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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, May 10, '94

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"The travelling dairy conducted by the Ontario Government has done an immense amount of good for the farmers and is, perhaps, the most effectual method that could be adopted to convey to farmers and their wives practical information to enable them to supply a product that will compete in the British market with Danish butter.

"On the same principle, the project for establishing experimental fruit stations should be of benefit to the fruit growers. This is good so far as it goes, but should be extended, and more money provided to go into the diseases of trees.

"The proposal to group counties and establish these experiments in many sections is wise; to have one central farm would scarcely spread the information so well, for many farmers would travel a short distance who would not go across the Province. The Government is to be strongly commended for its decision."
—Toronto Evening Star (Independent) May 2nd.

In his nomination speech at Whitby on Saturday, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. John Dryden, referred to the good work done by the Travelling Dairy. He pointed out that while, according to Toronto market prices, creamery butter remained unchanged from 1892 to 1893, the price of dairy butter advanced on an average a cent and a half a pound. Mr. Dryden considers this due to the improved quality of our butter product, a result that he attributes to the labors of the Travelling Dairy. According to the Dominion census returns, about 50,000,000 pounds of butter are produced annually in this Province. An increase in value of a cent and a half on that quantity represents no less a gain than \$750,000 to the farmers. Mr. Dryden has all along been keenly alive to the desirability of securing for our butter as enviable a reputation as Canadian cheese has won in foreign markets. If this improvement continues, along with a better system of packing and transportation, it will not be long before his hopes are realized and a profitable trade of unknown possibilities opened up for farmers and their wives.

Commenting upon Mr. Dryden's statement, the Toronto Evening News (Independent Conservative), says:—"The claim does not lack justification, and the fact that this is so shows how much can be done towards the advancement of a great industry by means of intelligent government direction."

Mr. Dryden has the astuteness to discern the needs of the farmers at this juncture, and the success that meets all his efforts is the best proof of the practicability of his ideas. If the Minister had accomplished nothing more than the improvement referred to, he would have earned the salary the Province pays him many times over.

During the recent session of the Legislature one of the criticisms against the Department of Agriculture was that the Minister had been unable to show that the College farm had been so conducted as to afford a profit to its transactions. To this criticism Mr. Dryden replied in substance as follows: His first answer was that, under existing circumstances in this country, it is difficult to make any farm pay any considerable profit. Second, that so long as

the farm proper is conducted in connection with the College as part of an educational institution, it would be utterly impossible to make it pay in dollars and cents. The institution was not organized for that purpose. Mr. Dryden truly stated that if he desired a result only in dollars and cents, he would not employ a farm superintendent at a cost of \$1,200 per annum with sufficient experience and educational ability to give instruction to the students; neither would he employ an engineer, part of whose duty is also to give instruction in the management of a farm engine, at say \$500; nor would it be necessary to employ an expert herdsman at a similar sum: nor would he spend from three to five hundred dollars annually in advertising, etc., in connection with the sale of surplus stock, which might be disposed of to better advantage in the ordinary way; nor would he keep at considerable expense 23 male animals representing 23 different breeds of cattle, sheep and swine, when one, two or three, as the case might be, would answer the purposes of the ordinary farmer; nor would he set apart forty or fifty acres purely for experimental purposes, bringing no profit whatever, but entailing a considerable amount of labor in addition to what would otherwise be expended on the same area.

If the question be asked, why then are these things done in connection with the College Farm? the answer is that already stated—that it is conducted for educational purposes alone, and so long as that is the case just so long will it be impossible to show satisfactory results in dollars and cents. No doubt if the items mentioned were taken out and charged as they have been on some occasions to education, the farm as at present conducted would show a balance on the right side. No person offering criticism has yet ventured to say that any individual or particular expense could be dispensed with. Mr. Dryden's first aim, as he stated in the House, is educational efficiency. That efficiency, as he asserts, should be secured at as low a cost as possible, and he further states, without fear or contradiction, that the wages given are as low as the services required can be obtained for.

The third page of the Toronto Daily Mail is noted for "Want" advertisements. If you want a situation, a machine, a business, machinery, lodging, if you have lost or found anything, or if you want to find out where anyone is, advertise in the Toronto Daily Mail, and read the advertisements on the third page of that paper. The charge is two cents a word each insertion, or ten cents a word for six insertions. Address The Mail, Toronto, Canada.

Langstaff

The L. L. and Debating Society have closed for the summer months. We trust that after such a vacation its members will be still more active on re-opening in the fall. However, we thank them for the many pleasant evenings they afforded us during the past season, and look forward to a repetition in the winter to come.

The farmers in this vicinity have finished seeding and are very thankful for the continued fine weather.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. John Drury's illness, but wish him speedy recovery.

Mr. J. Clubine, of Toronto University, is home studying. May he have all success in his examinations.

The children of our public school spent Arbor Day in beautifying their school house and grounds, under the able instruction of their teacher, Mr. E. Richardson.

Miss Carrie Wilcocks left her home on Monday for an extended trip to England and other countries. We wish her God speed although her absence will be greatly missed in this neighborhood.

Mr. J. Drury, V. S., Lansing, Mich., paid a short visit to his home, Mr. R. Drury's, this week.

Mrs. Barnett, of Stouffville, visited her daughter, Mrs. C. Carr, part of last week.

Miss Lena Drury, of Toronto, spent Sunday last at her home here.

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