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W. Y. Agricultural Society.

Annual report of the Directors of the West Riding of York Agricultural Society, for 1881.

Many valuable hints have been given to the farmers of our country in books written by men who understood whereof they spoke; books which owing to the wonderful facilities offered by the printing press, are literally within the reach of all. A great deal of information, too, is given monthly or weekly in the columns of the Agricultural Magazines, and weekly newspapers of the country which are to be had at surprisingly low rates, and in this province, of a very high standard of excellence. No doubt many of the ideas put forth in the various articles and treatises referred to have been adopted either wholly or in modified forms by men living in our own district, and these men have, peradventure, profited directly or indirectly by the knowledge gained.

Now, if our own practical farmers who have in the course of their agricultural career gleaned from constant observation numbers of useful items of knowledge, in their leisure moments, send the fruits of their experiences to some live paper, how the benefit would spread and how one man after another would replenish his store of information, derive lasting good from his brother farmers' careful noting of occurrences in the daily round of the farmers' life. And here it may be well to remark that the local papers, those which are of us and for us, by using the cause of our own locality, as opposed to the great papers of the cities should receive our support, as farmers, in every way, both by promptly paid subscriptions and by the furnishing of those items of news which crop up from time to time, and which we know will prove of interest to the farming community of our Riding.

HORSES.

It will not be necessary in this report to say much on the subject of horses. We must all know from experience that a good horse will always find a market and bring a good price. It was a source of gratification to your Directors to see so many really fine horses on the spreading track at the fair of 1881. The horse ring always attracts a crowd of admirers, and certainly on that day it was not to be wondered at that so much attention was entered in it. The feeling of triumph which fills the heart of the owner of horses so noble as to carry off the palm from among so many fine animals must of itself, apart from any prize, be a full reward for the care which has been bestowed upon the victors.

CATTLE.

The demand for milk, butter, cheese and beef seems likely, owing to the rapid growth of our cities, to increase, and so the products of the farm in this particular will be eagerly sought for. The high prices commanded by butter of superior quality in the Toronto market this fall show that there is no danger yet of too great a supply, but it must be borne in mind that butter to find satisfactory sale in that market (which we mention particularly on account of its being the chief market for our country) must be carefully made. The butter of Canada has not always had a very good reputation abroad probably on account of the slipshod manner in which some of it was prepared on the farm, and afterwards packed in some country store where the man detailed to do the work had more zeal than knowledge, or more notice than taste, and the choice butter that did come in being absorbed by the customers of the store, the other rather heterogeneous mass was sent off for disposal to, shall we say, boarding house keepers, or foreign commission agents. Prime beef is always wanted, and if our stock raisers will go on improving their stock so as to produce the best quality of milk, butter and cheese, and to raise good sterling beef to please the heart of an Englishman in Christmas week, they may well expect to reap their reward.

SHEEP AND PIGS.

In like manner we might speak of those useful members of the farm stock community in so far as excellence is concerned. Place your standard high, make it your aim to keep abreast with, or if possible ahead of your neighbors in the matter of having good stock and, all indulging in so proper a rivalry, how grand must be the result in comparatively short time.

POBTRY.

There is room for improvement in this department, and it is a department that should, on a well regulated farm, be a highly profitable one. There are seasons in the year when eggs command a splendid price in the villages and towns close at hand, without going to the city at all. It might prove a very good plan to give the children a practical, financial interest

in the poultry yards: teach them how to manage that yard with system and with common sense, and give them a good dividend out of the profits for their own use and benefit.

We now come to another department, and though the workers in it are very silent, yet they do a great deal of work, and as a rule find their board at a very small cost to their owners. Why shouldn't bees be more generally kept on the farms in York County? Most people like honey, it is always saleable and we think that a suggestion as to a more general move in this direction should prove sufficient.

THE FALL FAIR OF 1881.

Unfortunately for the fair this year the prevalence of fever in the village of Woodbridge, and the spread throughout the country of the most widely exaggerated reports of the seriousness of the trouble militated against its success very much indeed. All the circumstances, however, being taken into account, the fair proved fairly successful, and the number of entries though not up to last years record, was yet a very respectable one.

See the figures for 1881 and 1880:

| | 1881 | 1880 |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Horses | 205 | 259 |
| Cattle | 65 | 70 |
| Sheep | 90 | 101 |
| Pigs | 50 | 49 |
| Poultry | 83 | 88 |
| Bees | 81 | 113 |
| Vegetables | 101 | 59 |
| Fruits | 54 | 101 |
| Grain and Seeds | 34 | 64 |
| Implements | 41 | 14 |
| Dairy Produce | 116 | 71 |
| Home Manufactures | 90 | 120 |
| Ladies Work | 356 | 378 |
| Fine Arts | 61 | 61 |
| Extras | 19 | 23 |
| Totals | 1488 | 1621 |

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner was partaken of at the Lakerman hotel, where a large number of members and guests of the society assembled, and a pleasant time was spent, several interesting speeches being made.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We deem it right to say that the Toronto daily papers *Mail* and *Globe*, and some of our local papers, including the *York Herald*, *Richmond Hill*, and the *Georgetown*, *Georgetown*, had reporters at the fair, and gave lengthy reports of the proceedings, for which reports the Society is obliged to the proprietors.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.

Your Directors must not neglect to bear testimony to the valuable work of the Agricultural Commissioners, who have gone very fully into the subject of what is essential in farming for the farmers of Ontario, and who have also pointed out the most approved methods of grappling with the various dangers to and enemies of successful farming.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

These helps, or indeed, we may now say, necessities, to the farmers are so numerous that it would require volumes to make even a brief mention of them; suffice it to say that "progress" is evidently the watchword of the agricultural implement manufacturers of the land, and they make it their aim to keep fully abreast with the energetic spirit of the times. The steam thrasher has made wonderful strides of late years, and your directors feel that this country is to be congratulated as being the one where portable engines for threshing purposes were first manufactured in Canada.

GRATITUDE.

For the good harvest which we have enjoyed, and for many temporal blessings and mercies to us as a community, we feel that we ought, in the fulfilment of our duty as your Directors, to place on record our gratitude to Almighty God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, who has been pleased to grant us immunity from war, wide-spread pestilence, famine, or other grievous affliction.

[The writer of the above article might not think that because he omitted mentioning the name of "THE LIBERAL," our reporter also being at the Fair, that we think any the less of him. We love him just as much, notwithstanding an unintentional slight. A man's true character must manifest itself in some way. Ed. Lib.]

York County Council.

On WEDNESDAY Morning 25th ult. the County Council resumed its sitting. Mr. J. R. McDonald was heard on the needs of the Muskoka sufferers, but the matter was laid over.

On THURSDAY the Warden, Messrs. Porter, of Vaughan, and Watson, of York

were appointed a committee on County property. The sum of \$300 was granted to Muskoka sufferers. A communication was read from Sheriff Jarvis, asking for more ample accommodation.

The following High School Trustees were appointed: Weston, Mr. J. P. Bull, Markham, Mr. J. Gibson, Richmond Hill, Rev. I. Campbell, Newmarket, Mr. F. Starr.

The Commissioners on County Property reported that the purchase of a farm for the Industrial Home was completed, price \$4,500. They also reported that they had instructed proceedings against the Consumers Gas Co. They also reported that they had instructed J. K. Kerr to proceed to Ottawa to defend the bill prohibiting the use of steam on the Kingston Road Tramway, passed by the Ontario Legislature, and petitioned to be disallowed. The report was adopted.

On FRIDAY aid was granted to Agricultural societies as follows: West York \$125; East York, \$125; North York, \$150. The matter of appointing a County Solicitor was referred to the Committee on Legislation. Plans for the Industrial Home, by Mr. Stoko, were adopted, building to cost \$11,800, and a building committee appointed to receive tenders and proceed with the construction at once. Messrs Crawford and Jackson were appointed a Board of Audit. The Council adjourned till Tuesday, 31st.

INTERESTING INKLINGS.

CANADIAN.

The Canada Temperance Act has been carried in the County of Inverness, Nova Scotia.

The directors of Hervey Institute, Montreal, by a vote of five to three, have refused to disburse the Matron for applying mustard plasters as a corrective measure.

Voting took place on the Canada Temperance act in Inverness county, C. B., on Friday, and the sections heard from give it the majority of nearly four hundred.

It is said that Dr. Sullivan will be the Tory candidate for the Commons in Kingston at the next General Election. This does not look like Sir John Macdonald returning to his first love.

Reform meetings were held in East Elgin, North Huron, and Addington on Monday. At the two first named meetings resolutions were passed condemning the interference of the Dominion Government in Federal Legislation.

Col. Monde, M.P., editor of *La Presse*, having been called upon by the Bishop of Montreal, to retract some comments made in his paper upon Cardinal Simeon's letter to the University, has declined to do so, preferring rather to retire from journalism.

Mr. J. S. Lucas, of Churchill, on Friday received the nomination of the Reform Convention of South Simcoe, as candidate for that riding for election to the House of Commons. The seat was rendered vacant by the death of the late W. C. Little.

A protest was filed Saturday, at Osogood Hall against the return of Mr. Gullett, Conservator, as member of the House of Commons for West Northumberland. The charges are, that the election was secured by the practice of intimidation and corruption.

From that dreadful plague, the Galtion District, comes the report of another crime, the rumor being it this case that the cook in one of Galtion's lumbering shanties at the Desert became enraged at his assistant, killed him, cut up the body and put the pieces in a barrel of pork.

The Buffalo Courier in an editorial comments on the recent arbitrary acts of the Dominion Government with regard to Provincial matters as an evidence of the failure of our Constitution to provide the same clear distinction between Federal and State jurisdiction which exists in the United States.

FOREIGN.

The session of the German Reichstag closed on Monday.

A fifteen year old girl with two husbands has been discovered at Troy.

A. J. Clement, a hotel keeper at Liberty, Sullivan county, was compelled to pay \$775 and costs for ejecting a man from his hotel who was drunk, and who it was proved got his liquor at Clement's bar.

The dispatch of troops into Ireland at the present time is said to have no further significance than an intention to still more closely enforce the law. Everything points to the destruction of the Land League.

PITTSBURGH, Jan 28.—In West Deer township yesterday, a young man named Lee, while hunting, met two ladies. Without provocation he shot and wounded both, not seriously, and fled. After the ladies reached home a party started in pursuit of Lee. The latter, seeing his capture inevitable, suicided by shooting himself.