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Agricultural Society Financially Sound

Have a Balance on Hand of Over \$3600.00--Successful Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Markdale Agricultural Society was held in the office of the Department of Agriculture on Tuesday afternoon of last week, when the President, Mr. W. G. Pickell, presided, with Mr. Albert Jackson as Secretary. There was a large attendance of the members and considerable enthusiasm was evinced in the work of the Society.

The Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Stephen, presented the financial statement, showing that \$3727.75 had been offered for prizes at the Fair in 1912, and of that amount \$305.50 had been paid.

There is at present a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$363.59. Last year there were 1,200 entries, made up as follows: Horses, 220; Cattle, 54; Sheep, 59; Swine, 14; Poultry, 73; Dairy products, 45; Grain and Stacks, 34; Roots and Vegetables, 163; Fruits and Flowers, 250; Fine Arts, 4; Ladies' Work, 254.

The sum of \$167.50 was donated by the citizens of Markdale during 1912 for the benefit of the Society.

On motion of Messrs. J. B. Thibault and Harry Shaw the treasurer's report was adopted. Short addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. G. Pickell, T. E. Mercer, J. B. Thibault, J. E. Marsh and others.

A discussion took place with reference to holding a Spring Show, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the directors for 1913.

On motion of Messrs. T. L. Mercer and G. J. Walker it was decided to hold a Field Crop Competition in 1913, and the Directors were instructed to appoint a committee to take charge of same.

The following officers were elected for 1913:

Hon. Pres.—W. G. Pickell.
Hon. Vice-Pres.—Thos. L. Mercer.
President—Harry Shaw.
1st Vice Pres.—J. B. Thibault.
2nd Vice Pres.—Robt. Swanton.

Directors—S. J. Albert, J. E. Marsh, G. J. Walker, T. Stephen, H. C. Duff, J. A. Hallbert, H. D. McLoughly, J. W. Rutledge, G. J. Walker, W. R. Burnett, Ed. Baker, J. H. Stephenson, S. H. Wright, Thomas Elliott and Jarvis Henry.

Auditors—H. C. Duff, J. B. Thibault.

At a meeting of the Directors at the office of the Department of Agriculture on Friday evening Mr. Albert Jackson and Mr. E. L. Stephen were reappointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Adjustment was then made to the dining-room of the Markdale House, where an elaborate repast was in readiness. (We might here incidentally remark that this supper was the result of a ticket-selling contest last summer between the President, Mr. Pickell, and Vice-President, Mr. Oswald Walker. Sides were chosen from among the directors, and the Vice-President's side being the losers provided the supper on Friday night.)

Short, impromptu addresses were made by those present, and with the least of reason and the flow of "soul" which lasted until nearly midnight, the event swung along as merrily as a marriage bell.

It unfolded enthusiasm and hearty cooperation among the officers and members count for anything, we may look forward to a most successful year for the Agricultural Society during 1913.

Board of Agriculture. Horticultural Society's First Year's Report

The second Annual Meeting of the Board of Agriculture met in the office of the Department of Agriculture, Markdale, on Saturday, January 25th, with the following delegates in attendance:

Messrs. Perdue and McKenzie, of Chatsworth.
Messrs. O'Neil and Binnie, Glenora.
Messrs. Hewitt and Hewston, of Heathcote.
Messrs. Dolphin and Heron, of Derby Mills.
Messrs. Bellamy and Brown, of Flesheron.

Messrs. Bows and Free, of Strathairn.
Messrs. G. J. Walker and E. Walker, of Markdale.
Messrs. Milson and Reid, Walters Falls.
Mr. T. H. Binnie, of Glenora, was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. E. Bows, Secretary. The new executive will be L. E. Bows (Chairman), J. A. Dolphin, D. H. Short, T. H. Binnie, John McKenzie and H. C. Duff (Treasurer).

The reports of the various clubs and of the Secretary of the executive gave every indication of good work accomplished during the past year. The membership of the Clubs ranged from 20 to 105. Poultry, stock judging courses, seed fairs, poultry fairs and drainage demonstrations were quoted among the many worthy features of the work of the Clubs and additional holding regular meetings for the discussion of agricultural topics. One club was the means of securing a continuation school for the district and others played important parts in securing rural mail delivery and rural telephones.

A number of farm labourers were brought into the county by the Board last spring, and about 100 will be placed this year.

The Board is again sending a deputation to Owen Sound to ask the council for a grant to advertise our county. The proposal is to have an exhibit of Grey County apples at the next Provincial Horticultural Exhibition and to offer special prizes to Grey County amateur exhibitors of livestock at the Winter Fair.

In speaking of the necessity for advertising our county, J. N. Perdue, of Massie, emphasized the fact that the exceptional possibilities for apple orcharding in the Georgian Bay district is not known to the general public. Mr. Perdue clearly pointed out that advertising our fruit and stock farms would increase the value of our land and that any outlay made by the county would be amply returned by the increase in business and increase in value of property.

his report for the past year, which we publish below. Considering that this is the first year in the history of the Society has been in existence, it is considered an excellent showing. The membership of sixty-one is expected to be nearly doubled during 1913. The following is the financial statement for 1912:

RECEIPTS.
Members Fees, 1912..... \$6.00
Government Grant..... 6.00
Received from members for extra plants and seeds..... 7.75
Members' Fees 1913..... 10.00
Special Prize from Burpees..... 3.00
\$32.75

EXPENDITURES.
Canadian Hort. Magazine..... \$2.00
Seeds and Plants..... 5.00
Express..... 1.05
Printing and Stationery..... 1.25
Prize money for Flower Show..... 2.00
Postage, book and money order..... .52
Cleaning hall after Flower Show..... .75
Delivering premiums..... 1.00
Cash on hand..... 4.48
Cash in Bank..... 22.40
\$52.75

A meeting of the officers and members of the above Society was held in the office of the Department of Agriculture on Saturday evening, Feb. 8th, at which full attendance is urged.

Prov. Treasurer Dead Mr. Lucas May Succeed
The sudden passing of Col. Hon. A. J. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, at his home in Port Huron, Mich., on Saturday night, removes a faithful, efficient and honored public servant. A year ago he suffered an attack of the heart trouble which eventually caused his death. At that time Hon. J. E. Lucas, the duty devolved upon him of preparing the budget, which he did with marked ability and is expected he will now be called upon to fill the gap at least temporarily. It is not likely that the Government will take any action as to appointing a permanent Treasurer until the close of the session of the legislature, which commences next week. Any member being to go back to his constituency would not be able to do the work of the House by a month. The probable course of the Government will be to follow the line of last year and appoint Hon. Mr. Lucas as acting Treasurer. He is considered a particularly able member of the Cabinet and has shown himself capable of assuming more important duties than those that have been entrusted to him as Minister without Portfolio.

The late Col. Hon. A. J. Matheson was next to Sir James Whitney, senior member of the house, having been first elected in 1891, six years after Sir James' death. He was 71 years of age.

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