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YESTERDAY AT THE SEED FAIR

Interesting Meetings and Excellent Addresses by Provincial Speakers. Full Prize List.

Another meeting of the ladies' educational programme, in connection with the Seed Fair, was held in the Prince of Wales College Hall yesterday morning. Mrs. Rogers (Government House) again presided. At first the attendance was small, but it increased to satisfactory proportions as the proceedings progressed. Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, the Commissioner of Agriculture, opened the business with an interesting address to the meeting. Explaining that he did not intend to speak on any particular subject, he said that while he appreciated being there he had to confess that he felt a little uncomfortable in not having made any preparation of any of the important subjects that they might well discuss there with pleasure and profit. He might remind them of course of the work that was being done throughout the country and had been done for some time past. They were no doubt aware that a great deal had been done by the Government, both local and Federal, during the past few years throughout the country with the object of improving country life, of improving the position of the farmers. This had been done under the head of agriculture, but it took in a good many subjects besides agriculture. A good many of those subjects had been overlooked in the working of the farm. Referring to some of the directions in which improvement had been encouraged and assisted in the life of the country, Mr. McKinnon referred to the efforts made to improve the raising of seeds. As regards that they saw the result in some way in the seed fairs that had been held from time to time. But that while giving a small idea of not give anything like a full idea of the vast amount of food work that was being done along those lines. Then, the improvement made in the raising of stock was enormous, and the same thing was true of several other directions towards which efforts of improvement had been directed.

Some. So that the conclusion seemed inevitable that the financial state was not the cause of the trouble. When they considered the work that was done they might consider how far the ladies were asked to take their part. He believed that after all they got very little encouragement in the lines along which they could be of the greatest help. When they considered the real reason why people left the farms, the real reason why the farm life was not just what it should be they would find it lay in the social and educational conditions, in the method of life on the farms, in the lack of beauty of the home and its surroundings. Those were the things that had not been attended to in the past, and they were the things that could not be attended to unless the ladies took a hand in the work that was being done in the country and carry on their efforts in sciences affecting domestic matters.

Those things had been done in order to increase the financial returns of the farms and for the betterment of the country life and the social conditions of the farmers; and in order also to keep the farmer on the farm. The attainment of these objects concerned them in the cities and towns as it affected the welfare of the entire country. For if the farmer left the farm, and the production of the country decreased, the people in the towns would have to pay higher prices for the products of the land. So that what was spent in improving the farms and the conditions thereon, was spent in improving the condition of the whole province.

Referring on this point to the good work done by the women's institutes organized within recent years, Mr. McKinnon said it was the intention that that work should be carried on throughout the province and if that work was carried on there was a variety of other branches of work that could come under the head of their work. Referring to the interest for those in the city in these matters, the Commissioner said that the city must be considered the headquarters of those things. So far as their work in domestic science was concerned all the improvement that had taken place was due to the efforts of the women in the city. The work began in the city some years ago in the Prince of Wales College. Its progress had not been as great as it might have been, but still it was greater than could be expected considering the opportunities given. The best use had not been made of them. If the work was to make great strides, it was to be encouraged, things were to be carried out through out the country and carried out successfully they must be launched and launched successfully, at what they called the headquarters. Such an attempt was to be made during the present year and no effort would be spared if the proper assistance could be received, and he thought that the work would bear fruit throughout the country. He thought more should be done in the city than had been done in the past; he thought a great deal of the success of the work to be carried on would depend on what was done in the city. There were so many subjects that would come under the work of that kind and would come up as the work went along that he was sure the work would interest them and would make that a profitable undertaking wherever it was established.

CONDENSED ADS TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

- WANTED, GIRL FOR GENERAL Housework. Apply 85 Rochford St. 1410-3-12M4.
- WANTED TO PURCHASE GOOD quality of hair. Mrs. White "The Lennox." 1395-3-11M4.
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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE OPENED YESTERDAY

With Usual Military Accompaniments. Speech from Throne Felicitates Province on Year's Progress, Forshadows Legislation and Proposed Improvements. Committees Appointed.

Attended with the customary spectacular ceremony and favoured with splendid weather, the Legislature of P. E. Island was opened at the Provincial Building, Charlottetown yesterday afternoon. Considerable interest was manifested by the general public in the proceedings and the Assembly Chamber was crowded; the ladies being as largely in attendance as the more politically-favoured sex and their beautiful dresses and millinery lending a pleasant touch of colour to the otherwise sombre scene. Large numbers had come in from the country to witness the opening of the local parliament, and there was a very large crowd about the precincts of the Building when shortly before three o'clock His Honour the Lieut.-Governor, (Hon. B. Rogers) who was attended by his A. D. C., Capt. Palmer, drove up and was received with a salute by a Guard-of-Honour which was drawn up on the roadway facing the porch of the Building. The Guard was one hundred strong, drawn from the Fourth Regiment of Artillery, under Capt. Stanley, and attended by the Regimental Band, which played the National Anthem as the Guard saluted. Simultaneously, a firing squad from the same Regiment, which had paraded under Major Darke, fired a salute from the Fort.

There was a good attendance of members, the House in the absence of the Hon. J. A. Matheson being led by Hon. W. S. Stewart, acting Premier. The Hon. Charles Dalton, who it was thought would not be able to be present at the opening, was unexpectedly in attendance, having arrived yesterday from Vancouver. Punctually at three o'clock the Lieut.-Governor entered the Chamber and, the House standing, read the Address from the Throne, which was listened to with keen attention. The full text of the Address is as follows: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislature Assembly— In welcoming you to this the Third Session of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Prince Edward Island, it gives me great pleasure to state that during the past year Providence has favoured us with a prosperity and development unsurpassed in this Island's history. I voice the heartfelt sentiments of all our people in welcoming back to Canada their Royal Consort, who have in an especial manner endeared themselves to the people of this Island. The past year has been, in general, favourable for Agriculture, and a bountiful harvest has been secured, although considerable damage was done in some sections by heavy and long continued rains. Live Stock conditions have improved, and the poultry industry has been much advanced through the work carried on by the Federal Department of Agriculture in the care and marketing of eggs. The increased grant received under the Agriculture Aid Act, enabled the Government to make progress in organizing a complete system of Agricultural Education, connected with the general system. Short Courses in Household Science have been established in Prince of Wales College, Long and Short Courses in Agriculture have been arranged, part of the instruction being given in Prince of Wales College, and practical instruction in Agriculture provided for those who are qualifying for teachers for our public schools. In addition to this, a Science Course was arranged for teachers who are now in charge of our schools and provision made by competent ladies, to work with the schools for the improvement of rural conditions. To carry on this work an addition was built to the Agricultural Hall, which is also being found very serviceable for agricultural gatherings of various kinds. A further extension of these several lines of work which have been initiated, will, in the near future, complete a system of education in keeping with the requirements of an Agricultural Province. As a further aid to agriculture, it is expected that during the next summer a self-loading and self-discharging dredge for oyster mud will be put in operation by my Government with a view to establishing a system for making this great fertilizer available to our farmers generally at the lowest possible cost. In educational matters, the past year has been one of marked progress. The amendments to the Public Schools Act, whereby this Government undertook to duplicate the supplement raised by the school districts and also to pay the teachers a per capita bonus on the average daily attendance, have been effective in securing better attendance, better work and in preventing to a great extent the exodus of the best class of teachers. Our people have shown their appreciation of these benefits by the greatly increased amounts voted for school purposes, and also by a

public opinion would so form itself in the Island as to induce the Government to take up seriously the question of good road-making. The Hon. Mr. Richards spoke on the excellence of the seed fair and congratulated the management thereon. He expressed the opinion emphatically that there was no country anywhere capable of producing better seeds than those grown here, and he thought that before long there would be nothing shipped from here but seed oats. But in order to bring about this state of affairs it would be necessary to have the very best seeds used on the farms, and there was no better way of doing this than through the instrumentality of seed fairs. Mr. Richards insisted upon the vast importance of agriculture, and stated that the men who were pre-eminent in the British Empire, to which they were all proud to belong, were all deeply interested in the industry and paid the keenest attention to it. The speaker said he would conclude his remarks by quoting what Professor Robertson, in one of his speeches, had said, and that was: that the truly successful farmer was not he who made a great deal of money out of agriculture and left the land poorer than it was when he went to it, but he who left behind him better seed, richer fields, cleaner and more fertile soil. Such methods did an invaluable service to agriculture. The Hon. Mr. McKinnon was the next speaker. A year ago, he said, they met together for the same purpose, and since that time he had much pleasure in stating, they had had an excellent experience. He thought that the management of the seed fair had succeeded in putting forward a very creditable show on the present occasion. He urged on the people the importance and necessity, if they wished to send the best exhibits to the fair, of adequate preparation. The soil must be selected with due care, and the growing season must also be attended to. (Continued on page three.)

YESTERDAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Liberals Foiled in Pretty Game. Important Bills Introduced Relating to Motor Boats.

(From Our Own Reporter.) OTTAWA, March 11—A most interesting play at politics was made by the Liberals today when, on going into supply, W. E. Knowles of the law made a motion for free agricultural implements. The budget will be brought down within the next two weeks. It is the only time Governments make tariff announcements. Then is the proper time for the Liberals to make their motion if the budget announcements are not satisfactory. The Liberals know the Government could not have made any statement yesterday if they had desired. In addition they knew such a resolution moved in such a manner was nothing more or less than a vote of want of confidence. It was the most obvious political play Ottawa has seen for some time. The reason of the motion is very evident. There are rumors that there may be a substantial reduction in the duty on agricultural implements advanced when Mr. White brings down the budget. The Liberals are afraid of losing a little political glory with the western farmer, so the motion was made by Mr. Knowles. If the Government, as announced, reduces the duty, the opposition will say "we suggested it first." Premier Borden in a brief speech exposed the Liberal position to the amusement of the government benches. He remarked that Mr. Knowles had been able to restrain his feelings on this question most adequately while the government was in power. Just as an aside it may be remarked that two years in succession Mr. Knowles put on the order paper at the beginning of the session resolutions in regard to agricultural implements, so as to prevent western Liberals making any motion and then refused to move them, thus blocking successfully any expression of opinion. The Premier pointed out that it was not customary to make declarations on tariff matters in advance of the budget speech and he did not propose to vary from that custom.

There are two new provisions which will affect motor boats. One of these requires the owner to take out a license and this applies to all craft which are exempt from registration. The other gives the department power to compel all to have the exhaust muffled. The bill also specifies the colors to be carried by Canadian ships. Mr. Hazen explained that the bill would be sent to the Marine and Fisheries Committees where it may be fully discussed and where the shipping interests will have an opportunity to present their views. (Continued on page two.)

EVENING SESSION

In the evening addresses were delivered in the Prince of Wales College Hall, those on the platform being the Hon. Mr. McKinnon, the Hon. Mr. Richards, Rev. Father Gauthier, Mr. R. H. Campbell, Superintendent of Education, Mr. W. Frost, Agricultural Consultant, the Hon. Mr. Stewart, Mr. Benson and Rev. Father McGuigan, who presided. Mr. Frost spoke on the splendid work which was done by community schools, which he said were very popular in the States. He was followed by the Hon. W. S. Stewart. Mr. Stewart, referring to the importance of the subject of agriculture, from its educational point of view, and domestic science and what the Government were doing in connection therewith. They had established a short course, at which some four or five hundred young men and women from the country attended last year and took instruction in agriculture and domestic science. This education promised to bring about a great benefit in the future. Since then, in November last, a long course in the same subjects had been established in the city under the auspices of the Government at which eleven students were being instructed. The speaker looked forward to the day when there would be not only eleven but eleven hundred students, coming from all parts of the province to a rural province. Women's Institutes had also been established and had been encouraged and promoted by the instructors sent out by the Government to aid them in the work they had undertaken. These institutes were flourishing and were in an excellent position. The older institutions of seed fairs and farmers' institutes and dairymen's associations were extending in membership and usefulness and were making progress with the aid of the instructors sent out by the Department of Agriculture. The speaker dealt generally with the resources of the province, its beautiful landscape, rich green fields, fragrant and pleasant groves, its pure and embracing air, its whole some crystal water to be found in all parts of the province in copious quantities, and its schools, of a high standard as any in other parts of the Dominion. The churches, with their clever and able preachers, and the other attractions of the Island, tended, the speaker thought, in place of driving the young men and women from the country, rather to allure them to it and keep them in it. It should be the object of every one to help in every way to render the life of the farmer as comfortable as possible, and to develop the social conditions of the country people. Mr. Stewart in conclusion touched upon the subject of good permanent roads and road-building, which had earned the attention of almost every other province in Canada. He expressed the hope that

AGED LADY WAS BURNED TO DEATH

(Special by Phone.) SUMMERSIDE, March 11—A very sad fatality occurred here this morning by which an aged and estimable lady lost her life. Mrs. Wm. Daley, aged 85 years, who has been subject to heart trouble for some time, and evidently suffering from an attack, arose about 5.30 and was awakened by screams and rushing to the room where she was, found her enveloped in flames, which she endeavored to subdue, but got badly burned herself. He quickly called for aid. John T. McNally, a neighbor, hearing the screams, went to the house and found Mrs. Daley's clothing a mass of flames. He extinguished the flames as quickly as possible. A doctor was sent for at once, but before his arrival the old lady had passed away. Although very severely burned her death evidently resulted from shock, owing to her heart weakness. The immediate cause of the accident will never be known but it is probable that the lamp fell on the floor and exploded. The bereaved husband whose injuries are very severe has the heartfelt sympathy of the community in which both he and his estimable lady were held in the highest respect. There are four sons, one Patrick in Summerside, the one residing in the West, who are left to mourn the loss of a good mother. J.

THE WEATHER, THE TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to The Guardian.) TORONTO, March 12—Moderate to fresh westerly to northwesterly winds; fair with not much change in temperature. THE WEATHER—Yesterday was beautifully clear and springlike; snow at night. 29 above zero was the highest temperature recorded yesterday and the lowest was 22 above. The lowest the previous night was 20 above. The tide will be high this morning at 11.04 and tomorrow at 11.41; it will be high tonight at 11.10 and tomorrow at 12. The sun sets this evening at 6.02 and tomorrow at 6.04; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.16 and Saturday at 6.14. The moon rises this evening at 6.59. The first quarter of the moon was on Thursday, March 5th at 1.03 a.m. There will be a full moon on Thursday, March 12th at 12.18 a.m. The length of today will be eleven hours and forty-four minutes. Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows.

HOME ECONOMIES.

Under the title, "What the study of Home Economies means to the women of the United States," Mrs. W. Frost then read a paper of exceeding interest and of great value on a subject of moment, to her audience—domestic economy. Call it what they would she said—Domestic Science, Domestic Arts, or Home Economics—it all meant the same thing. She then went into a real array of direct ones in regard to home life in which the science of domestic economy could be practised with benefit to both body and mind of the family, and the increase of the happiness, health and comfort of the home circle, giving many practical suggestions of considerable value and usefulness. She treated her subject with a thoroughness that made her paper all the more valuable. She was heartily applauded at the conclusion. "WASHING DAY." Following, was a demonstration on a branch of household work that no doubt ranks among the least attractive of domestic duties, even if it does take a foremost place among the very necessary cares of the housewife; a demonstration in washing. The demonstrator, assisted by three young ladies, was able to give a valuable lesson to her audience. One good point she made by using an exceptionally high table for her wash-tubs was that people are prone to bend too much over the wash-tubs; ada.

ISLAND DELEGATES NOW AT OTTAWA

(From Our Own Reporter.) OTTAWA, March 11—Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island arrived in Ottawa today and tomorrow will lay before the redistribution committee the claims of his Province for increased representation. He will make a strong appeal that the Island shall be restored to its original representation of six. He is accompanied by Hon. John McLean, Minister without portfolio in the P. E. Island Cabinet. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

IF THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA GAVE WAY

When the bottom of the sea gives way from some future volcanic disturbance the whole earth will be consumed in flames, just as other worlds every day are being consumed, according to Louis Robourdin, the French scientist. Recent volcanic disturbances lead this scientist to believe that such a time is not far distant. The earth's crust is very thin at the bottom of the sea, he says, and he adds that the floor on which we stand is more frail than we are led to believe. Mr. Robourdin imagines a disaster, so great as to involve the whole earth. If such an event should occur he thinks that from a distant world its appearance and progress would exactly parallel what we ourselves see in the case of the "nova," or distant stars, that blaze out in the heavens from time to time. Mr. Robourdin says: "Suppose that following upon an extraordinary twisting movement, due to retreat of the central mass, a large mass of the sea bottom should give way and, falling suddenly should let in the mass of the ocean's waters upon the incandescent interior matter? The water would be decomposed by the heat, the hydrogen would burn, and it would burn more as it had access to more oxygen. The conflagration would thus gain gradually in force, accompanied by electric phenomena, and the greater part of the earth's crust would probably be displaced. The earth, passing through a critical epoch and returning for the time being to its formative period, would again be nothing but a globe of fire. "For the far-off worlds that swing in sidereal space this would be the phenomenon of a new star that blazes out at once, increases in brilliancy as if it would eclipse the luminous splendor of all its neighbors, and then becomes feebler and feebler to disappear finally forever in the profound darkness of the limitless distance." When such a catastrophe takes place, if ever it does, that will be the "end of the world," so far as we at least are concerned.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

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- **The Ladies of St. James Church will hold their annual bazaars and tea, on Thursday, April 15, 1900.
- **Social and concert in Hartney Hall, Monday 16. 1401-3-12M3p.
- **A basket social and entertainment will be held in Argyle Shore Hall, Tuesday evening, 17th inst. Proceeds in aid of proposed telephone fund. Mr. A. B. Cosh, Charlottetown, and other prominent City soloists are on the program. A good time assured. 1402.

EYES THAT FOLLOW YOU

Have you ever wondered why the eyes in portraits painted in oils follow you? There is something uncanny about it. Years ago superstitious people were afraid to go into a picture gallery where portraits of ancestors were to be found. Now we know that the thing is an optical illusion. Obviously this relation does not vary at all with the position assumed by the observer. The latter may stand far over on either side of the picture, and yet, from his point of view, there is as much "white" on the side of each eye as on the other, and the pupil still is in the middle. Such being the case, the painted image continues to look directly at him. In a palatial mansion of a well-known multi-millionaire there is a double staircase, the two flights joining at a landing above. On the wall is a huge painting of a flock of sheep coming downhill. The picture is a famous work of art, and cost many thousands of dollars, but the peculiarity about it that chiefly interests most people who see it is that, no matter which of the two flights (which are fifty feet apart) one ascends, the sheep seem to be running directly towards the observer. Here, again, the optical principle involved is exactly the same as that which makes the eyes in the portrait appear as if they followed you.