

A KEEN HORTICULTURIST

The Duke of Connaught Takes Great Interest in Gardening

The Duke of Connaught has quite won the hearts of the staff of gardeners at Rideau Hall by his interest in the house conservatories. The big glass houses are the most modern and best part of the Government House establishment. Lady Grey was a most enthusiastic gardener and spent many hours in the greenhouses, actively assisting the gardeners in pruning, layering and training the plants, the result being a profusion of bloom and foliage which was the admiration of all visitors. His Royal Highness, it appears is even a more enthusiastic admirer of flowers than Lady Grey, and although he does not actually assist the gardeners in their work, intelligently assists them with his advice and purse. One result of his interest has been the addition to the stock of the greenhouses of some rare varieties of flowers, from the Royal conservatories in England. It is stated that the Duke of Connaught is one of the most experienced horticulturists of the day. When at home at Bagshot House, he derives great pleasure from working in his garden. The laying out of beds is the work of his own hands, and he has quite a remarkable knowledge of botany. One of the finest conservatories in the world is to be seen at Bagshot Park, the interior representing a gorgeous tropical scene, in which ferns, palms, orchids, and other exotics flourish in luxuriant profusion, watered by miniature cascades, fountains and dripping wells. There is a stalactite cavern at one end, which by an arrangement of mirrors, appears far larger than it is in reality. A deep stream flows along the floor of this cavern, and beneath it are concealed a number of colored electric lamps, so that at night several little pools in the dark recesses appear to glow with a mysterious latent fire. Designed by an eminent London firm, this extraordinary conservatory cost \$15,000.

RED RIVER ROUTE

A Proposed Water Route From Fargo, N.D., to Hudson Bay

The latest scheme to obtain transportation to Hudson Bay, is by deepening the Red River, and establishing a navigable route from Fargo, N.D., to the Bay. Experts have been working on the practicability of such a project and it is believed to be possible to dredge out the shallow places in the river and make it possible for freight boats to travel with comparative safety. This work will be costly but once done should be a great boon to transportation to the Bay. It has been estimated that this water route to the Bay will be a saving in distance to haul freight of about 1,000 miles. This will be a great help to transportation from the Northern States. Winnipeg, which is the key to the West, will come in for a share of the benefit from this water route. At present boats travel from that city to Lake Winnipeg, but in event of the establishing of the boat route from Fargo to the Bay, this present water route will be much improved. The channel in many places is narrow and shallow, so it will be necessary to deepen in some places and broaden in others if a regular route for commercial freighting is to be established. This proposed route would mean much to transportation from Winnipeg and, if established, would be one more link between Western Canada and the Old Country markets.—Farmers Advocate.

Newfoundland is Growing

Newfoundland's population is 242,000, according to the complete census returns for 1911, which were made public to-day. This shows an increase of ten per cent. for the past decade.

WOODVILLE TEMPERANCE HOUSE.

Woodville Advocate: The hotel committee, who have in hand the providing of suitable accommodation for travellers, and composed of Messrs. C. E. Weeks, Wm. Newman, M. J. Stoddard, C. H. Caverly, D. McLachlan, Reeve Wm. McKee, Dr. McKay and Don. Grant, have as yet been unable to reach a solution of the difficulty. Negotiations with the owner of the present hotel have failed of result, and the committee have now under consideration other arrangements.

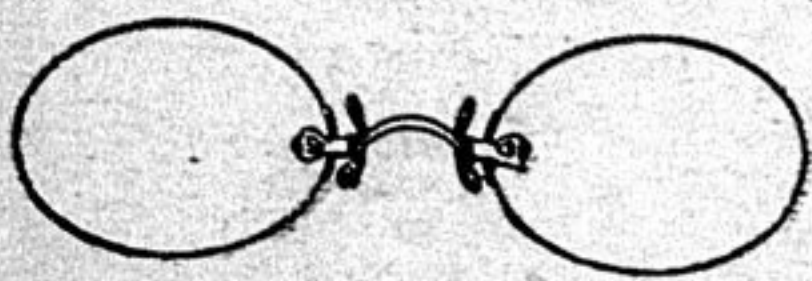
DIED.

POGUE.—In the Township of Verulam, on Saturday, April 20th, 1912, Samuel Wesley Pogue, aged 48 years and 4 months.

MARTIN.—At Fenelon Falls, on Thursday, April 18th, 1912, Wm. Martin, aged 70 years, 6 months and 10 days.

POGUE.—In the Township of Verulam, on Sunday, April 21st, 1912, Jane Pogue, aged 74 years, 10 months and 12 days.

MCGRORY.—At Fenelon Falls, on Wednesday, April 24th, 1912, Mrs. Thos. McGrory, in her 48th year.



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In the pit itself much of the small coal that is cut is thrown back with the rubbish, and only large coal is loaded and taken up.—G. F. Rundle, 8 Brookland Terrace, Caerphilly, Glamorgan.—5s.

Splinter Caused Death.

Farquhar McRae, near St. Thomas, was struck in the eye by a splinter while splitting wood on his farm in Dunwich, and went for treatment to Detroit, where it was found the injury had caused a clot of blood on the brain, causing death.

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