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### MARYSVILLE TOPICS

Feb. 28.—A large sleigh-load of young people drove up to Copenhagen, the hospitable residence of Mr. James Gibson, on Thursday evening. Games and music were indulged in and a jolly time spent. During the evening light refreshments were served. They left at midnight, all voting Mr. Gibson an ideal host. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris.

Mrs. Rainsford and Miss H. Rainsford of Grand Falls, were in town on Friday.

Dr. E. B. Fisher returned today from a professional visit to the North Shore.

Miss Nellie Tillotson of England, who was here at Christmas, the guest of her uncle, Rev. J. C. Berrie, is seriously ill at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Good, at Jacksonville, N.B. Dr. Grant and a professional nurse are in attendance.

Miss Con Fisher is recovering from an attack of la grippe.

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## Farmers' and Dairymen In 35th Annual Session Here

President S. B. Hatheway Delivered Able Address Last Night, Hailing Reciprocity With Satisfaction But Criticizing Educational Methods--Hon. D. V. Landry and Mayor Thomas Also Heard--Highway Act Came in for Criticism.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association opened last evening with a public meeting in the Opera House at which President S. B. Hatheway, Mayor Thomas and Hon. D. V. Landry delivered addresses, and the annual reports of the county vice-presidents and the recording secretary were presented. President Hatheway's address was practical and dealt in a thorough manner with the drawbacks under which the farmers of New Brunswick labor. Mr. Hatheway hailed reciprocity as a great benefit to the agriculturalist. He also dealt with the lack of proper means of imparting agricultural education to the pupils of the rural schools and advocated a change in this regard. Stock-raising he stated was in a wretched condition, New Brunswick being unable to supply the demand for beef which arose in their own province. The president's address dealt also with the opportunity, particularly in the St. John Valley, for the development of horticulture.

Commissioner Landry in his remarks advocated changes in the educational system of the province whereby agricultural education could be given in country schools. He stated also that there was need of a larger expenditure on the part of the province in the department of agriculture.

The reports of the county vice-presidents were generally optimistic. The vice-president for Madawaska however, condemned in unmistakable terms the operation of the Highway Act in his county and the vice-president for York made some pertinent remarks concerning the uselessness of illustration orchards as at present conducted.

Seated upon the platform with President Hatheway last night were Recording Secretary Bliss Fawcett of Sackville, Secretary George E. Fisher of Chatham, Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, Hon. D. V. Landry, commissioner for agriculture, and Secretary W. S. Hooper of the Fredericton Exhibition. The attendance was large, but will increase with succeeding sessions, many delegates not reaching the city until late last night or today.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The address of the president was as follows:  
Gentlemen,—

Again we are privileged to meet in this the 35th annual convention of this association. And it is with pleasure I note the large and representative attendance at this opening session. The past has been the second of two very wet seasons, and crops on the whole have been below the average in both quantity and quality.

The direct result is a decrease of the annual income of farmers with less capital to enlarge or even maintain their present acreage; the indirect result being loss of confidence among a certain class of farmers who only turn their attention to agriculture when either nothing else offers or there is a possibility of exceptional prices—a class that reflects little credit on New Brunswick agriculture.

Those fortunate in having dry land have had good harvests, while wet land has not paid expenses and a large acreage was abandoned completely. The outstanding feature of the season has been the great benefits of under-draining—the basis of good farming. I am glad to note that tile draining occupies a prominent place in our program, and I believe it will be a popular subject. The number of vacant and partially worked farms still increases and in many sections with restricted markets and indifferent transportation, there seems little inducement for farmers to increase production.

### EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM DEFECTIVE.

Lack of theoretical knowledge and technical training is seriously handicapping farmers and the agricultural development of our province, and it is high time a more practical system of education was adopted in our rural schools. Even our Superintendent of Education acknowledged before the Technical Commission that our educational system was designed to meet the requirements of the arts course.

The general agricultural condition of our province is far from what it should be. Our imports are increasing disproportionately to our exports until now we buy in foreign markets the greater part of our food supplies.

And yet New Brunswick must always depend on agriculture for the greater part of her revenue. With our farmers lacking in knowledge of the soil, rotations and system; lacking in adequate transportation and



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President of F. and D. Association  
of New Brunswick.

with an educational system tending towards other professions than farming, how can we expect them to develop our latent natural resources, or what inducements have the rising generations to stay by the land?

### DEPARTMENT INADEQUATE.

Government policies, both past and present, have never given agriculture serious consideration. Our agricultural department is inadequate and as has been repeatedly evidenced, seems non-desirous of promoting agriculture beyond what public sentiment forces it to.

Our officials are capable and intelligent men, but have not—nor ever will have—a free hand in shaping our agricultural policy, so long as we lack a sufficient number of capable and intelligent farmers in our Legislature who will take an aggressive stand in framing our laws and promoting policies most advantageous to the great mass of our people.

### TOO MUCH WESTERN BEEF.

Our stock industry is in a wretched condition. Our shops are filled with Western beef for the local trade; our contractors are forced to buy all their supplies in large quantities in Upper Canadian markets, and our government is making little effort to either import stock or improve stock breeding conditions in the province. Fruit growing is receiving more attention yearly, and our energetic Horticulturist is inspiring confidence in apple culture in the favoured districts of our province. Yet I feel that with the splendid advantage and opportunities—particularly in the St. John River Valley—we have for commercial apple growing, both farmers and business men should give the development of this branch of agriculture serious consideration, and our government should provide a more extensive horticultural department than we have at present.

In any reference to government support, I express myself with no political sentiment, but as a farmer who has his all invested in New Brunswick, who intends to live and get his living here, and who speaks only for the welfare of the country.

### THE OTTAWA VISITATION

In December last, I had the honor and pleasure of representing this association, and along with another New Brunswicker, Mr. W. B. Fawcett of Sackville—the farmers of the province at the noted Farmers' Convention at Ottawa. I unhesitatingly, both at the convention and before the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, advocated the free interchange of farm products with the United States, and endorsed strongly all the other resolutions proposed.

I was not influenced by personal views in this matter, but by the overwhelming evidence I secured from prominent farmers and shippers throughout the province. Men with a thorough knowledge of our possibilities and advantages, who realized the seriousness of a restricted market and who believed that in advocating such a course New Brunswick would become "the land of opportunity." Moreover, men who were broad-minded enough not to consider for a moment that improved trade conditions with the United States would influence or taint our Imperial sentiment, did not cast the shadow of doubt on our love for King and Empire.

### A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

If this tariff reform becomes a reality, both in Canada and the United States, it will stand as the greatest

achievement and to the everlasting credit of Canadian farmers and the marked ability of Canadian statesmen.

The past year New Brunswick held her first Dominion Exhibition and as an exhibitor I wish to say that from an agricultural standpoint the show—with the exception of stock—considering the magnitude and government grant, lacked in educational features.

Stock was seen at a great advantage but the products of the farm came in for only a passing notice.

This suggests the question as to whether in making grants of local government money to exhibitions we are adopting the most practical plan of assisting agriculture.

It would seem that the farmer and small breeder, under present conditions, has little chance of receiving benefits from increased prize money.

Exhibiting is being professionalized and trades and manufacturers are being stimulated at the expense of agriculture.

In closing let me commend to you the program of this convention. It embodies and subjects both interesting and important. Let each one present take an active part in the discussions, and make this the most instructive meeting ever held by the association.

### MAYOR THOMAS

His Worship Mayor Thomas was introduced by Pres. Hatheway and extended the welcome of the City of Fredericton to the visiting delegates. Presenting the advantages of the city to his hearers His Worship said that Fredericton had more hours of sunshine than any other city of the Maritime Provinces. He also mentioned the fact that the city possessed the purest water in the Dominion and informed those who took their water straight that they could do so in Fredericton without fear of contamination. His Worship also called attention to the fact that Fredericton possessed more pretty girls to the square yard than any other town in the province. The speaker made mention of the excellent market for produce which exists in the city.

In conclusion, His Worship advised more optimism and less talk about the advantages of the West and the disadvantages of the East. He also drew attention to the fact that the Fredericton Exhibition Association intended to erect a building which would be suitable for judging of live stock. (Applause). He regretted that he had to report that arrangements with the Dominion government for the use of the drill hall could not be made.

### HON. D. V. LANDRY

Hon. D. V. Landry, commissioner for agriculture followed Mayor Thomas. He congratulated the members of the Association on their excellent attendance. The increase showed that interest in agriculture was growing greater. He stated that politics and agriculture should be kept separate. (Applause). It would be well to keep clear of such topics as reciprocity. Such a convention was not a place for political discussion.

Dr. Landry expressed the opinion that there was a great future before agriculture in New Brunswick. Co-operation on the part of the farmers was what was needed. The number of agricultural societies had increased to a marked extent and the increase would continue. Expenditure by the government for agricultural purposes had been increased "in the immediate past and he felt would be increased in the future.

Speaking of the appointment of Mr. A. G. Turney as provincial horticulturist Dr. Landry said it was beneficial. Mr. Turney being the right man in the right place. The winter port steamers at St. John furnished a poultry market which could be largely developed at the present time New Brunswick could supply that market during but one month of the year.

### EDUCATION

Following the line of the president's address, Dr. Landry stated that it was quite possible that educational system of the province might well be modified so as to give some instruction in agricultural subjects in the rural schools. Similar subjects might be taught in the Normal School. He could not see why every student of the institution could not be instructed to test milk and to judge the milk-producing qualities of the cow, and also to teach that knowledge to their pupils.

The speaker said he was sorry more New Brunswick students did not attend the agricultural colleges at

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