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ON FALL SHOWS.

With the advent of fall shows it is a pertinent question to ask, what is their position at the present day? Are they deteriorating in excellence? Is the interest taken in them as keen as it was a few years ago? Do the large exhibitons tend to centralize the attention of the farmers upon them alone? To the first of these queries we would say: The position which the township fall show holds is that of a local competitive outlet for the enterprising farmer or manufacturer who aims to excel in his particular branch. It opens up a way whereby he can make the superiority of his wares known, locally, and commands for him the attention and emulation of his fellow workers. In this manner new varieties and a better class of grain and roots are introduced; a warmer degree of competition engendered, and the first-prize farmer has no difficulty in disposing of his merchandise at a considerably advanced figure over those who do not attempt to produce and show to the people a superior article. Query two: We do not think so. In some classes, such as implements and cattle, in this section at least, there may be a slight falling off. Yet taking everything into consideration, we do not note any diminution in the excellence of the general exhibits during the last twelve years; in fact there is a distinct improvment, most notable in fruit. Query three: We are sorry to acknowledge that there does not appear to be quite the same interest taken that there was formerly. We do not maintain that this is caused by the attractions of large fairs, as some have held, but mainly to a sad spirit of jealous rivalry which is always the bane of any public or private undertaking where it shows itself; partly, and in fact largely to unjust or carless decisions on the part of judges, and other small matters of neglect or partiality. These all tend to disgust exhibitors, as well as spectators. We hold that none but the most competent, consistent, and upright judges should be appointed for the purpose; and herein lies the great secret of success. In answering this query we have answered the fourth. The local show is a necessity, and should be fostered by our farmers. Its decadence would work an evil which it will be hard to remedy, and if allowed to die, will injure the farmer more than he imagines.

The editor of the Dundalk Herald inflicts upon his readers a two-and-a-half column editorial, dealing with a little private business venture which he had with a literary gentleman named Phillips. Mr. Phillips desired to write up the village of Dundalk in the same manner that Flesherton was written up in this paper last week, but Mr. Spurr did not see any material benefit to be derived from such an act, and eventually refused to have anything to do with Monsieur Phillips. In his long article the editor conveys the idea that this latter gentleman is a fraud of the deepest dye. Now we have nothing to say as to Mr. Phillips actions in Dundalk. All we can offer as rebuttal is this: Mr. Phillips came to us with the same offer that he made the Dundalk editor, and although we saw that it would not pay us financially, we thought it would be a good thing for the town and told him to go ahead. He treated us honorably and dealt in none of the underhanded scheming which Mr. Spurr accuses him of. And yet, for one reason simply, we are sorry that we had anything to do with Mr. Phillips, and that is this: We could have done better justice to the scheme ourselves; there was too much mechanical grinding out of sterotyped flattery in the articles, and they did not meet with our approval, nor cover properly the proposed ground of a descriptive portrayal of the business facilities of our favored village. This was the only fault we had to find with Mr. Phillips, and yet it is a very grave one—so grave that we would advise our brother publishers to discourage Mr. Phillips should he lay his scheme before them, as he is not really competent for the work. Neither is any stranger competent who drops into a town and attempts to write it up without any familiarity with the subject matter of which he has to deal.

Kimberley.

From our own Correspondent.

The shotguns were well tried on Monday, Oct. 1st, when a shooting match took place. Captains, James Lawrence and Wm. Stewart jr. led the battle. Captain Stewart was victorious. Marks as follows: Stewart 1.750, Lawrence 1.495. A grand supper was then partaken of at Burritt's hotel.

The trustees of the Methodist Church contemplate fencing the Church lot, building a shed and repairing the Church for convenience of the choir. We hope they will not be backward in pushing the work, as it is very necessary to have these things done.

Mr. Heman Hurlbert, who has been farming near Thornbury, is moving into the village.

Mr. T. Lewis of Toronto, also thinks the country village is better for his trade, and will move here shortly.

A number of the boys left here morning, Oct. 9th, for the winter months. We wish the boys "every success."

[We owe our esteemed correspondent an apology for the non-appearance of his letter last week. Something had to be sacrificed.—ED ADVANCE.]

Maxwell.

From our own Correspondent.

Dr. Kerr of this village has sold his practice to Dr. Scott. We are sorry to loose Dr. Kerr as he has been with us so long. Dr. Scott seems to be well liked wherever he has been.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston returned from their visit to their old home in Newboro' and vicinity.

W. Long returned the same week from his trip to Kingston. He is now very sick with intermittent fever, but we hope to soon see him around again.

Mr. James Sterling has been sick for some time. We hear he is slowly improving.

Mr Wm. Milne has sold his farm etc., and intends starting for Oregon very soon.

The Missionary service of the Methodist church was held on Sunday last. The Rev. Mr. Flint, of Ravenna, conducted the meeting. The meeting held on Tuesday evening was addressed by Mr. Flint, Mr. Roberts, of Meaford Road, and Mr. Leggott of Maxwell.

The services of the Methodist church are now held in the church near the parsonage. It having been decided to keep that one instead of the other.

Mr. C. M. Field of this village has opened up a tailor shop in Heathcote. We wish him every success there.

Meaford Road.

From our own Correspondent.

On Wednesday, of last week, while Messrs. Warling and Walker were threshing with their steam thresher on the premises of Mr. Thomas Gilbert, the boiler exploded, badly frightening, but not seriously injuring any person. Mr. Warling was lacing the belt at the time, and received a slight blow with some of the flying debris. Portions of the boiler flew over the barn and other parts through it. Fire from the furnace flew all around, and set fire to the straw stack on the opposite side of barn from where the engine stood, but it was extinguished before getting any headway. The cause of the accident is unknown.

Hon. Jas. Patton, collector of Customs for the port of Toronto, died in his office of heart disease on Thursday evening last.

A Handsome Present.

Subscribers to the Weekly Empire this year will receive a great sight more than value for their money. Each and every one will get a handsome bust of Canada's Premier, Sir John A. Mcdonald. It stands eleven inches high, and is an exceedingly faithful likeness of a man who has been one of the most remarkably successful politicians of our age. Aside from its political associations, it is a memento which should grace every Canadian home, irrespective of party. The Empire will please accept our thanks for a sample of the bust. Those who would care to examine the bust may do so at this office.

The Christian Test.

Sunday morning last Rev. J. W. Shilton read for his morning lesson Romans, the twelfth chapter. That is a chapter which may be studied to advantage by every professing Christain and those who make no such pretensions as well. We do not dare sit as judge upon our fellow men, but are constrained to believe that if the stature laid down by Paul in this chapter must be attained by every Christian, a large number of our old church members and officials are still in the Liliputian stage of development How many of them really obey that mandate, "Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath;" "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink?"

A Clever Capture.

News reached here on Monday, of a clever capture of a burglar at Holland Centre on Sunday morning. The facts appear as follows: A young man who was coming home very early on that morning observed a light in Price's store, and thinking that all was not right he quietly alarmed a number of the residents, when they surrounded the store and surprised the busy burglar in the act. He was handcuffed and taken to Owen Sound. Two of his pals, who were supposed to be watching outside, were engaged at the time in trying to burglarize another store in the vicinity and escaped. We have been unable to gather the name which the culprit gave, but he is a professional, and expressed great disgust at being collared in so small a hamlet, when he had always escaped in many large cities where he has plied his trade.

Markdale's Plum.

The respective committees of the township of Artemesia and village of Markdale, appointed to arrange financial matters between Artemesia and the newly incorporated village, met at Dr. Christoe's office, Flesherton, on Friday last. There were present on behalf of Artemesia the reeve, Dr. Christoe, and Mr. McArthur; the other member of committee not putting in an appearance. Mr. J. McFarland, reeve, and Wm. Brown, Esq., appeared for Markdale. The following settlement was arrived at, viz., Markdale to receive $128, being nearly four cents in the dollar of the total assets of the township, and is to receive at the same rate its proportion of non-resident taxes in Co. Treasures hands at time of its incorporation. It is also provided that in case the Township is entitled to any government grant at or before incorporation of Markdale, it is to receive its share at the same rate unless the amount be settled by government.

The Little Mill.

A mile and a half from Flesherton, in the romantic valley of the Boyne, stands "the little mill," a name which has been familiar in the surrounding country for many years. When first built by Mr. Plewes it was not the commodious building of to-day, hence its distinguishing title. It continued for some years to be the favorite resort of farmers with grain, as it had secured for itself an enviable name for honest tolls and excellent flour. Then it deteriorated to a certain extent until within the last year or so, when Mr. P. Loucks purchased it and proceeded at once to make it as popular as ever it was in the palmy days of years ago. Mr. Loucks is a first-class, conscientious miller, we believe, and the large business which he is working up denotes this fact clearly. Farmers come from many miles away, to prove the quality of flour turned out by "the little mill," and they always come again. We had the pleasure of examining thoroughly this ancient and historical mill one day last week, and Mr. Loucks, the gentlemanly proprietor, has our congratulations upon the successful business which he has worked up among the farming community. His advertisement will give you all the technical facts.

An extensive mail robbery was commited in Buffalo on Thursday night.

James F. Farley was found guilty of murder at Peterboro' Friday and was sentenced to be hanged on Nov. 8.

Over sixty people were killed by a collision on the Lehigh Valley railway on Wednesday night.

The greatly-feared smallpox epidemic is not likely to strike Toronto this year, as the patients in the hospital are rapidly recovering and no new cases have been reported Compulsory vaccination, however, is still continued.

Luxuriant Hair

Can only be preserved by keeping the scalp clean, cool, and free from dandruff, and the body in a healthful condition. The great popularity of **Ayer's Hair Vigor** is due to the fact that it cleanses the scalp, promotes the growth of the hair, prevents it from falling out, and gives it that soft and silky gloss so essential to perfect beauty.

Frederick Hardy, of Roxbury, Mass., a gentleman fifty years of age, was fast losing his hair, and what remained was growing gray. After trying various dressings with no effect, he commenced the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. "It stopped the falling out," he writes; "and, to my great surprise, converted my white hair (without staining the scalp) to *the same shade of brown* it had when I was 25 years of age."

Ten Years Younger.

Mrs. Mary Montgomery, of Boston, writes: "For years, I was compelled to wear a dress cap to conceal a bald spot on the crown of my head; but now I gladly lay the cap aside, for your Hair Vigor is bringing out a new growth. I could hardly trust my senses when I first found my hair growing; but there it is, and I am delighted. *I look ten years younger.*"

A similar result attended the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor by Mrs. O. O. Prescott, of Charlestown, Mass., Miss Bessie H. Bedloe, of Burlington, Vt., Mrs. J. J. Burton, of Bangor, Me., and numerous others.

The loss of hair may be owing to impurity of the blood or derangement of the stomach and liver, in which case, a course of **Ayer's Sarsaparilla** or of **Ayer's Pills**, in connection with the **Vigor**, may be necessary to give health and tone to all the functions of the body. At the same time, it cannot be too strongly urged that none of these remedies can do much good without a persevering trial and strict attention to cleanly and temperate habits.

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Came to the premises of W. T. McKee, Lot 38 Con. 4, Artemesia, two steers, one black and the other red, 2 years old. The black one was found dead on the road near my premises. The red one is now at my place, and the owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses.

NOTICE.

Having disposed of my business to Mr. Geo. Blackburn, I desire to publicly express my thanks to the people of Flesherton and vicinity for their heartily support and patronage in the past, and would bespeak from them a continuation of the same to my successor.

STEPHEN SPIRIT.

Flesherton, Oct. 16, 1888.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Having purchased the flour, feed and grocery business of Mr. Stephen Spirit, I would say that it will be my aim to cater to the public in a manner that will retain for the business the reputation which it has hitherto had for fair and satisfactory dealings with customers.

The public's servant.

GEO. BLACKBURN.

Flesherton, Oct. 16, 1888.

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GALOPS DIVISION.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for St. Lawrence Canals," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER INSTANT, for the construction of two locks and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Galops Canal.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications, will be ready for examination at this office and at the Lock-Keepers house, Galops, on and after TUESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER INSTANT, where forms of tender may be obtained by Contractors on personal application.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same, and further, a BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT for the sum of $6,000 must accompany the tender for the works.

The respective DEPOSITS RECEIPTS—cheques will not be excepted—must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 11th October, 1888.

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