

IN THE FORENOON A BIG FALLS; BOATS SAIL UP IN AFTERNOON

Mr. T. C. Matchett Talks of his Recent Trip to the Atlantic Seaboard—in a Wreck

"It wasn't much of a railway wreck, but it was plenty big enough for me" said Mr. T. C. Matchett the other day when discussing the pitching that befel the special train carrying the Ticket Agents' Excursion of which Mr. Matchett was a member. It happened at Beaver Brook away down toward the Atlantic, and had not got out of the general C. P. R. agent's mind when he got home the other day.

"It was on the way down" went on Mr. Matchett. "Our heavy train having the right of way was rushing toward a switch which a freight train was toiling to get out of the way onto the siding. It was too slow and our engine cut into that of the freight. There was 5 or 6 coaches between the one I was in and the engine, and the jar was not very severe, but there is a peculiar snappiness about the way a coach stops in a mild collision, that, while you don't notice it at the time leaves you with a badly jolted sensation afterward. We lobbied forward when the train struck, and I cut my lip a little, but kept my seats. For a good while after, however, we all suffered severe pain in the backs of our heads. One wheel of our engine was off the track; the freight engine was cut in two. Nobody was hurt.

"We were hurt forward in the dining car after the crash, and you should have seen the fine glassware and table china. That's where the real smash happened. It looked as though somebody had attacked it with an axe.

"We had a fine trip—went to St. John, Halifax, Sydney, and away out to Louisbourg, where stands frowning seaward the great old fortress, about which Americans, French and English fought so fiercely a century and a half ago.

"At Sydney we visited the Dominion Iron and Steel Company's works.

They cover a lot of ground and appear to be carrying on extensive operations, but I did not see that they were turning out any finished products. That is while there is a great deal of working in iron at different stages of its manufacture, there was no structural steel or railway rails being turned out.

At Halifax our party was taken out for a cruise in the harbor. The vessel went on a shelving rock and we were fast there for three hours. All sorts of crafts came out to tow us off but none of them could do it. At last a big wrecking tug came out and took us on board. Then instead of making back to the city, it undertook to finish our trip. It steered out into the ocean. There was a heavy sea on out there, and we got badly tossed about—were hanging on in all shapes—but got back none the worse.

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PORT PERRY'S FIRST SWINE SALE PROVED A DECIDED SUCCESS

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According to the advertisement which appeared in this paper the first annual sale of pure-bred swine was held at Port Perry, and turned out quite satisfactorily. Thirty-seven animals were sold for \$656.00, an average of \$17.73. The highest priced animal sold for \$41, and the lowest for \$6.00. Glendinning & Son of Manilla, sold 20 animals for \$256 an average of \$12.80; J. E. Brethour of Burford sold ten animals for \$262, an average of \$26.20. J. G. Foster of Moira sold three animals for \$17.00 an average of \$5.67; and Chas. Calder of Brooklin sold four animals for \$91.00, an average of \$22.75. All of the animals sold were under one year, with the exception of one which was about 68 months, a very fine sow, winner of second place at the Winnipeg Exhibition, bred and sold by Mr. Brethour. This sow brought the highest price at the sale.

MR. HODSON SPEAKS
Before the opening of the sale Mr. F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, delivered a short address, in which he pointed out the great value the establishment of auction sales has proved to the country, their growth during the last 75 years in the Old Country, and what the various departments of agriculture purpose concerning these sales in the various provinces. He set forth the desirability of holding a quarterly or half-yearly sale at Port Perry. In the spring a stallion, bull and fat cattle show, should be held, at which prizes should be awarded the animals which had competed should be put up at auction and sold. Besides bulls and breeding stock, dairy cows and perhaps a few pigs should be offered. In the fall of the year pure-bred animals for breeding purposes, especially rams and sows in pig, should be offered for sale. Dairy cows and store animals for fattening purposes might also be offered. The remarks were all well received and it is said that a sale of this sort will be established at Port Perry.

Almost all animals, whether for breeding purposes, for butchers, or for dairy purposes are bought and sold at public auction in the Old Country. Such a thing as a drover running about the country picking up animals here and there, as they do in this country is almost unknown in the Old Country. The auction sale principle was introduced from seventy-five to one hundred years ago, and it has gradually increased and overspread the country so that it is in general practice today.

WELL-FED ANIMALS POPULAR
An excellent lesson was emphatically taught by the recent sale at Port Perry. Nearly all the pigs offered for auction were of excellent quality in point of breeding, but only those that were brought out in good condition, large and growthy for their age, sold for high prices. The hogs sold for low prices. In many cases, excellent individuals of superior breeding; but they were small for their age, because they had not been fed properly. With good management, many of these will, in time, develop into quite as useful animals as those selling for higher prices; but the buyers judged the pigs by their present appearance, taking no chances or future possibilities, and gauged their bidding accordingly.

THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED IS THAT, if farmers wish to obtain the best prices for their stock at either public or private sale they must see to it that their animals are not only well bred but also well fed from birth. Neither breeding or feeding is sufficient of itself. No amount of feeding will make an ill-bred animal valuable for breeding purposes; on the other hand, the best of breeding is insufficient in itself if the animal be ill-fed. A well bred, well fed animal will always command a good price.

FARMERS OF THE NORTHWEST
BEING HELPED BY GOVERNMENT
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every facility for studying the markets and also to be in a position to ship at once on receipt of telegram. In the case of trade with warships, for instance, they sometimes stay several weeks at this coaling station and in that time it would be possible to get a supply of fresh butter from Canada. Part of the butter shipped this season, especially in the summer months, went forward in time, but a considerable quantity has also been sent in boxes of assorted sizes. It stands the journey very well in the latter, and has been reported to be in very good condition on arrival. The Yukon trade is increasing, and shipments have been made to that district in boxes also.

COLLECTING EGGS
In connection with the creameries, the Department has adopted the plan of collecting eggs from the farmers of the Territories and holding them in storage. It worked well the first season and has improved ever since, but greater improvement has been noticed in the eggs this year than ever before. The plan adopted is as follows: Each patron has a number and he is required to mark this number in pencil on all eggs he supplies. No drover will accept the eggs without this number being on them. These eggs are held at the creamery for a short time and then sent in refrigerator cars with the butter to the storage at Calgary. There all eggs are examined by the egg list of an expert, who has the egg list in front of him, and every farmer is

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credited with the exact number of each class of eggs he has sent. The Department advances fifteen cents per dozen on the eggs at the time they are received and later the farmer gets the balance according to the classification. This year the average price to the farmer will be just about twenty cents per dozen for the season, or fully double what could have been obtained locally. About 60,000 dozen will be handled. Last year 21,000 dozen were handled and the town of Calgary consumed them all. Shipping first-class eggs greatly increase consumption, and it will be some time before trade can possibly be crowded, because there is a market in the Kootenay and an ever growing market in the Northwest Territories.

THE FIREMAN DID GOOD WORK

Flames Subdued at The Top of The Flavell Elevator 100 Feet From Earth—\$25,000 Loss

Dark smoke pouring from the high-shouldered cupola of the Flavell Milling Company's elevator was the disquieting spectacle that greeted people who were in that section of the town at 8:30 o'clock on Thursday morning. A moment later the fire bells were clanging for Mr. Robert Naylor had sent in an alarm.

People stood about helpless, and with the conviction that a big fire was on hand, for the smoke increased, flames broke through and a high wind wrestled to make a conflagration.

Down came the fire team. There were but few, however, but believed it had had its run in vain, for the fire was 100 feet from the ground and apparently beyond the operation of the fire-fighting system. Such did not prove the case. Frank Hutton dashed up with the hook and ladder truck, shot up against the towering structure and from their tops the streams were directed against the flames—but to little use. They broke in helpless spray below the burning cupola.

Then appeared a fireman upon the slanting roof, full 90 feet from earth. It was "Billy" Mills. Letting down a rope he drew up a nozzle. Supt. Begbie had set the pumps running at full speed, and with 140 pounds pressure to the inch the system throbbled beneath their strokes. Steady-headed firemen seized the nozzle and directed it against the flames. Water! At the word a stream fiercely smote the fire—the water works had stood their supreme test, and the day was won. Smothered, choked beneath the soaking assault, the fire halted, flamed up, gave way in pouring smoke and steam, smouldered, died out, and the greatest achievement of the town brigade had been accomplished.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a heated boxing of the elevator machinery, and though so vigorously subdued resulted in a heavy loss. The very means of its subduing worked a large measure of the damage that it sought to avert. When the pressure was turned off there was 9 feet of water in the empty bins. That would mean well up to 40 among the grain. And

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Patrick Nearing, a miner, 24 years old, was killed in Dominion No. 1 mine, Sydney, Wednesday of last week by a fall of coal. He lived one hour after being taken from the mine.

While the nomination proceedings were under way at Knowlton Que., a portion of England's cannery, in which a large number of people had gathered, gave way, and hundreds of people were thrown down. Fortunately nobody was seriously injured but one man, who had his leg broken in two places.

On Wednesday of last week, an aged farmer of Dover South, met with a fatal accident near Chatham.

He had been on a visit to his son, and in crossing the bridge over the big government drain he is supposed to have been overtaken with a weak spell, to which he was subject, and fallen off the bridge, striking his head and receiving wounds that caused his death. The body was not discovered for some hours, when it was found with the feet in the water.

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