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RURAL CO-OPERATION

Growth of the Principle in Our Own Province.

Live Stock Sales and Egg, Fruit and Wool Marketing — Much Done Through Farmers' Clubs — The Local Government Aids.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

IN the field of Agricultural Co-operation in the Province of Ontario, the greatest advance during the year has been made in connection with the shipping of live stock. Five years ago there were practically no Live Stock Shipping Clubs. At the present time between three and four hundred separate organizations (including Farmers' Clubs) ship co-operatively. The majority of these ship to the Live Stock Branch of the United Farmers Co-operative Company, which handled about 30 per cent. of the stock going through the yards. Present indications point to the possibility, within the next few years of the larger proportion of the live stock of Ontario being shipped co-operatively.

The second important development in the province is that in connection with Egg Marketing. The year previous to this there were about fifty active Egg Circles in the province marketing eggs and poultry, to the value of about $120,000. The number of Circles has increased until there are now some sixty in operation, and Farmers' Clubs as well as Egg Circles are now taking up this important work. The most noticeable development is in the grouping of Circles in various districts for the purpose of establishing candling and grading stations, and already some three districts are so organized, each consisting of a dozen or more local circles. The United Farmers Co-operative Company has recently opened a department for eggs and poultry and this fact will doubtless have the same effect as in connection with Live Stock Shipping.

A development in connection with Co-operative Marketing is the movement on foot during the year to combine under one central company the manufacturing and marketing of the cheese from local cheese factories. This company has opened an auction market in Montreal with a successful and increasing business.

The co-operative marketing of wool was continued last year through the Ontario Sheep Breeders' Association as previously. The Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Limited, marketed a total of about 4,000,000 pounds, and of this amount Ontario supplied 775,000 pounds. It is estimated that Ontario's total production is about 2,500,000 pounds annually. Thus, 31 per cent. of Ontario's wool was marketed co-operatively last year.

A large proportion of the co-operative work in the province is carried on through unincorporated local farmers' clubs, of which there are some twelve or thirteen hundred in the province. The great majority of these are affiliated with the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, which acts as a wholesale house for these clubs. The amount of business transacted by some of the clubs is remarkable. There are, of course, a number which do only part of their trading through the central company; the wholesale business, however, as reported in the annual statement of the central company, amounted to $8,500,000. This will no doubt show a substantial increase in the next statement, since the company has established a number of branch stores and additional separate departments at the head office.

With the increase of business and the consequent larger financial transactions an increasing number of clubs have become incorporated under the Co-operative Section of the Ontario Companies Act. During the year there have been eighty incorporations, either as Share or Non-share Co-operative Companies. Where the club has reached the stage when it feels that incorporation will be beneficial, usually its business is on a fairly substantial basis and gives promise of being permanently successful. One such organization, for instance, handling live stock, feeds, grains and other commodities and buying supplies, is doing a business which averages about $1,000 a day.

There are other organizations in the province which do not actually carry on business, but whose work is one phase of co-operative endeavor. Such organizations are,—Milk Producers' Associations, Grape Growers' Associations, Sugar Beet Growers' Association, Tobacco Growers' Association and others of like nature which endeavor to study market conditions and advise their members as to prices. In some cases the association confers directly with the trade as to the prices to be paid the growers. Recent developments would indicate that out of these organizations may grow commercial co-operative companies of producers, controlling the output of the members.

A great deal of preliminary work has been done by the Department during the year in connection with the production of pure seed, more particularly of potato seed in Northern Ontario. This work is leading to the organization of commercial seed centres.

The trend of Agricultural Co-operation in the province during the last year or so is more in the direction of Co-operative Marketing than previously. Farmers' Clubs are usually formed with the idea of combining the purchasing of supplies for its members, and this line of business is usually the first attempted by the clubs. The amount of Co-operative Marketing business during the last year has, however, exceeded the supply business in the province and justifies our opinion as to the relative importance to the farmer of the Co-operative Marketing of his products and buying of his supplies.—F. C. Hart, Co-operation and Markets Branch, Toronto.

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St Vincent—F J Eaton.
Sullivan—H Farrow.
Sydenham—J Currie, Geo A Bothwell.
Thornbury—A H Bothwell.
Nineteen out of the 33 members went in by acclamation.

SHINGLES

Shingles are down to $5,50 per square and it will pay to buy now as prices will be advanced to $5.75 in February and $6.50 on May 1st. We have on hand about 245,000 XXX B. C. Orders booked now. W. A. Armstrong, phones 13 and 28, Flesherton.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Estate of William Joseph Boyd, late of the Village of Flesherton, in the County of Grey, Cattle-buyer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Sec. 56 of the Trustees Act, R S. O. 1914, Chap. 121, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said William Joseph Boyd, who died on or about the 2nd day of December A.D., 1920, at the City of Toronto, are required, on or before the 1st day of February, 1921, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to Lucas & Henry, Solicitors for the Administratrix of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars in writing, of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the natureof the securities, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said Administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

LUCAS & HENRY,
Solicitors for the Adminisiratrix.

Dated at Markdale this 7th day of January A. D. 1921.

Canadian Oil Fields

The Canadian Oilfields people are preparing to drill a well two miles from Shelburne and have opened an office in that village. In their manifesto they hand out some interesting information about the Flesherton well, from which we quote:

"The work in this field commenced in 1917 at Flesherton, where a test well was started and is now at a point bordering on production of the product oil. The Company has taken from this well a considerable quantity of grease, in oil vernacular termed 'oil smut.' According to the best expert evidence oil invariably follows the appearance of this grease, and the proof of this fact is evident in Well No. 1, in that oil has been blown from the top of the well by an explosion. The oil blown over the top was fresh and had not been exposed to air. The Company are now waiting for a vacuum pump which has been ordered from the States, none being available in Canada. The next process following vacuum, if that is not successful, is shooting with nitroglycerine. The glycerine is also very difficult to get here in Canada, but it is the intention of the Company to secure it."

A Faithful Wife

Mrs. Oliver Moore of Port Elgin, whose husband has been serving seven months in the Walkerton jail for the theft of a horse and buggy was apparently so overcome with the spirit of loneliness that on her arrival in Walkerton on Saturday last she expressed a desire to be with her husband, even if it were in the damps of a prison cell, and as the minions of the law here are simply overflowing with the milk of human kindness in this respect, Chief Ferguson went through the formality of placing the woman under arrest, and His Worship, James Tolton, J.P., in the pose of a public comforter, gave the wee wifie a New Year's gift of eight days in the local jail for vagrancy, which corresponded to the unfinished term of her husband's incarceration. On Saturday next the faithful pair will walk out of the bastile together, thus setting an example to some more pretentious folks of "playing the game" even in adversity—Bruce Herald and Times.

PROTON

Election day passed off in this village with the usual stir at the polling places for both townships. With live farmers such as Mr George Wright at the head of the Proton Council, and Mr W. Meads at the head of the Artemesia Council, we should expect good township legislation.

Mr and Mrs Becker and little son, Jack, are visiting in Toronto.

Mr Munroe of Owen Sound spent an evening at the home of H. Copeland.

Mr and Mrs Harold Thompson have bought a farm near Chesley and are at present spending a few days in that vicinity. Their friends at Proton wish them success in their venture.

The Woman's Day of prayer, Jan 7th, set aside by the Presbyterian church of Canada, was observed by the W M S here. Mrs Eade gave a beautiful talk on Consecration. The pastor, Rev. Mr Fowler, was present and spoke helpful and encouraging words to the Society.

Robert Carson has opened a barber shop over Mr Wyville's store and is prepared for business.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Wright spent Saturday in Flesherton.

Mr and Mrs John Corbett of Bethel visited the latter's parents here.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian church here is arranged to take place on Monday evening, Jan. 17.

Victoria Corners

Wm Stinson of Forest is visiting his brothers, James and Albert, also his sister, Mrs James Best.

The Misses Lee are visiting their brother, Robert Lee.

Mrs George Moore, who has been very ill with pneumonia, Nurse Earle's of Dundalk being in attendance. She is now doing nicely.

Joseph Stinson and Lawson Lockhart visited a few days in Toronto last week.

School opened on Monday of last week with Miss Perdue of Chatsworth as the new teacher.

The ladies of the W M S met for their first meeting at the house of Mrs James Lockhart. The next meeting will be held at Mrs W. Acheson's Jan. 25th.

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