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LIVE STOCK MARKETING

The Maritime Live Stock Marketing Board, Inc., the annual meeting of which was held recently in Charlottetown, has clearly demonstrated its usefulness to the farmers of these Provinces.

The Board, which functions as a marketing agency for the Maritime live stock shippers and operates throughout the twelve months of the year, has for its object a return to the farmer of the highest market price for his stock at the least possible overhead expense.

By keeping the local clubs in constant touch with market conditions, they are able to avoid the congestion that has hitherto been a hindrance to profitable marketing.

During the weeks commencing Aug. 5th and 12th last, eight car loads of mixed stock were moved to packing plants. Most of this volume and that of other shipments was absorbed by Maritime packers, but occasionally a shipment goes through to Montreal when conditions and circumstances warrant.

It is interesting to recall that in poor years calves have been sold in this province for fox feed at from fifty cents to \$1.00 per head.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCES

A conference of Nova Scotia Municipalities was held at Truro last week, at which many matters of provincial interest were discussed and arrangements made for a further forward movement in that Province.

The idea of a provincial conference of municipalities suggests the wider scheme of a Maritime conference. We have annual meetings of the Maritime Board of Trade and of other organizations at which the interests of the three Maritime Provinces are considered, and these con-

ferences have been of great benefit to the provinces concerned. It is reasonable to suppose that a Union of Maritime Municipalities, with an executive and membership representative of the three Provinces, meeting regularly for the discussion of common problems, would result beneficially to all concerned.

GENERAL HIGGINS' TOUR.

The visit to Canada at the end of this month of General Higgins, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, is one of more than ordinary importance.

Local Salvationists and our citizens generally would have been delighted to have welcomed General Higgins to this Province, but it has been found absolutely necessary to limit the itinerary to divisional centres, and Saint John and Halifax take precedence in this respect.

General Higgins, of course, is no stranger to Canada. As chief of staff he took part in the annual congresses at Winnipeg and Toronto several years ago, and crossed the Dominion on a business trip in January last year.

It was the present General who directed, under General Branwell Booth's command, the varied services organized for the welfare of British soldiers during the Great War, for which King George gave him a well-deserved C.B.E.

TARIFF FEARS.

"The nearly prohibitive tariff of the United States is apt to cause such a strain because it excites, first of all, an inevitable irritation," says the Liverpool Post, "and also because it creates the impression that America, with a wealth that sets it beyond ordinary rivalry, is not dealing quite fairly with the rest of the world in trying to prevent trade with it."

"Moreover, the process of agrandissement which so high a tariff is aimed at achieving is in impressive contrast to the idealism which the United States professes in its foreign relations. Yet, though American tariff policy is so irritating, it has a humiliating aspect as well. It suggests a sign of fear.

"America is enjoying a prosperity without precedent in the world's history; it has within its own bounds a compact and convenient market, on which the foreigner could not make an impression if he had unhampered entry to it. Yet this mighty industrial power can hardly build a tariff wall high enough for its comfort."

Notes By The Way

Infantile paralysis is rather seriously prevalent in Ontario. Last week 19 cases were reported in Ottawa and a number of cases increasing in Wallaceburg all children under 18 years of age have been barred from local theatres, and all Sunday Schools have been closed, as the result of the discovery of a case of the malady in that town.

As to women's status in the neighboring Republic, the New York Nation supplies the following example. An official in the U. S. consular service stationed abroad, was in 1922 married in England to a British woman, and they afterwards sought to come to the United States. The wife was discovered to be ineligible to an American passport since she had not, by her marriage, acquired American nationality.

Smokers may be interested in the fact that a huge international combine has been formed to take over the United Cigar and the Tobacco Products Company of America, representing a capital of more than \$200,000,000.

Level crossings of railways and roadways should be eliminated, in the interest of safety. Upon that point all are agreed, but it will be a long and very costly job if only \$200,000 of public money is devoted yearly to the work as at present.

Mushrooms are a delicacy, and many more people would eat them if they felt sure that the specimens they had found during their rambles in the fields were not poisonous. No doubt many persons have learned to distinguish the good ones from the bad, but not all are not thus qualified.

More automobiles than ever before attended this year's Exhibition but they were well managed and controlled until Friday evening when three cars got mixed up in a collision at the railway crossing and one of the occupants suffered painful injuries.

A monster harvesting machine that cuts a swath of 34 feet wide, cutting, threshing and bagging 3,000 or more bushels of wheat ready for the elevator in every working day, is reported from Lethbridge, Alberta.

During a thunderstorm in Auburn, Ontario, recently a herd of 22 cattle under a large tree were all killed when lightning struck the tree. A Toronto paper prints a photo showing the tree and the 22 dead cattle lying under it.

When the German Graf Zeppelin passed over Tokio it flew low over the city and a multitude of Japanese who watched its arrival were so impressed with the sight that many of them shed tears. So states a cable report of the occurrence.

An early provincial election in Ontario is the apparent belief of The Globe. It is also significant that it points out that Mr. Sinclair the Liberal leader, "cannot show to advantage against such tremendous odds. Whenever the election comes, the people should correct this weakness," The Globe says.

Changing leaders just before an election has been compared to swapping horses while crossing a river and



By James W. Berlin, M.D.

PERFUMES AND APPETITES

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And the other digestive juices of the stomach and pancreas also begin to flow at the thought, sight, or smell of food.

Now this seems only natural when we remember that sight, smell, and taste, are really part of the brain, and the brain then sends the nerve impulses down to the mouth, stomach, and pancreas, which start the juices flowing.

However here is something a little different that will cause us to do some thinking about food, appetite, and digestion. Some French research men have observed an increase of stomach juice in the majority of thirty patients who smelled various fragrant substances, such as smelling salts, lavender, mint, for fifteen minutes.

And in addition to the increased amount, the juice was higher in hydrochloric acid and pepsin, than it was when secured from the stomach before the experiment.

The saliva or mouth digestive juice was also increased. You and I can understand juices flowing with the taste, sight, or smell of food, but why and how these fragrant substances excite the juices is hard to understand.

Of course a rubber ball put into the stomach causes the stomach to contract on it and the juice to flow, simply because of its weight or irritation of the lining of the stomach.

But the simple smelling of fragrant substances with no food lure about them is hard to explain. It must set up some irritation of the brain cells which control the flow of digestive juices.

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The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

LICENSE PLATES.

Sir,—This is a matter of general interest. As a means of identification of what we are automobile license plates that are covered with mud or dust, or plates on which the tall lamp sheds little if any light?

I am, Sir, etc. STERLING BRANNEN. Fredericton, N.B., Aug. 23 1929.

TEACHERS' TRIALS.

Sir,—As so much is written at present re education in our province, a few thoughts from a rural school teacher may not be amiss.

On Tuesday last many of us began the year's work with very vague knowledge concerning the books which are to be used this year. The country stores as ignorant, as we on the subject could furnish nothing by way of new texts. The only alternative was to await the leisure of our Educational Board.

Since the books and course of studies were not available, why open the country schools a week ahead of the city schools? Surely the country children need and enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and freedom from studies, quite as much as their city cousins.

In this school there is an enrolment of thirty-two pupils. These are divided into eight grades; two pupils are still toiling to master the alphabet, four are taking matriculation work, whereas five more, Grade IX, are being introduced into the mysteries of Latin, French Algebra and Geometry.

Of these five pupils three have not yet been successful in obtaining Public School Certificates (two through failure to pass examinations and one through illness). To prevent an extra grade these pupils must be prepared to write Grade VIII examinations from Grade IX.

According to the only course of studies, which we have at present (which bears no date), to Grades I, and II, must be taught: Reading, Spelling, Language, Writing, Drawing, Arithmetic, Nature, Hygiene, Physical Training, Manners and Morals, Singing. To those are added, in Grade III, Geography and History; in Grade VII, Current Events; in Grade IX, French, Latin, Algebra, and Geometry.

It certainly taxes one's nerves, time and ingenuity to "concoct" a practical time-table covering these subjects with eight grades. In a school such as this there must be an average of about sixty distinct recitations a day. Dividing up our present 6-hour day, less two 10-minute recesses, there would be an average of four minutes and forty seconds for each class. Can you imagine a successful Latin lesson or even a Junior Arithmetic drill despatched at that "rate of steam"? Yea, surely shall we agree that our present educational system leaves much, very much, to be desired.

Just now the matter of teachers' salaries seems to be a live question. From reports of the meetings of the Educational Commission it is evident that the people of P. E. I. who take an interest in such matters believe that the teachers' salaries should be increased, but are unwilling to raise the supplement, and run the risk of getting a poor teacher. As a remedy the following scheme, which I understand is in force in British Columbia, seems worthy of consideration. Under this plan a teacher beginning in a school receives the minimum wage. If he or she proves satisfactory and remains in the school a second year the salary is raised. Likewise for each succeeding year that the teacher remains in that school until the maximum is reached. When a move is made, the teacher goes back to the minimum salary. In this way the deserving teachers get repaid for their services, whereas the inefficient are discouraged and led to find some occupation better suited to their talents.

I am, Sir, etc. Rural School Teacher. Aug. 15, 1929.

C. N. R. Steamer For West Indies. HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24.—The Canadian National liner "Lady Nelson," Captain Coffin, sails tonight at midnight for Bermuda, the West Indies and Demerara with passengers mail and cargo. The C. N. S. S. freighter "Gavallier" will sail from Halifax on August 27th, for Kingston, Jamaica, and Belize, British Honduras, with general cargo.

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That Body of Yours

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