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FLESHERTON HAPPENINGS

Dominion Day, as our readers know, was characterized by most delightful weather, which in a large measure added to the splendid success attending Flesherton's natal day celebration. From numerous flagstaffs and almost every dwelling flag and Union Jacks were exhibited and bade a welcome to the immense throng of holiday visitors—estimated at upwards of 3,000—who appeared well pleased with the sports provided for their entertainment. The forenoon amusement consisted of a calthumpian parade in which unique aggregations from Rockvale, Vandeleur and Flesherton took part and made fun for the crowd. The Rockvale "Coons," on an imposing chariot drawn by four horses, gave an old time hoe-down exhibition and were awarded first prize, \$15, on their turnout. The Vandeleur aggregation who were given the second prize, \$10, were vald warriors under arms whose costumes, male and female, and cavalry outfit is beyond our description. The home youths turned out a "hard times" musical combination, which for varied uniforms, marching and musical, they were, of course, quite "taking."

After dinner the Markdale Citizens Silver Band, which furnished excellent music throughout the day, led the throng to the agricultural grounds where an interesting program of sports began with a lacrosse match between the Owen Sound and Durham senior teams which resulted in favor of the latter by 2-1. Highland piping and dancing, the former by Prof. Murray, of Toronto, and Messrs. H. McDonald and P. McArthur, of Pricerville; and the latter by Misses Minnie Ross and Ruth Bryce, of Toronto, were interesting features of the sports, and were given a flattering reception by the spectators. Messrs. Markdale, Durham and Stayner were all represented on the race course which received close attention from lovers of that sport, who report the speeding good: In the open trot, Ritchie (Stayner mare) won 1st; Maybird (R. McGirr, Meaford) 2nd; Dominion Girl (McGirr) 3rd; Time 2:34. Three Minute Trot—Henry Novell (McGirr) 1st; Birdie A. (McGirr) 2nd; Mar King, J. H. Hunter, Durham, 3rd. 2:35 Trot—Melinda Cook (McGirr) and Campana (J. Henry, Markdale) divided third money. Athletic sports—100 yard dash, W. Pickering, 1st; George Campbell, 2nd; Percy Bellamy, 3rd. Hop, step and jump—Geo. Campbell, 1st; Thomas McDougall, 2nd; R. Whittaker and W. Clark, tie; Boys race, under 15—B. Traford, 1st; J. Humberstone, 2nd; W. Orr, 3rd. Fat Mens Race—R. Whittaker, 1st; E. Hawke, 2nd; James Best, 3rd. The gate receipts amounted to the handsome sum of \$861.50.

There being no concert in the evening this year, Prof. Murray on his own account gave a Scotch entertainment in the Town Hall which passed off very pleasantly. The program consisted of bagpipe music, Highland dancing, and short speeches which were given by M. K. Richardson, M.P., J. A. Boyd and M. K. Beeton. Mr. John McArthur, of Pricerville, presided in a very satisfactory manner. The Markdale Band rendered a few pleasing selections before the program began.

The only mishaps of the day were during the forenoon parade when one of the Rockvale "Coons" fell backwards with considerable force to the ground from his high perch on the chariot and a bit winking the movements of the Vandeleur warriors received a splash of powder in the face from their improvised cannon.

Mr. John Chapp, an esteemed old gentleman of 80 years, who has for some time been afflicted with the most cruel rheumatism, was cured by the use of Dr. H. H. Ross' medicine.

line on Tuesday of last week. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church here and his end was peace. On Thursday his pastor, Rev. Mr. Thom, conducted an appropriate service at the house after which his remains were followed by a large cortege to the cemetery here where they were laid alongside his wife who preceded him eleven years ago.

Mr. Wm. Linton, another old resident at Eugenia, died at his home there on Sabbath last, aged 78 years.

Mr. Alex. Reid's school, east of the village, left their tasks for holidays on Thursday last, and on Friday held their annual picnic when an enjoyable time was spent by the scholars and their numerous friends.

The Orangemen of the lodge at Ceylon attended the Methodist church here in a body on Sabbath morning last when an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Ivison Wilson who chose for his text Exod. 12: 14. "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial."

The anniversary services in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath last were quite successful. Large congregations were present to hear Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Rosemont, who received a warm greeting from his numerous old friends here. In the evening the Methodist service was withdrawn and the pastor of that church being present was invited to the platform and took part in the service.

The Misses Allie, Minnie and Annie Joy of the Methodist choir favored the congregation with a beautifully rendered trio. Mr. Wilson also supplied Mr. Thom's pulpit at Eugenia in the afternoon and preached the annual sermon to a large turnout of the Orangemen there.

Mr. W. Trimble has been confined to the house for a week with synovitis, but has a change for the better and hopes soon to be about again.

Some of our young men intend taking a trip to Manitoba this summer. We wonder how they will tear themselves away.

Miss Alice Priel, who has been in New York for some time, returned home lately. Some of our boys look five years younger.

There must be plenty of grain and grass around Traverston this summer. So far our beef ring beats the record for weight and quality.

Will Bell has John Duncan and sons putting a stone wall under his house and making other improvements. A very good sign, so we may be prepared for what is to come.

Miss Minnie Lamb came up from Toronto a week ago to meet for father, and called on some of her old friends. Both she and her father were out to Dornoch last Sabbath and had some hearty handshakes.

Miss Feltis has gone home for her holidays and we miss her very much in our Christian Endeavor meeting. Also some of the young men.

Mr. Geo. Lamb, who is down from Dufferin on a business trip and has been calling on his old neighbors, has Wm. Bartley drilling a well on his farm. They are down to feet and have not got water yet.

Mr. John Cook must have been inspired by its being the first anniversary of his wedding day, for his solo was masterfully rendered. The total proceeds amounted to over \$33, the best in the record of the school. Among those present from outside points we noticed Messrs. Watt and Stafford, and Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, of Berkeley; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jackson, of Bunnessan; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jackson, of Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McClocklin and Mrs. Alex. Rutherford, of Durham, and a dozen winsome lassies from Glascoot.

Mr. Geo. Lemb made it a point to get there and received a warm welcome among old neighbors and friends. He looks remarkably well. In fact we thought, as we glanced over the bright, happy faces, that it has not been often so fair and well-dressed a crowd has gathered in Zion.

Maxwell Miss Mable Kinnear returned last week to her home in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mackie attended the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. W. Mackie, of Toronto, last week.

Some of the young people from here spent the 1st of July at a picnic at Paradise.

The garden party in connection with the Presbyterian church on Dominion Day was very well attended.

Rev. Mr. Scott preached to the Orange brethren last Sunday morning.

The Orangemen from here are going to celebrate the twelfth at Feversham. Rev. P. Fleming preached to the Orangemen at Feversham last Sunday afternoon.

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It therefore appears that the whole matter depends on the official interpretation of the clause "when imported for breeding purposes." According to Judge DeVries, the question has never before been raised, although it is a well known fact that large numbers of pure bred cattle have been sent to the United States by Canadian breeders for sale at public auction, and always, as far as I have known, free of duty. If the contention of Collector Huestis is sustained the decision will generally be regarded as a decided injustice, and contrary to the spirit of the law. It will cause a complete cessation of the trade in pure bred stock between this country and the United States; in fact it has already had that result, as far as the trade between B. C. and Washington is concerned. This is a matter of vital importance, not only to the Canadian breeders who have stock for sale, but to the Americans who have need of such stocks for the improvement of their studs herds and flocks. Immediate action should be taken by our Live Stock Associations, and a strong protest entered against such an unfair ruling. As the "Ranch" very pertinently says, "It is well known that many firms make a business of importing from Canada and from the Old World pure bred stock of all kinds, and that such stock is permitted to pass in free, provided it is accompanied by the proper certificates of registration. The Government does not follow such stock after it leaves the custom office, and the importer is free to dispose of this stock to anyone he likes, and at whatever price he can get. If Collector Huestis is upheld in this contention that pure bred stock must be imported for breeding purposes only, and cannot be sold or worked, it will paralyze the whole business of importing horses and injure the trade in other lines. We think that the various Breeders' Associations should act on this case, in order to bring properly before the board of appraisers the widespread injury and adverse decision in the Dago case would have on the whole breeding industry.

There are three chief requisites for a successful business man. The first is honesty—absolute honesty; the second is industry, and the third is perseverance.

Mission City, O., who was compelled to pay \$1000 for ten Percheron horses exported to the United States through the port of Seattle, Wash., in October, 1901. These horses were all accompanied by the proper registration of the American Percheron Breeders' Association, as required by the laws of the United States. The contention of Collector Huestis is that inasmuch as the animals were imported to be offered for sale they were not to be subjected to the duty. Mr. Page appealed the case, and the testimony as heard by Judge DeVries, whose headquarters are in New York. This board will render their decision some time in August.

The action of Collector Huestis, has been rather severely criticised by "The Ranch," a well known agricultural paper of Seattle, Wash., to which journal he contributed the following defence of his action: "H. F. Page, the importer you mention, is an alien stock breeder residing in British Columbia. On October 18th, 1901, he imported at Sumas four stallions and six mares making entry for same as pure bred stock, and claiming that they were entitled to free entry under the provision of article No. 475 of the existing tariff, that any animals pure bred of a recognized breed, duly registered and certified as required by the regulations of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, shall be admitted free when imported specially for breeding purposes. Pedigree certificates were presented with the entry, but as the animals were evidently imported for sale, the importer was required to deposit the amount of duty that would accrue in case the animals were found not to be entitled to free entry, and was given an opportunity to produce satisfactory evidence that they were intended especially for breeding purposes, which said evidence was lacking on entry. Neither the Deputy Collector at Sumas nor this office questioned the genuineness of the registration papers as intimated in your editorial, and as Mr. Page well knows that was not the reason that he was required to deposit the duty, (note Mr. Page says, "He never was so informed.") It was purely a question of evidence on the point of the purpose for which the animals were imported. As you are aware, Percherons are valuable for draft horses, and when imported for that purpose, are subject to duty, and a proper enforcement of the tariff, as well as regard for the protection of American stock raisers, alike demand a full investigation of the facts."