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EDITORIAL NOTES

Toronto will spend $100,000 annually to advertise the city.

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Premier Ferguson is kept busy shelving rumors of his proposed "wet" policy.

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A firm in Yohohama, Japan, is contracting for a supply of horse meat. For our part they can have all they can secure.

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There is a heavy demand for western coal in the cities of Ontario and attempts are being made to make the $7.00 per ton freight rate permanent.

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An arrest was made in England recently of a man who threatened to shoot a woman, and he was given the option of a jail sentence or emigrating to Canada. The judge giving sentence on this man must imagine that this country is a penal colony.

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Right Hon. Mackenzie King has at last attained a seat in the new House of Commons. Monday he was returned by a majority, it is expected, of around 8,000 in the Prince Albert constituency, Sask. It is hoped that by his return to active participation and the formation of his ministry that affairs in Canada will settle and prosperity again visit every home in this fair dominion.

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A recently estimated report of Ontario ridings are divided between the two factions as follows: Conservatives—Prohibition, 48; Moderation 29. United Farmers—Pro., 16 Mod 4. Liberals—Pro., 5, Mod., 9. Prohibition Ridings, 69; moderatin ridings 42. If there is an Ontario election this year, it might be fought out between a Conservative-Moderationists party and a Liberal-United Farmers-Prohibitionists party. Such a departure would make an interesting campaign to say the least.

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The impoved method of marketing hogs during the last three years is having good results in that during the past season Canadian Bacon has risen from seventh to third place on the same market. In 1913 Canadian bacon had second place on the same market but the shipping of over fed hogs caused a slump. In the last year, we have been able to win back a large portion of the trade and we should endeavor to continue breeding and feeding for such a market, which is indeed a profitable one.

ARTEMESIA COUNCIL

Council met in the town hall, Flesherton, on Saturday 13th February, 1926. The members all present the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Correspondence presented as follows.

The reeve reported that he had received from the C. P. R. Co., and handed to the Treasurer, a check for $370.70, for work on railway crossing at lot 137 3 S.W.. A certificate of engineer recommending that $50.00 be paid J. J. Boyce on bridge contract 4th line.

The county treasurer's list of lands liable to be sold for taxes in 1926. S. L. Squire, Minister of Public Works, saying the annual meeting on road construction of county and township road superintendents and other officials will be held on the 22nd inst.

Accounts as follows were presented, and ordered to be paid. Municipal World assessment rolls and supplies $48.97, John Welsh, wood for hall $26.12, Markdale Standard, advertising a public meeting $1.00, Fred Eagle, gravel, $2.50, A. Curry, gravel $4.50.

W. Bellamy, registering 55 births, 7 marriages, and 25 deaths in 1925, $21.75.

Carruthers—Davis—That H. Walton be refunded $6.00 for dog tax charged in error in 1925. Carried.

Corbett—Mercer—That J. J. Boyce to be paid $50.00 on contract, Phillips bridge as certified by engineer. Carried.

Carruthers—Davis—That J. Welsh be paid $26.12 for wood for hall and one half of the amount to be charged to Flesherton village council. Carried.

Corbett—Mercer—That upon a petition of twelve ratepayers and the sanction of this council, a bonus of 25 cents per rod be paid for wire fences erected along public highways in 1926, and it shall be prohibitive at any time to replace such fences by rails or other fences except wire, and such wire fences shall be specified by this council. Carried.

Letters From Our - Subscribers -

Recently The Advance has received through the mails several interesting letters of former residents of Osprey, Artemesia and Flesherton, among whom are the following:—

Mr. J. R. Parslow of Coronation writes that the winter in Alberta is ideal, and also enjoys the home paper.

Mr W. T. Clark, brother of Mr. Robt. Clark of town, writes from Wilder, Idaho, that he could not get along very well without the weekly letter from home. They are all well and are enjoying beautiful weather.

Another letter is from Mr. W. J. Gilchrist of Cando, North Dakota, where he is sheriff of Tower County. We were pleased to hear from him again.

Toronto, Feb. 5

Dear Editor:-

Enclosed find postal note for $1.50, being our subscriptions to the Advance for another year. Couldn't you persuade some one at Maxwell or vicinity to send in some news once in a while. As that is the neighborhood we are interested in, we have been looking in vain for some news from "the old home town."

Yours very truly,
—MRS. JOS. W. GAMEY.

[Ed. Note—We have tried for some time to secure a correspondent, who will send items in every week. Maxwell is too large a place to be continually out of the Advance columns and we would welcome any person there to communicate with us on the subject.]

Editor of the Advance

Dear Sir:

In reading your issue of the 10th inst., my attention was drawn to the report of your correspondent from Rock Mills. In reporting the meeting of the U. F. W. O., your correspondent states that the meeting was closed by singing "THE NEW NATIONAL ANTHEM." What is this suprise package Rock Mills has discovered? Is it the song entitled. "We Have No Beer To-day?" Mr. Editor, I would appreciate your procuring for me a copy of this suprise ticket, for we are all aware that Canada has but one National Anthem. A beautiful prayer to God for support for our reigning Sovereign. What nobler could we have, and what better could we want?

God Save the King.

A SUPPORTER OF CO-OPERATION

Flesherton Advance:-

Dear Sirs:

We, the members of the Osprey Royal Scarlet, will protest against the use by any organization, person or persons, of any other than the original National Anthem, "God Save the King." Why the reason for this change which appeared in the columns of the Rock Mills correspondent of the 10th? If there are any, we would be vtry glad to have them submitted.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Mrs. J. H. Elliott of Irma, Alta., writes:

"I must tell you that we have had one of the best winters here that we have had for some time, and not very cold. Buggies and cars are still running. We had good crops this last year. I wish you could take a trip out here and see for your self. I would not go back to Osprey to stay. I like it much better here, and we grow everything. We have a good garden and grow cucumbers, all I need, and tomatoes, strawberries, and currants, peas, raspberries, cherries, plums, apples and potatoes, turnips and Red Poll cattle, and can sell them all at a good price. We milk from 15 to 16 cows most of the time. I don't do the milking, though I keep a girl all the time, and send our cream to the creamery."

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Editor:—

Please find enclosed my renewal up to December 1926. . It is more welcome than ever, since we came here. We have been out here two years and a half, and like the climate very much. It has been a pleasure to find a number of Flesherton and Markdale friends here.

Yours sincerely
ADA M. HIGGINBOTHAM

Others also writing from a distance were W. H. O'Brien, Khedive, Sask., Andrew Graham, Livelong, Sask. Geo. Cairns, Glenella, Man.

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McCANNELL — HAY

A pretty house wedding took place at Mr. Angus McCannell's, Proton, on February 10th, when their second daughter, Christina Alberta became the bride of Wm. Hay, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hay, Proton. The bride looked charming in gown of Ivory Canton Crepe and bridal veil, caught by orange blossoms, and carrying a beautiful bouquet of ophelia roses and lily of the valley and wearing a sprig of heather, sent from the Isle of Mull, Scotland.

The house and table were tastefully decorated in white and anemone pink roses and ferns. The bride who was given away by her father, entered the drawing room to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding chorus, played by Miss Jean McCannell, cousin of the bride, and taking her place under a prettily decorated arch where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Harrower of Flesherton, in the presence of thirty guests. During the signing of the register, Miss Mary, sister of the bride, sang "O Perfect Love." After the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous dinner.

The groom's gift to the bride was a leather travelling case, and to the pianist, a bar pin.

The same evening a reception was held in honour of the bride and groom when over a hundred friends and neighbors assembled. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. The newly weds left the following day for a short honeymoon to Toronto and Hamilton, the bride travelling in a gown of rosewood satin faced canton, brown velour coat, with oppossum trimming, and hat to match

On their return they will reside on he groom's farm, 19th, con. Proton.

Friends from a distance were Mrs. Duncan Galbraith, Mr. Archie MacLeod, Carman, Man., Mrs. Ronald McDonald and son Douglas, Collingwood, and Mr. Smith, Normanby.

AMALGAMATION OF LOAN COMPANIES IS ACCOMPLISHED

Contingent upon the passing of a special act upon by the Ontario Legislature, which is now in the hands of the Legislature, the amalgamation of the Grey and Bruce Loan Co. and the Owen Sound Loan and Savings Co., which was announced some time ago, has been officially consummated, the shareholders of each of these financial institutions having met on Monday morning, and confirmed the tentative agreement, which had been drawn up. In each instance the shareholders were practically unanimous in their decision, and were well represented, either personally or by proxy. Until such time as the special act is passed by the Legislature there will be no amalgamation, however, and the two businesses will be conducted as usual. It is expected that there will be no actual merger of the two offices in Owen Sound until about the first of April. — Sun-Times.

Services Rendered by Stock Yards.

The service generally performed by the Union Stock Yards and for which charges are levied on its patrons, is that of supplying a suitable place for assembling, sheltering, feeding, grading, dealing in live stock with all the protection facilities and conveniences needed for such operations.

On arrival at the stock yards the company accepts the responsibility of the live stock. Its employes unload and deliver the stock to the alleys of the different commission firms to which it is consigned; the cattle to the cattle alleys, sheep and calves to the sheep building and hogs to the hogs building. The pens are padlocked until the commission firm signs and takes over the consignment. This is the service and protection the Stock Yards Company render for their unloading fee of $1.00 per car.

In addition to the services of unleading and yarding, the Stock Yards Company supply and operate weigh scales over which all stock sold must be weighed, guaranteeing correct weights to the vendor and purchaser. No additional charges are made for this service, it being included in the yardage charges.

The employes of the company feed and water the stock when requested and keep the pens and alleys clean and in repair. They also do a great deal of heeling about the yards and assist the Government Hog Graders. These are services that have additional fees on some yards. The company maintains a traffic department whose services are available to shippers at no expense in making arrangements with the railways for cars or in case of disputes over loss and damage in transit. The company also maintains an office building for the use of commission firms, banks and Government officials, so that the business of its patrons may be quickly and conveniently despatched. Live stock is insured against fire while in the yards, for which 15 cents per car is charged against the seller of the stock. The alleys and pens are also cleaned and disinfected against outbreaks of contagious disease under restrictions laid down by the municipality and the Health of Animals Branch of the Federal Department. —A. Leitch, Dept. of Economics, O. A. College.

Keep eggs in the coolest place possible and market them often in hot weather. Eggs that are fertile will begin to spoil in twenty-four hours or less if the temperature is as high as 90 degrees.

HOW STOCK IS HANDLED

PRACTICES WHICH ARE FOLLOWED AT THE STOCK YARDS.

Not Necessary for Owner to Be Present—Humane Society on Guard—Animals Are Sorted According to Grade and Payment Made on This Basis.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

It is not feasible to cite all the deviations the stock takes going through the yard, but it is possible to give the reader some idea of the regular channels of movement.

Stock yards are built on a definite plan of small and large pens to efficiently fill the various requirements and each class of stock is allotted a certain section of the yard.

On arrival of stock at the yards it is immediately unloaded into the unloading pens and the pens are locked by the employes of the stock yards company. These pens are divided into sections so that the different classes of live stock can be kept separated in cases of mixed carloads. Usually all the cars of the train-load are unloaded into these pens before the distribution of stock to the various pens for sale or feeding. During this operation there is a member of the Humane Society present, whose duty it is to see that the live stock has been properly loaded, cared for in transit and that it is handled judiciously about the yards, also to direct the care of dead and crippled animals. It is not absolutely necessary for the owners of the stock to be present as their interests are looked after by employes of the stock yards company. Each class of stock from here goes to its own section in the yards. It is not necessary to follow a carload of each class of stock through, so will confine this report to a carload of butcher cattle.

Handling Butcher Cattle.

When the cattle leave the unloading pens they are counted and this must check with the railroad shipping bill. They are then moved and locked in a pen in the alleys of the commission firm to whom consigned, where feed and water are available. (It may be stated here that most cattle are fed and watered as in order to receive a good price it is necessary that they have a good fill to appear at their best at time of sale. If not, the buyers take advantage of this and cut the price, so a number of shippers try to reach the market a day previous to selling in order that the cattle may have a good fill and quiet down.)

The gate is unlocked and the stock released to the commission firm, after it accepts the count and signs a slip to that effect; it is responsible now for any stealing or mixing of stock. Before the market opens the stock is sorted according to grade. The market opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m., and no trading is done before or after these hours under penalty provided by the rules of the Live Stock Exchange.

When the market opens the buyers enter the pens, look over the stock and make their bids for the whole pen if they are of even quality or individuals, according to grade. The price offered depends on trade conditions, and supply and demand usually establish it. When the salesman is satisfied that he has the highest possible bid he completes the sale, as it seldom pays to carry the stock over until the next day. Each party keeps his own records and a final settlement is effected later when the day's bargaining is over. It is a credit to the market personnel that such a huge business can be carried on in this manner without the scratch of a pen to an agreement and with very rare disagreement later as to the prices and terms of sale.

Sorted According to Grade.

The stock is driven to the scales by employes of the commission firm, sorted and weighed into lots, according to the grade and price paid. A weigh ticket is made out and stamped by employes of the stock yards company showing the weight, owner, commission firm making the sale, purchaser, and agreed price. The stock is now out of the shippers' hands and driven and locked into pens, according to the same grouping as weighed. Export cattle are kept separate, of course, to comply with the quarantine regulations.

Cattle that are billed through and stop off to be fed and watered are looked after by the stock yards company. They are unloaded and driven and locked into pens, fed and watered, and then reloaded to continue their journey.

Calves and sheep are handled much the same as the other classes of live stock. While in the unloading pens the calves are inspected by a representative of the Markets' Branch for bobs or suspected calves, and the doubtful ones are ear tagged and receive final inspection when slaughtered on the rail. Co-operative shipments, of course, necessitate the marking of the animals so there can be pro rated settlement. This is best done by ear tagging the calves and the use of paint colors for the sheep and lambs.

When hogs leave the unloading pens they are counted and checked the same as the other stock. They are taken directly to the scales and weighed, then locked into pens and either fed and watered or not, according to instruction from the owner. Most hogs here are sold on the "weighed off car" basis. They are graded by the Government graders before selling, and a grading sheet accompanies each lot. The selling is much the same as for the cattle and the stock yards company demands that all gates be locked when under their care, and a slip signed when released.

On hogs shipped co operatively the selling weights are deducted from the home weight and the shrink pro rated to each animal. Each lot must bear a distinguishing mark so that each shipper receives the proper grading sheet. The scissors make the best mark by cutting the hair in various designs.—A. Leitch, Dept. of Economics. O. A. College.

The South Grey Farm Youth Association will hold a dramatic contest in the Flesherton high school on Friday February 26, commencing at 8 o'clock p.m. A contest in dramatic is something new for this district so come and hear the F. Y. A. clubs of Artemesia battle for supremacy. There will also be a short musical program. Admission 25 cents.

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