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# NEW BRUNSWICK BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION

The quantity of cheese and butter manufactured in the provinces during the years 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, by counties, is as follows:

CHEESE.

| Counties. | 1906 Pounds. | 1905 Pounds. | 1904 Pounds. | 1903 Pounds | 1902 Pounds. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert | | | 25,000 | 62,101 | 61,754 |
| Carleton | 43,106 | 66,197 | 102,238 | 167,035 | 177,525 |
| Gloucester | 31,933 | 22,969 | 33,895 | 29,987 | 32,869 |
| Kent | 10,390 | 5,363 | 19,520 | 12,188 | 7,511 |
| Kings | 744,366 | 705,894 | 107,726 | 1,021,080 | 953,587 |
| Madawaska | 80,025 | 103,466 | 107,726 | 32,915 | 69,595 |
| Northumberland | | | 3,738 | | |
| Queens | 64,923 | 66,616 | 107,296 | 154,440 | 139,379 |
| Sunbury | | | | 5,831 | 10,000 |
| Victoria | 74,553 | 93,458 | 120,347 | 119,700 | 68,419 |
| Westmorland | 202,462 | 198,659 | 238,899 | 256,516 | 239,429 |
| York | 61,766 | 83,444 | 120,804 | 134,584 | 150,665 |
| Restigouche | 7,334 | | | | |
| Totals | 1,320,858 | 1,396,066 | 1866,426 | 1,996,377 | 1,910,733 |

BUTTER.

| Counties | 1906 Pounds. | 1905 Pounds. | 1904 Pounds. | 1903 Pounds. | 1902 Pounds. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert | 67,209 | 57,433 | 68,648 | 64,568 | |
| Carleton | 42,6[illegible] | 37,280 | 56,161 | 81,216 | 72,721 |
| Charlotte | | | 12,000 | 29,036 | 32,000 |
| Kings | 544,478 | 549,168 | 523,748 | 474,639 | 355,168 |
| Kent | 10,921 | 16,320 | 19,638 | 22,857 | 17,813 |
| Madawaska | 108,607 | 110,394 | 137,483 | 129,502 | 111,237 |
| Northumberland | 1,997 | 16,083 | 16,083 | 16,083 | 11,956 |
| St. John | 82,165 | 29,000 | | | |
| Victoria | 32,024 | 28,316 | 29,024 | 35,790 | 90,083 |
| Westmorland | 48,908 | 52,420 | 44,350 | 41,395 | 38,598 |
| York | 28,286 | | | | 11,335 |
| Totals | 967,203 | 896,414 | 907,125 | 895,086 | 750,911 |

Average price received for cheese and butter manufactured in the province during the years 1901-2-3-4-5-6, was as follows:

| Year | 1906 c. | 1905 c. | 1904 c. | 1904 c. | 1902 c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cheese | 11.07 | 10.61 | 8.64 | 10.10 | 9.92 |
| Butter | 22.50 | 21.84 | 19.70 | 20.38 | 20.37 |

Statement of the value of cheese and butter made in New Brunswick factories, 1896-1906:

| Year. | Value. | Year. | Value. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1896 | $ 76,151.46 | 1902 | $341,776.04 |
| 1897 | 107,507.67 | 1903 | 387,639.42 |
| 1898 | 145,642.40 | 1904 | 339,969.58 |
| 1899 | 215,999.93 | 1905 | 344,026.25 |
| 1900 | 284,325.00 | 1906 | 373,963.71 |
| 1901 | 286,248.00 | | |

# PREVENTION OF FOREST FIRES

## An Ontario Lumberman Talks Interestingly Upon This Subject.

(Cor. Toronto News)

"When a foreman or jobber goes into the bush to 'make logs' he necessarily cuts a supply road to the spot selected for the shanty. The underbrush is most likely mixed hardwood and evergreen, the latter chiefly balsam. This brush is thrown to the side of the road as the easiest way to get rid of it as a matter of course. When the site for the shanty is reached, land has to be cleared for the buildings needed. A little of the brush in the centre of the clearing may be burned, but the most of it is thrown into the edge of the woods surrounding the shanty. The next move is to cut logs. In doing this a lot more brush has to be cut to make room for the men to work. Then small clearings are made to build skidways on which to place the logs ready to load, and the brush is thrown into the edge of the bush as usual. Trails are then cut to reach every log, leaving still more brush communicating with every tree top that has been felled. Main and side roads are then made, connecting all the skidways with one another, the logs are drawn to the river and the winter's work is over.

INFLAMMABLE UNDERBRUSH

"The chances are that there will be no fire the next spring after the logs are cut. The pine tops and balsam, spruce and hemlock brush, inflammable almost as gunpowder, when perfectly dry, will not be fully dried out before the leaves of the standing trees and brush are sufficiently advanced to shade the ground and retain a certain amount of moisture.

It is, however, probable that the next fall, if a dry one, or more likely in the ensuing spring, a fire, started possibly by lightning,—I have seen five dry pines burning at once after a thunder storm—but more likely by a settler's fallow, or a river driver's or fisherman's camp-fire, or mosquito smudge, will catch somewhere in the dry brush. If the ground is dry, and the leaves of the hardwood trees and brush are either fallen or not yet started, and if the wind is in the right direction, there will be a fire that will follow up all the roads and trails, catch into the hundreds, or perhaps thousands of pine tops, jump across swamps, rivers and even large lakes, and destroy tens of thousands of dollars worth of timber in a few hours. I have given you the actual facts regarding bush fires. The actual starting of the fires may be, in about half the cases, the fault of the settler, who is very often extremely careless. At the same time it is equally true, that if the lumberman had been compelled to burn all his brush, instead of leaving miles of inflammable material connecting every part of his works, the fire would, in nine cases out of ten, have gone out about as soon as it reached the woods.

HOW TO REDUCE FIRES.

"I may say, however, that if every person getting out any kind of timber, even on his own land, were compelled to burn all the brush he cut as the work progressed, the question of reforesting would solve itself. The lumbermen would probably say that it would be impracticable to do this, but the fact is otherwise. A log gang commonly consists of three men cutting logs, with a team, teamster and probably two men skidding and cutting trails. This gang will probably cost on an average $10 a day. Two additional men would burn all the brush and tops, and, perhaps, help the others a little. The cost of drawing the logs varies with the distance, but is usually more than cutting and skidding, so that two men's wages, say, $2.50 with board, would have to be added to $20 for cutting, skidding and drawing, making an increase of about 12 1-2 per cent.

# THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL

## Last Year 1186 Patients Were Treated With 1482 in Out Door Department.

The report of the St. John Public Hospital was presented to the legislature Wednesday by the premier. It showed that 1,186 patients were treated during the year. Of this number 750 were discharged as cured, 1,232 as showing improvement and twelve as incurable. Ninety-five died and eighty are still under treatment; 446 were males and 740 females; 428 were married. The number of operations performed was 262. Of the patients 499 were residents of St. John city and county, 251 came from ponits in New Brunswick outside of St. John and 436 from beyond the bounds of the province.

The total number of days spent by the patients in the hospital was 31,903, the average number of days 26.9. The daily cost of the support of each patient, and the interest, was $1.23. In the outdoor department there were fifty-six operations and 1,482 persons sought consultations. The receipts for the year were $52,823.22. This includes the balance carried forward last year and the $4,000 returned by the municipal council to replace money taken from the Owen-Jones fund. The expenditures were $43,131.

The report of the Hotel Dieu at Tracadie was also submitted. In that hospital 123 patients were admitted during the year and 1,012 were treated in the outdoor department.

## ST. JOHN MAN'S SUCCESS

Clarence Jordan of St. John was one of a number of young musicians who appeared at a pupils' recital of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, on the afternoon of March 2. Mr. Jordan, who is a student of the violin at the oldest and largest of United States musical institutions gave a very spirited performance of Handel's Sonata in A major, evincing that excellence of technique that is demanded in a course which includes not only the ordinary routine of instruction, but also practice in playing the violin in a complete orchestra under the conductorship of the eminent composer, George W. Chadwick, director of the conservatory. Abundant applause greeted Mr. Jordan's spirited work.

These recitals at the New England Conservatory are of weekly occurrence throughout the school year. They give talented pupils an excellent opportunity to appear before a critical audience under concert conditions.

Mr. Jordan is a brother of Gilbert C. Jordan of this city.

# ANGRY PROTEST FROM P. E. ISLAND

## The Guardian Assails the Famous Ice-boat Service Between the Capes.

(Charlottetown Guardian.)

In midwinter, when the toy icebreakers are fast among the bergs and the 'ten thousand billion tons of ice" of which Captain Read has told us, there is still a way of occasional escape from Prince Edward Island by the way of the Capes as "strap passengers." It is by the grace of the government of Canada that we enjoy this exalted privilege. It is a Government service. The Government owns the amphibious boats, shod with runners and equipped with sails, oars and—straps. And these straps are a badge and yoke of servitude as we shall see. For in these straps men do the work of beasts of burden and literally bow their necks to the yoke—the Government yoke.

It ought to be mentioned also that this is an inter-provincial service. It is, in fact for weeks, and sometimes for months at a time, the sole means of conveyance for both mails and passengers between this Province and other Provinces of Canada. It has been so during all the thirty-three years that the Island has been a member of the happy and prosperous Dominion family.

The strap passenger should rather reflect upon his privileges. The Government provides him with a boat, an oar and a strap. He may if he chooses provide himself with a pair of long rubber boots, or he may take his chances of wet feet in zero weather. He also has the privilege of paying two dollars to the Government for his ticket. The ticket permits him to wear the strap over his shoulders, and to pull and push and drag at the Government boat, as if he were a horse or mule, guided by human intelligence. The term of his servitude may be three hours or it may be ten; that depends on wind and ice and tide.

He starts from Cape Traverse; he may land at Tormentine, or miles up or down the Strait, on the Mainland side, or he may be glad to escape to the Island shore again. He may, perchance, have to spend the night on the drifting ice-floes and may be frost-bitten, maimed or disfigured for the rest of his days, after burning the boat and the mail sacks in the effort to save life. This has happened more than once. At best, if he gets across, making what is called a good passage, he has endured for hours the perils of a winter shipwreck, has toiled like a hard-driven beast of burden and has worn a badge and yoke of servitude such as is humiliating to a freeborn citizen.

The strap passenger pays about thirty cents a mile, and wades, rows, clambers over ice-hummocks, tugs, pulls, and alternately sweats and freezes. And this is a Government service, an inter-provincial service, said to be the best the Government of the great and rich Dominion can provide in this twentieth century. This is the sort of service we have in lieu of the stipulated "efficient and continuous steam service for mails and passengers.

And yet with the telegraph, the freight and mail service alternately cut off and passenger transport reduced to the servile strap service, there are still some luxurious sumptuously-faring officials at Ottawa wonder why we complain! And they regret that there should be discontent in Prince Edward Island!

T. B. Kidner, provincial director of manual training in New Brunswick, who spent yesterday in the city, inspected the new manual training building, and expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the building and arrangement so far. He had a conference with Dr. Bridges regarding the organization of the school. Mr. Kidner spoke of the great scarcity of male teachers for manual training work. He predicted a great shake-up in educational affairs in New Brunswick within the next few years. He did not define the nature of the revolution but said that hitherto there had been too few reformers.

## MUST BE A HUSTLER

(Bangor News.)

Rep. Carl E. Milliken, of Island Falls for a 29-year old lawmaker, is quite an effervescent component of the 73rd legislature. He is as busy as a water spider in a mill pond. It's doubtful if anyone of his years ever cut more congealed aqua in the statute factory of Maine. He bobs up with much frequency in the house. Some have almost thought there was a bent pin in his chair. He makes many motions ,keeps an eye pretty close on the parliamentary procedure, rises to points of order, which are almost invariably sustained, is the father of several bills of tremendous import, and the godfather of several others, makes speeches on more subjects than any man in the legislature, is chairman on the part of the house of the important committee on salaries and fees, also on interior waters, has his pockets full of Aroostook county measures, defends many of his bills personally before the committees and incidently speechifies before other committees on great state problems, and at odd moments, if there are many, keeps the long-distance telephone hot on various business affairs in Aroostook and elsewhere. Is Rep. Milliken busy? Well, we should gurgle!


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