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NATURAL GAS

For several years it has been well understood that natural gas was to be found in the township of Eldon, but the lack of enterprise on the part of our citizens prevented its development. An enterprising American hearing of this formed a company in New York, sent out prospectors with the result that they have come to the conclusion that there is not only natural gas there, but coal. They have recently purchased or leased some 1200 acres of land and are trying to secure more land in that vicinity.

FISH AND GAME PROTECTION.

A meeting is to be convened in Lindsay at an early date for the purpose of considering the protection of fish and game, at which Mr. A. Kelly Evans, Secretary of the Ontario Fish and Game Protection, Toronto, will be invited to attend. Efforts of this kind have been attempted before but have failed because they have been purely local and isolated efforts. Recently branches have been formed, and by having headquarters at Toronto, a cohesion has been given to these branches, and in unity of forces, influence can now be brought to bear in the right direction.

A few weeks ago Mr. Evans spoke at Bobcaygeon, at which place a branch of the society was organized. At this meeting Mr. Evans deplored the process of extermination of fish and game that was going on every-

where. White fish in lake Ontario in the recollection of middle aged men, were so plentiful that as many as 90,000 had been taken in one haul of a seine net. Such quantities were killed that they were left to rot, and used as manure on the fields. The same process was carried on in Lake Erie. The process of extermination continues. The farmers along the Kawartha lakes are in the same position as the farmers on the large lakes. They know perfectly well that the man who nets the maskinonge in the rivers, who spears and shoots them over the spawning beds, and takes the bass from their nests along the shore, is exterminating them as effectually as the net fishers did the white fish. There is, however this great difference, the white fish is merely a food fish, the bass and maskinonge are both food and sport and one pound of sport fish is worth fifty pounds of food fish to the locality that can attract sportsmen.

A maskinonge destroyed at the spawning season kills 150,000 eggs. The Kawartha Lakes possess a charm all their own. They will attract many who do not care for the more northern solitude of the wilds. They are nearer to the busy centres, and easy of access, and when the Trent Valley Canal is completed it will furnish one of the most magnificent cruising routes, imaginable for yachts and house-boats. Beautiful crafts are now being used by the moneyed Americans on waters that are more luscious than the waters of the Keweenaw Lakes, and the tributary chain of waters. The best class of Americans will be attracted to this unique waterway, provided sport be given. They will pay anything for what they require. Farm products money to the farmers. They will spend their money freely, but not for the pleasure of seeing the scenery. That they can get in other places, they must have some incentive. It is found in the bass and maskinonge of these lakes, which are the largest and finest on the American continent. And why so? Simply because the lakes provide the best food supply for the fish. In Temagami the bass are not over three and a half pounds in weight, because that district is north of the natural food supply for the bass. The protection of the fish is largely in the hands of the farmer. He can teach his boy the impropriety of taking fish at the spawning season. The protective association, a branch of which it is hoped will be formed in Lindsay, is an educational one, rather than one that is seeking for prosecutions. It aims to show the people that there is a law, and that it is to their interests to observe it.

We hope Lindsay citizens will take a lively interest in this question, and that they will show that interest by attending the meeting in large numbers.

ELDON AND GAMEBRIDGE CREAMERY ANNUAL MEETING AT LORNEVILLE

Large Number of Patrons in Attendance—Some Interesting Statements Regarding Work in the Creamery.

About two hundred patrons and admirers of the cream gathering system were present at the dairy meeting at Lorneville on Thursday last. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings yet held in Victoria County in the interests of butter-making.

The meeting was called at the suggestion of Mr. Newman, manager of the Lorneville and Gamebridge creameries. Among those present were Messrs. Jas. McGrath, M. McKenna, Ed. Bacon, D. M. McDonald, North Mara; Jas. B. Warren, Gamebridge; Geo. Wright, Wm. Munday, Udney McKinnon, Rama Road; Wm. Bacon, president and S. H. Black, a member of Orillia Board of Trade; Malcolm McLean, Eldon Station; Wm. Coad, Lorneville, and many others, including patrons of the Lorneville factory and also representatives from Uptergrove, Seabright, Dalrymple, Islay and the other places before named.

On motion Mr. Newman was appointed chairman, and Mr. B. Stacey, officiated as secretary. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Newman then gave a very satisfactory report. He had spoken at Mara, Rama, Seabright and other places. He dealt with Auditor Lapp's report which was presented and approved at the last public meeting. The following is a copy of the auditor's statement:

Table with financial data: Total lbs Cream, 832811.5; Butter, 281670; Amt. Money, 59468.29; Expense, 8549.28; Paid Patrons, 50388.11; Average price of butter, 21.11; Fat, 21.43; Over run, 1.19; Average test of Cream, 28.9.

Mr. Lapp, Jr., stated that he had gone over the report with his father and approved it. On motion of Mr. Lapp, Jr., the financial statement for 1905 was adopted.

The chairman stated that if there was any criticism or praise to offer he wished to hear it. He wanted not only to speak of the mistakes of the past, but also of the prospects of the future.

Mr. Wm. Flavelle, who had recently addressed a meeting in this vicinity, stated that his firm had purchased a million pounds of butter a large proportion of which was dairy butter. A loss resulted on the latter of \$40,000 or \$50,000, which would not have happened if it had been creamery butter.

Mr. Marshall Brock, stated that the Cannington Creamery Co. averaged 22 cents a pound for butter disposed of to the Wm. Davies Co. of Toronto.

Mr. Newman admitted that Cannington had exceeded by a fraction of a cent on account of making a smaller output, but taking the export trade into consideration, his creameries had realized higher prices than any other factories.

The increase of butter in Victoria and Ontario counties had been fully one-half over all of eastern Ontario. Since the purchase of the Gamebridge factory they had done well.

At a recent meeting Mr. Flavelle had stated that dairy butter was destined to sink into oblivion and injure the Canadian dairy interests. He referred to the endorsement of the cream gathering system by Mr. Mitchell of the Kingston Dairy School.

Mr. Stonehouse, of Port Perry, had recently pointed out that the cream gathered every day produced butter which rated as first class; that gathered every two days, second rate; that gathered every three days, third rate, the best results invariably were obtained by gathering it every day. He urged the increase of the number of cows, retaining only the best, and in this way the farmers would make the dairy interests more profitable to themselves.

The interest in the cream gathering system, by which the farmers were enabled to retain the skim milk at home for the benefit of their stock. Referring to Mr. Bacon, he stated that the light was always shining in his barn, and on one occasion at 2 a.m. he opened the door and found all the Jerseys lying down chewing their cud but he dared not enter for fear of disturbing their peace. He noticed that when a farmer keeps a dog there is a shortage in the milk pail.

The same gentleman had marketed \$20 bushels of grain of 14 acres. What he has done any other man could do who places his faith in cows and clover. If Mr. Newman had been in business when he was farming he would never have left the farm, and if he was not used well at Lorneville, he had better come to Orillia.

Mr. Read, of Uptergrove, after four years experience as a salesman for a cheese factory, had changed his allegiance in favor of the creamery system, and secured a profit of 70 to 80 cents per month from each cow, as well as retaining the skim milk at home.

Mr. Cave, of the Beaverton Express plant, at the success of the Lorneville factory and related the interest he had taken in the dairy school at Guelph a few years ago, when they had fourteen pupils, when to-day they have seventy. He dealt with the importance of the Canadian trade in the Orient, owing to cheap transportation, and was pleased to see so many clever speakers present.

Mr. George Lytle, of the Watchman-Warder, condemned the feeding of turnips to dairy cattle which could not be successfully done. He

also advised the payment of good salaries to their makers, as cheap men make cheap goods. Mr. Joseph McGrath, of Rathburn, stated that he was pleased to be present. He thought Cooper's Falls would eventually excel this locality in butter-making.

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The committee, composed of the president, Mr. John Millburn and Messrs. Charles Pym, John Way, J. I. Johnston, Geo. Bryant, G. S. Pratt, C. Wesley and W. Wingrove, have every reason to be well satisfied with the success attending this meeting. The order is increasing in membership and rapidly advancing. The financial standing of the society is improving with every year of its existence.

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the evening. Mrs. Dr. F. A. Waller's solo, "Alice, where Art Thou?" was received with applause, her accompanist, Miss Roper, also scoring a success and contributed a piano solo later in the program. Both ladies were recalled. The Misses Broad, Perkins and Perrin made a hit with their dialogue. The latter lady contributed a selection "Under the Old Apple Tree" which was loudly encored. The juvenile songster, Master Bates, in his rendering of "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard," raised the house, and received a hearty encore. Mr. Hutchinson contributed a solo in fine voice, "In My Father's Home." After a first-class luncheon, Mr. Newton re-opened the program with an instrumental selection, and Vice-President Boxall was called upon to address the gathering. After explaining the importance of the order he stated that he regretted that there was still room for improvement. He was anxious for the juveniles, and urged the mothers to lend their assistance in creating a juvenile branch of the Sons of England. No juvenile could be associated with the order without the full consent of his mother. It would not interfere with home and school duties. Under the direction of the officers of the society, there would be no fear of the example set to the boys. There was no need to ask for legislation if our boys had to deliver an address to the order, he believed that all the good work of the home would be supplemented by those in charge of the juvenile lodge. As an Englishman he firmly believed it to be his duty to assist every other Englishman. In conclusion, he promised on some future occasion to deliver an address to the order, and thanked the ladies for their beaming presence on this occasion. Mr. Hutchinson contributed a recitation. Mr. N. Hockin then briefly addressed the meeting. He expressed his regret at being forced to leave Lindsay and the social relations he had had with Westminster Lodge. He advised the mothers to do all they could to assist in the formation of a juvenile lodge. Membership in such a society gives a social standing and makes friends. Mr. Frampton, in seconding Mr. J.

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