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REPORT ON AGRICULTURE.

The first of the departmental reports tabled in the legislature this session was Hon. Mr. Farris' on agriculture, and it is a volume full of interest to the farmers of New Brunswick. The report is well written, conveys extended, intelligent and reliable information of agricultural operations in the province during the past year, and is a credit to the commissioner and his departmental staff.

Mr. Farris is able to observe that New Brunswick is enjoying an era of prosperity unequalled since Confederation: there is a ready sale for all farm products at extremely high prices. Reference is made to the impetus given the trade in hay and horses by the South African war, and to the successful season enjoyed by the lumbermen who are large consumers of agricultural products.

Mr. Farris calls attention to the increase in the cultivation of fruit in this province, and expresses the belief that the soil and climate of New Brunswick is well fitted for a still larger business in this line.

Speaking of pork production, the Commissioner is able to observe that there has been a great increase during the past year, and urges that insufficient encouragement is given to the farmers for the production of the bacon hog which is such an important article of commerce. Mr. Farris urges the establishment of a large pork packing establishment at some central point where proper facilities could be had for shipping the finished product.

The poultry business too in New Brunswick has largely increased, and farmers are urged by the department to engage in it more extensively. The Commissioner is in receipt of information from one of the Western Provinces to the effect that if a reasonable number of chickens can be had in the Maritime Provinces a buyer will be placed here who will be prepared to pay six cents per pound live weight, when delivered at central points. This price seems to us to be a very liberal one, more especially when no special fattening is required, and we think every reasonable attention should be given to this work in order that we may take advantage of this offer.

The growing of wheat has been greatly stimulated by the erection of roller mills, bonused by the Government, and there are now twenty-one of these in operation in the province, ranging in capacity from 25 to 50 barrels of flour per day, of 24 hours.

With reference to exhibitions, Mr. Farris says: "The plan we think most effective would be to abandon the small shows and hold county exhibitions by the agricultural societies uniting together and putting forth one grand effort to make the show a success, after first having got a suitable location, with proper buildings, etc., erected for the purpose, then make selections of the prize animals and other articles with a view of sending all to a central point, where a grand Provincial or International Exhibition may be held."

The Commissioner's good words regarding the Fredericton Exhibition held last autumn, will be given in another issue. They are most complimentary.

The reports of the dairy commissioners and the various agricultural societies occupy a large space in the Commissioner's volume, which throughout tells of the advance that New Brunswick is making in nearly every line of agriculture.

Cap. Bernier, who wants to go on a hunt for the north pole, is coming here to try the local government for a grant in

aid of his enterprise. Perhaps he thinks he might be able to forward the cold storage project if he discovered the pole. "The Cap. will doubtless make friends with Mr. Hazen, who like the distinguished French Canadian, is looking for something hard to find. The opposition leader wants office—a warmer destination than the Cap.'s voyage will realize.

The American newspapers, for some weeks, have been talking of the great honor that awaited Miss Roosevelt, the President's daughter, when she attended the King's coronation, to which she had received a special invitation. Scarcely less important than the King himself was this daughter of the republic to be in the grand ceremonials at London, but it appears that her father has put a veto on his daughter's projected trip, and instead she has gone to Havana to visit Governor Wood.

The sympathy of the newspaper fraternity will be extended to Mr. B. Eaton Patterson, whose paper, the Amherst Daily Press, was burned out Sunday morning. His stock and plant was ruined by fire and water, and it is said the paper will not resume publication at present. Mr. Patterson, who is a son-in-law of Mr. J. L. Black, ex-M. P. P., of Sackville, was making arrangements to enlarge his paper, and the loss to him comes at an inopportune time.

Whether prohibition prohibits in P. E. Island seems to be a debatable question, but undoubtedly is a great success as a revenue raiser. Since the law came into force June 1st, 1901, there have been 33 convictions in the city of Charlottetown, and fines imposed amounting to \$3,900. Of this amount \$2,200 has been collected and four persons are serving terms in jail.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt can now take rank among the very first of New York's society four hundred. She had the honor of entertaining Prince Henry of Prussia at dinner. No matter if the function took place on Sunday night. The four hundred have few scruples against Sabbath breaking.

The Dominion Coal Co., with headquarters at Cape Breton, is said to have discovered new coal seams on their property that doubles their areas, adding more than a billion tons to its known coal deposits. These are great days for Cape Breton.

Marconi, the wireless telegraph wizard is back again in Canada, and after visiting Ottawa will proceed to Cape Breton to start the construction of his stations there, the Dominion government assisting him financially in the venture.

Some of the provincial towns are jealous of Fredericton's position as capital of the province, and especially of the prominence this city received from the press in connection with the Legislative opening.

Mr. Gourley, the beligerent Colchester M. P., has a full mail these days. Some letters of commendation, others from cranks who want to fight him. But Mr. Gourley is getting what he wanted—notoriety.

The report that Lord Dunsford, who was a prominent military leader under General Buller in relieving Ladysmith, will be the next commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia, is generally believed.

Sewerage may be killed for a time by today's vote, but it is bound to come. Important reforms seldom carry in the first or second effort. There were three plebiscites on water works in Fredericton.

A woman was sworn at the court house poll in the civic elections today, certainly a degrading spectacle and one not encouraging to the promoters of woman suffrage.

Premier Tweedie held the boards in the legislature this afternoon, answering fully and eloquently the opposition leader's criticism in the debate on the address.

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Wind and Temper.

There is a closer connection between wind and temper than at first sight appears. A coldish wind has a bracing effect and on the whole is beneficial. In countries where hot winds occur periodically, on the other hand, these are regarded as a nuisance, if not a curse. Every one almost gets cross, weary and done up and has a headache daily.

In Egypt the season when crimes are commonest is when the hot khamseen blows. Nearly always during a severe sirocco the Arabs in Algeria were restless, if they did not attempt an actual rising. The solano, which now and then rushes across the Mediterranean in fiery blasts from Africa, upsets every one in Spain and is the worst wind in that country.

And even in the "Pearl of the Antilles" the fierce hot wind is such a pest that it is recorded of a family living in Havana that they made it a rule in the household to preserve absolute silence until the wind disappeared. It was the only plan they could think of to avoid family quarrels.

Webster's Income.

The legal profession of the present day will be surprised to learn that Mr. Webster, the greatest American lawyer of his time, made but \$15,000 a year by his practice. But the fees of counsel between 1840 and 1850 were not what they have been since.

In 1848 I accompanied a client to Mr. Webster's office in Boston and asked him to name a retaining fee in an important patent case. He said he thought a couple of hundred dollars would do. When the case was tried, his fee was only \$1,000. On another occasion I paid him a retaining fee of \$2,000 for the proprietors of the Good-year india rubber patent.

His fee for arguing the great equity cause of Goodyear versus Day in the circuit court of the United States for the district of New Jersey, by which he established the validity of the Goodyear patent, was \$5,000. This was in the spring of 1852, and was the last case he ever argued.

Foolhardy.

The question was once put to General Wheeler:

"General, what was the most foolhardy thing you ever saw on the field of battle?"

"I didn't see it on the field of battle," replied General Wheeler. "I saw it one day when a young woman tried to enter a revolving door leading a dog by a very long string. She passed through in safety, but not so the dog. The rushing public came along, and the dog was ground both ways and chopped up as though he were in a sausage machine. Each time he escaped his mistress tugged madly on the string and pulled him into it again. She got him through at last, being a very determined girl. The janitor of the building wrapped him up in a newspaper for her, so that she could carry him home. The way she clung to that string was the most foolhardy thing I ever saw."

Where Danger Lies.

"I want to be famous," said the boy. "Well, you'll have to be mighty careful," answered the father. "There are more people who make fools of themselves trying to be famous than in any other way."

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