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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, March 3rd, 1905.

Fairs and Exhibitions.

The resolutions passed at the conventions of Fairs and Exhibitions held in Toronto from February 4th to 16th, are likely to have far reaching effects. The agricultural societies of the Province have for many years been receiving fixed grants from the Government, irrespective of the work they were doing. At the recent convention, as the result of information furnished by Provincial Superintendent H. B. Cowan, a resolution was adopted recommending that in future grants should be distributed to societies in proportion to the amount of money they expend for agricultural purposes. It is probable that the Agricultural and Arts Act will be revised, and this change made within a year or so. Should this be done, it will result in many of the smaller societies in the Province being out off, and the societies which are doing good work being strengthened. An examination of the returns made to the Department of Agriculture, by the secretaries of some of the societies of the Province, shows that such a change is likely to work out. In a county in Eastern Ontario, where the district society has been devoting a great deal of attention to horse racing, this society will lose \$140 from its grant, which money will go to a township society further back in the county which is being conducted on agricultural lines. In another Eastern Ontario county the district society will receive an increase in its grant of \$101, which will be taken from the grants of three small township societies. This will probably mean that two of the small societies will have to go out of existence, and that the third one will be strengthened, leaving two strong societies in the riding instead of the present four. In yet another riding county the grant to the district society will remain about as it is, while two small township societies will lose \$88, which will go to a third township society. In that county it will probably also mean that the two small township societies will have to give up holding exhibitions, while the other township fair will be strengthened. This will mean that all through the Province the best societies will be strengthened, while the weak and struggling ones, which are doing little or no good, will go out of existence. Such a change in the Act will do away with all distinction between township and district societies, and will place all of them on the same footing as regards their government grants. The convention adopted a resolution requesting the Department of Agriculture to enforce the Act by cutting off the grants to all societies which permit games of chance at their exhibitions, and pledged its support to the Department in any measures it may take to suppress such features at fall fairs.

Russia.

Russia's affairs are in a bad way, and it is said that the Czar is half crazy, which is not to be wondered at, as his army is slowly but surely being driven to the wall by the Japs, and there is imminent danger of revolution at home. There is talk of the war being soon ended, and Japan is reported to be willing to make peace, but, as the inevitable victor in the strife, will only recall its troops upon terms that will be a bitter pill for Russia to swallow. The Paris correspondent of the London Times says:

"If it were not for the lingering hope in St Petersburg that General Kuropatkin will be able to slaughter a few more hundred Japanese and report something in the shape of a victory, no matter how small, it is by no means impossible that we should find ourselves within measurable distance of peace. There is reason for the belief that it is recognized as desirable by both sides. Indeed there have been conversations, probably at Washington, certainly at Paris, of that particular character which

almost invariably precede important negotiations."

With the war ended, the Czar and his advisers could devote their whole attention to internal affairs, for which there is urgent need, as, throughout the length and breadth of the vast empire the fire of rebellion against existing conditions is smouldering, and may burst into flame at any moment.

Bright Ones.

These clear, frosty nights are about perfect for star gazing, and it will be worth the while of anyone to stop watching the earth for a few minutes some evening between 7 and 8 o'clock and go outside and look up in the air for a change, as the three brightest stars that shine are now in good position for observing. Every person has probably noticed a remarkably bright star high up in the western sky lately, and wondered what it is and where it appeared from. It is the planet Venus, which is now rapidly overtaking the earth on her regular trip around the sun, and will reach her greatest brilliancy during March. As the orbit of Venus is only about two-thirds as far from the sun as the path followed by the earth, she makes the round trip in less than nine months, and overtakes and passes us every few years, and when she gets in the right position she ranks next after the moon in point of brilliancy, and at present casts quite a noticeable shadow. Apparently close beside her just now, but in reality many times more distant, is the great planet Jupiter, which requires twelve years to make a trip round the sun, and is larger than all the other planets and all their moons would be if rolled into one big ball. Over in the southern sky, pretty high up, may be seen the dog star, Sirius, the brightest of all the "fixed" stars.

Powles' Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette)

The following is the standing of the pupils in the school here for the week ending Feb. 25th:

Fifth Class.—Myrtle Powles.
Senior Fourth.—Bert Sims, Daisy Cooper, Percy Chidley, Ruby Powles, Hazel Powles, May Dancoy, Foster Powles, Joe Moore.

Junior Fourth.—Leona Parrish, Clara Rutherford, Willie Powles, Merle Parrish, James Fell, Aubrey Milloy.

Senior Third.—Gertie Powles, Carlos Cooper, Wesley Dancoy, Clara Perrio, Willie Rutherford, Willie Fell, Stella Herron.

Junior Third.—Walter Chidley, Hattie Powles, Hattie Mithorne.

Senior Second.—Wallace Jukes, Harold Jukes, Willie Marsh, Minnie Herron, Laurie Moore, Laverne Smith.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—We see by the report of a Masonic meeting held in Toronto a few days ago that "after the exemplification of the first degree, W. M. Bro. Judge Harding was presented with an illuminated address in recognition of his services to the craft in general."

SOCIALS.—The two parlor socials held this week—the one by the ladies of the Methodist church at the residence of Mrs. F. A. McDiarmid on Monday evening, and the one at Mrs. R. N. Mitchell's, under the auspices of the ladies of St. James', on Tuesday evening—were both well attended and in every way highly satisfactory.

ENTERTAINMENT AT NORLAND.—A pic social and entertainment, under the auspices of Court Kawartha No. 995, Norland, will be held on Thursday evening, March 16th. An extra good programme will be provided, including the farces "Turn Him Out," "April Fools" and "That Rascal Pat." Doors open at 7 o'clock, performance at 8. For full particulars see posters.

THE BANK.—Mr. R. A. Robinson, Manager of the local branch of the Bank of B. N. A., left on Friday last for England, and will be away for about three months. During his absence the bank will be managed by Mr. Bishop, whose work as accountant is now being done by Mr. Morden, and Mr. Cowan, from Montreal, is officiating as teller in Mr. Morden's place.

PERSONALS.—Mr. William Heard, of Oshawa, was summoned to the Falls on Tuesday, in consequence of the illness of his brother Joseph, who, we are glad to hear, is now a great deal better. . . . Miss Hayworth, of Woodstock, is at the Falls visiting her sister, Mrs. Woodall. . . . Mr. J. J. Townley left on Monday for Toronto and Montreal, to purchase spring and summer goods, and returned yesterday.

FATAL HOCKEY.—This winter there have been several fatal accidents at hockey, the last of which occurred at Maxwell, Ont., on the night of the 24th ult., when A. Loney, one of the players, struck another, named Alcide Laurin, so violently on his head with a hockey

stick that he was instantly killed. Hockey is, at the best, a rough game, and occasional accidents are unavoidable; but a player who deliberately deals such a blow as was dealt by Loney ought to be tried for manslaughter, if not for murder.

CURLING.—A combination of unavoidable circumstances have somewhat interfered with the regular games lately, but most of them have been played. Following is the present standing:

SKIP	WON	LOST	PER CT.
W. H. Robson	13	4	764
W. G. Ellis	12	6	666
Thos. Graham	13	7	650
F. A. McDiarmid	11	7	631
F. H. Sandford	8	9	470
W. T. Junkin	5	10	312
R. A. Robinson	4	11	266
J. Twomey	2	12	144

HOCKEY.—The Lindsay juniors came up on Monday night to play a game with the Fenelon colts, and for a while it looked as if they were going to come out best, as they scored twice in the first ten minutes. Our boys were slow in getting into the game, but when they did get in they made things altogether too hot for their visitors, and at the end of the hour had the score in their favor by 13 to 3. A few minutes after the game started, one of the Lindsay forwards received a cut on his cheek from a stick and had to retire from the game, which was therefore played with six on a side.

FODDER CHEESE.—Mr. J. Stanley Cook, secretary of the Montreal Produce Merchants' Association, has issued a circular addressed to the dairymen of Canada, advising the discontinuance of the manufacture of fodder cheese. He says: "The experience of the past has shown that, for the most part, cheese made from fodder milk is not of a quality good enough to enhance the reputation of Canadian cheese or increase its consumption by the British public. Further, it has been found that the quantity of cheese produced during our grass season is about as much as can be consumed at prices profitable to the producer."

MR. MCGEE RE ELECTED.—The resignation of Mr. Geo. H. McGee as councillor necessitated another election, and it was held on Thursday of last week. Mr. McGee and Mr. Thomas Austin were the candidates, and the former was re-elected by a majority of 33—a pretty good one out of a total vote of 213. In Div. No. 1 the figures were 49 for Austin and 48 for McGee; in Div. No. 2 Mr. McGee got 75 votes to his opponent's 41. The Gazette is printed on Thursday afternoon, and we did not think it worth while to hold it back to give the result of the election, which was known all over the village half an hour after the close of the poll—long before we could have announced it in print.

A REASONABLE REQUEST.—A path-master in the township of Ops writes to the Post as follows: "Sir,—I should like to hear from some reader of your valuable paper how country roads are to be kept open. All the blame is booked to the path-master. Now, Mr. Editor, I am one. I have no instructions only of my own, and every blockade I wade (not walk), to the retpayers on the beat for help to make roads. Then I am told I am the man to keep them open. I think the path-master should have instructions from the council to go by, and not impose on path-masters the duty of trying unaided to keep blockaded roads open." We think the writer's request is a very reasonable one, and that it should be complied with by the township council before next winter.

A BIG WIN.—The Victoria Harbor hockey team are fast ones. They have beaten everything from Peterborough to the Soo and are in the finals for the intermediate championship of the O. H. A. They are mostly heavyweights. Corbeau, at point, weighs 200 pounds. They heard that Fenelon Falls had a septette of lively puck chasers and asked them to come up and have a game. The Fenelon team are mostly lightweights. Boyce, on the forward line, goes in at 115, and when a big man gets in his way Artie is liable to either run under him or jump over him. They went to the Harbor on Tuesday night, just to be obliging. When the smoke cleared away the Harborites were quiet to the music of 7 to 6. And they don't seem to know just how it happened.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Fenelon Falls Gazette:

Sir,
Will you kindly allow space for the following letter:

"Observer" wrote in last week's Star on Church vs. Bar-room. We fancy the church officials will find no time for getting up petitions. Too many of their members are patrons of the bars. We judge from what we noted at a recent service in a popular church that the preacher was satisfied with present conditions and assumed his congregation was likewise serene and happy. In the several extempore prayers were no ref-