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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1914.

A Strong Plea for the Farmer.

From Canadian Farm.

Professor Dean, at the Dairymen's meeting at Cornwall, Ont., last week, made a strong plea for more consideration for the farmers. It will surprise many people in cities and towns who look upon the farmer as living in clover because of the high prices he is getting for his products, to know that Ontario farmers are paying interest on \$2,000,000 chattel mortgages. Prof. Dean pointed out that this condition of affairs was due to the inability of the farmer to procure capital at reasonable rates of interest to carry on his work. If this be true of farmers in Ontario, how much more is it true of farmers in the West, where the average rate of interest is higher? In the West relief is likely to come by the establishment of banking institutions specially adapted to meet the needs of the farmer. There is, however, nothing of the kind in prospect in Ontario. In Quebec there are co-operative credit associations in operation that are a help. But whether the remedy lies in co-operative credit associations or in something else, the farmer, more than any other citizen, is in need of better facilities for securing the money needed to carry on his operations. And it would be in the country's best interest to in some way meet the situation. The cry comes up from all sides for increased production from the land. But how is the farmer to increase production if he cannot secure funds at a reasonable rate of interest to develop his business? Next to the scarcity of farm help, the difficulty which many farmers experience in securing funds for expanding their business, is the reason why production on the land does not increase more rapidly. Of course much depends upon the individual farmer, and, doubtless, quite a number of the chattel mortgages to which Prof. Dean refers, have been due to shiftlessness and neglect of opportunity. At the same time, that there should be in Ontario chattel mortgages totalling over \$2,000,000 is something that should cause people interested in the furtherance of agriculture to do some solid thinking.

Women's institute.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Friday afternoon, January 16th, at the home of Miss Hand. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Lamb, President. After opening exercises, the report of the visiting committee was received. A communication was read by the Secretary from Miss Hotson, Secretary of the Special Committee appointed at the recent convention to consider the matter of Medical Dental Inspection in schools. It was decided to leave the matter over till the next meeting. The roll call was followed by the appointment of a committee to arrange for an entertainment to be given by the Institute. Miss Tilly Patten gave a well rendered piano solo, which was enjoyed. A paper on "Appreciation," by a member of another branch, was read by the Secretary. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem, which brought the pleasant meeting to a close, refreshments being served by the hostess afterwards.

Showered

Miss Della Brokenshire, who has severed her connection with Mr. A. J. Gould's drug store, where she has been an efficient clerk and telephone operator for a number of years, was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower from some of her friends on Thursday evening, 15th inst. A large number of beautiful and useful articles were presented. Among the gifts was a purse containing a sum of money as a token of appreciation from several of the residents of the village.

Sad Tragedy at Coboconk—Six Children Perish in Flames.

The residents of Fenelon Falls were shocked on Saturday morning when word was received here that a family of six children had been burned to death at Coboconk early that morning. The children, with their mother, Mrs. Cora Weatherby, a widow, were asleep in their residence when the fire broke out. A boarder named Allan Fountain was also asleep in the house, and was the first to be awakened by the crackling of the flames. He ran and obtained a ladder, to assist the other occupants of the building to escape; but when he reached the other side of the house Mrs. Weatherby had got out by jumping through a window, and was seriously cut and burned. Before any attempt could be made to rescue the children, flames were breaking through the windows, and nothing could be done to save them. Four of the children were girls; the eldest of the six was under thirteen years old, and the youngest not much over a year. The unfortunate mother was prostrated with grief, and, it is needless to say, has the sympathy of everyone in her terrible affliction.

A Nautical Knot.

On Monday night, Jan. 19th under the joint auspices of St. James' Church, Fenelon Falls, and the Victorian Order of Nurses, the operetta "A Nautical Knot" was presented by a large company of amateur performers from Bobcaygeon, under the direction of Mrs. Adelaide Hanson. The play held the interest of a large audience that showed appreciation by frequent applause. The singing was particularly good in the choruses, and solo parts were pleasingly rendered. Mrs. H. O. Boyd made a charming "Julia"—a golden haired belle, whose coming alters the affections of every Jack ashore at Barnstaple, except "Bill Salt," who loves the sea, and "Joe Stout," who loves dark haired Nancy, but is too bashful to tell her so. Joe enlisted the sympathy of Bill, who, in his efforts to help Joe, comes alarmingly near to being entangled himself in the meshes of the matrimonial net. Julia's heart is won by "Barnabas," a wandering artist "in search of Beauty," on whom the sailors revenge themselves by kidnapping him and taking him away to sea.

The "Girls of Barnstaple," whose singing and dancing was a strong feature of the play, and who are at first jealous of Julia and annoyed at the fickle sailors, formerly their own sweethearts, rejoice at the turn of affairs. A year goes by. The ship returns, but a cold welcome from the girls awaits the sailor boy. However, the breach is soon healed; Joe and Nancy, Barnabas and Julia, are reunited, and Bill Salt is left to rejoice in his state of single blessedness.

The people of Bobcaygeon are to be congratulated upon the talent displayed, and may be sure of a welcome from a Fenelon Falls audience on future occasions. Following is the cast of characters—

Julia	Mrs. H. O. Boyd
Nance	Miss Blanche Wright
Barnabas Lee	Mr. James Simms
Bill Salt	Mr. Isaac Lewis
Joe Stout	Mr. Jas. McNeil
Delia	Miss Helen Boyd
Daisy	Miss Gladys Pearson
Dora	Mrs. Ida McQuade
Jack Brace	Mr. Crocombe
Jim Spray	Mr. Jack Smith
Ned Bluff	Mr. Roy Bottum

Brandon Cup Curling Schedule.

Jan. 19.	Cashore vs. Deyman McCallum vs. Johnstone.
Jan. 20.	Graham vs. Hamilton Stanton vs. Reive.
Jan. 21.	Cashore vs. Johnstone McCallum vs. Deyman
Jan. 22.	Graham vs. Reive Stanton vs. Hamilton
Jan. 26.	Cashore vs. Graham Johnstone vs. Hamilton
Jan. 27.	Deyman vs. Stanton McCallum vs. Graham
Jan. 28.	Hamilton vs. Deyman Reive vs. Johnstone
Jan. 29.	McCallum vs. Stanton Reive vs. Deyman

Postponed Games.

Jan. 7.	Cashore vs. Hamilton.
Jan. 8.	Johnstone vs. Stanton. Deyman vs. Graham.
Jan. 9.	Reive vs. Hamilton. Cashore vs. McCallum.
Jan. 12.	Graham vs. Johnstone Cashore vs. Stanton.

Rules of 1912 and 13 to govern. Skips are requested to play games on the nights called, as the Managing Committee desires to have the schedule completed as soon as possible.

Church Notes.

"The Life and Times of Lord Strathcona" will be the subject of the sermon in St. James Church next Sunday evening, and in St. Peter's, Verulam, in the afternoon.

"Resolved, that Canada is better off under the present Wilson tariff than under the proposed Fielding reciprocity" will be the subject of a debate at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday evening next at 8 p. m. Supported by Messrs. Hetherington and Imrie; denied by Messrs. Lee and McKay.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday all the reports indicated the most prosperous year in the history of the congregation. The pastor was unanimously voted an increase of salary.

A baked bean social will be given by the Salvation Army at their hall on Monday, Jan. 26th at 8 p. m., with a good programme. All are invited Admission only 15c.

Confidence Gone.

The steamer "Confidence" was loaded on to a stout set of bob-sleighs last week, and started for Kushog lake, in Haliburton county, Mr. Thos. Robson, who owned the vessel, having made a present of her to Mr. Frank Kent, of Hindon Hill. Mr. Kent will use her on Lakes Kushog and Senora. She will be taken all the way, some fifty miles, on the sleighs, with three teams of horses, and will probably reach her destination without mishap. An upset, however, would be a bad case of misplaced confidence.

American Evening.

The "American Evening" given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church on Friday was a decided success, both financially and socially. Supper was served from 5.30 to 7.30, and was made up altogether of American dishes, served in style by colored waiters. A large American flag hung above the platform, and the "red, white and blue" was to be seen everywhere. After supper was a programme consisting of readings, American songs and instrumental music. The evening closed with the singing of "The Maple Leaf."

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Purvis and children of Saskatoon are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Copp.

Capt. Hartgrave of Toronto is visiting Mrs. T. H. Robson.

Mrs. Wm. Campbell is visiting relatives at Two Mountains, Que. She was accompanied by Miss K. Dickson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mithorne have returned from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Lorneville, Manilla, Uxbridge and other points.

Powles' Corner.

Correspondence of the Gazette

The Victoria Telephone Co. have very nearly completed the line in this section as far as it is to go at present, but it is quite likely that it will be extended to Fenelon Falls next season. The company have already built sixteen miles of line, and there are twenty-seven shareholders.

Last week the wood supply at the school-house was exhausted, and the caretaker commenced upon a pile of coal that A. and C. McFarland had delivered. The new Hecla furnace purchased from Mr. Wm. J. Heard is giving very good satisfaction.

W. H. Powles has undertaken the care of the school and the church for another year.

Messrs. John S. Brown and J. A. Milloy attended the funeral of the late William Downer at Little Britain on Sunday, the 11th inst.

MARRIED

HOPKINS-NICHOLS.—At the Manse, by the Rev. C. S. Lord, B.D., on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1914, James Hopkins of Saskatchewan to Christina Gertrude Nicholls of Burnt River.

DIED

LORD.—At Tryon, P. E. Island, John Alexander Lord, eldest brother of Rev. C. S. Lord, of St. Andrew's Church, Fenelon Falls.

ARMSTRONG.—In the township of Somerville, on Friday, January 16th, 1914, Mrs. James Armstrong, aged 67 years and 21 days.

WALKER.—In the township of Verulam, on Sunday, January 18th, 1914, Jacob Walker, aged 54 years and 3 months.

RUTHERFORD.—At the General Hospital, Toronto, on Monday, January 19th, 1914, Thos. H. Rutherford, aged 62 years, 9 months and 15 days.

IN MEMORIAM.

PINKHAM.—In loving remembrance of Lena, beloved wife of James Shaw, 12 George St., Lindsay. Departed this life January 13th, 1909.

Five years have passed since that sad day
When one we loved was called away
God took her home, it was His will,
But in our hearts she liveth still.

—Father, Mother, Sisters, Brother.