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The Markets

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—The export trade in grain here today was very quiet on account of the fact that English importers did not respond to the higher prices asked by local exporters. A feature of the local cash grain trade was the demand for American corn and sales of two cargoes of about 100,000 bushels of number three yellow were made at 19 cents per bushel over the Chicago December option, C I F Montreal, and several cars of cool sweet sample corn at 12 cents per bushel over the same option. There was also a fair demand from country buyers for carlots and on the whole the market was moderately active. Owing to the strength that developed in the Winnipeg cash wheat situation a stronger feeling prevailed in the local spring wheat flour market and values were marked up ten cents per barrel. The demand was fair. Prices for winter wheat grades were unchanged. Prices for all lines of millfeed were firmly maintained under a good demand. The trade in standard grades of rolled oats was fair and prices were steady. An advance of two cents per dozen in the price of fresh firsts was the feature of the egg trade which continued active. Receipts were 217 cases. Imported beans sold at $4.75 per bushel for choice white handpicked grade. There was no actual change in prices for butter today but the undertone to the market was strong owing to the small supplies coming forward and the good demand.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Oct. 29—Live stock cattle receipts 1,860. Good and medium steers to packers were 50 cents or more lower. Common and medium cattle to butcher were about steady. Canners and bulls were unchanged. The best steers were not sold at time of writing. $9.25 was paid for good quality steers, weighing arount 1,150 pounds Common to medium quality light steers sold from $7.25 to $8.25 and thin steers as low as $6.50.

A few top cows sold up to $7.50 and $8.00 and the bulk of common to medium cows between $5.00 to $6.50. Bulls from $5.25 to $5.75, with a few heavy bulls up to $6.00 or better.

Sheep receipts 5746. There were nearly 50 per cent fewer lambs and prices were firmer. Good lambs were quoted at $11.00 with odd sales up to $11.50. Sheep were unasked at $3.00 to $6.00. Quotations lambs good $11.10.

Central Guardian

Hallowe'en surprises at St. James tea tomorrow. Tickets 50c.

ABEGWEIT MEMBERSHIP — You will be visited this week in this behalf. 8769-10-30-2i

WHIST. — St. Joseph's Sodality Hall this Tuesday evening instead of Halloween.

ABEGWEIT — Collectors will call upon you this week in the annual membership campaign. 8769-10-30-2i

APPOINTMENTS CANCELLED —Owing to scarlet fever in his home Rev. Ewen MacDougal is obliged to cancel all appointments for some time.

POSTPONED—The mite box opening of the North Winsloe W. M. S. which was to be held on Tuesday evening Oct. 30 will be postponed until further notice.

TOOTHSOME SALAD, flaky pastry, cake and fancy breads, at St. James tea and sale tomorrow.

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CONCERT BROADCAST — Through the courtesy of Col. K. S. Rogers, the evening service and organ and violin recital at Zion Church were broadcast by CFCY which many of the listeners-in enjoyed.

POLICE COURT —At the Police Court yesterday morning, one vagrant was sentenced to thirty days in jail, one drunk was awarded $15.00 or five days in jail and an offender against the prohibition act was fined $200.00 or 3 months.

ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE MEETING—A meeting of the executive of the Temperance Alliance was held yesterday morning in the Y. M. C. A. There was a discussion of the financial affairs and some other matters submitted by committees. The press was informed that there was nothing further for publication.

NEGOTIATING FOR STORE.—It is understood that three very important representatives of the T. Eaton Company have been in Charlottetown the past day or two and have taken under their serious consideration the possibility of locating as a retail general store here.

CORRECTION.—In the report of Mr. Goldstein's address on "What is wrong with the family," Dr. W. J. MacMillan, who moved the vote of thanks to the speaker is quoting as having "expressed the hope that there would be on the statute books of this province a law legalizing the separation of man and wife." It should have read "Expressed the hope that there would never be on the statute books of this province a law legalizing the separation of man and wife."

VISITS THE CITY. Ex-Chief John Sark of Lennox Island paid a visit to the city yesterday. He reports conditions on the Island fairly good this season, there having been an exceptionally fine crop and a fair season's fishing. The school of which the teacher is a son of the ex-chief is progressing favorably. There are over thirty pupils in attendance and they are doing good work. There has been some talk of securing an all-English teacher, but it is generally felt that the teacher in order to be successful must have command of the two languages. John Sark, jr., the present teacher, is a veteran of the Great War, where he fought with the 105th Regiment. He was slightly gassed at the front and is still suffering some inconvenience from that cause. His English wife is of great assistance to her husband and is a veritable angel of mercy to the people of the Island.

POTATO SHIPMENTS.— Three steamers now loading seed potatoes at different points on the Island for New York, Norfolk, Virginia and other points south will carry away with them this week approximately 190,000 bushels. The Jacob Christensen is loading 75,000 bushels at Georgetown, and is expected to clear from that port tomorrow evening or Thursday morning. Her destination is Norfolk, Virginia. The Silkebrorg is loading 65,000 bushels at Summerside for Norfolk and other southern points. The Isa arrived in this port yesterday afternoon from Victoria where she loaded 25,000 bushels. She will finish loading here, taking on an additional 25,000 bushels. The Isa is going to New York. All three steamers are being loaded by the Potato Growers' Asocciation.

It may be interesting to note that the Isa is the first steamer of her size to load at Victoria. It is understood that other steamers are on their way to the Island for cargoes of potatoes, and should weather conditions permit, potato shipments from this province by steamer will continue until Christmas.

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BRIDGE AND WHIST — Every table was occupied last evening in Rosary Hall at the bridge and whist held by the Junior Catholic Women's League. The ladies prize was won by Miss Hilda Praught and the gentleman's by Mr. Thomas Creighan. The ladies consolation prize went to Miss Stella Holland, and the men's to Mr. P. J. Gallant. Miss Marion Brown occupied the lucky chair.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING — The school room of the Central Christian Church was the scene last evening of a very happy gathering, when upwards of ninety boys and girls were the guests of the Wispagomah Club, a young people's organization of the church. The get together took the form of a lively and very enjoyable Hallowe'en party at which games of every description were indulged in, group singing and various novelties. A very dainty supper was served at which much fun was had by all when the "unmasking" was announced. Rev. Mr. Turner, Pastor, capably presided.

Mrs. Annie Whittev, who has been visiting at her old home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Mitchell, for the last three months, left for her home in Brooklyn, New York, yesterday morning, accompanied by her niece, Miss Estelle Mitchell, who will visit in New York before returning to Boston.

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prime minister, and in his reply the latter referred mainly to the pleasure of returning home as a citizen and of the importance of the development of Ottawa as the capital of Canada to that degree of dignity and beautification worthy of it as such.

In Quebec he spoke of his mission abroad as that of carrying a message of peace and goodwill from Canada to the people of Europe and of bringing back a similar message from Europe to Canada; of signing the Kellogg pact of peace, with all the significance which attached to that document; of his attendance at the meetings of the League of Nations, whose work he could not too highly commend and its influence in achieving peace for the world; of his being present at the enthroning of Hon. Phillipe Roy, Canada's minister to France in his more exalted office; of his discussions of peace and other problems with statesmen of Great Britain; and of inferentially, giving Canada's status another leg up. In fact, the Hon. Mr. Lapointe stated that Mr. King had "lifted Canada to a high place among the nations of the world."

During his absence, too, the Prime Minister visited some of the crown and other heads of Europe and had presented King George with a medal on behalf of the people of Canada all of which had been duly enlarged upon in the press. At the Ottawa reception, however, in his reply to the civic address of welcome he referred incidentally to one or two of these things.

In speaking of Ottawa, the capital, he referred to the beauties of Geneva, Paris, London and other great political centres of old world civilization, but unhesitatingly declared that nature had been kinder to Ottawa than to any of the show places of the old world.

Canada's new war memorial, which will be placed in Connaught Place, Ottawa, in 1930, was also discussed by Mr. King. He stated that it would be one of the most beautiful and inspiring in the world. In design it somewhat resembled the Arc De Triomphe in Paris in the ensemble giving the impression of the response of the new world to the call of the old. All figures were pressing forward through the great main arch, which was surmounted by the figures of peace and victory.

"It is a monument," he said, "which I feel will forever keep in mind the great sacrifice which it commemorates. It is with joy I know that owing to recent work here there is being made here for it a setting worthy of itself."

At the conclusion of his address the prime minister was loudly cheered and he was again made to go through a very strenuous, though naturally unpleasant, ordeal of handshaking. The city hall was profusely decorated with flowers and flags. From the city hall the prime minister was escorted by a long line of automobiles to Laurier House, his Ottawa official home where he received another warm welcome from members of the household and others who had been busily engaged for some days in getting it ready for his occupation.

The Hon. MacKenzie King has much pressing business awaiting him, including a number of important appointments and matters relating to the business of the coming session of parliament. His first public and social function, however, is set for Saturday evening when he will attend a banquet and a formal reception to the new British high commissioner at the country club. It is expected that the prime minister on that occasion will dwell at some length upon the results of his visit especially to Great Britain.

QUEBEC, Oct. 29.—There will be no appointment of a Canadian Minister to Ireland and Ireland will not appoint a minister to Ottawa It is probable that, at some future time, Canada will have representation in Ireland and Ireland will send a representative to Canada, in neither case will these representatives have the rank of minister. This was made clear by Premier MacKenzie King who was questioned on the point when he returned from abroad.

"When will parliament open" Mr. King was asked.

"Well, the opening will not take place until next year," he answered with a smile. He did not care to be any more specific as to the next session.

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Timely Address At Rotary Club

"Rural and Urban Relations" was the subject of an interesting address by Mr. J. O. Hyndman at Rotary Club yesterday. Mr. Hyndman quoted, among other extracts, from the official organ of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in regard to the need of bringing about greater co-operation between the agricultural and urban sections. He pointed out that as both political parties in the United States are committed to protecting the farmers, it remains for the Island to look for her markets for agricultural products within the Empire. The need of some better way of taking better care of our potatoes early in the season, of having a chain of warehouses throughout the province to store them until the state of the market warrants their shipment was stressed by the speaker. The transportation problem was next touched on by the speaker who read from a letter he received from Mr. Claude Holman of Summerside, regarding the design and type of the new car ferry, and pointing out that it should be built to meet the traffic needs of the province, and not to fit the docks. Moreover, there should be two docks at each terminal, if both the present boat and the new boat are to be placed on the service. Mr. Hyndman quoted from the Duncan Report re the car ferry and said the question of cost should be considered, in providing the service to which the Island is entitled. Mr. Cornell, traffic expert, has given figures showing that the Island's revenue traffic has increased from 97,000 tons in 1924 to 231,000 tons in 1928.

Past President Dr. Yeo presided at yesterday's luncheon. There was one guest present, Rotarian A. E. Cunningham, of St. John.

President Percy Pope stated that at a meeting of the Canadian Advisory Committee, held in Montreal last August, it was recommended that National Education be taken up by the various clubs and that a Canadian National Programme Committee be appointed. The committee for Charlottetown consists of the following: H. L. Palmer, Chairman; J. A. Robertson, Dr. MacMillan, J. A. Clark, and W. M. Rowe.

Rotarian C. C. Thompson has been instructed to appoint an "On to Halifax" committee, in preparation for the district conference which is to be held in the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, next May.

L. O. C. Bowling

The grand opening game of the league bowling tournament resulted in a win for the Rovers over the Stars by a majority of 222. Some very good scores were put on by both teams. Some very promising bowling is expected before the league is finished. Ivan McCabe of the Rovers rolled high single 243, and also the high total 623. The scores and lineups:

STARS

R. Duncan	156	240	163
A. Heustis	140	183	168
E. Ranaghan	176	172	158
C. McDonald	148	162	158
E. Goss	183	145	164

Total—2506.

ROVERS

G. Essory	165	102	230
J. Mullins	180	178	221
F. Tierney	209	202	204
J. Hogan	143	191	103
I. McCabe	243	190	190

Total—2728.

Tonight at 8 o'clock sharp, Victorias and Anchors.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

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AUCTION SALE

The undersigned executors of the estate of the late G. Albert Mutch will sell by public auction on the premises at Mt. Edward Road, near Charlottetown on Wednesday 7th day of November 1928 at 12 o'clock noon. His real-estate consisting of 1 acre of land, a little more or less with dwelling house and barn.

Also the following: 2 driving waggons, 1 driving sleigh, 2 sets of harness, 1 plough, set harrows, wheel hoe, hand seeder, lawn roller, lawn mower, hand sprayer, cross cut saw and carpenters tools, forks, shovels, etc., quantity of hay.

Household effects: 1 parlor set, tables, hall stand, oak; carpet, bevel edged mirror, two bedroom sets with springs and large mirror, 9 piece chamber dishes, gate leg dining table, 5 mahogany chairs, lounge, stove book case, oak flower stand, corner cabinet, pictures, kitchen range sewing machine, scales, two oil stoves, dishes, blinds, etc, home made preserves.

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An Old-time Hallowe'en

(BY "SCOTTY")

It is characteristic of our modern times, that we seem to be anxious to leave our homes in order to enjoy our good times. Christmas and New Year festivities are now largely public frolics, whereas they used to be occasions of merry making at home. In our day, Hallowe'en also is becoming more or less a time of a public party People gather at a cabaret or an hotel, where the decorations are the appropriate black and yellow colors, jack-o'lanterns, witches hobgoblins and their familiar black cats—all suitable symbols of the spooky nature of the night when ghosts and spirits are supposed to return to the earth, and are permitted to roam about for a time.

That this was not so in the olden days is evident from reading of Burns' "Hallowe'en;" a fascinating picture of a homely gathering of humble peasants in his native Ayshire. The great Scottish bard portrays for us the simple rustics as they meet to celebrate the night with fun and frolic, albeit, in the case of the older folks, with some degree of fear of the spirits and other spectral visitors who might be encountered on that mystic occasion. The poem is well worth reading, for an insight of the superstitions of Burns' day, notwithstanding the fact that it is somewhat difficult to understand, if one is not conversant with the Doric dialect in which it is written.

How skillfully he paints the gathering, and the social festivity!

Some merry, friendly country-folks
Together did convene
To burn their nits, an' pu' their stocks
An' haud their Hallowe'en
Fu' blythe that night.

What good times they had, and what charms and spells they invoked.

First comes the time-honored rite of pulling kail-roots. In order to insure its success, the person desirous of obtaining some advance information as to his or her futher spouse must go alone and unobserved, at the hour of mid-night, into the kail-yard. With eyes shut he or she must grope about until a kail-root is found. This is pulled and by its size and shape indicate the physical attributes of one's future partner-to be. Tall short, well or ill-formed, straight or crooked as the kail-root is—so will be the future husband or wife. According as much or little earth clings to the root, so also will be the financial status of the future ycke-fellow. The root is tasted, as it should be mild or strong, sweet or bitter—so also will be the disposition of the grand object of such inquiry. Finally, the root is placed above the door, and the given name of the first person who should enter thereafter, will correspond with that of the future conjugal companion.

Lovers anxious to discover if the course of true love will run smoothly or the reverse, could find the answer by burning nuts before the open fire. The nuts, being named, were placed side by side, and as they burned quietly or otherwise so would the love affair be. Should one or other suddenly spring away from its mate, then the person after whom it was named, would turn out to be but a fickle lover. As the poet describes the event, Jean and Jock could foresee an unhappy courtship.

He bleez'd owre her, an' she ower him,
As they wad never mair part;
Till fuff! he started up the lum,
An' Jean had e'en a sair heart
To se't that night.

If a maiden were curious to know the name of her future lord and master, his name could be learned by means of throwing a clue of yarn into kiln, and winding the yarn back upon the spool. If this were done at the hour of mid-night, and alone, someone would be sure to hold the yarn during its re-winding. Then was the time to ask "Who holds?" when from the darkness of the kiln, would come the name of the person concerned. Burns gives a clever picture of the terror of the young lady who appealed to the spirit in the manner described. Whether it was only beam-end, which held the yarn, she did not stop to find out, but fled from the darkness and uncertainty to the light and comfort of the house.

But whether 'twas the Diel himsel'
Or whether 'twas a bauk-en'
Or whether it was Andrew Bell
She did na wait on talkin'
Tae spier that night.

Everyone in those days knew that if one ate an apple before a mirror, holding a candle in one's hand, wherewith to see the face of the husband-to-be, his lineaments could be discovered in the glass, as he peered over the left shoulder of the observer. This was regarded a somewhat venturesome method of tempting fate, and as wee Jenny proposed to thus try her fortune, her old granny became much upset over her hardihood. Many examples of the folly of such traffic with the spirits were quoted, the old lady firmly believing that many a maiden beheld such scenes so doing, as had left the curious girls mentally unbalanced for the remainder of their days.

Ye little skelpie-limmer's face!
I daur ye try sic sportin'
As seek the foul Thief only place
For him tae spae your fortune!
Nae doot but ye may get a sight!
Great cause ye hae tae fear it,
For mony a ane has gotten a fright
An' lived an' died deleerit
..... On sic a night. .....

Equally daring must be the youth who would venture forth to sow hemp seed. This was accomplished by taking a handful of seed, and proceeding to sow it, at the same time dragging some object behind one, to represent a harrow. If this charm were carried out in the proper way, and the following words used: "Hemp seed I sow thee—let her that is my true love come after me and pull thee"—the figure of one's future better half could be seen if the sower glanced back over his left shoulder, the form of his intended being seen in the act of pulling the hemp. Delightfully humorous is Burns' descripaion of "fetchin' Jamie Fleck", who persisted in sowing his handful of seed despite the warnings of the older folk. The terror of the viliant Jamie, when he sees something white, and hears a dismal groan, and his loud shouts for assistance are beautifully told. When the other guests arrive, Jamie becomes voluble in his explanation of the appearance of two local witches—one lame and the other a hunch-back. The entrance of the family pig, astray in the darkness gives the true reason for the discomfiture of the over-boastful young man.

He swoor 'twas hilchin' Jean Mc-Craw
Or crouchie Merran Humphie
Till stop! she trotted thro' them a'
An'wha was it but grumphie
A-steer that night!

Some degree of courage was required of the person who would winnow three wechts o' naethin'." To do this one must go, alone, to a barn and perform the operation of winnowing" three measures of corn. It was necessary to open the barn doors, so that the wind might blow through and carry off the chaff and dust. Indeed, by many of the better informed, it was wise to take the doors off their hinges, so that no mid-night supernatural visitor might close them, and the daring inquirer come to some bad end. Upon the third winnowing, a form would enter the windward door and pass through the barn, leaving by the opposite entrance. By the appearance of the apparition one might judge something of the personal qualities, and social status of one's future conjugal yoke-fellow. Very charming is the poet's account of the adventure of poor Meg. Badly frightened by a rat which scuttled up the wall at the critical moment, Meg stayed not upon the order of her going, but went at once—making a hasty exit through the midden-hole!

Aratton rattl'd up the wa'
An' she cried; "Lord preserve us!"
An' ran thro' midden-hole an' a'
An' prayed wi' zeal an' fervour
Fu' fast that night.

If one had the requiste boldness to embrace a mid-night spectre, this doubtful distinction might be achieved by "fathoming a stack three time round." On the completion of the third fathoming, one's future spouse would be found in one's arms. Poor Will, whose fortune had been but ill in the kail-yard, and who had such poor luck in the matter of the burning nuts, met with still greater disaster upon his third fathoming of the stack of barley. He thought he beheld before him, a withered old witch. With the courage of dispair he struck at it with might and main. As the object proved to be but an old moss-oak tree, his fists suffered badly in the encounter!

He takes a swirlie auld moss-oak
For some black, gruesome carlin
An' loot a winze, and drew a stroke
Till skin in blypes cam' haurin'
Aff's nieves that night!

Clever, indeed, is the description the poet gives, of the adventure of the wanton widow Lizzie, who slipped away from the guests to try her fortune by dipping her sleeve in the waters of a stream at a point where it formed the boundary of three lairds' lands. Her intention was, no doubt, to complete the spell by hanging the garment to dry before a fire, when after a while, her future, life-partner would appear to turn the dress in order that the other side might dry. Alas for her hopes! At the very moment when she was about to dip her left sleeve into the water, she was startled by an eerie sound. So frightened did she become that she fell into the water up to her ears. The fact that it was a young cow, whose rest she had distrubed was the cause of her alarm, she did not wait to discover. Whether Lizzie performed the remaining portions of the spell the poet does not say.

She miss'd a fit, an' in the pool
Out-owre the lugs she plumpit
Wi' a plunge that night

To those whose valor was not equal to the deeds of daring above described, there remained the test of the three "luggies"—in two of which there was placed some water. One dish contained clean water, another water which was foul, while the third vessel was empty. These were aranged before the ingle, or open fire-place, and the person making the appeal to the fates was led, blind-folded to the dishes. If he or she placed a hand into the one with clean water, it signified that the party would marry one who made a first experiment in matrimony. Should the dish be one which had foul water in it, the marriage would be with one who was a widow, or widower as the case might be. The empty dish indicated that the person concerned would live a life of single blessedness. How angry Uncle John became, because on each of the three trials allowed, he chose the "toom" dish, or the empty one! As a life of solitary joy did not coincide with Uncle John's wishes, he threw the dishes upon the fire! Because he gat the toom dish thrice
He heaved them on the fire
In wrath that night.

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