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The Return of Prosperity.

That there are some indications of a revival of prosperity there can be little doubt. Everybody knew that there must, sooner or later, be a change for the better, whichever party happened to be in power. The Liberal party who happened to be in power through many years of depression, seems slow to hail the coming prosperity during the period of Conservative government. This is a direct result of ascribing the prosperity of decline of commerce to the ruling power, which really has very little to do with it. Good times, and bad times, succeed each other, as naturally as summer and winter, and often, as independently of legislation. The party in power ought not necessarily to be blamed for a decline in commerce, or a time of depression. So neither should they plume themselves on the advent of good times and an improvement in mercantile matters, for these conditions of things may neither of them result from legislative agencies. We do not agree with the liberal press when it says there are no signs of improvement, and when it points to some local depression, or individual want of success, as an evidence of it. Neither, on the other hand, can we or any one else see that the general improvement is gradually coming upon us, is a direct result of the government in power, or the restrictions laid on commerce by the tariff, since how much soever the tariff may have benefited individual firms and a few manufacturing interests, there is nothing in it that, in so short a time as it has been in operation, could have produced general prosperity. If restrictions on commerce, by a tariff are calculated to make a country prosperous, it cannot be brought about at once, but would require years for such an influence to be felt to any extent beyond the localities of a few manufacturing interests. Nevertheless we believe that Canada is on the dawn of prosperous times.

THE BENEFIT OF EXHIBITIONS.

The people of Canada are beginning to realize the substantial benefits conferred upon them by agricultural and industrial exhibitions. The time is not so far back when the annual gathering under the auspices of the Provincial Agricultural Association was looked upon simply as a show. It was the centre of attraction for sight-seers from town and country, and the prize-winner was simply a lucky man who could manage to enjoy himself for a few days without drawing upon his little board. For many years these exhibitions were simply the tentative efforts of a young population, displayed much as school boys used to parade specimens of their penmanship on the eve of vacation. Yet they were not merely "shows," even in those days, since they begot the spirit of healthy rivalry and competition of which the fruits are visible to-day. Most of us are too much in the habit of despising the day of small things, yet in point of time, as well as in reason, it must precede and accelerate the dawn of the brighter day which brings with it what is great and noticeable.

In the department of agriculture, for example—and it had naturally the start in the race—the benefits which have flowed from the exhibition system are incalculable in value. There are farmers now living amongst us—and some of them are still active men—who can remember what the cultivation of the soil was thirty or forty years ago. Perhaps no class of men are more sensitive to the march of progress than the Canadian farmer. And they own this desire for information akin to the rivalry in markets at home and abroad stimulated by our exhibitions. The avidity with which superior implements are secured, the ever growing zeal for the improvement of stock, and the eagerness to make his farm yield the most it can consistently with prudent and scientific tillage, prove conclusively that whoever else may stand still, the farmer does not. Manufacturers, again, are directly promoted by these displays, and it is by the emulation aroused at the exhibition that the inventive genius is set to work. In textile fabrics the progress made within the last two years is almost marvellous, as anybody must have marked who has attended the late exhibitions.

All parties in-

Editorial Notes.

A despatch from Ottawa announces that the Governor-General will return to the capital on Monday next, and that a Cabinet Council will be held on the following day, when the new Pacific railway contract will be submitted for his Excellency's approval. The next European war will probably be between Russia and Austria. Both these powers are intently watching the process of disintegration which is now going on in the Turkish Empire. The end is near at hand, and Russia and Austria wait like two vultures to seize their share of the spoil as soon as the life that holds the Empire together has gone from it.

The New York Tribune says the trade in live cattle between the United States and Europe, began a few years ago as an experiment, has increased to a remarkable extent, and is superseding that in dressed meat. The shipments last season were 105,324 head, and thus far this year 118,000. The amount of trade in money is from \$32,000,000 to \$35,000,000 a year for the entire trade of the country.

Nassagaweya News.

From our own correspondent. Mr. J. W. Easterbrook boasts of having in his garden a sunflower of the Tuscan variety measuring twelve inches in diameter. Nassagaweya orchards have been suffering of late from thieves. Mr. Nicholas Norris lost considerable fruit, and Mr. Casick lost nearly all of his peaches one night last week. Mr. Alexander Logie, of Hornellville, N. Y., has been paying his Nassagaweya friends a visit for the past week or so. His friends and acquaintances were all glad to welcome him in Nassagaweya again, after being away about fourteen years. He returned to his American home on Monday last.

PAINTER ACCIDENT.—John Moffat, Nassagaweya, met with a severe accident on Saturday, 18th inst. He was returning from the blacksmith shop at Gonioret, in that township, when he was thrown from his horse. One foot caught in the stirrup and Mr. Moffat was dragged along the road for about twenty-five yards, the horse moving at a great speed. Finally, when he managed to disentangle his foot he fell under the horse, which stepped on his right leg, inflicting a severe wound about six inches in length. Soon after the accident the unfortunate man was discovered and conveyed to Dr. Winn's office, Gonioret, where the injuries were attended to. Mr. Moffat has since been confined to his bed, but is now progressing favorably.

The Biddulph Case.

The fall Assizes for the county of Middlesex opened on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Justice Armour presiding. The civil docket is quite light, and will not probably take up much time. It is at present impossible to state the precise time when the Biddulph murder case will come up for hearing. The matter seems as much with the defence as with the prosecution. Mr. Irving, Q. C., of Hamilton, is in the city attending to the interests of the Crown in the matter. A large number of new witnesses have been summoned in connection with the case, among whom are two newspaper reporters.

The Provincial Exhibition.

The Provincial Exhibition now being held in Hamilton, it might be expected from the abundant harvest, one of the most successful ever held in the Province. The cattle and horses, we think, are equal in every respect to the exhibit of any previous fair, and the grain and fruit surpass anything we have previously seen.

The general expression of the visitors is that the root crop is larger this year than ever exhibited before, though their keeping qualities are not equal to those of former years. The exhibit of machinery is complete, many newly invented machines being on exhibition.

The Crops in Manitoba.

The harvest has been nearly a month later than in other years. There are splendid crops of all kinds, as of late the effect of the recent rains has been counteracted by the peculiar climate, as the dry winds and cool nights have proved powerful antidotes. The amount of wet weather in Ontario would utterly ruin the crops. The average yield of wheat throughout the Province is thirty bushels to the acre, and an immense area has been sown; barley, forty bushels per acre; and oats, forty to forty-five bushels per acre, thus giving to Manitoba the best harvest yet recorded.

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Nation Autumn Assizes.

The autumn assizes in Halton opened at Milton last week, Chief Justice Wilson presiding. Mr. John Welch Woodbury, crown counsel; Mr. John Downer, county crown attorney; Mr. W. L. P. Eiger, clerk. The following gentlemen composed the grand jury: Messrs. W. H. Young (foreman), R. Atkins, J. McBoyd, John Brain, W. J. Carter, Arch. Campbell, J. Featherstone, W. H. Hagar, George Hardbottle, G. H. Kennedy, N. Lamb, B. McCurdy, H. Pullen A. Robertson, G. Slade, W. Trimble, T. Watson.

The following cases were tried: Queen vs. George King.—Libel. Withdrawn; each party paying half the costs of the prosecution. Bank of Montreal vs. Grady, et al.—Accounts. Mr. D. Chisholm for plaintiff. Verdict for plaintiff and damages \$1,000.15, and another for \$3,015.19.

McGibbon vs. Coulter.—Action for ejectment. Messrs. G. S. Goodwill and A. F. Hazel for plaintiff. Verdict for plaintiff. Chaffin et al vs. David Levine.—Suit by a New York wholesale merchant against a western merchant, who resided in Canada. Mr. Edward Martin for plaintiff; Mr. W. F. Walker for defendant. Verdict for plaintiff and damages, \$1,534.50.

Tat vs. Freeman.—Malpractice. Order made postponing trial until changing venue to Westworth, Queen vs. Lindsay.—The defendant, Lindsay, who has been under arrest charged with having caused the death of an old man at Horbury, particulars of which were given at the time of the arrest, was tried before His Honor Judge Miller, and acquitted, as no evidence was found against him. Mr. John Dawar, County Crown Attorney, for the Crown; Messrs. McGibbon and Laidlaw for the defendant.

The Industrial Exhibition has proved a success financially. After paying the prizes and all expenses there will be a surplus of over \$5,000 to go to the building fund. The receipts at the gate this year amounted to over \$25,000. \$24,400 in all were paid away in prizes.

MARKETS.—During the past week the streets began to have a more local appearance than they have had for several months. Grain is beginning to be brought to market in very large quantities, and good prices are being given. Messrs. G. & E. Tolton are taking in over 30 loads per day, and some days have reached as high as 45 loads.

ACTON MARKET. White Wheat, 60 98 to 1 02. Treadwell, old, 0 10 to 1 02. Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) old, 0 10 to 1 00. Red Chaff, 1 07 to 1 05. Oats, 0 28 to 0 30. Peas, 0 53 to 0 62. Eggs, per doz., 0 10 to 0 11. Butter, dairy packed, 0 17 to 0 19. Better, rolls, 0 20 to 0 20. Potatoes, new, per bush, 0 40 to 0 45.

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