

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The recent organization of Farmers' Institutes by the commissioner of agriculture of this province, has furnished most important aspects for the exchange of valuable experience, and for the diffusion of scientific principles and methods among our whole farming community.

The first convention of the Halton Farmers' Institute at Georgetown last week resulted very satisfactorily as to manner, matter and attendance. The addresses by the several professors were replete with useful information and gave rise to many pertinent questions, which were duly answered.

The second session of the institute was held on Saturday last, and was equally successful. The papers read and the discussions which followed the several readings, were of a high order of interest.

CONSISTENT AFTER ALL.

The Georgetown Herald, which has always been anxious to retain Espey's Township Exhibition permanently for Georgetown's benefit, appeared unusually jubilant last week, in the belief that it had succeeded in making remarks selected from the columns of the FREE PRESS, respecting the matter, appear inconspicuous.

Although upon the face of the thing there does appear a little inconsistency, it must be understood that the Herald has selected from each of our articles only the sentences themselves which would suit its purpose, irrespective of their connections with the subject.

Now, in the first place, we reassert that Acton has as good, and better, accommodations than Georgetown, from the most important point of view. It is a well known fact that the very life of an agricultural exhibition is its live stock and if a suitable place is not provided for showing live stock the exhibition will experience a corresponding lack of interest by stock raisers, and consequently be more or less of a failure in that line.

As far as a hall for the show is concerned we have to admit that Georgetown can supply something better than Acton can as yet offer, for it so happens that the Drill Shed—Government property—is situated contiguous to the town square, and by the closing of a street for the day it can be used for the purpose required.

We hope the Herald will not further misunderstand us and attribute our remarks to inconsistency.

In Bruce County there exists a Printers' and Publishers' Association, which has been in successful operation for some years. A similar organization in Halton County, if properly managed, would result most beneficially to all concerned.

PARTY vs. PRINCIPLE.

We were rather surprised to notice the highly complimentary remarks of the Milton Reformist and Oakville Star last week concerning the election of Mr. Baxter to the Wardenship. These journals profess to be leaders in the Scott Act movement in this county, and it is hard to understand how they can consistently pretend to be working for the success of the Scott Act and at the same time chronicle with such apparent delight the election of a man to the highest office in the county, who is such a bitter and outspoken enemy to the Act as Mr. Baxter is well-known to be.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Queen has called upon Gladstone to assume the Premiership, and form a cabinet. A few months work marvellous changes.

If the Scott Act comes short of what is written, it is not and cannot be the fault of the law, but because the officers of the law, at least up to the present, have failed to enforce its commands.—Orville Packel.

In Amherstburg, Ont., fifty out of eighty-six women on the voters' list voted. This is about as large a proportion as usually votes of men at municipal elections.

The third session of the parliament of Ontario, open at Toronto last Thursday afternoon. There is no reason to expect a long or a very eventful session; but there should be hard steady work devoted to improving existing legislation rather than to promoting startling novelties.

Barnes, the victor in the great type setting match just finished in Chicago, is as many of our readers know, a Canadian. He was for some years a resident of Toronto, Ont., in which place it is said he was an apprentice. Barnes is not only a wonderful compositor, but is also a first-class all-round printer.—Chicago Canadian-American.

The Mail of Friday repeats a statement which it has made before, that "the Dominion suffrage is practically unmodified suffrage." If this is the case, why not make it actual manhood suffrage? The Mail's statement is "practically" an admission that the enormous expense, trouble, and confusion entailed by the revising barrister system are utterly without necessity or justification.—New.

The new Dominion Franchise Voters' Lists are now in course of preparation. The time expired on Saturday when new names could be added to the list. Any additions or erasures must now be made before the Judge's Court of Revision. In our opinion the whole business is an unnecessary piece of legislation. It will prove an expensive one, too; for a careful estimate approximates the cost of the Dominion list for this county at no less than \$1,200 to \$1,500.

The Scott Act was defeated by about 500 of a majority in the county of Pontiac, Que., last Thursday. Referring to it the Montreal Witness says:—Pontiac is another example of the disadvantage in the matter of social progress of having a mixed population. In pure French counties, and in most pure English ones, the Scott Act carries easily. In evenly mixed ones it fails. Pontiac, moreover, is largely dependent on the lumbermen, and one of their large requirements is liquor. In many villages great liquor shops rule everything.

The very reason why Pontiac specially needs the Scott law has probably proved powerful against it.

A bright idea has come to one of the engineers of the proposed railway from the whirlpool to the American falls. Going over the route on the other day, when he came to the American falls, the inspiration came to him that the line might be extended around behind the falls and back to the whirlpool on the Canadian side. Out of this has been conceived probably the boldest plan ever conceived by man. It would be the most wonderful railroad in the world. The plan contemplates a narrow-gauge steam railway from the whirlpool to the American falls, where the trains would enter the "Shadow of the Rock" and pass behind the American falls, the "Bridal Veil," "Cave of the Winds," and "Horse-shoe," reappearing at Sol Davis' Table Rock," whence it would proceed along the water's edge to the whirlpool on the Canadian side. Well, the conception is a good one, even for a joke, and wilder projects than that have been brought within the possibilities.

A Railway By-law Adopted.

London, Ont., Jan. 29th.—The voting on the by-law granting a bonus of \$75,000 to the London and Northwestern railway company, is yet unorganised, took place to-day, the by-law being adopted by a vote of 2260 to 150.

TO GO TO THE NORTH-WEST.

Troops at Quebec Under Orders to Start in March.

Quebec, Jan. 28.—Report has it on the citadel that orders have been received from Ottawa to hold the troops in readiness to proceed to the North-west in March. The corps included in the order are the remainder of B. battery, the 87th County of Quebec Infantry, and Nos. 2 and 3 of Quebec garrison artillery.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The First Convention, held in Georgetown, Ont., last week, a Grand Success.

HALTON WELL REPRESENTED.

The first convention of Halton Farmers' Institute, held at Georgetown last Friday and Saturday, was largely attended by farmers and others from all parts of Halton and many from adjoining counties. The Globe says this was one of the largest attended of any of the series of institutes which have yet been held.

Mr. James Bradley took the chair, and made a few pointed remarks relating to the object of the institute.

Mr. Francis Darolay read a paper on butter, giving the result of his experience in connection with the butter trade of many years. He pointed out that with good food, pure water, and kind treatment a healthy cow will always give good milk, and the quality of the butter to be produced depends upon the manner in which it is handled. It is most important that a better knowledge should be had and greater care exercised by those whose business it is to look after the dairy.

Western Ontario butter stands lower in quality than that produced in Eastern Ontario or Quebec Province. Owing to the excellent climate and purity of the Canadian climate, no country in the world should outrival the Dominion in the quality of butter.

Prof. Brown's treatise on the subject of permanent pasture was well received, and elicited many enquiries from the farmers. H. Reid, V.S., in a well studied paper, discussed the subject of breeding and general management of live stock from a veterinary point of view. He suggested that farmers and breeders should devote their attention to the improvement of one particular breed.

At the evening meeting the attendance numbered fully 800 a fair proportion of whom were ladies. Mr. McCraney, M.P., Halton, prefaced an interesting paper on the life and occupation of a farmer, by speaking highly in favour of the institutes as a means of removing the petty, national, religious and perhaps the political prejudices which the agricultural community entertained towards each other. He thought that farmers did not make their homes sufficiently attractive to keep their sons from following other pursuits in life instead of sticking to the farm.

He pointed out the important place which the farmer occupied in the commercial world. A little more energy and determination to succeed were what some farmers lacked. As a farmer himself he urged his agricultural hearers not to despise their calling or envy others; but by devoting themselves to the interests of their farm and home, they would be honouring themselves and their calling, too.

Mr. Gordon Mowat, in the course of an address on grape culture and the relative merits of the different varieties, recommended the Concord and the Warden as the most productive and profitable for Halton generally, though the Delaware in much of the county would also pay well.

Dr. Roe, in an able paper, discussed the cultivation and management of calvary. It was the most easily grown, the most healthful and delicious, of any garden vegetables, yet there was an impression abroad that it was the hardest of any vegetable to manage.

Col. Campbell, of Nelson, a practical farmer, delivered an address on general matters pertaining to the farm and dairy. William Kerns, M.P.P., Halton, in the course of an address, said as a buyer of grain that for a long time to come the farmer need not look for an advance in the price of wheat.

Prof. Brown addressed the ladies particularly on butter-making, and the relation of the cow to the dairy. A spirited discussion lasting over an hour followed, after which the meeting adjourned. The proceedings were interspersed with songs and instrumental selections by local talent.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Institute resumed business at 10 o'clock, Mr. Bradley in the chair. Dr. Greenside opened the proceedings with an address on the best method of horse-choosing, and how to take care of the horses' feet, which led to a good deal of discussion. The Dr. also gave a practical address relative to the causes and prevention of diseases among live stock during the session.

Prof. Brown dealt with various breeds of sheep and their respective merits in the production of wool and mutton. Mr. Alex. Waddie said from his observations of sheep, particularly Dorsets, the South Down fitted him better than any other breed of sheep he has seen, and he would certainly recommend farmers to stick to their South Downs. He had not been successful with the Cotswold, and the wool of the Shropshire was too coarse.

A lengthy and interesting discussion followed on the subject of sheep and their various breeds. A. B. Smith, of Irlin, in a short paper discussed the general situation of the Ontario farmer. In speaking of cattle, he thought the Durham cow was unequalled for butter and cheese, making good beef, raising of young and shipping purposes. In milk cows the Shorthorn stood next in order to the Jersey, and was a first-class all-round cow. He believed from experience that sheep-raising was a source of profit to the farmer, in spite of opinions to the contrary.

An evidence of the good work being carried on by the Agricultural College, Prof. Brown stated that an ex-student, and son of an Ontario farmer, had recently been offered the position of Assistant-Professor of Agriculture at a college in the States at a salary of \$1,700 per year and his board. He said it was a piece of humbugging nonsense to talk of politics in connection with the Experimental Farm or College.

The feeding of stock was dealt with by Prof. Brown in a practical and exhaustive manner, and elicited considerable discussion. In bringing the meeting to a close the President said he had been edited and instructed for the past two days by the papers read, the discussions and interchange of opinion and no doubt every other farmer

had been similarly impressed. The Institute could not be confined alone to farmers, and he was much surprised to find that more than 700 farmers had supplied themselves as members of the Institute. On motion of Geo. Clemons, seconded by Col. Campbell, it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Institute in Milton. After passing resolutions of thanks to the professors, the gentlemen who had read papers, the Georgetown corporation, and the President, the Institute adjourned.

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A GIRL for general housework, about 14 or 15 years of age. J. T. ELLIS, LIMEHOUSE.

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THE UNDERSIGNED has for sale, cheap, a top buggy, good as new, set with silver-plated harness, cutter and robe. Apply to J. T. ELLIS, LIMEHOUSE.

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FOR the construction of a Frame Building. Plans and specifications can be seen by application at the January. SHEARDMORE & CO., Acton, January 29th, 1890.

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STRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, a pair of black pigs. Any person giving such information as will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded. R. BOLLMAN, Butcher, Acton, Jan. 30th, 1890.

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THE undersigned has a large quantity of first class coigns for sale. Parties supplied with any quantity from a quart to twenty bushels. HENRY JENNER, Church St. FORTWORTH.

HAVING disposed of both my Livery and Hoot and shoe business, I take this plan of notifying all parties indebted to me that they must call at Williams' shoe shop, Mill St., and settle their accounts at once, otherwise costs will be added. H. H. MCCARTHY, Acton, January 6th, 1890.

HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE.

THE undersigned offers for sale his house and lot on Main street. It is a large house, containing six rooms, also kitchen and woodshed, is well adapted for a tenement or boarding house. Good stable in the rear. Liberal terms. D. W. CAMPBELL, Apply to.

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TAKE NOTICE.

THAT PURSUANT TO REVISED STATUTES of Ontario, Chap. 107, Sec. 31, all persons claiming an interest in any land or tenement in the County of Halton, who have not previously filed their claims in the office of the Registrar of the County of Halton, before the 1st day of February, 1890, or before the 1st day of February, 1890, to and in their respective claims against the said land or tenement, or to David Ryder, Administrator of Mary Ryder, Guelph, Ont., in the expiration of which the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of said estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, in accordance with the provisions of the said Statute, which said administrator has this notice.

J. A. MOWAT, Barrister, Acton, O. Dated at Acton, January 29th, 1890.

Business Change.

THOS. C. MOORE

WOULD inform the public generally that he has now full control of the Acton Co-operative, heretofore conducted by Messrs. Leimert, in all parts of Canada, the United States, and all other countries. Only first-class workmen used, material employed.

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We have pleasure in stating that our stock for the season's trade surpasses in extensive variety and choice selection anything we have ever formerly laid before our customers.

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In this department no house here can successfully compete with us in point of variety, real sterling value, and downright cheapness. Ladies who are in the habit of buying elsewhere are not aware of the inducements we offer in this department to purchasers. Inspection invited.

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