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A well-bred Durham bull, twelve months old. Apply to W. H. HUDEY, Priceville. Tues., March 14, 1899.

From the Philippines

Growing of Rice and Sugar Cane—Philippine Methods of Farming—With the Wounded

I will now give you a description of the rice fields that our men had to charge through. The rice grows on low, swampy land which has to be ditched or ridge in order to hold the water. In some places the ridges to retain the water are only a foot high and in others range from four to five, and each field is cut up in small sections with these ridges. These make fine breastworks as our men advance over the country. Where our men retreated (previously referred to) the ridges are four and five feet high and the only way to cross this country is to walk on top of the ridges, as to try to run across the fields otherwise one would find himself up to his boot tops in mud and water, and in some cases up to his waist. The rice grows in great quantities, about five feet high, and looks much like the beaver hay that grows in the beaver meadow at home. Rice is sown in beds, and when about eight inches high is transplanted into the rice field. I think all the rice lands could be irrigated but they are not, a large proportion depending upon the rain which falls upon it. This is so abundant that the crop is seldom a total failure, but according to statistics it only produces about one-sixth as much as land which is irrigated, as only one crop can be taken therefrom in one year. One manager of an estate comprising over 100,000 acres gives from his books the result of a test embracing several years. The irrigated land yielded an average of 2000 pounds of rough rice per acre each crop, and produced two crops annually; the unirrigated land gave one crop and yielded an average of 500 pounds per acre. Under this system one man can farm 2½ acres of rice. For harvesting the sickle is used. The rice is cut and put in very small bundles on the ground, heads down and butts in air. After standing in this way a couple of days it is piled into small ricks on top of the dividing ridges. Each rick is about three feet wide by three feet high and as long as you please. When sufficiently dry the grain is removed by drawing the straw through a heckle, a sort of comb made of iron spikes projecting through a board. The greater portion of the rice, sugar and other plantations are managed under the most oppressive system of landlordism in the world. The Dominican order of Friars, one of the wealthiest in the Philippines, secured a large amount of this country in early times in a similar manner to the concessions granted the seigniors of Quebec province. They have been accustomed to lease their large estates to planters, from one to five thousand acres to an individual as he could manage. This right of leasehold fell from father to son for generations. The religious order received about 1 per cent. in cash for the property value. Then in turn these landlords sublet it on what we call shares in Canada, or in any way they can to oppress the actual tillers of the ground. The usual way is to furnish the tiller with seed and exact half the crop. In case the sub-tenant requires a little cash to run matters, for every 25c or 30c advanced he must give his landlord 100 pounds of rough rice out of his share at harvest. The sugar cane crop is manipulated in much the same way. As the law stands a man cannot leave an estate so long as he is in debt thereto.

The dry and sandy lands are generally planted with sugar cane. Two men and four buffaloes will farm 2½ acres of sugar cane. The cane harvest generally takes place about the middle of December and arrangements are made at the same time for replanting. The cane is cut in lengths of about eighteen inches, tied in bundles and kept in a damp place until required for planting, which is done by dropping closely in a furrow, four feet apart, made by a plow. The cane is covered by the dropper kicking a little dirt over it. As soon as the cane is up it is lightly

ploughed, but in most cases very little cultivating is done.

The Red Cross men have done hard work since coming here. They have been with the firing line during all engagements and have endured all the hardships of the field. The hospital corps has been compelled to work hard both day and night for the benefit of sick and wounded. The amount of suffering is terrible. There have been instances where wounded Philipinos have lain in the woods for as much as five days with their wounds unattended to, and when found were still alive. In one instance I saw fifteen Philipinos and one Spaniard where they had lain 24 hours without attention. Being hospital man I helped to feed them. The poor fellows begged piteously to have their wounds dressed. Some I attended to, others, whose wounds were almost rotten, I dare not touch. The Spaniard died during the night. The fact of the matter is, the Americans have had their hands full with their own wounded. Since Feb. 5 there have been 932 wounded men taken to the hospital. Since that time there have been 193 deaths from wounds received in action. At the present time there are 960 patients. The hospital is a well equipped affair employing twenty contract trained nurses and 160 privates. ED. STRAIN.

Priceville

From Our Own Correspondent

On Wednesday evening of last week the Rev. Mr. McConnel of Orangeville delivered a lecture on the life of John G. Paton and his work as a missionary in the New Hebrides. The lecture was illustrated by very many magnificent lime light views of the life lived by the inhabitants of the Island of Tana. Many stirring scenes in the life of the missionary were also depicted. The lecture was given under the auspices of the C. E. society. There was a large attendance. A silver collection was taken up in the interest of missions.

On Wednesday forenoon of last week fire broke out in the roof of the residence of Mr. Malcolm Cameron. When the fire was discovered it had made such headway that little attempt was made to put it out, and so the neighbors turned their attention to saving the furniture, etc., which was safely removed with the exception of some carpet and a box of clothing. There was no insurance on either building or contents. Mr. Cameron has moved into the house lately occupied by Mr. William Marshall. Mrs. Archie McLean met with a serious accident during the fire. While helping to remove the furnishings she struck her wrist against a piece of glass severing an artery. Six stitches were required to close the wound. Rags and gossip were occupying the attention of a goodly number of the fair sex of this burg one day this week. Particulars in our next budget. (If we can get them.)

Our worthy Reeve, Mr. John McArthur, is going around with a bandage on his neck. Your cor. asked him the other day what was the matter, "Job's comforters," was the reply. A fine combed stable was raised on the manse grounds on Tuesday of last week. A very neat and tasty wire fence is also in the course of erection. All that is needed now to complete the good work is a large shed. Mr. Peter McIntyre spent a few days at home lately as a result of a sprained ankle. Peter doesn't take a holiday until he has to. M. Alex McCabe of Lotus paid a flying visit to this burg last week. Mr. Richard Walters is building a new woodshed for the O. D. R. school house. Miss Ida Irwin of Flesherton spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Bertha James. We are glad to learn that Mr. Duncan McRae, who has been very ill with inflammatory rheumatism, is recovering. Mr. Thos. Henderson of Inistoke was the guest of Mr. Dougal Ferguson last week. Dr. Annie Henry of Markdale is visiting at Mr. C. C. James' at present. Miss Lizzie Campbell of Hopeville is spending a few days at the parsonage.

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Ceylon

From Our Own Correspondent

The Misses Egan of Proton spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Egan last week.

Messrs. J. Ashdown and R. Legate spent Sunday in Durham.

Mr. Will Greenwood and Miss Glen-cross were the guests of Miss May Cook on Sunday.

Miss Dunn of Toronto is visiting her sister, Miss Hendrick.

Mrs. H. Tucker visited Holstein friends last week.

Mrs. S. Hemphill, who has been in the general hospital for the past eight weeks returned home last week. We are pleased to see her back again.

Messrs. Grant and Arthur Whittaker returned from Toronto Friday.

Miss Eva Rutledge and M. Wright left for New Jersey Thursday.

Feversham

From Our Own Correspondent

Some of our citizens have been complaining that your correspondent is either dead or speechless, so we will have to smooth the matter over by a little news.

Miss M. Godfrey of Meaford is visiting at Mr. Buco's.

Mr. Lewis Sanderson spent a few days in Meaford last week.

The gorgeous turrets of Dr. Park's residence, 2 Wellington St., east, can be seen glimmering in the sun. He was the busiest man in town last week while attending to the sick and the convalescents.

Mr. and Mrs. Treaty of Honeywood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pridell.

Miss Gertie Paul has returned after a visit to friends in Owen Sound.