crops.

Miss Katie Summerville of St. John is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jas. Summerville.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Owens spent a few days with friends in Fredericton.

Mr. George Woodworth is visiting at Genglorge.

Mr. and Mrs. James Young were the guests of Mrs. P. Woodworth on Sunday.

Mrs. John Summerville is slowly improving.

Our school is doing nicely, Miss Catherine Bell is the teacher.

Mr. James Summerville and Misses Annie and Maggie were the guests of their sister, Mrs. John Kirch, on Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Young is going to move to Fredericton this week.

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT

May 22.—The "promised seed time" seems now to have come and farmers all are busy getting their crops in. The nights still continue cold. There was quite a frost last night freezing ice in some places.

Yesterday was appointed for reorganizing our Sunday school which has been closed since the first of the year. Only a few met however, but they succeeded in appointing Mr. Wm. Palmer as Superintendent, S. L. Allen, Assistant Superintendent and some of the old teachers are willing to take classes again. It is to be regretted that there are not more willing workers to help along with the school.

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CANADA AS A FIELD FOR BRITISH CAPITALISTS

(Manitoba Free Press.)

British preference for Canada is to be found in the financial accommodation which is afforded by the London Money Market to Canadian issues of every kind, which means much for our country. Canadian railways and other undertakings designed to develop a new country are, on the whole, able to obtain equal and frequently better terms for their securities than those old-established railway companies in the United States, which have records for earning capacity of many years' standing. During the last five years the approximate amount invested by the United Kingdom in Canada reached \$605,453,852, a circumstance which is possibly the best reply to the complaint sometimes heard that Great Britain is not making sufficient financial interest in Canada. According to Mr. Paish, the eminent financial statistician, British capital has been invested in Canada to the extent of



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\$1,500,000,000, and states that Canada's requirements in the way of capital are likely to be on a much larger scale in the future than in the past. "The fact is," adds this gentleman, "a young country requires to do all these things quickly which in older countries have been gradually performed during the centuries. To see how rapidly things move in a new country is very astonishing to those who are accustomed to the slower growth of the older country, so that it is difficult for the two kinds of countries to understand each other, or for the older country to believe that the growth in the young country is as rapid as it is said to be."

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