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Many people were undecided, from the speeches of D'Alton McCarthy, exactly what is the color of his political cloth, but the effusive, bubbling, champagne-like eulogies of the Globe on his budget speech sets that matter forever at rest,

The long budget debate came to a close on Thursday last, and in the division that followed the government had a majority of 56 votes. Mr. McCarthy was conveniently absent on this auspicious occasion.

The Ontario Legislature will prorogue next week, and then will come the increased battle of words and war of factions for a few months, and on this occasion the agriculturist will be decidedly "in it." He will plow and sow his grain as of yore, but at the same time this will not prevent him from doing a deal of thinking during his silent rounds behind the team, and all evidences point to a heavy vote at the coming election, whenever it may be held.

We particularly direct the attention of our readers this week to the ably written Woman's Sphere department on our last page. It is as interesting this week to gentlemen as to the ladies, and deals in a sprightly manner with the awful period of housecleaning which is the bane of man's existence, and touches upon the women's congress at Montreal. "Dot" is quite capable of filling a position on any of the best woman's perodicals, and our readers are highly favored by contributions from her clever pen.

General News.

William Taylor, a farmer from near Glen Morris, was suffocated by gas in the Market hotel, Galt, on Friday night. He had left the jet open and retired.

A lad named James Reynolds, about 15 years old, a son of Mr. James Reynolds, of Alliston, was drowned Monday by the capsizing of a boat in which he and some companions were sailing.

Withdrawals from the Government Savings bank during March exceeded the deposit by $22,000.

At Virden, Man., Willie Huston, aged fourteen, was drowned while attempting to save a four year-old girl who had fallen into a creek.

Hiram Silverman, a merchant and general storekeeper of Webbwood, Ont., was arrested in Sudbury, Thursday, on a warrant charging him with defrauding Edward Ross out of $457 worth of goods. Silverman is now out of jail and several capiases have been applied for. It is charged that his frauds will reach $8,000 or $9,000.

A writer who evidently is in hard luck puts it in this way: No matter how things go the poor man always suffers. Yes, the nabobs who own railroads don't think anything of running over a poor man's horse. Yes, and the man who can afford a horse runs down the poor fellow on a bicycle. Just so. And the fellow on the bicycle runs down the poor chap who has to walk. That's it. And the man that walks stumbles against the poor cripple who goes on crutches. That's the way. And the cripple spends most of his time jamming his sticks down on other people's corns. It's a sadly selfish world.

A FINAL RECKONING.

Dr. Smith's report on Gangrenous Ergotism.

AS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT AFTER HIS VISIT TO THIS SECTION—AN OFFICIAL CORROBORATION OF DR. OTTEWELL'S DIAGNOSIS.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Sproule, M P., The Advance is enabled this week to place before its readers the full text of Dr. Smith's report on gangrenous ergotism, which has so seriously affected many herds of cattle in this district. Certain newspapers have decried the airing of any diseases affecting cattle at this juncture, when the trade is at a low ebb, but that is not our view of the case. England has scheduled our cattle for pleuro-pneumonia alone, and does not bother herself about other diseases which are common among her own cattle, such as tuberculosis. When a new disease crops up the more information that can be disseminated about it the better. It is now known that nothing approaching the past serious outbreak here has ever appeared in Canada before, although, as Dr. Smith says, a few cases appeared in one other district. From the very full discussion which we have given the matter our readers will be thoroughly qualified to guard against the disease in future, by proper feeding, and we believe the value of the articles which have appeared are fully appreciated by our readers.

Dr. Sproule has kindly placed before us copies of all letters that have passed between himself and the two agricultural departments, including one from J. Lowe, D.M.A., one from Dr. Andrew Smith, and Dr. Smith's report on the disease. The two former are not of sufficient interest to print in full, but the latter we append by way of a wind up to the diagnosis as formally printed, and which fully bears out in every particular everything The Advance has printed regarding the matter.

PROF. SMITH'S REPORT.

Department of Agriculture,—Office of Gov't Veterinary Inspector for Province of Ontario.

Toronto, April 3rd, 1894.

Report Re disease among cattle in County of Grey.

SIR:—On Tuesday March 27th, I visited the districts of Markdale and Flesherton and made an investigation as to a disease existing among cattle in such district.

First visited the farm of Donald McCormack, Lot 15, Con. 10, Glenelg, who has had twelve cattle more or less affected, four having died or been destroyed.

The disease was first noticed about the end of January and at present five animals are affected, one very severely, the right hand leg showing signs of sloughing off above the fetlock.

Mr. McCormack's farm is very poor land and the cattle are poorly cared for.

Next visited George Leech's farm, and found one cow and one year old heifer severely affected; the latter having lost part of the hind limb, and the stump granulating over. The cow is affected in both hind legs.

Both animals should be destroed.

At Mr. John Hayes' Lot 101, Glenelg, I found one cow affected but is likely to recover. Mr. Hayes had two other animals diseased which were distroyed some time ago.

At Mr. Blair's farm, Lot 24 and 25, Artemesia, I found several diseased animals. Mr. Blair has seventeen head of cattle and thirteen have been affected.

One cow was very badly diseased, and Mr. Blair had said cow destroyed in our presence, as both hind legs were seperating above the fetlock. I send sketch.

Mr. Blair has a good farm and his cattle are well cared for generally but the hay on which they were fed during the fall and early winter was very much ergotised.

Judging from communications and personal interviews with Messrs. Cunningham and Ottewell, Veterinary Surgeons, Markdale and Flesherton, as to said disease, and from examinations of provender and from my personal examination of cases, I believe the diseasee is due to local causes, and are well marked cases or gangerous ergotism.

This disease is not new, but has been rarely noticed in Ontario. A few years ago there were a few cases reported in the County of Perth, and about twenty years ago it existed to a slight extent in the Western part of the Province. In 1884 it existed extensively in the various parts of Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas.

Those ergotised grasses when used continuously and under certain conditions, injuriously affect the system in general; and by their action on unvoluntary muscular fibre impair the circulation, causing capillary contraction and gangrene, more especially of those parts remote from the centre of the circulatory system, as the lower parts of the limbs and sometimes the tail.

In some cases it may also act locally and thus increase the irritation. The disease begins by causing a slight disturbance of the digestive organs, a gradual falling off in condition, followed by tenderness of the feet and limbs, at first slight heat, then unnatural coldness (impaired circulation) and gangrene.

The hay which is the principle cause of the disease is a species of blue grass, commonly called June grass and readily becomes ergoted in certain seasons.

The disase is serious in character but is easily preventable by avoiding the use of ergoted hay or any hay showing signs of ergot, smut &c.

The treatment of severe cases of gangreneous ergotism is difficult, but any thing that tends to improve the general condition, such as nourishing and wholesome food, and especially roots, as turnips, carrots, in moderate quantities, combined with medicine and remedies is of benefit, together with the use of antiseptics locally when required.

Grasses readily ergotised should be cut early in the season before an ergotised condition comes on. The veterinary surgeons referred to have given good advice to the farmers. I expect the disease will be easily controlled and with the advent of spring will disappear.

It is non-contagious, and there is no necessity of causing any alarm. No doubt it is unfortunate for those farmers whose animals are affected, and the loss in some cases is serious, I enclose sketches of two well marked cases.

I am, &c.,
ANDREW SMITH, F.R.C.V.S.

HON. A. R. ANGERS
Minister of Agriculture
Ottawa, Ont.

Cost of Summons.

To the Editor of the Advauce.

MR. EDITOR,— "Public Opinion" made a slight error in stating the cost of a summons for a debt of $5 was $2.60. The statement was taken from Dr. Ryerson's figures. The word "cost" is a little inappropriate as it has been interpreted to mean merely the cost of issue and taking copy of summons. I have been kindly supplied with a schedule of fees from which I take the following: 1 Issue of summons 40 cents, 2 Copy of summons 20 cts., 3 Copy of claim (including particulars) when not furnished by plaintiff (to be paid by plaintiff) 20 cts, 4 Copy of setoff (including particulars) when not furnished by the defendant (to be paid by the defendant) 20 cts, 5 Entering return to any summons 15c., 6 Service of communication 30c., 7 Return as to service of summons 15c., There are other fees which aggregate more than this which are not directly chargeable under this head. I voluntarily make this correction, believing that it is nothing but right that there should be a fair discussion on public opinion.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Re Eugenia Bridge.

To The Editor of The Advance.

Second part first and then "Second Reader" again, as the professional educationizers compound their school prescription, little children to understand—but this for "children larger grown" connected with the county bridge near where Beaver River stands on end in our Eugenia town, which needs more breezes still to raise to grade of hill.

To read the back council reports in the Advance, from first paper in March, we see that the five councillors discussed and voted that a committee, three of their notable members, should examine, etc., whereabout and of what style to build a bridge over the Beaver river in Eugenia—expending thereon the $700 which the County Council had given them for such purposes—and said committee to build such bridge "the coming summer of 1894," but our "first part" said that work was begun "in the first month of spring," with intention of completing before summer, months earlier than their own voting in council gave them any authority to begin or end. Better at their meeting on 30th April pass "a vote of want of confidence" in themselves—also a vote of censure, etc.—but some taxpayers "should have an eye" that they don't pass and indorse all as "legal expenses" or make the wording of the vote read—a want of confidence of keeping the cash, if delaying to grasp it as quick as a flash. And regarding censure, that said dissenting council are decidedly determined to keep the cents sure.

And at the first April council meeting some more down grade was voted, allowing that such bridge may be only four feet higher than the present, and of whatever construction the committee may see proper, or in other very different wording—that the committee's report be accepted," and left over for "any other construction,"—and which said committee doubtless voted yea upon. There, there! don't jibe us with "making fun of them," as they are capable, as I was always capable of making fun of myself

If such outlay of borrowed money, for taxpayers to have to rapay double for has to be thus expended and an acceptably well-made bridge shall be built, I am not inclined to charge for sufficient stone right there—but if not of creditable higher, wider, better make "by a good deal" than the council indicates, then I will consent that my brother, who owns such stone shall claim and be paid honest value for it. "Truly" R. MCLEAN PURDY.

Eugenia, 16, 4, 1894.

ANOTHER LETTER.

To the Editor of The Advance.

SIR:—So it would appear we are going to have another "patch up" to our bridge. There seems to have to be a difference of opinion as to the height that the bridge ought to be made but not a word about building a bridge on the straight line and abandoning the crooked down hill track at present used. The bridge over the river ought to be straight with the road going to Kimberely and the north, and going south by Mr. Car's and Gilliland s. This road is exactly in the center of the town plot and might be made quite level. This would surely be a great improvement on the present down hill and up hill crooked route. A little more money would be spent in building a pernament bridge on the route I purpose, and surely would not be grudged by any one. Some say that the present route being established by by-law must be continued. Are our laws like those of the Meedes and Persians which altereth not? doubtless the same power that made the law can repeal it, and let us have the road and bridge where it should be.

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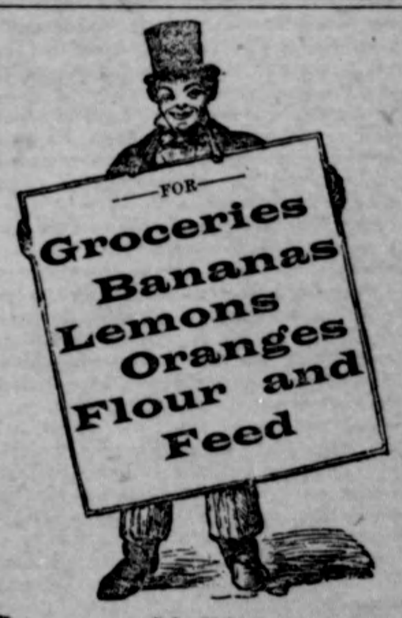
In the matter of the Estate of Roger Lever, late of the Village of Flesherton, in the County of Grey, Esquire, deceased.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 110, notice is hereby given that all creditors and persons having claims upon or against the estate of the said Roger Lever, late of the Village of Flesherton, in the County of Grey, Esquire, who died on or about the third day of September, A. D., 1893, are hereby required to deliver or send by post prepaid, to the undersigned, solicitors for the executors of the last will and testament of the deceased, on or before the Twentieth day of April, A. D., 1894, a statement in writing of their names and address, together with full particulars of their claims and the nature of securities (if any,) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the said Twentieth day of April, 1894, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given as above required, and the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim or claims notice shall not have been received by them or their solicitors at the time aforesaid.

LUCAS & WRIGHT,
Owen Sound, Ont.
Solicitors for the said Executors.
Dated the 1st day of March, A. D., 1894.



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