

THE CHEESE FACTORY.

About a year ago a number of farmers and others in this vicinity were exerting themselves towards the organization of a company, with a view to the subsequent erection and establishment of a cheese factory here. A couple of delegates were sent to the Annual Dairyman's Convention at Stratford to secure pointers in the cheese factory business; several public meetings were held, but somehow the matter was after all allowed to drop.

Now, we have been taking particular observation during the past year of reports respecting cheese factories and their business, and these reports are invariably favorable to those taking financial interest in cheese making, both as concerns the manufacturers and the farmers who supply the material. Among the factories which have come under our notice is that of the Norval Cheese factory, and for the interest of our farmer friends we here give a synopsis of the report of the annual meeting which appeared in the Milton Champion last week:

The annual meeting of the patrons of the Norval cheese factory was held in the factory on Saturday, 19th ult. The auditor presented their report, stating that they found the books satisfactory and correct. The amount of milk taken during the season was 1,112,793 lbs. Amount of cheese made 194,026 lbs., amounting to \$8,389.91. No. of lbs. of milk to make 1 lb. of cheese, 8.03 cents. Average price per lb. of cheese, 17.618 lbs. Increase of cheese 18,945 lbs. Mr. Joseph Leslie gave the report for the Committee on sales, which was received with satisfaction by all present. It was voted that at the very low price of cheese this season, it paid the farmers to make more butter, or even growing wheat at present, as they then realized better average prices than most of the factories throughout Ontario this season. It was then resolved unanimously to support the factory for the ensuing year.

After perusing the above report we fail to see a good reason why—if the farmers in the vicinity of Norval, only a dozen miles from here, can establish and sustain a factory capable of turning out cheese to command a superior price on the market—the farmers of this section should not join in the procession and follow the worthy and profitable example of their east-end-of-the-township neighbors. The Norval farmers claim, too, that even at the unusually low price of cheese the past season, it has paid them better than making butter or growing wheat, and everybody knows that the labor is less for every farmer and farmer's wife interested.

This interesting subject deserves more consideration on the part of the farmers and others perhaps that it has heretofore been favored with, and consideration of a practical character should be given it. Our only desire in bringing this matter into prominence again, is, that the farmers of the vicinity may see how they can be benefited; then, through them, the people generally with whom they transact business will also be benefited. It is this that causes us to urge them to ponder over the subject carefully, reasonably, and without prejudice.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Toronto Presbytery, Tuesday, discussed the question as to whether a railwayman, who necessarily worked on Sunday, could be a member of the church.

Milton has ten Anti-Scots and one Scott Act supporter in her Council. Poor Milton! There is only one Anti-Scott, and he's not a very pronounced enemy, either, in Acton Council.

If the total wealth of Great Britain were divided up it would allow \$1,245 to every man and child in the kingdom. These estimates about \$300 more than such a division in the United States.

Gen. Sir Henry Frederick Pousoboy, private secretary to the Queen, telegraphed to London on Saturday that Her Majesty desired him to say that she would open the forthcoming session of parliament in person.

Twenty years ago Minnesota abolished the death penalty. This year she returns to it. The good people who are talking about abolishing it in Canada had better paste this paragraph in their hats.—*Toronto World.*

It is announced on good authority that one of the first matters to be taken up at the coming session of the Dominion Parliament will be the repeal of the Scott Act, and that the whole question of controlling the liquor traffic will be relegated to the Provincial Legislatures.

We sincerely hope that Mr. Lemon's scheme for additional fire protection will not be allowed to die because of his retirement from the council. The new legislators should take the matter up and immediately push it to a practical and satisfactory issue.

The Milton Sun goes into the religious denominations of the members of the town Council, and gives their complexion thus:—"The religious beliefs of the members are as follows: Five English Church, four Methodist, one Roman Catholic and one Presbyterian." We'll keep the ball rolling and report Acton Council as follows: Two Presbyterians, one Methodist, one Church of England, and one Disciple.

The lady electors and workers for Mr. Howland in the recent mayoralty contest in Toronto, held a meeting of praise in Shaftesbury hall on Monday. Thanks were returned to the Almighty for Mr. Howland's success, and prayer was offered up that he might be strengthened during the year. Special prayers were made for the Aldermen that they might be God-fearing men, loving righteousness and hating evil. The attendance was large and congratulations were the order of the meeting.

Armour & Co., the great meat packers, did a business last year amounting to \$109,000.00. Their packing houses are located in Chicago, Milwaukee and Kansas City. Swift & Co., beef packers, do a business of \$50,000,000. Every day they kill 1,600 head of beavers.

It is satisfactory to find that Canadian trade with South America is steadily on the increase. The annual official report of the Consul-General of Canada of the Argentine Republic gives some striking statistics of the trade relations between the Dominion and the Republic.

Some American papers adopt the system of publishing the names of delinquent subscribers and repeating the dose until the desired effect is produced. The fact that such means is necessary to keep subscribers from falling behind shows the American subscribers to be a degraded lot. Now in Canada a man would never think of allowing his subscription to run behind—well hardly ever.

Among the measures of legislation to be applied for by the Toronto City Council at the coming session of the Ontario Parliament will be the following, suggested by Mayor-elect Howland: Power to regulate all places of amusement, so that a show which is considered immoral could be stopped, and the posting of obscene bills prevented without appeal to the courts; licensing cigar stores and eating houses, and placing under police surveillance; also licensing and regulating roller and other skating rinks.

The 49th Regiment of the British Army has been ordered to Halifax, N.S. This regiment has a notch in Canadian history, which renders its return to an Atlantic station of more than passing moment. In 1812, the 49th participated in the battle of Queenston Heights, and witnessed the death of Gen. Brock. Later on, it held Fort George, and subsequently a small detachment from its ranks held Beaver Dam against the United States troops, thus contributing in no small degree to the salvation of Burlington Heights, the loss of which would have been a serious thing for Canada. The regiment will garrison duty here.

It is to be hoped, says the Montreal Star, that with this year Canada enters on a period of unexampled commercial prosperity, and that of a more solid sort than for a long time back. She has now such enormous public debts that we may fairly look for a reaction in favor of economy, and nothing enriches like economy. The same may be said of the people. The delirium of the days of artificial expansion is over, and the victims are devoured. The extravagance which accompanies hopes of sudden wealth gives way to a wholesome feeling that men must work for what they want. The failures have been few for the past year than for a long time.

THE LAST SESSION.

On the Municipal Council Elected to do the Business of 1885.

A QUIET MEETING.

The last meeting of the Council of 1885, was held in Council Chamber, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. W. H. Storey, Reeve, and Messrs. Henderson, Pearson and Stephenson were present. Mr. Ison was absent.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The eighteenth and final report of the Committee on Finance, for 1885, was presented as follows:

Those Elizabethe cemetery fence and gates, \$15.00

J. F. McGarvin, Treas. interest on borrowed money, .21 75

X. McGarvin, stationery, 11 71

R. B. Cook, balance account, 5 50

J. E. Howson, nails, 5 25

J. C. Hill, rep. lamps, etc., 4 25

H. P. Moore, printing, etc., 3 25

C. C. Speight, framing cemetery plans, 2 50

Thos. Easton, supplies, 83

\$101.04

The committee recommended that payment of above accounts be made.

Report adopted upon motion of Mears, Henderson and Stephenson.

The collector reported his roll returned to the clerk with tax paid in full, with the exception of about \$35.50, due from non-resident ratepayers.

The Council then finally adjourned.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

FOR 1886.

The Halton County Council for the present year will be composed as follows:

Acton—W. H. Storey, Reeve.

Burlington—Richard Baxter, Reeve.

Georgetown—Wm. McLeod, Reeve.

Milton—J. H. McCollom, Reeve.

Oakville—M. Felau, Reeve.

Esquesing—N. Lindsay, Reeve; John Warren, First Dep. Reeve; and R. Graham, Second Dep. Reeve.

Nasagawaya—James Monzies, Reeve;

D. Wheelihan, Dep. Reeve.

Nelson—E. Dalton, Reeve; P. D. Scott, Dep. Reeve.

Trafalgar—H. Robinson, Reeve; Dr. Buck; First Dep. Reeve: J. Husband; Second Dep. Reeve.

The only changes in the personnel from last year are the introduction of Messrs. M. Felau and P. D. Scott, who are now members.

Dr. Orton's Scheme to Keep the Indians Quiet.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—Dr. Orton, M. P. for Centre Wellington, is here. He expresses strong fears of a general Indian uprising in the Northwest next spring, and has a scheme for averting it, which he intends submitting to the Government. He proposes to take all the leading chiefs of the Northwest on a tour through the Dominion, treat them with great courtesy, and show them the principal sights, in order that they may form an idea of the extent and resources of the country and the white population. Such a trip, as the one proposed, he thinks, would have a powerful effect upon the chiefs.

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