

Our Ottawa Letter

Ottawa, January 19th. Rehabilitation of farming in Canada to-day presents the most important as well as the most complicated problem confronting the government...

The farm in all its diverse activities is the greatest factor in the production of new wealth in Canada and when the farmer is making headway, when he is relatively prosperous, his condition is quickly reflected in all other phases of national life.

As a class the farmer to-day is not prosperous. In many communities he is in distress and it is to determine the causes and to arrive at remedies, which will be permanent that every official energy is now being bent.

The causes of distress are not so simple or superficial as many of our home-made economists suggest. In communities where there were no crops there is distress and in others, where crops were abundant, there is distress because world production was greater than the requirements of consumers willing and able to buy and prices, consequently, have dropped below production costs.

Basically salvation lies in reducing production costs to an absolute minimum, in producing those commodities for which there is a market, and in canvassing every quarter of the globe in search of broader and reasonably permanent markets.

It is much easier to get these requirements down on paper than it is to put them into operation. A government can directly advise a farmer what he should raise and how he should raise it but no government can make him do it.

The farmer is up against it now, as are other classes of our national life. For that reason there is hope that, if and when the government presents a studied policy to stabilize agricultural development on a satisfactory basis, the man on the land will be in a receptive mood and lend his co-operation.

There are phases other than production and marketing which are also claiming attention. Financing is one of them. Mortgages are not a generally satisfactory solution, particularly when short term credits are required.

Another trouble is that the banks send to the west young men absolutely unacquainted with farming conditions and unskilled in estimating character. The only thing to do is to put around them a set of unelastic regulations.

Another trouble is inherent in the farmer, or in many of them, as it is in all human nature. It is the will to spend every available cent in good times and even to incur obligations against future expectations.

Taking all together the farming population and its welfare is the first concern of the government and there are hopes that permanent betterment, as well as immediate relief will arise out of the policies now in process of formulation.

marily to help must be forthcoming.

John J. Black

A well-known lifelong resident of Glenelg passed away in St. Michael's hospital, Toronto, on Sunday morning last, in the person of Mr. J. J. Black, who resided on the second concession north of the Durham Road, about eight miles from Durham.

The late Mr. Black was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nell Black and was born and lived all his life on the homestead in Glenelg. He was a man who took an interest in his community and for several years was a member of the Glenelg township council.

He was in apparently good health, but last September went to Toronto where an operation was performed for kidney trouble. He rallied for a time and showed considerable improvement but on Monday of last week underwent a second operation from which he never rallied.

The late Mr. Black was married 29 years ago to Miss Mary McManly of Cannington, who survives. There was no family. Surviving also are three brothers, Angus on the 4th concession of Glenelg, Joseph in London, and Malcolm in Edmonton, and two sisters, Mrs. Sullivan (Annie) of Toronto and Mrs. Howard (Sarah) of Buffalo.

The funeral was held from St. John's R. C. Church, Glenelg, of which he was a devoted member, Tuesday morning, and was largely attended, the church being filled to the doors.

Among those in attendance from a distance were Mrs. Laviolette and Mrs. Kay of Sutton, with their children, Misses Laviolette and Kathleen, Nellie and Edward Kay, interment was in the family plot in St. John's cemetery.

Mr. Thomas Bradley

There passed away at his home near Chatsworth, Jan. 18th, Mr. Thomas Bradley, in his seventy-sixth year. The late Mr. Bradley had not been in the best of health, having suffered a setback on Christmas eve and another one a few weeks later.

The late Thomas Bradley was born in Holland township in 1855, his parents having migrated from Ireland the preceding year. All his brothers and sisters were born in that country. He farmed for a living and in the year 1877 he was united in marriage to Hannah Page also of Holland township.

He leaves to mourn his loss, five daughters and three sons, most of whom are living in different parts of Canada. They are Pearl, Fanny, Ellen, Mae, Hester, Henry, Rexford and Page. He had one brother living.

The funeral took place from his late home to Owen Sound cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

Berkeley

It was with deep regret that we learned on Tuesday of the death of Mr. John Aitken of West Berkeley. He contracted pneumonia, and having had several attacks before, was unable to withstand this attack.

The funeral took place from his late home to Owen Sound cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Sam Lackey of Orangeville visited over Sunday with friends here.

Sorry to report Mrs. Thos. Mitchell not so well last week. The many friends of Mrs. Thos. Bradley and family of Chatsworth extend sincere sympathy in the death of Mr. Bradley on Saturday of last week.

Mr. Phil McLeod of Orillia is visiting his son and family at the station.

Hockey

Markdale 4, Flesherton 2

At Flesherton on Friday evening of last week Markdale defeated the home team in an N.H.L. senior fixture by 4 to 2 goals. The game was a good one and was enjoyed by a fair crowd of spectators.

The play on the ice was evenly divided and Markdale owes their victory to the excellent work of E. Wright in goal. The players were:

Flesherton—Goal, J. Allen; defence, R. Boyd, J. Nuhn; forwards, H. McCutcheon, F. Gorrell, W. Patton; alternates, L. Ferris, E. Patton, C. McTavish.

Markdale—Goal, E. Wright; defence, B. Johnston and H. Whyte; forwards, E. McFarlane, M. McFarlane, P. Wright; alternates, W. Kidd, F. McCutcheon, M. Perkins.

In the local arena on Monday evening the Flesherton boys evened up with the locals when they won the N.H.L. fixture by a score of 2 to 1. It was a good game from the spectators' point of view and the score about indicates the strength of the two teams on the ice.

The players on both teams are clean fast hockey players and very little rough stuff was in evidence. Mr. Murcar of Dundalk handled the game in an efficient and fair manner.

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HAMILTON—At Beaumont, Texas, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1931, Alexander Hamilton, in his 82nd year, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton of this place.

C. R. Itic Comes Again

Dear Mr. Editor,—I was glad to see that the Village Council took the first opportunity presented in order to provide a little extra work for the unemployed. The trees needed trimming, particularly where they were close to the Hydro wires, and a better time of year for doing the work could not have been chosen.

Well, I haven't heard anything, good, bad or indifferent concerning my proposal made last week and I take it for granted that there is no one ready to take the lead in putting the proposition into presentable shape.

By the death of Mr. Orr Minnis Markdale has lost a citizen who during his residence here has provided employment for a good many people. His business is likely to be continued and I believe some person or company might be encouraged to expand and extend the business so that it might become a real asset to the village.

There is considerable speculation as to what will be done in the matter of paving of the streets in Markdale during the coming summer. There is no doubt as to the necessity for permanent roads on our two principal streets and these should receive the attention of the County Council and the Provincial Highways Department.

As individuals we have each some little ability and foresight which will help the councillors in the performance of their duties. Let's encourage, rather than discourage them.

Yours truly, C. R. Itic.

Markdale Agricultural Society Held Annual Meeting

The forty-ninth meeting of the Markdale Agricultural Society was held in the Department of Agriculture, Markdale, on Wednesday, Jan. 14th. A representative gathering of the members and officers was present.

After the reading of the minutes and receiving treasurer's statement, the meeting discussed ways and means to improve the fair. Government judges will be employed again. The society will join the Ontario Fair Association but will not send delegates to the annual convention which will be held at the King Edward hotel, Toronto, on Feb. 6th and 7th.

The following are the officers for 1931:

Hon. presidents—Thos. Elliott, T. L. Mercer. President—Jas. Halbert; 1st vice pres., Frank Davis; 2nd vice pres., T. H. Richardson; treasurer, R. L. Stephen; secretary, T. Stewart Cooper.

Directors—D. L. Binns, John Sutherland, Jas. Bradey, H. Shaw, Chas. Boland, W. J. Halbert, Roy Freeman, L. Talbaudeau, Jas. Crowston, Ed. Baker, Frank Taylor, Jas. McLoughry, Wm. Swanton, Earl Davis, Russell Freeman, John McCarthy, A. C. Stewart.

Lady Directors—Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. Thos. Tuck, Mrs. F. Davis, Mrs. Harry Baker, Mrs. A. Foster, Miss M. Freeman, Miss A. Davis, Miss Nellie Boland, Miss Eunice Colgan.

Hon. Directors—H. Baker, Taylor Abercrombie, H. I. Graham, F. D'Arcy, H. H. Lucas, Gordon Beaton, J. A. Richards, Jack Taylor, J. C. Mercer, B. H. Walden, A. G. Robertson, W. C. Hutchinson, A. E. Hunt, Wm. Morrison, Ran Bradey, H. Borinsky, E. B. Stewart.

Auditors—J. W. Elliott, D. A. Jackson.

Mrs. John McKenzie

Mrs. McKenzie, widow of the late John McKenzie, passed away at her home on the second concession of Glenelg on Tuesday morning. The late Mr. McKenzie passed away way about two years ago. She is survived by one son, John McKenzie, in the west and two daughters, Mrs. Jas. Connor of Holland and Mrs. Cliris Scheidtrout of Glenelg.

John R. Aitken

Mr. John R. Aitken of Holland, west of Berkeley, passed away on Tuesday after but a few days illness. He was in his usual health until the end of last week when he was stricken with pneumonia. He is survived by his widow and a family of small children. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon from his late home to the Anglican Church cemetery at Berkeley. Service will be held in the church at 2 o'clock.

50 YEARS AGO

From The Standard files of January 21st, 1881. Joseph McCutcheon disposed of his grocery store to Mr. Gould. The officers of the Glenelg Agricultural Society were: Pres., Wm. Douglas; Vice-Pres., Jas. Struthers; Secretary, A. Butter; Directors, Ed. Rutledge, Ed. Davis, Ben. Coleman, Wm. Brown, Thos. Davis, S. Boyce, Robt. Walker, Jas. Leander, Adam Shiele; Auditors, A. Turner and Wm. McLoughry.

The talent advertised for a concert at Berkeley were Misses Ford and Reid of Markdale and Messrs. W. McDougal, Ford, Caesar, Mason and Tanner.

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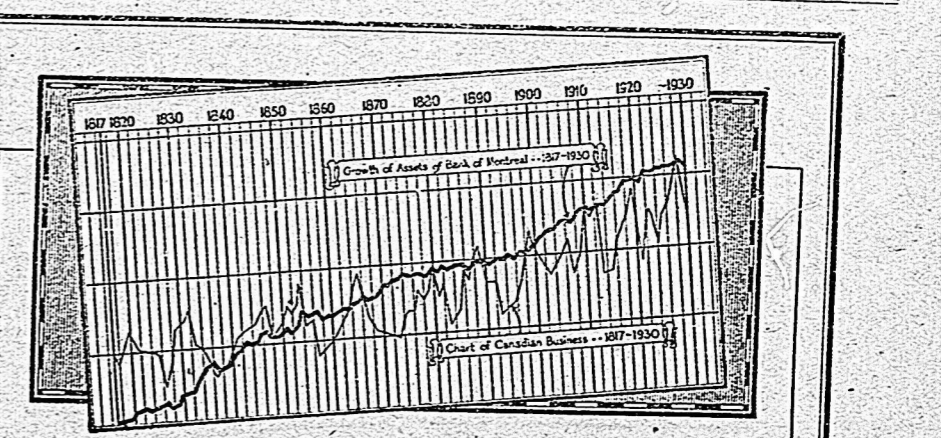
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