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NEW BRUNSWICK APPLES

Ex-Gov. McClellan, in an interview printed in this morning's Telegraph, expressed the opinion that New Brunswick can produce apples of better flavor and better keeping qualities than those of Nova Scotia, and he suggests that in addition to the setting out of illustration orchards a number of officers might be appointed in every county whose duty it would be to instruct the farmers by practical demonstration in the best methods of taking care of their fruit trees.

Hon. Mr. McClellan's views are of more than passing interest. Not long since a leading Nova Scotia orchardist declared to the Times that parts of New Brunswick were as well suited to apple culture as his own province; that they would do now produce fruit of a distinctive flavor and high quality, and that with proper development the orchards of the province would become a great source of wealth.

As this paper has pointed out, the provision of cold storage facilities on the west side, where apples could be shipped from the orchards and carefully repacked, as is done in several points in the Annapolis Valley, is of the greatest importance. The present cold storage facilities at Bay Shore have been fully taxed, and larger buildings are to be erected. In connection with such buildings, as apple growing became more extensive, an evaporating plant could be carried on to utilize the fruit left over from the work of repacking for export. This province today gets its apple supply chiefly from Nova Scotia, and considerable Ontario fruit is also sold here. This province should have a large export apple trade of its own, and anything the government may be able to do to disseminate knowledge and encourage the planting of orchards and care of fruit trees would yield results of the greatest value to the farming community. The greater diversity and the greater skill employed in farm life, the more interesting and attractive it will be to the young men and women, so many of whom now leave the farm as soon as they are able to get situations elsewhere.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

The great need of agricultural and industrial education has been recognized in the state of Texas. The council for industrial education in that state has adopted a report recommending that the legislature appropriate \$25,000 to provide means of instructing school teachers in agricultural subjects, and \$10,000 to encourage the immediate introduction of the study of agriculture into a few selected schools in the state; also that extension work by lectures be vigorously carried on. With regard to industrial education the council says:

"That, because of the exceedingly great importance of industrial education to Texas, and because of the disastrous results sure to follow upon the inauguration of immature, ill-considered plans, the thirtieth legislature be respectfully requested to appoint a commission of prominent educators and business men, the duty of which commission shall be to investigate industrial education in other states and countries, to inquire carefully into the conditions in this state and to recommend to the thirty-first legislature a general plan for the organization of agricultural and industrial education in Texas, including suggestions as to the best means for correlating industrial work with courses of instruction which now obtain. It is recommended, further, that the members of this commission be asked to serve without remuneration, but that the sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the necessary expenses incident to the labors of said commission."

In an article on Psychie Healing, the Montreal Witness says:—"A large proportion of disease is hysterical, or partly so, and would be removed or minimized by a change of mental view. Real disease can also be very powerfully influenced, favorably or unfavorably, by mental attitude. The Christian Science movement, like half a dozen other isms which have sprung up in our day, is a reaction against the pessimism which has so largely possessed the Christian mind, which has looked upon this world as a waste howling wilderness from which to escape, a vale of tears, a place for penitential submission to ills of all sorts. From these conditions the Christian has sought escape only in a world beyond, but too often men have sought escape by departure from the faith. The church has to learn again that God is at work making this world into a kingdom that God and man can delight in, and that the mission of the church is through faith to use his power to the fulfillment of his glorious design."

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In his speech at Rethby last evening Mr. Ora P. King foreshadowed some changes in the new road law, in regard to the number of officials and manner of appointing some of them. In the course of his remarks Mr. King said that Sussex now has the best cold storage plant east of Ontario. They have stored now sixty tons of butter and 3,000 carcasses of lamb. They have sold 6,000 carcasses, which went to Winnipeg. Mr. King, says the Telegraph's report, also talked of the chances to supply the west, and of the possibilities open to the farmers of Kings in sheep raising and trying to raise a better class of horses. He spoke of the value of wool and what would be the gain of an experimental sheep station in the province.

The Scottish Temperance Legislation Board, which visited Norway and studied the licensing laws of that country, is, says the Halifax Chronicle, so strong an endorsement of the Norwegian system of company management, under which "the sobriety of Norway is as evident as the imbricary of Great Britain," that it must arrest the attention of those who are striving to secure amelioration of existing conditions in the Old Country. The report, adds the Chronicle, will have special interest for Nova Scotians, because one of the investigators was Professor James Seth, of Edinburgh University, who for several years filled the chair of philosophy at Dalhousie University. Professor Seth's presence on the commission is an assurance that its investigation was thorough.

Discussing the question of child labor in Portland, Maine, this week, one speaker is reported to have said:—"In the 40 or 50 bowling alleys of the city there are little lads from 10 to 14 or 16 years of age setting up the pins, and while he could not state whether they attended school as a class, he could say with accuracy that some of them began at 8.30 in the morning and worked until nearly or quite 12 at night for the magnificent wages of \$3 a week. Of the girls in the match factories and department stores, he said there had been no accurate canvass made, and no complete census taken. There was a large class who received \$2.50 a week, and \$7 a week was considered high wages for the working girls of the city outside domestic service."

The question of holding annual exhibitions in Montreal is being revived by the Business Men's League of that city. The executive of the league believe that an exhibition would attract a vast number of visitors to the city, and prove of great material advantage to the citizens. The project of holding exhibitions, says the Witness, is based upon the view that they should be undertaken as a public enterprise, and not as the affair of a company, or for the profit of private individuals or corporations.

The federal government has appointed three members of the new Montreal harbor board. In Messrs. Stephens, Ballantyne and Geoffrion it appears to have made a good selection. The chief merit of a commissioner would be his determination not to be influenced by political considerations. As the Montreal Witness pointed out, in the article quoted yesterday, business principles and methods alone should rule in matters so vitally affecting the interests of the country.

It is stated that Mr. Shaw, now secretary of the U. S. treasury, may be made president of the Mutual Life. Mr. Shaw is the gentleman who has been keeping Wall Street financiers off the rocks of late by coming to their rescue with the funds of the national treasury.

The majority in the Montreal city council in favor of getting authority to install a municipal telephone system was small, but it was enough.

The Education Bill

London, Dec. 19.—There is no indication as yet as to what course the government will pursue over the education bill. There is the greatest resentment among the ministerial members of parliament that ten months of legislative work have gone for nothing. The feeling is strong against Mr. Balfour, the leader of the opposition in the house of commons, as he is held to be personally responsible for the failure to arrange a compromise.

The Duke of Devonshire in the course of the final debate, entered a strong protest against what he termed Lord Lansdowne's wrecking tactics, and voted with the government in the minority.

It is not believed that the ministers contemplate an immediate appeal to the country though this was Mr. Gladstone's desire when he faced a similar situation in 1894 at which time he was overborne by the cabinet. The general idea is that the ministers will introduce at the next session of parliament a more drastic education bill, applying the \$5,000,000 which under the dead bill would have gone to assist denominational schools to build entire new council schools intending to produce a practically secular system of public education. This being a money bill the house of lords would have no power to throw it out.

A. D. Gove left last evening for Calgary. He has accepted a position in the west, traveling in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. St. John friends wish him success.

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The quiet hills stretched far behind, The swift train out the broad green plain, Like some mad stream of impulse blind That rushes onward toward the main. The peace of apple trees in bloom No longer wooed the soul to dream, While songs of all-side broke music room. For harshest sounds of brass and steam. The keen, excited thrill I felt, Rose vibrant through the sunless air, Already ruffled to-day strife Permeated the midst of care. Not even the memory of the thrush, Outpouring lyrics o'er the fold, Could drown the cries or still the rush Of those who gave their souls for gold.

Yet in this net of complex ways, Where time is all too brief for dreams, With heart still stung by days Passed long ago near winnowing streams, The child named Thought—who later came From guardian hill, from cradling mood, Wide leaped through God or lure of fame To master life—occasionally a deed. —Margaret Ruggie Scott, in The Century.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

CONTRARIENESS ITSELF. A rich but avareous old man, decided to make his will, and calling his lawyer, instructed him to draw it up, and that he would leave all his money to a friend. "What," said the lawyer, "to a friend, when you have a nephew living?" "He is a neer-do-well, a fool and an idiot, who has never worked, and whom I have not seen for six years." "But in that time," said the lawyer, "he has become rich. Much richer than you, in fact, and he would laugh at your fortune." "In that case," returned the contrary old gentleman, "that makes a difference. I shall, therefore, make him my sole legatee."

WOULD KEEP UP WITH HIM. Daughter—Just think, mamma, my husband wants to join the Gymnastic Society to become strong. Mother—Oh, that will be of no great advantage to him. During his absence he will exercise, too.

DEAD EASY. Artist—Tell me, Guacomo, you are a man of resource, how shall I manage to get a model to depict profound astonishment? Nothing easier; go and tell one of your creditors that you have come to pay his bill.

HOW HE EXPRESSED IT.

A very old man had been made mayor of a little village, and wishing to thank the inhabitants for the honor done him called them all together. Then he began as follows: "Fellow citizens, I shall never forget the day in which you decided to put my white hairs over your heads."

THE LETTER OF THE LAW.

A lady went to look at an apartment, and finding that it suited said to the porter: "Well, I'll take the house." "Have you children, Madam?" "Yes, two." "Then I cannot let you have the apartment." "But my children are grown up, married and live in Turin." "That makes no difference. My orders were implicit—give the apartment to no one with children."

FAMILY GREETINGS.

A countryman meeting a very pretty peasant woman leading a donkey, said, in passing: "Good day, mother of the donkeys." "Good day, my most beloved son," was the instant reply.

WANTED IT CONTINUOUS.

Doctor—For a week at least your wife must speak only a few words every day and even then in a whisper. Husband—Oh, doctor, is there no way of making her illness chronic?

MADE NO DISPLAY.

"How old is Rachel?" "About 40." "She does not show it?" "Oh, no, she conceals it."

BIG OIL GUSHER FOUND

Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 19.—The richest strike in the Tilbury oil fields was made on J. A. Trenblay's farm in Romney Township today, ditches full of oil for miles around the derrick, tell the story plainly. The oil gushed with great force from the well before the workmen started operations in the morning, and before they could plug the casing at least 1000 barrels flowed on frozen ground and ran in rivulets to large ditches for which Romney is famous.

MONTREAL'S HARBOR BOARD

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet today appointed the three members of the new board of harbor commissioners for Montreal. They are Hon. G. W. Stephens; C. C. Ballantyne, and J. E. Geoffrion. Mr. Stephens' salary, as chairman, will be \$7,000, and that of his colleagues \$5,000 each. Their duties begin on Jan. 1st.

MILK DEALERS SUMMONED

For selling milk without a license six vendors—Thomas Robinson, Alfred Macaulay, David Porter, Rupert Wigmore, Harrington Floyd and David Lawson—were in the police court yesterday afternoon. Dr. A. W. MacRae appeared for them and said that they desired to comply with the regulations and take out a license but that it was almost impossible for them to sterilize every milk can before sending it back to the farmer as was required. Col. J. R. Armstrong appeared for the Board of Health. The case was set down for Wednesday afternoon, the 20th, and it is said, will probably be settled then without coming to trial.

At the Liberal meeting in Rethby parish, Kings county, last evening a report of which is given elsewhere, action towards securing a better noon service of the I. C. R. from St. John to suburban points was taken and it was decided to co-operate with other delegations from the county.

It is understood that all the parishes of Kings county will take up this matter and, acting together, place their case before the minister of railways at the Liberal convention here on Dec. 27.

H. P. Robinson, of Sussex, was in the city yesterday.

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