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(Mr. McBride wrote the following as part of a series).

Frederick Harding Hale was born in the parish of Northampton December 8, 1844, and emanated from loyalist parentage, his maternal ancestor having emigrated from New York prior to the American Revolution.

After obtaining such an education as the one district school could give him at such periods as he could best afford time to attend, he became engaged in various capacities in the lumber camps on the Aroostook river, and in 1873 erected a lumber mill in Grafton opposite the town of Woodstock, which he operated a number of years.

In 1889 he formed a partnership with George Murchie and commenced lumber operations on a larger scale in Fredericton, this being supplemented a few years later by the incorporation of the Tobique Manufacturing Company, Mr. Hale being the principal factor thereof. The company owned or controlled immense tracts of timber land along the Tobique and its tributaries, with a mill plant at Plaster Rock, equipped with rotary and lath machines and a dozen shingle machines. From three to four hundred men were employed and about 75 teams during the logging

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FEEDER PURCHASE POLICY

Renewal of the Feeder Purchase Policy designed to encourage the winter feeding of cattle and lambs of suitable type and quality is announced by the Hon. Robert Weir, federal Minister of Agriculture. Under the terms of this policy, broadly put, the federal Department will pay the reasonable travelling expenses of a farmer of his agent to the stockyard point of purchase, the feeder sales, or nearest station to range point at which feeder stock is purchased. To secure the benefits of the policy at least one car of stock (20 head of cattle or 40 lambs, or a combined car, figured on 2 lambs as the equivalent of one beef animal) must be purchased. Stock purchased is subject to approval as to type and suitability by the official representative of the Dominion Live Stock Branch serving the point of purchase. Special provision has been made to extend the benefits of the policy respectively to farmers of Eastern Canada, of the Prairie Provinces, and of British Columbia. Complete details and information about the policy and the benefits can be secured by writing the nearest stockyard agent of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, or direct to R. S. Hamer, Chief, Cattle Division, Dominion Live Stock Branch, Ottawa. The policy is operative for a period of five months from and after August 1, 1932.

ON THINNING MANGELS

Experiments carried out over a period of eight years by the Division of Field Husbandry of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa, show that the largest crop of mangels is secured when they are thinned to a distance of nine inches apart. The report also observes that the system of blocking plants into small bunches results in the production of many small roots, which are difficult to harvest.

COW TESTING PROGRESSES

One of the most important factors in the improvement of dairy cattle and herd management is cow testing. In Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia this work is done under the supervision of provincial Departments of Agriculture, while in the other six provinces it is carried out under the supervision of the Dominion Live Stock Branch. Since 1926 the number of associations entered have increased from 85 to 320, the number of herds from 1195 to 4061, and the number of cows from 12,142 to 37,772 (for 1931). During the past six years there has been an increase of 16,928 cows completing records for eight months or more, with an average increase in production of 815 pounds of milk and 55.78 pounds of butter-fat per cow.

WHEN TO CUT SUNFLOWERS

"It is generally recommended to cut sunflowers when they are about 50 to 60 per cent. in bloom," states E. S. Hopkins, Dominion Field Husbandman. "At this stage they contain more dry matter than at earlier stages and are more easily handled than at other stages. If the heads are allowed to firm until the seed is in the dough stage the stocks become top heavy and difficult to cut and handle in the field, and difficulty is also experienced in getting the larger heads to pass through the throat of the ensilage cutter."

GILLESPIE

Aug. 29—Geo. Browne and Frank Gillespie were in Andover last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, Mrs. Fred Weatherhead and Mrs. G. W. Johnston, of Morell, motored to Fort Fairfield last Thursday.

There seems to be no scarcity of help for harvesting and digging. A number of men have asked to work their board through harvesting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Margison and family, of Centreville, and John Wright, of Andover, were visitors in Gillespie last Thursday.

Joseph Gillespie was taken seriously ill Friday and rushed to the Edmundston hospital, where he was operated on for ruptured appendix. His mother, Mrs. Wm. Gillespie, accompanied him.

Beecher Browne, of Limestone, visited relatives here Saturday afternoon.

Miss Gertrude Gillespie returned home Saturday from Roxbury, Mass. She was called by the sudden illness of her brother, Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gillespie and Wm. Gillespie motored to Edmundston Saturday, where they visited Wm. Gillespie's son, Joseph, whose recovery on that day the doctor was holding out very good hopes for.

Will the embargo on potatoes be lifted, is the question that is going the rounds. Since 1925 our potatoes have been barred from the British market because of the fear of the Colorado beetle. As a result of the recent Imperial Economic Conference in Ottawa, it was planned to have two experts from Great Britain come to Canada to watch the harvest this fall and see how impossible it would be for the beetle to be carried in the harvested crop. The Canadian authorities are so convinced that it is impossible to infect the British fields through exports from Canada that they have agreed to pay all expenses of bringing experts over here, providing Great Britain, if convinced, will lift the embargo December 1, next.

Misses Elaine and Ada Toner are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Toner, on the Portage this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wright and daughter, Kathleen, attended the Baptist Sunday School picnic in Andover Thursday.

SISSON RIDGE

August 27—The farmers of this place are done haying for this season.

Miss Emmeline Briggs spent a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Archie Edgar, of Three Brooks.

Mrs. Phillip Howlett, of Plaster Rock, spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Rupert Elliott, of this place.

Ellen Corbin called at the home of Mrs. Alfred Rollins Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lawrence Greer, of Blue Mountain Bend, spent a few days last week guest at the home of Mrs. Fred Gough.

Miss Neta Elliott is now spending a few days in Rowena visiting friends.

Thomas Wark and Misses Louise and Mabel Wark, of Andover, spent Friday visiting relatives in this place.

Psyche Vandine spent Thursday with Geneva Gallop.

William Wark is now spending a few days in Mouth Keswick, N.B., at the home of Thomas Griffith.

Archie Briggs spent a few days last week at Woodstock, N.B.

Joseph Witherly, of Arthurette, is now spending a few days with his cousin, Gilford Elliott.

Violet Spence spent Monday evening with Ellen Corbin.

Mrs. Daniel Corbin spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Wark, of this place.

Wilson Briggs is working for Eldon Graye at Three Brooks.

TILLEY

Aug. 29—Harvesting time is here again. Several of the farmers have already commenced, although the weather has been very disagreeable.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Paulsen and little daughter, Ruth, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in New Denmark.

Claude Baker is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Baker and family, of Grand Falls, were supper guests at the home of Fred Baker on Sunday.

Miss Margaret Beaumaster spent a few days of last week at the home of Joseph St. Peter.

Pauline Scott, of Andover, was the week-end guest at the home of Herbert Goodine.

Beatrice Baker spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with Almedia McQuade in Medford.

Mary Beaumaster, who is working at Aroostook, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Barney Baker.

Mrs. Herbert Goodine was calling on Mrs. Thomas Monteith one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oldham, of Woodstock, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Baker.

Mrs. John Goodine and Mrs. George Beaumaster motored to Fort Fairfield on Saturday.

Mrs. Barney Baker was calling at the home of Stephen Plant Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Macro, of Lake Edward, were pleasant callers at the home of Fred Baker on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goodine and son, Hubert, also Miss Pauline Scott, were calling on friends and relatives in Woodstock on Sunday.

Mrs. Chester Plant spent Saturday evening with Mrs. W. Brayall.

Mrs. Kenneth Currie and son, Kenneth, spent last week with friends in Presque Isle.

Willie Goodine, of Cliffordvale, spent Thursday with Garfield Baker.

Mrs. Frank Clark spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Arthur Paulsen.

Miles McCue, of Cliffordvale, spent Tuesday evening with Miss Violet St. Peter.

Mrs. Pearle Richards spent a few days of last week in Aroostook.

Harold Grant and Freeman Currie, of Presque Isle, Maine, were calling at the home of S. E. Currie one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Baker and grandson, Wilfred Monteith, also Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oldham, of Woodstock, spent Tuesday afternoon with Verna Baker, who is working at the Aroostook county club house.

Mrs. M. Brayall spent a few days of last week with relatives in Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Mrs. Wilfred Brayall and Mrs. Herbert Goodine were calling on Mrs. Edward Hudson in Grand Falls on Monday last.

Verona and Maxine Brayall spent Thursday with their sister, Mrs. Eveleigh Goodine, in Cliffordvale.

Charles Goodine has returned to his work in Riddellville, Maine, after spending a few weeks at his home here.

Crop Report

General

Grain cutting is rapidly nearing completion in Manitoba, and in Saskatchewan over 50 per cent. of the wheat has been cut. In Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan operations have been delayed by fairly general heavy rains. Threshing is now under way in all three provinces and is general in Manitoba. In Quebec harvesting of grains is becoming general with good yields indicated; and later crops are progressing satisfactorily. In Ontario grain threshing is well under way; and all crops are developing normally. In the Maritime Provinces crop prospects generally are favourable. In British Columbia heavy rains have been beneficial to crops, though damage is reported in some districts. Prospects continue good. Details Follow:

Prairie Provinces

Alberta Northeastern Area—Cutting is fairly general. Early results give yields varying from 10 to 30 bus. Late sown coarse grains are only fair. **Alberta Southeastern Area**—About 50 per cent. of the wheat is cut, with the average yield estimated at 15 bus. of good grade. **Alberta Western Area**—Heavy rains have caused considerable heavy grain to lodge. Some hail damage is reported in the Lethbridge area. Sugar beets are making good progress. **Saskatchewan Northern Area**—Early threshing returns indicate good average yields. No further important damage is reported. **Pasturage is good. Saskatchewan Southern Area**—Threshing is under way in some districts; yields generally are low except in the extreme southwest. The grade is satisfactory. Coarse grains are patchy. The feed situation is improved over that of last year. Rains have been beneficial for stock grazing. **Manitoba**—Early threshing returns indicate good average wheat yields, ranging from 8 bus. to 35 bus. per acre. Coarse grains will give good yields in some districts but much of the crop is poor and will be used for feed. The weather has been ideal for harvesting.

Province of Quebec

Haying operations are generally completed; the crop is below average. Good grain yields are anticipated. Corn is late but shows satisfactory growth. Potato and other root crops require warm weather. Tobacco is making favourable progress. Apple crop prospects are good. Pastures are holding out well.

Province of Ontario

Threshing returns indicate that the yield of fall wheat is above average and barley average, while oats in many sections did not fill well and the grain is light. In southwestern Ontario sugar beets and beans have shown marked improvement and average crops are now expected. Some slight damage to corn from borer is reported and potato blight is fairly prevalent. The yield of early peaches was satisfactory and the late crop is promising. Grapes are also promising, while apples show prospects greatly reduced from those of last year. Cutting and curing of tobacco is making satisfactory progress under favourable conditions and the former estimate of a good crop of satisfactory quality is borne out to date.

Maritime Provinces

The hay crop will be about average. Grains are ripening and promise a good yield. Potatoes show satisfactory progress but rot has developed in some districts due to excessive moisture. The Annapolis Valley apple crop is reported to be of a very good quality; some early varieties are already on the market. Pastures continue in good condition.

Province of British Columbia

Harvesting will be general early in September. Grain crops are satisfactory; a 100 per cent. yield is estimated. Roots and vegetables have been greatly benefited by recent rains and promise better than average yields. Apples are in good condition; a 105 per cent. crop is indicated. Other fruits are of good quality. A 75 per cent. yield of hops is anticipated from a reduced acreage; picking will start about September 1. Pasturage is ample and in good condition.

The brink of Niagara Falls has moved seven miles west in 30,000 years; the present rate of erosion is two and a half to four feet a year in the Horseshoe Falls. The force of the water tears away the brink quicker in the Canadian concave than in the straight front of the American Falls.

—Emerson.