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Bear Island News.

(Special Correspondence to The Herald.)

Nov. 1.—The farmers have about finished getting in their turnips, which with some was an extra crop while others complained of their's being small, but on the whole I think there has been an average crop.

Quite a number of the young men have gone to the lumber woods for the winter, many going across the line to work in the Maine and New Hampshire forests.

Dancing parties seems to have been the order of the day about here lately and in the lower neighborhood.

There will not be much lumber cut around here this winter, as the last two winters the flames had about all the cut that was large enough.

Mrs. J. H. Murch was thrown out of a wagon a short time ago while driving along the road with her son Ralph, and badly hurt. They were leading a yearling colt which became frightened at a dog and jumped into the hind wheel of the wagon and frightened the horse, which attempted to run away, and jerked Mrs. Murch out over the dash board. The wagon was badly damaged. Mrs. Murch is improving but is not able to do anything but move about the house.

The people are pleased to see the railroad prospectors and surveyors at work along the river for a railroad. Should the Grand Trunk Pacific be built this way the farmers hereabout think it would be the making of the country along the St. John river.

Both candidates have been here, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Allen first. They had a representative crowd and we were well pleased with what Messrs. Gibson and Allen said and will show by our votes next Thursday that we are for the Laurier government and approve of Mr. Gibson's conduct in the last house. Not many attended Messrs. Crockett and Pinder's meeting, and those who did, outside two or three rank Conservatives, did not think much of what was said. The Liberals have a representative committee who are doing good work and Mr. Gibson will get a substantial majority here.

ATTACKED BY AN ANGRY DEER.

St. Louis Politician's Son's Narrow Escape—Went to Another's Rescue.

St. Louis, Nov. 1.—August A. Bosch, son of Adolphus Bosch, Democratic candidate for the city council, had a narrow escape from death from the prongs of an infuriated deer Sunday afternoon on the Bosch game preserve near Old Orchard, St. Louis County. The buck was standing over him and in another moment would have gored and trampled him when the father struck it on the head with the butt of his rifle. The deer was stunned for a moment, in which time August Bosch regained his feet, grasped another rifle, and shot it dead.

Frank Parrio, twelve years old, who was in the Bosch party, had been caught on the deer's horns and tossed into the air when young Bosch rushed to his rescue. The buck then rushed upon Mr. Bosch, who was armed with a rifle, but hesitated to fire, fearing to hit the lad. Mr. Bosch went down before the infuriated beast, whose prongs tore his clothing as it prepared to paw him. The party dared not fire for fear of wounding the prostrate man.

Fortune Saved From Dust.

The money counters in the United States Treasury were started one day says Theodore Waters in the November Everybody's, by the appearance of a remarkable looking "fat man" who entered the department and told a strange tale. He said he was an Ohio farmer and did not believe in banks, and so had buried his money in the ground for safe keeping. He had dug it up, and was horrified to find that it was slowly turning to dust, as notes will when long buried.

Panic-stricken he gathered the disintegrated money into an old pillow-case, bound it around his waist beneath his clothes, and started for Washington. He travelled part of the way on horseback, part of the way on an Ohio river steamboat and part of the way by train. During the journey he never once took off the pillow-case. He even slept with it on. The officials of the Treasury Department found it difficult to make him part with it.

He did not want to go with a clerk to a hotel for fear the clerk might rob him, but as it was manifestly impossible for him to disrobe in the office he had finally to submit. They got the money at last, and the condition of it was so bad that Mrs. Leonard, the treasury expert, had to be called to decipher it. So great was her skill that the farmer lost only a few hundred dollars out of \$19,000.

HE PRAYED IN THE DARK.

Lights Went Out and Minister Feared a Stampede.

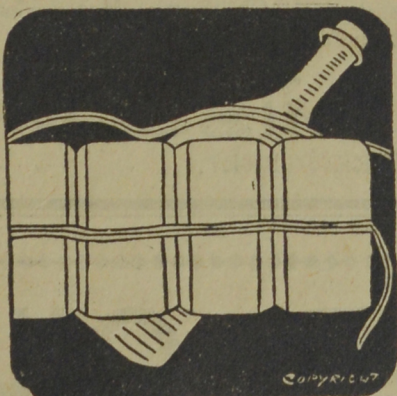
New Brunswick, Oct. 31.—While the Rev. Stewart Hovey of Elizabeth, who is filling the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church, was about to conclude his prayer at the service last night the gas lights in the church went out, leaving the church in total darkness. The preacher felt that if he stopped his prayer there might be confusion in the church, so he kept on praying, and the congregation was perfectly quiet.

The janitor of the church felt his way about the best he could looking for the trouble, and after a five minutes' search found it in the basement of the church. He turned the gas on again and lighted the jets in the church before the pastor pronounced his "Amen." The organ pumper, it developed, who is in the basement of the church, had a friend with him last evening. This friend was looking in closets, and in shutting the door of one of them he accidentally turned the handle which shut off the whole gas supply in the church.

Human Cuspidor.

It happened in one of the Scotch congregations of western Ontario that the men had the habit of using this smokeless tobacco, which in certain quarters and with certain people is likely to be a joy forever. Accordingly at the annual meeting it was suggested that the congregation should be furnished with cuspidors.

Now, this is a comparatively new word and not found in the vocabulary of the average Highlander. So one of the older members of the meeting, believing that the name designated a new and necessary office in the church like the "managers," "deacons" or "elders," arose and said: "Master Chairman, A wull move that Donald Cameron an' Laughlan McFavish be the cuspidors of the church." We did not hear if there was a seconder or if the men were willing to act.



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