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Mr. Robert McGreevy has returned to Quebec and received a sentence of one year's imprisonment for defrauding the country out of a large sum of money. Honore Mercier, one time premier of Quebec, has been summoned to appear for trial on a similar charge. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

The Dominion bye-election in Welland, made necessary by the unseating of Mr. German, takes place to-morrow, Friday. Mr. German is not again a candidate, for the good and sufficient reason that the courts have decreed that that gentleman is disqualified from holding a seat in Parliament, owing to his having personally corrupted his constituents in the March election of last year. The candidates on this occasion are John Lawson, Conservative, and James A. Lowell, Reform.

It is with pleasure we note that the Reform party is becoming impressed with the posibilities and resources of this province. W. T. R. Preston in a speech delivered at Toronto on Saturday last, said: "The province stands unique in the history of nations. No other nation in the world stands free from debt and with such great natural resources still at its command." The above shows a radical change of opinion since the last federal election. It was then stated that Ontario was becoming depopulated, and nothing was bad enough to say of it. Of course it is Mowat in this case and in the former it was Sir John Macdonald. It makes all the difference in the world whose ox is gored.

*Written for The Advance.*

### Practical Poultry Raising.

BY T. A. WILLITTS, WESTON, ONT.

Before launching into the sea of details that go to make up the sum total of modern poultry keeping a few prefatory remarks may not be out of place.

These articles are written not merely from a fancier's enthusiasm, but are the staid opinions and experiences of one who has devoted many years of study to this fascinating pursuit. Whilst the writer admires well bred fowls as much as any man living, and has himself bred many prize winners, yet the chief object during all these years of experimenting has been "utility."

No matter how handsome a fowl you may breed, it may be a paragon of beauty, but unless it is hardy and a good layer, or a good table fowl, we have no use for it. We live in an eminently practical age, and the creature that is not self supporting, be it a fowl or man, is considered a poor stick at best, and sooner or later must come to grief. In this connection it should be borne in mind, that whilst we bipeds are admittedly selfish, our fowls eclipse us in this particular, possibly because they lack the nack of concealing their faults, at any rate we will be charitable to our feathered friends, and take this view of the matter.

No hen that ever graced or disgraced a barn-yard had the remotest *inten*[tion] of laying one solitary egg mo[re than] the number necessary to sati[sfy] the requirements; and th[en] satisfy her own re[quire]ments. One doz[en] this number is generally [laid]. She then proceeds to sit on them with a view to reproducing her species; here we have in a nut-shell, the object of hens in laying. It is one that most hens lay a great more eggs than they hatch, [be]cause the owner is constantly rob[bing] her nest, and she either has to lay [an]other incubating scheme in des[pair]. My experience is a firm believer in the old saying that if you don't succeed, try, try again, which is admirable persis[tence] [in] any [line] of business.

but a china nest egg or the bare floor to sit upon.

It is clearly then this daily removal of the eggs, coupled with the fact that for very many years poultry keepers have annually selected their best layers to breed from, that has transformed a bird that in a state of nature would lay only about two dozen eggs in a year, into a veritable egg machine producing as many as fifteen dozen in some instances, in that space of time. This fact alone should be sufficient to convince the most skeptical of the great possibilities of careful breeding. Why people will continue to keep a lot of uncouth mongrels, possessing neither intrinsic worth nor outward beauty, is one of the conundrums that no breeder of choice fowls can solve. Most people who keep such wretched specimens of poultry, will tell you, "they don't pay," and this it is to be presumed is their reason for not getting something better.

It is the writer's intention to show in these articles that fowls will pay, and pay handsomely, too, if you have the right kind of fowls, and keep them in a rational manner; it is partly for such people that these articles were written, but more particularly for the farmers of our land, who, almost without exception, keep fowls. The poultry, however, strangely enough, seems to be the most neglected branch of agriculture. Why in the name of common sense do farmers keep fowl in utter neglect, and put forth such gigantic exertions to raise an acre or two of turnips?

If they are candid about it they will tell you that the reason is simply this, the turnips will not thrive at all without a certain amount of attention, whilst the fowls will; the turnips must be looked after, or abandoned, whilst the fowls even under complete neglect yield some return.

Does it not seem utter folly, then, to neglect that which possesses such sterling worth; would it not pay to give your fowls more attention? Let us reason together.

Why are you farming at all? Doubtless you will reply, "to make money." Such being the case, why not grow that which will bring you the most money?

*(To be continued).*

### Spring Assizes.

*From the Times.*

BAIRD v. MARTIN—An action arising out of the loss of the vessel Niagara, in Byng Inlet Channel. Trial postponed to next assizes. McCarthy & Osler for defendant; Creasor, Smith & Notter for plaintiff.

W. BROOKS v. KERR—An action for damages for seduction. Judgment entered by consent for $500 without costs Creasor, Smith & Notter for plaintiff; Masson & Masson for defendant.

E. BROOKS v. KERR—An action for damages for breach of promise to marry. Judgment entered by consent for $100 without costs. Creasor, Smith & Notter for plaintiff; Masson & Masson for defendant.

SIMMONS v. CORBETT, ET AL—An action on account of plaintiff as manager of the Queen's Hotel, Owen Sound. Owing to an accident to the plaintiff, the case did not come to trial, but was referred to the local master. Masson & Masson for plaintiff; A. B. Aylesworth, Q. C., Toronto, and Creasor, Smith & Notter for defendants.

PETCH v. CANADIAN MUTUAL INSURANCE C.—An action on an insurance claim for total disability. Settled out of court. A. D. Creasor and Wilson & Evans, Meaford, for plaintiff; Watson, Thorne & Co. for defendant.

MANDERS v. WILKINSON—An action arising out of a dispute over accounts. Referred to Judge Morison. Masson & Masson for plaintiff; H. G. Tucker for defendant.

During the afternoon the Grand Jury returned true bills against John Smith, jr., of Desboro, for arson, and against Wm. Farrell, of Sullivan, for the same offence.

BRYANS v. SMITH—An action for damages for the seduction of the plaintiff's daughter, Mary Bryans, by John Smith, jr., of Desboro. The plaintiff also resides near Desboro and it was alleged the defendant under promise of marriage had illicit intercourse with Mary Bryans, resulting in the birth of a child to the latter last fall. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $400 and costs. Masson & Masson for plaintiff; J. W. Frost for defendant.

BOLTON v. BOLTON—The parties used to reside Artemesia and the action was brought to secure alimony. Decree given for alimony with reference to the local master as to amount and also as to costs as between solicitors and client. Wright & Lindsay for plaintiff; J. W. Frost for defendant.

QUEEN v. FARREL—The prisoner was charged with arson. Medical testimony was put in showing him to be an idiot and His Lordship directed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty. A. Frost appeared for the Crown. The prisoner was undefended.

QUEEN v. SMITH—The prisoner was John Smith, jr. of Desboro, and the indictment charged him with firing Mr. Lamont's blacksmith shop in that village. Verdict, "not guilty." A. Frost for the Crown.

During Wednesday morning the Grand Jury found a true bill against Walter Dean for feloniously wounding Bailiff Vandusen in the Township of Proton last March 22nd. The prisoner was then placed on trial and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. A. Frost for the Crown; Masson & Masson for the defendant. The prisoner was afterwards sentenced to 1 year in the Central Prison.

On Wednesday afternoon the Grand Jury found a true bill against Minnie Spilker for perjury and the prisoner was at once put on [her] pleaded not guilty. This case attracted [a] was crowded. [Mas]son and the court room was [Crow]n and of the witnesses for [the] case for the Lordship directed the jury to find a ver[dict] guilty and the prisoner was discharged. A. [Fro]st for the Crown; J. M. Kilbourn and H. G. [Tuc]ker for defence.

[Grand Jury] their presentment in [which] at the absence [of] [Gra]nd stated that they found the jail clean and in good order. The privy pits, however, were in a deplorable state and immediate steps should be taken to remedy their condition. The presentment suggested the placing of water closets on each flat in the building. After expressing the opinion that this large and wealthy county should provide a House of Refuge for deserving poor, the presentment deeply deplored the the misery caused by the liquor traffic and expressed the hope that the people would soon rise as one man to crush it. Sympathy was expressed for the widow and family of the late Hon. Mr. Mackenzie and the presentment concluded with the wish that His Lordship would be long spared to adorn the position of chief justice. After a lengthy reply the judge discharged both the grand and petit juries.

BINNIE v. WAUCHOB—An action over a disputed line fence in Artemesia township was the last case tried, Wright & Lindsay appearing for the plaintiff and J. W. Frost for the defendant. Judgement was reserved.


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