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Our Ottawa Letter.

In the absence of anything startling in Federal politics this week the pub-lic attention has been mainly attracted to Provincial affairs and the speech of Hon. G. W. Ross at Whitby in which he made his first important uterance as Premier of Ontario and defined clearly and categorically the programme and policy of his Government. The address was an admirable elucidation of sound Liberalism and covered the ground thoroughly and well, it showed that there was no thought of halting in the progressive development of the Provincial resources but that, stimulated by past success, the Gov-ernment was determined to make the achievements of the future distance in every respect those of the past. Briefly summarized his programme is as follows: Survey and development by means of roads and railways of New Ontario. (2) Improvement of the means of transportation particularly the county roads. (3) Reclamation of swamp lands. (3) The storage of periods of law prices. (5) The perfecting iods of low prices. (5) The perfecting within the Province of the treatment of raw materials, such as copper, nickle and iron ore. Such a bill of fare as that should satisfy the most epicurean Oppositionist.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS. Considerable attention was given during the last session of the Federal Parliament to a proposition to create a Railway Commission, "clothed with full power to enforce the conditions of the Railway Act and prescribe and enforce the observation of such regu-St., East.

Mr. Cook will be at Maple on Thursday afternoon of each week.

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Teteghone 47 to this he had expressed himself in the strongest terms as opposed to the Government ownership of railways so that the opposition leader has definitely declared himself as being with the capitalists and monopolists, every time, and against the people, as represented by the Government. It will be inter-esting to know to what extent these views are brought prominently to the notice of his hearers in the course of his present trip through the West, for that section of the Dominion is very strongly impregnated with the idea of Government control.

FRUIT FOR COVENT GARDEN.

The effort of the Department of Agriculture to improve the British market for Canadian agriculture products continues unabated and the results accruing therefrom are developing in a very encouraging manner. The phinments of fruit reaching London shipments of fruit reaching London are attracting increasing attention as the following extract from the London Weekly Mail will show:—"A few days ago a goodly parcel of Canadian peaches and pears was sold in the Covent Garden Market by auction with the most satisfactory results. The peaches were late Crawfords and Elbertas, and they were particularly good. But the pears, are exceptionally fine, and they made as high as 9s. 6d. per small case. As the result of this sale it is clear that the Californian fruit-growers will have to look to their laurels. Canadian pears such as the prime Angus (the variety which made the price quoted) are of finer quality than those sent from California. The fruit reaches us in better condition, is more aromatic and juicy, and is perfectly adapted for the English trade.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE BEST. "The shipment was sent out under the auspices of Professor Robertson of the auspices of Professor Robertson of Ottawa, who is specially responsible for the trial shipments which have lately been sent over in small packages, and there is no doubt that, in future seasons, Canadian pears will secure the patronage of the best buyers in the trade. The representative of Professor Robertson who is now in this country informed as that they this country informed us that they have now obtained the right temperature to keep the fruit in perfect condition while on board the fruit boats, so that nothing stands in the way of large and regular shipments of Canadian peaches and pears during the autumn mouths. Millions of both kinds of fruit are promised the trade for next year."

The exhibition of Canadian fruit at

the Paris Exposition will also prove of immense value in opening the eyes of the world to the resources of the Dominion. Every care has been taken in selecting the specimens, of which there will be over a thousand; so many in fact that they will have to be sent in two shipments.

tical department are worth perusing: The development of the cheese export trade is marvellous. We sent a little over \$500,000 worth of cheese to Great Britain in 1968, and in 1898 we sent \$17,522,681 worth, thus far surpassing the exports of the United States, which last year to the Mother Country were only \$3,267,607. Of the total exports of Canadian manufactures in 1868, cheese only formed 3 per cent. in value, while in 1898 it formed over 31

per cent. of the total exports of manufactures. The exports of manufactures of

wood, as is quite natural, occupy the highest place, but they have not increased, relatively to the others, as rapidly. In 1868 the exports of manmaterial were 61.7 per cent. of the whole, while in 1893 they were 40 per cent. During the thirty years Great Britain has taken of our manufactures of wood over \$258,000,000 worth, while the United States has taken \$242,000, 000 worth, leaving Great Britain the better customer by \$16,000,000. We have exported since Confederation, i.e. from June 30th, 1868, to June 30th, 1808.

1898—thirty-one years—of home products to the value of \$2,464,277,239. These products have been of the farm, the mine, the fisheries, the forest, the workshop and the factory.

Annual Meeting.

The programme is to hand for the next annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union which is to be held at the Agricultural College, Guelph, starting Wednesday evening, December 6th, and closing Friday afternoon, December 8th.

During the past year co-operative experiments were conducted by the Union in Agriculture, Horticulture,

Union in Agriculture, Horticulture, Economic Botany, and Soil Moisture. The Agricultural experiments with fertilizers, fodder crops, roots, potatoes, grains, grasses, and clovers, were conducted on 12,065 plots, which were situated on 3,485 Ontario farms; and the horticultural experiments with small than in any previous year. The summary results of these practical experiments will be presented at the annual meeting, and should prove of great service to all those who are engaged in practical expiring them.

service to all those who are engaged in practical agriculture.

The speakers who have been engaged to address the meeting are Geo. T. Poweli, New York State; Hon. John Dryden, Hon. Chas. Drury, Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, Prof. C. C. James, Jno. I. Hobson, Nelson Monteith, M.P.P., G. C. Creelman, B.S.A., etc.

As the college was established in 1874, the Quarter Century Anniversary of the institution will be celebrated in a special way at the time of the Union meeting.

A good opportunity will be afforded those in attendance at the Union meeting to visit the Guelph Fat Stock Show, which is to be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of December.

The officers of the Union and of the College unite in cordially inviting all persons interested in the advancement of agriculture to be present at all the sessions of the Experimental Union meeting.

The trip to Guelph and return can be secured on the railways in Ontario for a one way fare on the certificate

All enquiries regarding railway rates, programmes, etc., should be sent to C. A. Zavitz, Secretary, Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario.

Maple

The friends of St. Stephen's Church held a parlot social at the residence of Mr. T. J. Wilson, Teston, last Friday evening, and realized over \$22. After tea was served an entertainment was held in the Grange Hall. The programme was good, but could not be enjoyed on account of the presence of enjoyed on account of the presence of the rowdy element. It is anything but becoming for young men who have been well brought up, and belong to respectable families, to behave as some of them did.

Venison has been plentiful here this week, as all of the hunters who went to Muskoka succeeded in each bring

home a fine deer. The pulpit of the Presbyterian Church is being filled by Rev. Mr. Camp of Toronto, during the pastor's

absence.

Rev. S. L. W. Harton preached to the children of the Sabbath School last Sunday morning, and in the evening Rev. J. W. Stewart preached to parents and teachers.

Miss Minnie Dilworth and Mr. Fred Rumble of Toronto, were visiting at the home of the latter over Sunday.

Headford

A very pleasant social event was held here on Friday evening, the 18th inst. The occasion was the fifteenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and sent in two shipments.

THE WAY WE ARE GROWING.

The following fragmentary excerpts from a recent bulletin from the statis
Mrs. F. Padget. About sixty people were present and enjoyed the hospitality of the host and hostess, who know well how to entertain their guests.

The evening passed quickly to the sweet strains of the violin, and dancing was indulged in until the wee sma' hours. At 12 o'clock an excellent tea was served, to which all did justice. After tea the toast "The Host and Hostess" was moved by Mr. T. Thomson in a neat speech, and seconded by Mr. L. Mapes in a short address. The guests rose and drank the toast, after

guests rose and drank the toast, after which Mr. Padget responded gracefully and expressed his pleasure at meeting so many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Padget were the recipients of many handsome presents. The following is a list: Card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. G. Padget, Headford; cream and sugar set, Mr. and Mrs. T. Padget, Toronto Junction; celery stand, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ellerd, Toronto; comb and brush tray and puff box, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bannerman, Toronto; handsome vase, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, Buttonville; silver mounted biscuit jar, Mr. and Mrs. F. Frisby, East Toronto; fountain vase, Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer, Bedford Park; cheese dish, Miss H. Boynton, Park; cheese dish, Miss H. Boynton, Park; cheese dish, Miss H. Boynton, Aurora; pin tray and trinket holder, Miss A. Craig, Toronto; gold mounted berry set, Mr. G. Weldrick, Newton Brook; doulton vasc, Miss Hennessey, Aurora; water jug, Miss Brooks, Dollar; hand painted wine set, Messrs. Robinson, Thornhill; flower vasc, Miss Canol, Hagerman; berry bowl, M. R. Agar, Almira: lemonade set. Miss Agar, Almira; lemonade set, Miss Effie McLean, Richmond Hill; bon bon dish, Miss M. McWilliams, Richmond Hill; gold mounted fruit dish, the Misses Lynett, Richmond Hill; card case, Miss Stephenson, Thornhill; handsome vase Mr. W. Leech, Headford.

Victoria Square

Social evening at the League passed off very nicely. The members of the Headford League gave a very interesting programme consisting of recitations, solos and instrumental selections. A Reading by Mr. L. Mapes was applauded. The Misses Comisky and Clement gave some acceptable selections on the violin and the Misses Barker and Smith proved themselves to be very fair elocutionists. A solo by Mr. J. Leek is also worthy of special mention. Mr. Large also sang that patriotic song, "The Grand old Army," with taste and expression. Refreshments were served which all enjoyed, and indeed the whole evening was one ments were served which all enjoyed, and indeed the whole evening was one which created a very social element between the two organizations. A vote of thanks was given the visitors and the benediction closed the first meeting of the two Leagues.

Mr. G. Read, headmaster of Markbam High School visited the Sabbath

Mr. G. Read, headmaster of Markham High School, visited the Sabbath School last Sunday. He was appointed Inspector by the Markham S. S. Association and is now getting his report ready. He was quite pleased with our school and spoke words of encouragement to the teachers and pupils. The Superintendant, Mr. G. A. McCague, is to be congratulated on the high standing of the S. S.

the high standing of the S. S. Miss J. A. Brown entertained a number of her fellow teachers on Thursday evening last. A very pleasant time was spent. The Sabbath school intend keeping Christmas this year. A good programme will be prepared and a Christmas arch will be a feature of

the Eve.
Mr. W. Scott has returned from Muskoka where he spent the hunting season and was successful in bringing down two "Antlered Monarchs of the Glen.

Vinegar Hill

Mrs. I. Cober, son and daughter of Hespeler were calling on friends during the fore part of this week.

The widow of the late Jacob Horner has been calling on her old neighbors.

Miss C. Nigh has just returned from

a two weeks' visit to Kettleby.

The Mennonites are carrying on a revival meeting this week. Mr. J. Clifford has removed from this community to Victoria Square.

Mr. J. Windros has taken up residence on Vinegar Hill.

Dame Rumor reports that Mrs. G.
Williams is about to take up residence

at Victoria Square.

Mrs. Albert Hunt held a carpet bee on Friday last inviting her numerous

friends.

The members of the Cederdale Beef Association held their annual meeting on Monday night. They elected the following officers:—President Geo. Golland; Sec'y-Treas., C. P. Reid; Butcher, G. Forester, jr.

Mr. Hickson has resumed threshing after a few weeks' rest.

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