

Good Addresses on Agriculture

Instructive Meeting Held at Little Britain Last Friday

Every seat in the old temperance hall, Little Britain, was occupied on last Friday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Farmer's Institute. About seventy men were present, many of them coming from a distance.

Mr. Wm. Channon, president of the institute, took the chair, and called the meeting to order shortly after two o'clock, and gave a very interesting address, telling of a few things he practised on his own farm and which ought to work all right with others in the same locality if they applied the same principles. Unless the farmer found he was ahead of last year there was something wrong and he ought to find it out. The delegates were there to give ideas and help them get the greatest profit from their fields. One of the things he decided to try from watching other people's success was the growing of rape. He had a low field just set in with sow thistle. He gave it a good sod plowing, then disc narrowed it well till level to head off the growth of grass. In June he drilled it up and sowed, drilling it well to get the benefit of the feed crop and to cultivate the land. After that he ran the horse hoe through it three times and was able to harvest a tremendous crop of rape for feed. Another good thing, Mr. Channon thought, was to increase the acreage in mangles, which are always a good crop. Corn also was a profitable crop to raise for fodder. He recommended, in particular Stole's evergreen which insures lots of green stalk, etc. even though the cobs don't mature. He wouldn't say to use it for silos. Mr. Channon also spoke of the advantage it would be to form farmer's clubs, and meet monthly to discuss matters among themselves. The summer excursion to Guelph, and the taking up of a collection to pay for the hall for the institute meetings were points touched on by President Channon.

FEEDING HOGS

Mr. Channon then introduced Mr. Emmerson, one of the delegates to the meeting, who gave a very instructive address on his experience in hog raising. Owing to the high price of feed, help and other expenses and the low price offered for the product, Mr. Emmerson said that hogs had become a rather unpopular subject among the farmers to-day. He was prepared to show his audience that there was still money in hogs if they would but use care and give the matter a little attention. They must study closely, however. Good feeding is necessary, but stuffing hogs is expensive and useless. Feed young pigs five or six times a day and later decrease till the finished hog gets three meals the last two months. For breeding purposes, select a sow from spring litter. It is not a wise thing to raise brood sows to five or six hundred pounds weight. They are liable to lie on and crush their litter. The modern type of bacon hog is the pure Berkshire, Tamworth or Yorkshire or crosses of these breeds. Eighty per cent of our hogs go to foreign countries, and if we are to keep these markets we must look well to the kind of hogs we are sending. Mr. Emmerson maintained that bacon hogs could be raised on skim milk in winter for from 4 1/2 to 5 cents per pound for the carcass alone. For the capital invested, and the time to make a turnover hogs were as good as any crop on the farm. One of the things he had proved was that it does not pay to keep a hog after he reaches two hundred pounds weight, as the longer you keep him the more it costs per pound to raise him, and more can be made out of hogs in the summer time than in any other season of the year. A sow may be kept while there are good litters and she is not unruly. Let the sow wear her own pigs. When two or three weeks old castrate the little pigs and pull out or break off any black teeth.

Mr. Wm. Channon said he used to break off the black teeth, but later gave up the idea and found that he had no more trouble from pigs dying than he had before.

Mr. Emmerson replied that this might be so, though he had never experimented with it. The black teeth were caused by indigestion and stomach troubles. In judging his pigs he always dampened the food and kept it mixed from one feeding time to the next.

Mr. Glenn observed that he had found that when he fed soaked barley with salt the barley was not digested. Later he fed the barley dry and had water near-by, getting far better results.

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Bexley's Clerk Makes Suggestion

Mr. Taylor Proposes That General County School Rate be Levied

Writing to the Municipal World, Mr. Alfred Taylor, clerk of the township of Bexley, has this to say:

Sir—Relative to the school law as it is now, it provides for a general levy of \$300 for every rural public school where one teacher is engaged, and \$200 for a second teacher, to be levied equally on all the ratepayers of every township, with the object of the wealthy sections helping the weak. Considering that education is compulsory, and also the establishment of school sections in every organized township, and without the general school levy the weak sections in sparsely settled portions of a good many townships would have to pay excessively high for education. Now, Sir, would it not be an improvement to extend the principle a little further and apply the whole general levy in each county, to be raised on the same principle as the amount required for county purposes on the equalization figures of the county, which would equalize that portion of the education money, that each ratepayer in the county would pay about the same rate. As it is at present, in this county (Victoria) the six southern townships are all rich and wealthy and the northern five are very poor and sparsely settled, chiefly ranch land, and to make up the amount of the general school levies it takes 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 mills, while in each of the six southern townships it only takes 2 mills; and there are likely numbers of other counties similarly situated, and even in a county that was all good it would be quite fair. The school inspector or inspectors could notify the county clerk of the total amount required and he could requisition each township clerk, the same as he does for the county money. Would you be kind enough to give this letter space in your valuable paper, and I would be very glad to hear your own or any other comment, and oblige.

FARMING COURSES.

Mc. D. A. Mackenzie, B. S. A., F. H. Reid's successor in the Collegiate work and the short course, then said a few words in the interests of the course offered by the government, the aim of which was to give the boy on the farm something of interest and of use to him in after life. He invited and urged all to attend the course.

At this point Mr. Channon had to leave on other business, and ex-president Dix took the chair.

THE DRAFT HORSE

Mr. Gavin Barbour then spoke on the "Draft Horse" which subject, he said, was getting more important every year on account of price. The ideal draft horse should be about 16 hands high and weigh from 1600 lbs. up, as the weight gives the horse a better grip on the ground. The foot, which depends largely on us, should be watched, projections clipped with mallet and chisel, and not be allowed to split. The frog should bear on the ground, the toes kept short and the heel will take care of itself. Do not use large nails or place them too high up. The shoe should be fitted to the foot, and not the foot to the shoe. The different points required in a good horse were then brought out, and the better known diseases common in horses were explained and good remedies given. Mr. Barbour said that too much confidence was placed now-a-days in the word imported. Ontario stock is equal now to any stock in the world. Sires are too often bought on the strength of their looks when fitted up for show purposes. The farmers should look more to their records. A sire should not be kept highly fitted up for showing, as he may become over loaded, with fat and useless. He warned them not to join any syndicate for buying sires and cited incidents of failure and uselessness of syndicates in his own part of the province. He then told how to take care of a mare giving her lots of exercise but not enough to tire her or in rough places, how to treat her at foaling, and how to take care of the colt to best advantage.

At the close of the addresses, Mr. Jas. Keith, Secretary, read a letter from Chief of Police Vincent, of Lindsay, urging the farmers to band together to form farmers' vigilance associations in order better to aid the law and recover lost property of its members. The matter was held over for consideration.

During the two fine addresses the discussion was of the best, everyone taking an active interest. Among those who asked questions or gave valuable information on the subjects in hand were Messrs. Silas Netherton, Howard Metherell, Arch. Glenn, W. Glenn, Wm. Cornish, Geo. Mark, president of the township agricultural society, Fred Shaver, Herb Shaver, Stacey Bros. Deputy-reeve Varcoe, T. Honey, Will Greenaway, C. Dunne, J. Davidson, John Stacey, and Dr. Gregg, veterinary surgeon.

Bulletin on the Inoculation of Seed

Valuable Information for Farmers from Agricultural College

The Ontario Agricultural College has in press a bulletin from the bacteriological laboratory, giving the results of work on the inoculation of seed with bacteria to increase the chances of the crop. This work has been in progress since 1905 and has increased in amount each year. It has been known for many years that the nodules or tubercles on the roots of alfalfa, clovers, peas, beans etc. are inhabited by bacteria that have the power of taking nitrogen from the atmosphere and storing up this valuable, fertilizing element in the plants, thus enriching the soil when these plants are plowed under. In the college laboratory these bacteria are cultivated under artificial conditions their full power of nitrogen accumulation being conserved, and these cultures, as they are called, may be applied to the seed to be sown. On old established fields where clovers or alfalfa have been previously grown the soil is well supplied with these desirable bacteria and the use of artificial inoculation would be of little benefit. On new ground, however, or where the crop has not been successfully grown before, the inoculation of the seed usually helps to secure a better stand. During 1908 over 2100 of these cultures were sent to farmers all over the Dominion and to five foreign countries. The results as reported by the farmers, and compiled in the forthcoming bulletin showed that the inoculation of the seed was beneficial in 63 per cent of cases tried. Many farmers tried the cultures on old established fields, and as was to be expected the results there showed no increase in the crop from using the cultures.

During the coming spring the college will send similar cultures for alfalfa, red, white and alsike clover, peas, beans and sweet peas, the only ones to the farmer being a nominal charge of 25 cents for each culture sufficient for 50 pounds or less of seed. The cultures, of which there is but one size, are sent in glass bottles with full directions for their use. Applications should be addressed to the bacteriological laboratory, O. A. C., Guelph and should be sent at once so that ample provision may be made by this college to supply all demands. The kind and amount of seed to be inoculated and approximate date of seeding should also be stated in the application.

F. H. McRitchie, of Bothwell, aged 55, shot himself and ended his life.

Hunting Coons at Apple Hill

Mr. John Calvert and His Sons Have Quite an Interesting Time

There was quite an exciting time at Apple Hill on Monday last week, the home of Mr. John Calvert.

While he and his sons were cutting logs they came across a coon's nest in a hollow tree. Wellington was sent home for the dogs, but before he had returned the old fellow had succeeded in making his escape and gaining another hollow tree. By the time the dogs were on hand another coon was making his escape, but by the aid of the dogs and clubs he was laid low. An attack was made then upon the elm tree to which No. 1 had made his escape, and with saw and axe an opening was made and Mr. Coon got away again. He led his pursuers a merry chase, jumping from tree to tree and all efforts to dislodge him were fruitless, until a log was sent for and he was dispatched. The coon hunt was thoroughly enjoyed by all hands.

Stains may be removed from agate dishes with pumice stone.

This Calf is Well Supported

The Little Animal has Five Legs—Monstrosity in Anstruther

A Peterboro veterinary surgeon reports a monstrosity born on the farm of Mr. George Weston, Anstruther. It is a five-legged calf and the fifth leg, which is a fore limb as almost as well developed as the other two. This is somewhat unusual in the case of a freak of a similar kind as the superfluous limb is generally considerably smaller and more shrunken than the others. The calf seems quite healthy.

Amendments to Truancy Act

Enforcements of Law May be Placed Under School Boards of Province

Some important amendments to the Truancy Act are now being prepared for consideration at the coming session of the Legislature. One of these changes, it is expected, will be to place the enforcement of the truancy laws under the School Boards of the Province instead of in the hands of the local police. For some time it has been felt that the truancy laws were pretty much of a dead letter. Only in about one-fifth of the schools has there been even an attempt to enforce them. This, it is claimed, has been partly due to the divided responsibility, and it is argued that if school boards have power to enforce the law which they have to administer, this weakness will be largely removed.

In the amendments now under consideration by officials of the Educational Department, these and other changes are likely to be made with a view to strengthening the law.

It is said that an effort will also be made to keep an eye on boys leaving school at the age of 14. It is said that in England boys drift into crime and pauperism if they are left in idleness after leaving school, and it is urged that these dangers should be avoided here as far as possible.

Lindsay Man was Recommended

Saskatoon, Sask., has organized its fire brigade and appointed a new fire chief at a salary of \$1,000 a year. There are a number of old Lindsay boys living in the western town and they have submitted the name of Mr. J. McGillivray, of Lindsay, as a gentleman who would make an excellent chief. It was received, however, after the time allotted for applications had expired. Mr. McGillivray when seen by The Post, said that the above information was news to him.

Wintry Weather

Ten degrees below zero. That is the story Mr. G. W. Beall's self registering thermometer told last Monday and the people did not dispute its registration.

Sunday was comparatively mild, but in the evening a high north westerly wind stepped in and together with Jack Frost forced the thermometer to work overtime. Wind mometer to work overtime.

Peterboro Man Lost His Cash

A young man from Peterboro who has been in Lindsay for the past few days on a tender, started out Friday evening to enjoy himself. He secured a horse and cutter at a local livery and in going the rounds he evidently bumped up against a light finged individual, as he was relieved during the evening of \$50.00 and had only forty cents to offer the liveryman on his return.

Funeral of Late Robt. Conway

The funeral of the late Robert Conway took place from the residence of his son, Mr. Fred Conway, 91 King-st., at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Services were conducted at the house at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Reas, of Queen-st. church. Interment took place at Riverside cemetery, the pallbearers being Messrs. Geo. Calvert, H. Bell, Wm. Nelson, D. Campbell, R. Nesbitt, J. Nesbitt.

Ops Roads

A correspondent asks us to give the Ops council a hint to keep the roads in repair near the Ops swing bridge. He urges that arrangements should be made to shovel snow upon blows of quite frequently and makes it difficult for farmers to draw heavy loads over it.

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High Praise for Lindsay Man

In concluding a long description of the new plant of the Tennessee C. I. & R. Co. at Ensley, Alabama, completed last fall at an outlay of some five million dollars the Birmingham Daily Ledger states that a high official of the United States Steel Co., which over a year ago absorbed the T. C. & I., had declared that the enormous expenditures in new open hearth furnaces, blast furnaces, rail rolling plant, and other important particulars had been "so carefully planned and carried out under the direction of Gen. Supt. C. J. Barr, that all operations had started off without a hitch and had gone on without any change being required." This, the official declared, "was something unusual and showed remarkable accuracy in the drafting department and great engineering skill on the part of Mr. Barr and his able corps of assistants. The Birmingham papers further state that the U.S.S. Corporation intend to spend ten or fifteen millions in the next two years in betterments and additions to the T. C. & I. plants that will more than double its present capacity; and that there are orders now on hand for steel rails (open hearth) and bridge material to keep things going into 1910, so that the outlook in the State is very promising.

London County Council's expenditure for 1907-8 totalled £14,783,000.

—London Presbytery favors church union.

—Windsor's new buildings in 1908 totalled \$297,780.

—Mrs. L. H. Daniels, wife of the Mayor of Prescott, is dead.

—Peter Daynard, of Sidney township, hanged himself in his barn.

—J. P. Pink was elected Mayor of Cranbrook by acclamation.

—The Hamilton Spector job printing plant will be removed to Toronto.

—John Morgan, a leading stock breeder of Adelaide township, is dead aged 72.

—Geo. Smith, ex-M. P. of Woodstock, has been appointed county judge of Essex.

—The condition of Mr. Thos. Robertson, of Verulam, who is in the Ross Memorial hospital, suffering from blood-poisoning was somewhat improved on Saturday.

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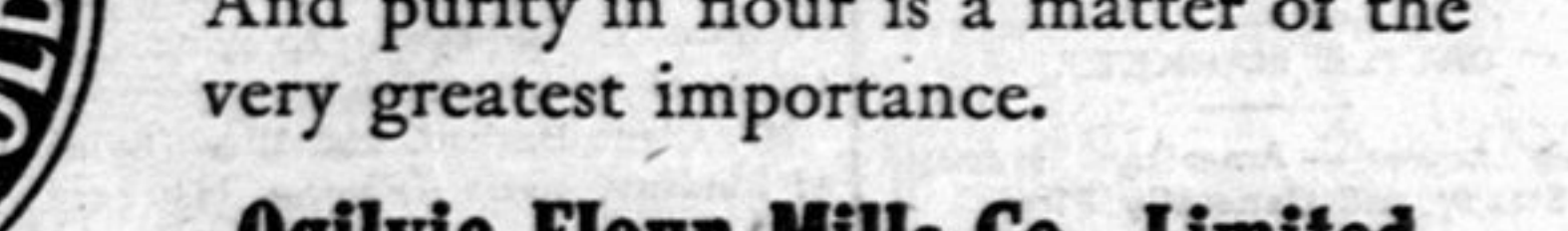
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