

Fat Stock Show at Royal City

Contrast Between Animals Exhibited and Average Animal Sold

When attending the provincial fat stock show, held at Guelph, one is impressed by the difference between the class of stock there exhibited, and the class of stock offered for sale by the average farmer, and the question naturally follows, why such a difference? While it is true that those fine specimens which won honors for their owners and feeders could not be profitably sold for ordinary prices, this should not hinder every farmer putting forth an effort to improve not only his stock but also his methods of feeding. Those men who year after year win prizes with their stock at the various fat stock shows, have studied the problems of feeding and have discovered principles which they are applying with good effect.

Our governments are doing much to enable the farmer to increase his bank account. The fat stock show is largely supported by government aid, but not all can take advantage of the opportunity offered to increase their store of knowledge. Farmers' institutes are doing a laudable work, but unlike the fair, lack the force of which accompanies object lessons. The agricultural college is a grand institution, and the pity is that the number of farmers' sons in attendance is so small. With 175,000 farmers in Ontario, we should fill the Ontario agricultural college to overflowing, and leave no room for students from other provinces and foreign countries. Another force was added to the list when district representatives were appointed in some counties. Their duties are to teach agriculture in the collegiate or high school in the town where they are stationed and to form a link connecting the farmers of their county more closely with the Department at Toronto, thus enabling the agricultural department to render greater and more useful service by being at all times in close touch with local conditions.

Every farmer in the county should tent this last method of increasing his store of knowledge. The local representative will be glad to have farmers call at the office any time and his services are free to all who may wish to consult him. During the coming winter two excellent free courses, a three months in the collegiate and a five day course in stock and seed judging will be conducted. Many young men are making enquiries concerning the three months' course and a large class will be in attendance in January.

Briskness in Christmas Trade

The Local Merchants Report Favorable Conditions Prevailing

The Christmas shopping is beginning to be brisk, and trade is reported good. The stores are full of beautiful holiday suggestions, and the variety is just as great as in past years.

The merchants are looking forward to a busy day next Saturday, and if the weather conditions are favorable, the town will be visited by a large number of Christmas shoppers.

Christmas shoppers made their appearance on Saturday and the merchants report a busy day. Most of the local stores have received their holiday goods in plenty of time, and the people are buying early. It is

noticeable that the early shoppers are largely women. The men do not seem to take much stock in the old adage about the early bird getting the worm. Perhaps some of them have found out that once in a while the worm gets the early bird. The people are buying early, but it must not be understood that there is a rush at the different stores. The real, old fashioned rush is deferred, but a decided tendency is noticed to begin Christmas shopping two weeks and more in advance.

This tendency is naturally a source of delight to both merchants and clerks, and it also gives the wise early birds a distinct advantage over the sluggards in point of variety of goods to select from. There are just as good bargains offering now as there will be the day before Christmas, and the merchants say there are many more of them.

"I haven't noticed a very great shortage of money among the shopping public so far," said a prominent merchant today. "Of course there is not the same indiscriminate buying we had in past years at this time, when people usually walked in and looked over the stock, picked out what suited them best, had it wrapped up and then asked, as an after thought, how much it cost. They are a little more careful now about the price."

Century Skating Club Organized

Lindsay Skating Rink Secured for Every Thursday Evening

A meeting of the Century skating club was held last Thursday, when the following officers were elected: Pres.—W. C. T. Morson. Vice-pres.—Mrs. Fred Knowlson. Patronesses—Mrs. R. Ross, Mrs. H. B. Black, Mrs. W. C. T. Morson. Ladies' committee—Mrs. Clemes, Mrs. Blomfield, Miss Ross. Gentlemen's committee—Leon A. Koyl, R. Murdie, A. G. Simpson, George Beall, W. A. Thomas. R. Blomfield, Sec-treas.

The committee has secured the Lindsay skating rink for the exclusive use of the club for every Thursday evening, when the Sylvester band will be in attendance. The membership has been limited to one hundred skating members. One of the club rooms will be converted into a tea room for the pleasure of those not wishing to join in the skating. The opening meeting has been arranged for New Year's eve.

Industrious Lindsay

At Sunday morning's service in the Cambridge-st. Methodist church, the Rev. Mr. Wilson said that of the many towns in Ontario in which he had resided in the course of his ministry, Lindsay seemed to have less real poverty. The people are prosperous, industrious and provident, which is a great compliment to our town. He however, remarked that charity personally administered, mellowed and broadened the sympathies and tended to make the giver a better citizen.

A Beauty Tip

Few women appreciate the value of a bran bath, which soothes the nerves and softens the skin. Take it just before retiring and you will sleep like a child. The bran, which may be bought at any feed store, should be put into a bag a foot and a half long and filled to the thickness of a high pillow. The bag should be allowed to remain in the water until thoroughly soaked and the water pressed out, so the bran can permeate all parts of the tub. Do not remain in the water longer than five minutes, and massage the skin thoroughly after.

Bank Bills That are Not Genuine

Counterfeit Five Dollars Bills are in Circulation—Reported to Dominion Police

Counterfeit notes of the Bank of Montreal of the five dollar denomination are in circulation at Montreal. One of the bills was first detected at the Banque Provinciale, where it was presented by a butcher who was unable to trace its source. On Monday another bill was spotted in the Bank of Ottawa, in the afternoon. It was immediately detected by the teller, and a notification was sent to the Bank of Montreal. Another bill turned up Thursday at the Montreal clearing house.

The counterfeit bills are skillfully engraved, and the public would have difficulty in detecting them except that the numbering is in black, whereas all genuine bills of the issue, namely January 2, 1904, are numbered in red. The alignment of the numbering on the counterfeit bills is also irregular. The figures showing the denomination of the counterfeits appear rather bulky, while the vignettes of Sir Edward Clouston and Sir George Drummond are somewhat off. The crudest part of the bill is the back, where the coloring is defective. The quality of the paper is also inferior to that of the genuine bill, but, on the whole, the defects are not likely to be detected by the casual observer.

It is believed that there are a large number of the counterfeit issue in circulation and the matter has been reported to the Dominion police at Ottawa.

The Churches

Services Held in the Various Town Churches Sunday.

QUEEN-ST. METHODIST.

Rev. Thos. Snowden, of Janetville, occupied the pulpit in Queen-st. Methodist church on Sunday. In the morning Mr. Snowden took his text from St. John 8, 29, "And He that sent Me is with Me. The Father hath not left Me alone, for I do always those things that please Him."

Mr. Snowden delivered a very able sermon from this text, showing that those who did what was right and followed in the paths of righteousness they would receive God's help and strength. The man who thinks he can live alone and have nothing to do with God shall fall into that dark pit, said the speaker, but the righteous man, he shall be exalted.

ST. MARY'S.

Rev. Father Collins delivered the sermon at both services in St. Mary's church on Sunday, prefacing his remarks by the recital of the story of the edict issued by King Pharaoh of Egypt against the male children of the Hebrews and the prominent part Moses played in this historic incident.

The reverend gentleman pointed out to parents the duty that was required of them in connection with their children, and emphasized the necessity of good example being set for their guidance in the practice of religious duties. The authority that should be exercised over them was also referred to as well as the other duties that devolved upon parents, and which were too often neglected.

CAMBRIDGE-ST. METHODIST

In the evening Rev. Mr. Wilson took his text from Deuteronomy, 32 chapter, 11th verse, "As an eagle fluteth over her young, spread-

eth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord alone did lead him and there was no strange god with him."

The Lord led Jacob that his better nature might be strengthened to the fullest extent, just as the eagle teaches her young to fly so that they may become stronger and more independent."

Man is not mentally weak. He is constantly advancing new ideas and inventions to assist in his life's work. There is no mental development in the animal kingdom. They build their homes the same now as six thousand years ago. Man would likely develop more in one hour in Glory than during his life on earth, because all the encumbrances detrimental on earth would be removed.

The discipline of God may sometimes seem severe, but it is best that our nest be stirred up and that we must make our flight into the world and support ourselves.

ST. PAUL'S

Rev. Mr. Marsh occupied the pulpit in St. Paul's church on Sunday morning and preached a very impressive sermon to a large congregation. Mr. Marsh pointed out that if the sinner would only come and ask forgiveness he would be taken in to the fold. The trouble is said the speaker that a man or woman think they can go along in their own way and when the end is drawing near then they will have lots of time to ask forgiveness. The end may come at any time, said the speaker, and then it will be too late.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Collier occupied the pulpit and preached a very large congregation.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. G. R. Welch, occupied the pulpit at both services yesterday. The subject of the morning sermon was "Religious Conquest" taken from Joshua 6-18.

The question perhaps is asked what has this incident of the conquest of Jericho to do with us in modern times? There are some principles involved here that are eternal. We have here the eternal Jericho or the typical Jericho of Evil, which we have to fight against. This evil takes many different forms. (When we think we have overcome it, it springs up again out of the ashes of its former failure, and so we have evil forever with us. On every hand we are beset by great difficulties and we cannot overcome these in our own strength, but when righteousness leads our forces, then victory is ours.)

The text of the evening sermon was taken from Acts 16, 30-31. "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house!" In asking this question, "What must I do to be saved?" we also make a confession that we are lost. It is an awful thing to be lost physically and much more so spiritually. But we always have hope, if we believe in Christ we shall be saved.

December Jingles

O! December eums along,
Heal him rip en blow;
Lis'en to his blizzard song—
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