

NEWS OF FREDERICTON TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO

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WILD WEST SHOW—Pawnee Bill's historic wild west show was in the city last week and performed in Pine Park. A great number of country people were attracted to town and many curious sights were seen.

PROMOTION—Mr. John Pitblado, who has for the past two years been agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been promoted to the bank's agency at Charlottetown, P.E.I.

THIS CITY FINES—During the past month the Scott Act fines collected by the police magistrate amounted to \$150. All other fines reached the sum of \$159.72. During the month of August this year Magistrate Limerick collected in fines the sum of \$500.

NEW CHURCH—At Gibson the Baptist congregation erected a suitable church structure on the site of the one destroyed by fire. William Minue had charge of the work and has the assistance of an efficient building committee.

FINE RESIDENCE—The new residence at St. Mary's being erected by Mr. Sanderson for Walter McFarlane of that place, bids fair to become one of the best dwelling houses in the province. It will be equipped with hot and cold water, electric bells and all modern appliances.

A CRACK SHOT—Charles E. Neill, son of James S. Neill of this city, has been attending the Dominion Rifle Association matches at Ottawa, and has taken a foremost place in the shooting. He won a prize in the bankers' nursery match and another in the Hamilton Powder Company's match, being also well up in the nursery aggregate.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT—Mr. and Mrs. John A. Morrison met with a serious accident while driving to their home on Sunday evening last. When just below the Ketchum property the horse took fright at some cattle standing in the road and in the middle of the fright the breaching broke. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were both thrown from the carriage. Mrs. Morrison was dragged a considerable distance and besides her other injuries had her shoulder dislocated. Mr. Morrison had one arm badly bruised and received a kick on the breast.

THE MARKET—There was a large attendance at the market this morning, prices as a rule being moderate. There was considerable hocking about the streets so that a good idea of the teams in from the country could not be obtained. Prices were as follows:—Hay \$11, straw \$5, oats 50 cents, potatoes \$1, mutton 5 to 6 cents, chickens 40 to 50 cents, ducks 68 to 70 cents, butter 18 to 20 cents, eggs 15 cents.

POKIOK MILLS—Since F. H. Berry

secured the mills at Pokiook a new lease of life has been given to the place. He put his son, W. H. Berry, in charge of the local work and things are beginning to assume a business-like aspect. The dams and mills have been repaired and many extensive improvements made.

ISOLATED—The tin horns of the towboats of Grant and Munro are the only sounds that break the awful silence of the St. John River between this city and Woodstock, especially in connection with freight and passenger traffic. The people on both sides of the river are completely isolated and are so far as trade is concerned as far from this city as the people of Boston. All look forward to the Prince William Railway as a relief but at present it is not safe to speak to the farmers about the road.

LAND SALE—The sale of leases to cut lumber and timber of all kinds from the crown lands of the province took place here this week. There was a large attendance of lumbermen from all parts of the province. Among the buyers present were Ernest Hutchinson, J. B. Snowball, Alex. Gibson, William Richards, James Robertson and Timothy Lynch. Good prices were realized.

PERSONAL—G. C. King of Chipmaw, Queens, was here during the land sales. Justice Eoona has returned from a trip to his son, Dr. Boone of Presque Isle. A. S. McFarlane, who graduated from the U.N.B. last spring, has taken charge of a school at the Mouth of Keswick. Messrs. Robert Randolph, Hedley V. Edgcombe, Thomas Fowler and Harry Chestnut have left for the world's fair.

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THE DOG STORY
Reference at a dinner some time ago was made to keeping on the safe side.

Hatch recently accepted an invitation to call on a suburban friend, and just as he was turning into the gate a dog came galloping this way most speedily. There was a nice little tree close by, and one second later Hatch was weaving his way through the branches.

"What in the world are you afraid of, old pal?" exclaimed the host, rushing across the lawn at the sound of the jubilee. "Haven't you heard the proverb that a barking dog never bites?"

"Yes, I have heard it all right," answered Jones slowly descending, "but I wasn't depending on the assumption that the dog has heard it."

ALL ABOUT CONCRETE

Some Wonderful Possibilities of the Future Described by an Expert

Concrete was used by the Romans who also invented the celebrated Roman nose, which is still used with such great success. Concrete is composed of cement and broken stone which are mixed with water by a tired man in overalls and a red flannel shirt and converted into a sort of geological Irish stew. The mess is then stuffed into a wooden mold, and when it dries it is so hard that when Time attempts to nibble it with its justly famous tooth it has to go to the dentist's with a low shriek of agony.

Nowadays concrete is used with great success in building houses, sky scrapers, bridges, baseball parks pavements, sidewalks, wormless tombs, boats, artificial legs, telegraph poles, water tanks, artificial pipes false teeth, cathedrals, smokestack and eating-house sandwiches. Concrete has, in fact, become the most useful thing in the world, and man, a mountain which has only been an obstruction to traffic will be ground up in the next few years and sold in sacks to men who have cities to build.

Thomas Edison has recently invented a method by which concrete houses can be poured to order by two strong men while the family is unpacking the furniture. This will be a sea boon, and before long we may expect to buy our houses at the store by the gallon and to draw a cute little Queen Anne garage out of a faucet and take it home in a pail.

Concrete, reinforced with steel, is the strongest material yet invented but science thus far is only building bridges and skyscrapers with it, and has not yet used it in providing practical backbones for public men. What this has been accomplished the grad of statesmen available will be vastly improved and the old style office holder with the gutta serena column will wobble into oblivion along with the wooden hotel.—Kansas City Star.

HORREBLE AS FOOD

Tourists Get it For Beef in France—Said to be Wholesome

Aprons of the discussion in Parliament regarding the eating of horseflesh in Montreal, it is interesting to note that the London Chronicle gave prominence to a letter from Mr. F. Langworthy, of Claygate, Surrey, advocating the establishment of horseflesh butchers' shops in the large towns of Great Britain.

He declares that as horseflesh is now eaten by "our rich," he sees no reason why the poor should go without this cheap meat simply "because there is no one with sufficient enterprise to try to overcome a prejudice." He further says that he has seen English people very contentedly eating horse for beef in some of the most expensive hotels in Paris, and for himself he would much sooner eat it than the flesh of the pig.

His theory is that the meat of animals that have been cooped up—such as pigs in styes, cattle in barns, and fowls in runs—is not wholesome, while the meat of horses, which lead fairly natural lives, is cheap and nourishing; indeed, he adds, the French say that horseflesh is particularly good for those suffering from anemia.

EXPLOSIVE AGRICULTURE

Nitro-glycerine Used With Much Benefit in Orchards

Poets have sung of swords being turned into ploughshares for years without anybody taking much notice of them. It is, therefore, pleasant to learn that such deadly explosives as nitro-glycerine and nitro-cellulose are being used in the peaceful professions of agriculture as well as in the filling of man-killing shells. The experiments have been carried out chiefly in Canada and the United States, chiefly for the planting of trees and the rejuvenating of old orchards.

By exploding a cartridge, judiciously placed in the ground, the soil is shaken up and fissured to a greater extent than can be managed by spade work. New trees planted in ground that has been prepared in this way make much more rapid and vigorous growth. In an old orchard the ground can be similarly opened and shaken without injury to the standing trees, which, by the way, are given a new lease of life owing to their roots having less dense soil to penetrate.

Flavor in Fish

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The Hudson Bay Company reports that owing to the present uncertainty of conditions so far as the fur market is concerned all fur trading concerns including itself, and the independent companies will be unable to make the usual advances of supplies, etc., which in past years has enabled the Indians of the north to go forth into the wilderness and do the winter's trapping.

WAR HALTS FUR SALES

The fur companies claim that owing to the war they have now no sales for their present surplus, which was in former years absorbed by the London market for sale through the continent of Europe. It is further said that the United States will scarcely be able to absorb its own supply, and that there will be no market there for Canadian furs.

In previous years a reliable trapper could procure from the posts an advance of as much as \$200 worth of traps, blankets, and other necessities for the trip into the wilderness. The Indians, thus equipped, went out from one hundred and fifty to two hundred miles from the post to where the hunting was good and came back in good condition and with sufficient furs to pay their debts and live in plenty during the summer. In fact upon this advance system the greater portion of the northern Indians depended for their living. Under present conditions, however, the companies submit they are unable to make the advance. Hence the appeal to the government for aid.

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