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Purchasers of baby chicks should take notice that many cases of Infectious Bronchitis have been reported in the province. Losses from this disease can be serious in baby chicks and more or less so in adult stock. It spreads rapidly. SYMPTOMS: chicks throw back their heads and open beaks as if gasping for air; if held close to the ear, a crackling sound may be detected. In adult stock, a crackling in the throat and lowering in production. REMEDY: Prepare a spray of one tablespoonful Vapo-resoline in a pint of luke warm water. This should be sprayed over the heads of the birds, once or twice daily. Spray the adult stock when on roost. Place a good disinfectant in the drinking water. Potassium permanganate has been used successfully. Disinfect all poultry houses.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Members of the Royal party quickly took shelter beneath umbrellas to protect themselves from the rain, but not so King George when he boarded H.M.C.S. Skeena at Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick for his trip to Prince Edward Island. Donning a cape and treating the downpour lightheartedly His Majesty left the throngs that had welcomed him at the station and walked to the ship smiling broadly all the while. This excellent photo shows the King, his cape covering his Admiral's uniform, about to board the Skeena. Decks might be slippery but His Majesty, long trained to the sea, lets them hold no terrors for him.



Their Majesties are shown in this picture, flown from Charlottetown to Halifax and then flashed by wire to Montreal, as they greeted 16 war veterans, all amputation cases, in an unscheduled ceremony outside the Residence Building in Charlottetown.

NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

"Let's Talk of Epitaphs"

During the course of last winter this column chronicled some of the funeral ceremonies prevalent in the North of England sixty or seventy years ago. When I was a schoolboy I was asked to write a funeral of a comrade's father and was invited to enter the death chamber to see the deceased before the coffin was finally closed. My curiosity was aroused by the sight of a plate of salt on the chest of the corpse, and though I asked about it as soon as I decently could, I could never get any explanation of its presence. Later I read that this salt was meant to be a symbol of eternity; which, I suspect, may have arisen from its preservative qualities.

In the Northern part of England, at that time, the portents of death were many, and not to be mistaken. The howling of dogs before the house door, the ticking of the "death watch" (a small wood-boring beetle), the crowing of a rooster at dead of night, the fall of a picture, the creaking of furniture, all told of the approaching end of a life. Particularly ominous were three raps on the door by an invisible hand, a call in the night in the voice of some absent person, or the appearance of a "forerunner" of death were believed in by the older people of P. E. Island a few years ago!

In North-west Durham those who came to the funeral were expected to touch the corpse to indicate that they wish to inherit the land. The Northumbrian border it was believed that if a cat or a dog jumped over the coffin, the omen was so evil that the poor animal must immediately be destroyed. Until quite recently it was very generally believed that the road over which a corpse passed on its way to burial, became public property; and so a private road levied as the procession passed, to protect the owner's rights. In the neighboring county of Cumberland roads known as "Corpses Roads" were always borne on its way to the churchyard; on the other hand there are roads in the Team Valley, in Durham, over which no corpse ever carried.

The miners of Durham county always paused, with caps raised, till a funeral procession had passed, and was unfortunate enough to meet the cortege, he turned round and followed it a little way to avert the evil consequences.

The bidders always walked at the head of a funeral procession, at a "bidden funeral." If the deceased was an elderly man or woman, the bidders were two elderly men wearing black cloaks and black gloves; if a young man or boy, the bidders were young men, with white streamers and gloves; if a girl, the bidders were young women wearing white streamers and gloves. It was their duty to call on friends of the deceased and bid them to the funeral. "You are requested to come to the funeral of —, naming the day and time: a very necessary notice when daily newspapers were rare or unknown. Most families had a chest of clothes to be worn by the bidders, viz. two black cloaks, four crepe hat-bands, two black and two white, and four pairs of gloves, also two black and two white. The bidders, on the day of the funeral, were stationed at the front of the house, or in the porch or hallway, "masters (or mistresses) of the ceremonies" generally. These customs and beliefs have fallen into desuetude in the march of time, but at a funeral of a small child at the village of Birtley, not long ago, the coffin was carried by two young girls with the traditional white streamers and gloves.

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NOTES ON ISLAND PLANTS

Continuing our study of the "Pink Family" we come to the Common Chickweed *Stellaria media*, also known as Starwort, Stitchwort, or Hen's-inheritance. In France it is Mouron blanc, Mouron des oiseaux and Morseline. I sometimes find this weed in the garden, but it is never as troublesome here as it is in England. "Farm Weeds of Canada," a copy of which may be seen in the Public Library in the City, devotes a chapter to this plant, and remarks: "It is a persistent grower, most troublesome in garden and field hoed crops. It makes a difficult pest to exterminate. The seeds are frequently present in grass and clover seeds. Chickweed harbors plant lice. (That is, aphids.) My note book points out that a line of hairs runs down the side of its stem, changing to the other side on meeting a leaf. Chickweed was formerly boiled for table and was counted an excellent green vegetable resembling spinach in flavor and very wholesome. MacSwain's list includes the Long-leaved Stitchwort (*Stellaria longifolia*), the long-stalked Stitchwort (*S. longipes*), and the Lesser Stitchwort (*S. graminea*).

The last is sometimes called the Grass-leaved Stitchwort, and is an encroaching, spreading plant with

Milk And Meat Inspection

One hundred and nine portions of carcasses were condemned as unfit for food and destroyed during the month of May, Dr. I. E. Croken, Milk and Meat Inspector for the City of Charlottetown told members of the City Council Monday at their regular monthly meeting. In addition thirty-six samples of milk and nine of cream had been found to contain bacteria. Owners of the five samples were fined, Dr. Croken said.

Below is the result of the tests. The bacterial count is given in the left hand column and appears in thousands.

Health Past. Milk Co.	P.O.B.F. Bact.
Health Past. Milk Co.	4.0 2
G. & G. Milk Co.	4.1 84
G. & G. Milk Co.	3.5 6
G. & G. Milk Co.	3.5 1408
Frank Rogers	4.0 14
W. Wood & Son	4.0 18
W. H. Smith & Son	3.6 24
Victor McWilliams	3.0 2
C. H. Wood	3.8 40
Wilfred Holmes	3.5 350
E. Cullen	3.5 16
W. Wheatley	3.5 6
Frank McKay	3.5 66
Fred Rogers	4.0 1840
E. Boyer	3.8 138
L. M. Beaton	3.5 480
W. Mutch	4.0 338
William Smallwood	3.5 9
E. H. Douglas	4.0 4
C. J. Wood	3.8 66
Roland McDonald	4.0 6
Lorne Kelly	4.0 22
John Aylward	4.1 400
Roderick McDonald	4.0 1840
Skiney Emman	4.1 54
Sunshine Dairy	3.8 2046
Pure Milk Co.	3.5 224
Roper Bros.	4.0 4
A. McRae & Son	4.6 66
Harold Stedman	3.6 30
A. Holmes	3.6 30
Alex Agnew	3.9 28

All the above samples were clear of sediment while the four immediately following showed slight sediment.

John Driscoll	Wendell Morrissey	Mrs. A. Rhyms
John Driscoll	4.8 9	
Wendell Morrissey	3.5 4	
Mrs. A. Rhyms	3.5 60	

Odds and Ends

Political. Not long ago two young fellows drove into the yard, on some errand or other. As they seemed in good spirits I enquired "Why the plebe complex?" Said one, "It's election day." "And you're new voters? Good. Now, tell me, what's the difference between a Liberal and a Conservative?" The speaker at last confessed he did not know. The other came back with a riposte: "There must be a difference and you should know: haven't you always voted so-and-so?" There was I holding with my own petard, as the saying goes; for I myself was not able to give a satisfactory definition, and since then have found it a great asset to my mind. The only difference is that one party favors the "British connection" more than the other does. All the same it's rather odd to vote for we-know-not-what.

British Parties. In British politics the new alignment is Conservatives versus Laborites, the Liberal party having just about disappeared. The Conservatives are somewhat unjustly looked upon as the party of privilege because they favor the Monarchy and the retention of the House of Peers, while their object is violent or too rapid political change. They are now where the Liberal party was, fifty years ago. Much of their legislation is almost socialist, and that the "common man" is well looked after, cannot be denied. Even the "Windsor of the North," Alnwick Castle, the seat of the Dukes of Northumberland for centuries, was permanently closed last year, owing to the high taxation for social services and defence.

The Dutch Hoe. This, a most im-

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portant implement for the gardener, seems to be almost unknown here. Instead of pulling the blade towards the operator as is done with the draw-hoe (turnip hoe), the blade is pushed from him—in the fashion of the wheel-hoe—against the young weeds. No British gardener would consider his armory complete without a Dutch hoe.

A Good Old Rule. In the Victorian era the schools taught a few general rules of conduct and reiterated them till they were part of the mental make-up of the scholars. One of these was: "When you visit a strange house, do not handle any object of your curiosity till you have the owner's permission." There are none of these inhibitions now—days, most of the time have known occasions when damage has been done and considerable expense incurred through neglect or ignorance of this elementary rule.

The Schwedler Maple. Very noticeable is this maple just now as it breaks into foliage of a deep crimson hue, which a young friend compares to that of best-rose. Our people are rapidly coming to appreciate tree-planting, as I have reason to know from the number of applications received for cuttings of the Noble Willow. Here is another "twinkle" for readers who are interested. The Schwedler maple, of full growth, produces hundreds of seeds which take root at once and pass the winter as seedlings. The plan then is to ask the owner to save some of these seeds which must be planted as soon as received. The following Spring when the seedlings show leaf examining them and weed out all that are "off color." (For instance, out of two little trees given to me by an acquaintance, one has leaves of the desired color—crimson—and the other shows its reversion to the Norway maple type by its dull greenish foliage.) Thereafter the grower must protect the base of the little tree against the attacks of field mice which work under the snow and gnaw the bark just as they do to young apple trees. This maple has a sweet sap almost as good as that of the Sugar Maple and no doubt the bark is very good for the mice (I have seen a section of old rubber boot rolled round the stem and tied with twine, is an effective protection, but no opening must be left below for the entry of the mice. When the tree is three or four years old it may be moved to its permanent position. It may have a dozen one-year-old trees which promise to make splendidly colored specimens. The true Schwedler is crimson in Spring, rich green in Summer, and golden yellow in the Fall.

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Better be conceded, and know something than be humble in ignorance.

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While the King has been absent on his tour of Canada and the United States, the Duke of Kent has been industriously deputising for him on occasions of the sort that keep Britain's Royal family busy. Recently he paid a visit to Kent County stopping among other places at the Ashford coal pits. His back touched by the breeze, he stands chatting with a grimy miner just up from