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Farmers' Institute Meeting.

The meeting of Centre Grey Farmers Institute held at Markdale on Tuesday the 13th, was not largely attended, there being only some 57 present in the afternoon, and owing to some oversight on the part of the superintendent of institutes or the deputations the speakers did not arrive until noon on the 14th. The meeting was advertised according to the Bulletin issued for the whole Province.

The President, John Boland, being present, called the meeting to order and said we would not lose an opportunity to make good use of our time. He regretted the trying season we were passing through and expressed the hope that the like would not return again, then called on Mr. Kells.

Mr. Kells said courage was essential to success in farming and especially a year of this kind. He urged them to keep their farms in good condition for growing a crop when a successful year would come, and strongly urged the necessity of growing corn, and also of the improving of our stock. We should also try to produce an article for which there is likely to continue a favorable market, and he thought that cheese, apples, and heavy horses should be among the products we should raise. Mr. Morwood, a retired farmer, being called, said he had always tried while farming to keep the farm clean and look well after the manure pile. Mr. McCormack was asked to make a few remarks. He advocated frequent seeding down to improve our land and keep it clean, and urged the need of improving our stock and to fully make up our minds as to which lines of farming we intend to pursue.

To have a variety of thoughts, W. A. Brown, jeweller, was called. Like Burns, he dwelt on scenes of youth and scenes of childhood, of course on the farm.

Mr. A. Muir gave his experience with corn growing and the silo. He did not know what he would have done this year without the corn for the stock, but he had come to gather information.

Mr. Wm. Hill spoke a short time on the low prices of all produce. He thought mixed farming best, and the aim should be to have a profit on what ever was produced on the farm.

P. McCullough, barrister, being called, said that of all the occupations that existed farming was the one that required the most exchanging of ideas. It was easy, however, to give advice. Few farmers took sufficient literature. \$10 or \$15 spent in papers and magazines for a family was well spent. To make money should not be the sole object, there was no calling that can equal farming.

J. M. Davis, first Dep. Reeve of Euphrasia, said he had not come prepared to speak. One thing he regretted to see, was so few here. At a meeting of this kind this large hall should be filled. There was one thing that nature had done for the farmer that many should have done before now, reduce the quantity of stock. Many kept far too much stock. It was better to keep less stock and feed them better.

Mr. J. I. Graham gave a paper on "Nitrogen, and how to get it." D. R. Ellis and Wm. Milson each spoke for a short time. It was learned by telephone that the speakers would be here on the noon train Tuesday. The meeting was accordingly adjourned.

TUESDAY, 14TH.

The president, Mr. John Boland, reeve of Artemesia, again called the meeting to order and gave an interesting opening address, during the course of which he said: It is a well known fact that whenever an Institute exists the very best and most progressive farmers within reach are members of that Institute.

Before entering into discussion of the

various subjects, said the president, which will come before you, perhaps it might be profitable to occupy a little time in taking stock, as it were, of our present position as a people depending entirely upon agriculture for the measure of our prosperity. Our prospects in the spring of '95 were most encouraging, but unfortunately were blighted in one night by frost, which destroyed our fruit prospects, followed by drouth which prevented our meadows and pastures from recovering, which in both cases proved a failure with a short crop of straw and grain and only a partial crop of roots, which has left the majority of the farmers in Centre Grey in a position more easily imagined than described. The best advice he could give under the circumstances was to look not mournfully into the past. He hoped a similar condition would never return again. Wisely improve the present and go into the future with stability of purpose and with a manly heart. In conclusion, he bespoke from the audience an interested and attentive hearing for those who were present to address the meeting.

Mr. A. McNeil spoke on the subject, "Every farmer his own mason," and gave some valuable pointers on building walls, floors, etc. We would like to report his remarks more fully, but space forbids.

R. Harcourt, B. S. A., was the next speaker. The subject assigned him was, "How to maintain the fertility of the soil." There are about ten elements, said the speaker, of fertility that are necessary to grow a crop. Nearly all soils possess seven of these in sufficient quantities, but three required to be put on the soil, viz.: nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid. Green crops should be ploughed under to give humus to the soil. The question of drainage should also be considered in connection with this subject. Only the finished article should be sold off the farm. Corn takes largely from the constituents in the soil, but it is largely returned again. Bran is a good food, rich in nitrogen, and returns a large percentage to the soil.

W. S. Fraser gave some hints on clover. It should be cut when about one half of the bloom had commenced to turn brown. Keep it well shaken out. Never let it dry so that the leaf will fall off, and tramp it solid in the mow with a horse.

A. McNeill volunteered a few remarks on "Fruit growing with general farming." There was usually a favorable spot on most farms for a few acres of an orchard. Apples and pears could easily be grown by the general farmer. Plums belonged rather to the specialist. He thought the ground should be very rich and kept well cultivated. Strawberries could easily be grown. The soil should be very rich and free from all weed seeds. The right way was to begin on a small scale until the necessary knowledge was gained.

At the evening meeting Mr. McCullough occupied the chair. The speakers were W. S. Fraser on "Farmers' needs," and R. Harcourt on the "Ontario Agricultural College." Mr. Harcourt said there were schools for all other professions, and why should not the farmer have his? The high schools educate from the farm. The studies of the high school are taken up in the college in touch with farm work. The students receive two lectures a week during the whole year on Veterinary, Geology, Botany and Entomology; he is placed on his own resources with boys of different nations of the world. Such a training will make him think, and to think is the real object of education.

Township Council.

The first meeting of the new council was held in the Town Hall on Monday with the reeve, Mr. Boland, in the chair. After the members had taken the necessary declarations of office the clerk read the following communications: Petition from Jas. McMullen and others asking for change in boundaries of S. S. No. 10; from M. Riley, chairman, Board of Health, report; from Co. Treas., list of lands in arrears for taxes. Accounts were read from W. H. Thurston, election stationary, \$14.50; do, printing financial statement, \$12; from township clerk, bill of election expenses, \$53; from Board of Health, bill Dr. Brander, \$3.00; from Board of Health, bill Dr. Hutton, work in connection with board, \$3. By-law No. 520, to appoint an assessor, was filled up with the names of John Whitten. By-law 521 to appoint auditors, was filled up with the names of R. J. Sproule and Jas. Brodie. By-law 522, to appoint members of the local board of health, was filled in with the names of Mr. Riley for

three years, George Latimer two years, and Peter Holman one year.

Thompson—Best—That Mr. T. Kells be first deputy reeve and Mr. D. McMillan second deputy reeve for the year 1896. Carried.

Kells—Best—That the petition of Jas. McMullen, R. McGill and G. F. McKenzie, trustees of S. S. No. 10 of this municipality, be entertained, clerk to give notice to interested parties required by law to be considered any meeting before the first of May. Carried.

Kells—Thompson—That Frost & Batson, solicitors, be paid \$1 for legal advice re qualification of certain officers. Carried.

McMillan—Thompson—That Robert Reid be refunded 40 cts., the same being an error in assessment for 1895. Carried.

McMillan—Thompson—That the accounts of Drs. Hutton and Brander be referred to the local board of health for a report. Carried.

Best—McMillan—That the deputy returning officers be paid for their services as per bill: Ward 1, \$9; ward 2, \$9; ward 3, \$8; ward 4, \$9; ward 5, \$9; ward 6, \$9; W. H. Thurston, election stationery, \$14.55; W. H. Thurston printing financial statement, \$12, total amount, \$79.55. Carried.

Thompson—McMillan—That the bill of Robert McLeod for opening snow road be not entertained, as this council has provided for said work by statute labor. Carried.

Kells—McMillan—That John Wright, collector for ward 3, having returned his roll according to law, be paid \$30 and \$1 for postage, likewise D. McCormick, collector, \$25 for his services as per bylaw, and \$1 for postage. Carried.

Kells—Best—That Matthew Richardson be refunded \$4.92, being the charge on Wm. Wood's personal property, the said Wm. Wood having left the country. Carried.

Best—Thompson—That whereas Foster Heron has returned \$1 to the commissioner of ward 3 for saw logs removed on old Durham road in May last, said amount having been paid to William Caswell for removing said logs from middle of highway, that the same be placed to the credit of the township. Carried.

Kells—McMillan—That the report of the board of health be adopted and filed. Carried.

Kells—Thompson—That the following members of this council be and are hereby appointed road commissioners for 1896 for the several wards, as follows: D. McMillan, ward 1; T. Kells, ward 2; James Best, ward 3; George Thompson, ward 4; the reeve to attend to the building and repair of bridges on report of commissioner interested. Carried.

Thompson—Kells—That notice is hereby given, and also the clerk is hereby authorized to notify all parties who are responsible for placing obstructions on streets or highways within or on the boundary lines of this municipality, of which complaint has been made by register letter, or in person, all parties failing to remove obstructions complained of, will in ten days be dealt with according to statutory bylaw of this township. Carried.

Kells—Thompson—That the reeve and clerk be a committee to enquire into and report upon the treasurer's sureties at next meeting of council. Carried.

Thompson—Kells—That this council adjourn until the second Monday in February. Trustees of S. S. 6, 7 and 10 to attend council on said date. Carried.

Out at Maple Valley the people are having some fun in procuring a post master. Petitions and contra petitions have been signed and sent off to Ottawa. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. B. Bowman, who having disposed of his stock of groceries and dry goods, did not care to continue in the position, which, we are lead to believe is not very remunerative. Our informant tells us that a very large petition was signed and sent to Ottawa, praying for the appointment of Mr. Amos Ogilvie, a highly respected resident of the village, and who, by the way, now carries on the store business which he purchased from Mr. Bowman. In reply the matter was referred to a prominent Conservative in Stayner. The position was offered to Mr. W. D. Taylor, who declined, and recommended Mr. Ogilvie. It is said that the Conservative to whom the matter was referred, made enquiry and discovered that Mr. Ogilvie's political views were not in accord with his, and that said he is a—Grit; he can't have it. However true this may be, he did not get the appointment. A Mr. Jas. McKenzie has been appointed. Now another petition is being circulated to have the

OUR WINTER SALE..

January and February are always considered the dull months of the year. But we are going to reverse this order of things and this is the way we do it.

30 day sale

From the 15th of January to 15th of February we will offer special inducements in every department.

We have put in the knife and when we cut we cut deep.

Space will not allow us to mention all the bargains in store for those who attend this great sale, but we will endeavor to give you a few hints of how things will go.

Boots & Shoes

This department is well worthy of special attention and sales have been exceptionally good this fall but we want to keep the ball rolling. Here she goes:

	former price	now
Children's shoes	50c	39c
Girls' Buff shoes	75c	59c
Boys' do	\$1.00	70c
Women's G. G. kid	1.40	\$1.19
Men's heavy boots	1.25	99c
Men's long boots	\$1.90 and upwards.	
Men's gum rubbers	\$1	boys' rubbers 90c.
Men's overshoes	\$1.25	women's overshoes, \$1.15.
Overcoats, boys'	\$2.50, \$1.25 and \$3.	Overcoats, Men's ulsters, \$1.90, \$5.75, \$7, clearing prices.
Men's all wool shirts and drawers		75c per suit.
Men's union shirts and drawers		50c per suit.
Men's heavy braces		10c per pair.
Men's astrachan caps		25c each.

Dry Goods

28in. Flanneletts at 5c per yard. All linen table damask 19c per yard. All linen towelling 6c per yard. 8/4 bleached sheeting 19c per yard. Double fold all wool dress serges 21c per yard.

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Get our prices on these goods. We have them down. Now is your time to hit them.

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appointment cancelled. We believe that it is being largely signed, as the appointment made is not satisfactory. Messrs. Sproule, Lauderkin, and McCarthy have been written to on the subject.—Bulletin.

John Tweed of Elmvale has had hard luck lately. On the 7th of July, 1895, his fine hotel was destroyed by fire. He at once commenced to rebuild and put up a very fine building at a cost of nearly \$6000. It had just been finished and he had commenced business again when it was again destroyed by fire on the 7th January. Several of the inmates had a narrow escape. A commercial traveller was taken from the building in a lifeless condition, but recovered. He lost all his clothing and his samples. The fire occurred at the same hour and on the same day of the month in both cases.

The efforts of any newspaper to build up a town are practically nullified unless they be backed up by business men. A stranger turns from the news columns of a paper to its advertising pages, and if he fails to find there the business cards of the merchants and professional firms, he comes to the conclusion that the publisher is not appreciated, in which case it is a good place for him to keep clear of. No town ever grew without the active assistance of the newspaper. Nor can papers grow and build up their localities without the assistance of the town. Business men should realize this and remember in giving support to the newspaper they are not only building up their own business, but helping to support that which is steadily working for the whole community.

A civil right of persons with sensitive ears was vindicated in Milwaukee on Wednesday of last week. A jury of Germans in the court of a justice of the peace decided that the bagpipe was not a musical instrument. A number of Scotchmen were present and it took the best efforts of the justice and a constable to prevent them from assaulting the jury. The case grew out of the frightening of a horse by the playing of a procession of freaks which the Wisconsin Theatre Company turned loose in the streets. The horse, according to the finding of the jury, was scared to death by the noise of the bagpipe, or "dudlak," as the German attorney called it. The plaintiff was given a verdict of \$120.



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6 quart milk pans	28c "
11 1/2 inch wash basins	24c "
12 1/2 "	28c "
3-quart preserving kettles	29c "
4 "	33c "
5 "	38c "
6 "	44c "
8 "	49c "
14-quart dish pans	68c "
17 quart dish pans	78c "
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