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The Voice Of The People

Canada has spoken at the polls and in no uncertain manner has passed judgement of the Meighen shadow administration which sought to govern this country. The mandate of government has been given to the Liberal party under the leadership of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and the people having done their part now look to their elected representatives to give efficient, sound and vigorous administration which will enable our people to prosper and Canada to continue her forward march.

It is the duty of the men called upon to form a government to give to this country stable government and clean administration. One of the first concerns of the Liberal party when called upon to form a government must be to continue to clean-up the dishonest officials in the customs service which they commenced previous to resigning office. The new government is also pledged to further tax reductions which can only be accomplished by efficient, economic administration in all departments.

The overwhelming defeat of Premier Meighen can be directly attributed to his unseemly greed for power at any cost and his willingness to sacrifice principle for party advantage. Honest thinking electors were turned from his party by his "Hamilton Speech." Those who admire above everything else honesty and sincerity in public men were not attracted to the conservative cause by Mr. Meighen's tolerance of such candidates as, Doucet, Nichollson, DeWitt Foster and others whose doubtful reputation in public affairs was rebuked by the electors.

Meighen can't win, was an election slogan widely circulated, the truth of which is now quite evident even to members of the Conservative Party. He has twice been Premier but never once by the will of the people and it is highly probable that the defeat of his party and his own personal defeat in Portage La Prairie will mean his retirement to private life.

Parents Co-operation

The Public and High Schools of the district have opened for the 1926-27 year and the pupils are now well settled in another year's routine of study.

Into these schools at the opening of each year come many new pupils in addition to the ones of former years returning. The business of conducting school, maintaining discipline and the like is no easy one. For a number of hours each day the teacher has complete control of the child pupil and generally seems to make a good job of the work. However, outside of school the teachers are powerless and very often their good work is nullified by a lack of attention on the part of the parents. The latter are the natural educators of the child, to them belong this supreme right, but for the sake of convenience they delegate that right to the school. But they cannot shift all their duties to the teacher. If they want their children to succeed in school they must offer the teacher all the co-operation in their power by insisting on the proper performance of school work assigned to be done at home. The success of pupils in the schools of this district during the year 1926-27 will depend a lot on the measure of co-operation given by the parents.

For A Bountiful Harvest

Canada has had no actual famine within the memory of living man, and so does not really know how to be thankful enough for the blessings of the harvest. When the earliest English settler in what they fondly called New England, had to guard by night and day the fields which they had with amazing difficulty hewed out of the bush and planted with corn and potatoes, a watchful, intrepid, cruel enemy ever waiting a chance to ravish the poor little farms and murder all in their blockhouses, they had a good reason for thankfulness for a harvest safely garnered. They knew the value of every cob of corn, of every pail of potatoes. They calculated their value in terms of human life. Life or starvation were represented by their paltry harvesting. On one side was unbroken bush extending for hundreds of miles, tenanted by fierce enemies they had not known how to placate, irritated against them by a hostile European nation settled at the north. On the other side was the tempestuous ocean considered impassable in the winter, separating them from their old home country by many weeks of voyaging in the summer time. They lived or died according to whether they harvest crops in the open season. These were the people who originated the Harvest Thanksgiving idea. Religion was real to them. They sowed in prayerful hope. They tended their crops with faith and courage derived from Christian faith. They received their year's food as in answer to faith, hope, work and prayer. And they set apart a day for going to God's house and formally and deliberately thanking him for their harvest.

The holiday season is almost past and one cannot help but be impressed with the fact that there has been a great deal of idleness during the past three months. Some enforced. Much of it voluntary. Thousands of men and women who could have been profitably employed, left business and went to the sea shore or the mountains or on tours through foreign countries. Now that the harvest is nearly passed and the summer ended there should be an increased activity in all lines. Chauncey Depew was once asked: "What is the secret of success?" He replied: "There is no secret about it; it is just dig, dig, dig." If the great masses of idlers would heed the advice contained in his words there would be less unemployment and greater prosperity.

The Exhibition is over and the season of "fall fairs" is here again, and as we visit the exhibitions there is one thing which must impress us if we are at all observant, and that is there is an advantage in being fat, and in almost every instance the fatter the better.

If you owned the poorest "scrub" in York County, and got it real fat and sleek you would likely "get by" with it, but the longest pedigreed animal in the country would not inspire much admiration were it gaunt and skinny. Look at the fine fat steer—six months ago he was a terrifying

spectacle. No one would believe there was much blue blood in him and that his dam was Lady Clara Vere de Vere and his dad was the Duke of Eramose. Look at him now. see what fat judiciously distributed will do. Six months ago he was a reproach, a pathetic figure in the bread line, so to speak. Look at him now. He is an aristocrat. And what did it? Fat did it.

It was bound to happen sooner or later in the season when people were gouging into the ground to see just what has taken place in the potato patch. Deceptive business at best—fields may have a showing of tops like a second growth of alfalfa and blossoms like the pet circle in a public park, yet it takes three hills to make a meal for four, with not a scrap left for fried potatoes for supper.

This year potatoes have been an average good crop. People from all over the district have come in and laid samples of spuds on the sanctum desk that were large, enough to qualify as missiles in case war again breaks out in Ireland. Samples have reached up from all parts of the district and although a blight is noticeable in some places on the whole they appear to be a very fair crop. We had thought our collection to be a very good one but we gracefully give way to a friend editor who "claims" he had one tuber delivered to his office that measured 23 inches one way and 17½ inches around the chest. When it was laid on the corner of the desk that piece of furniture tipped up.

It was boiled in a tub and made a meal for eleven people, and they were full of potato right up to the lower jaw. The peelings made an evening meal for the cow. Them's what we call real potatoes.

"Way Back in Liberal Files"

Twenty-five Years Ago.
From Our Issue of Sept. 12, 1901

Residents of Thornhill claim to have an oil well in that town. Experts will give their opinion on the substance found 180 feet from the surface.

Hon. E. J. Davis, minister of Crown Lands laid the corner stone at the new Egypt Methodist Church on the Sutton West circuit on Tuesday.

A herd of thirty Montana ranchers arrived in town yesterday and spent the night in the park. The managers disposed of about half a dozen of them before leaving for Newmarket where the balance will be sold by auction.

The barn and outbuildings of Mr. Wm. Washington on the second concession of Vaughan were burned to the ground early Monday morning.

The origin of the fire is a mystery although it is thought that some person probably a tramp, slept in the barn during the night.

Thirty Years Ago.
From Our Issue of Sept. 17, 1896

The Maple correspondent reported that the button fad had struck the village, many of the young people having fallen victims.

At the September meeting of the

R. H. W. M. Society the following officers were elected; Pres. Mrs. Switzer, 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. Williams Sec. Vice-Pres. Mrs. Storey, Recording Sec. Mrs. Grant, Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Proctor, Treas. Mrs. Mason.

A large number of people attended the auction sale of farms at the Palmer House on Saturday. The Metcalfe farm on the second Con. of Vaughan was bought by Mr. Wm. Rumble for \$4,410. The Bernard Place at Elgin Mills was sold to Mr. Inglesby for \$5,525.

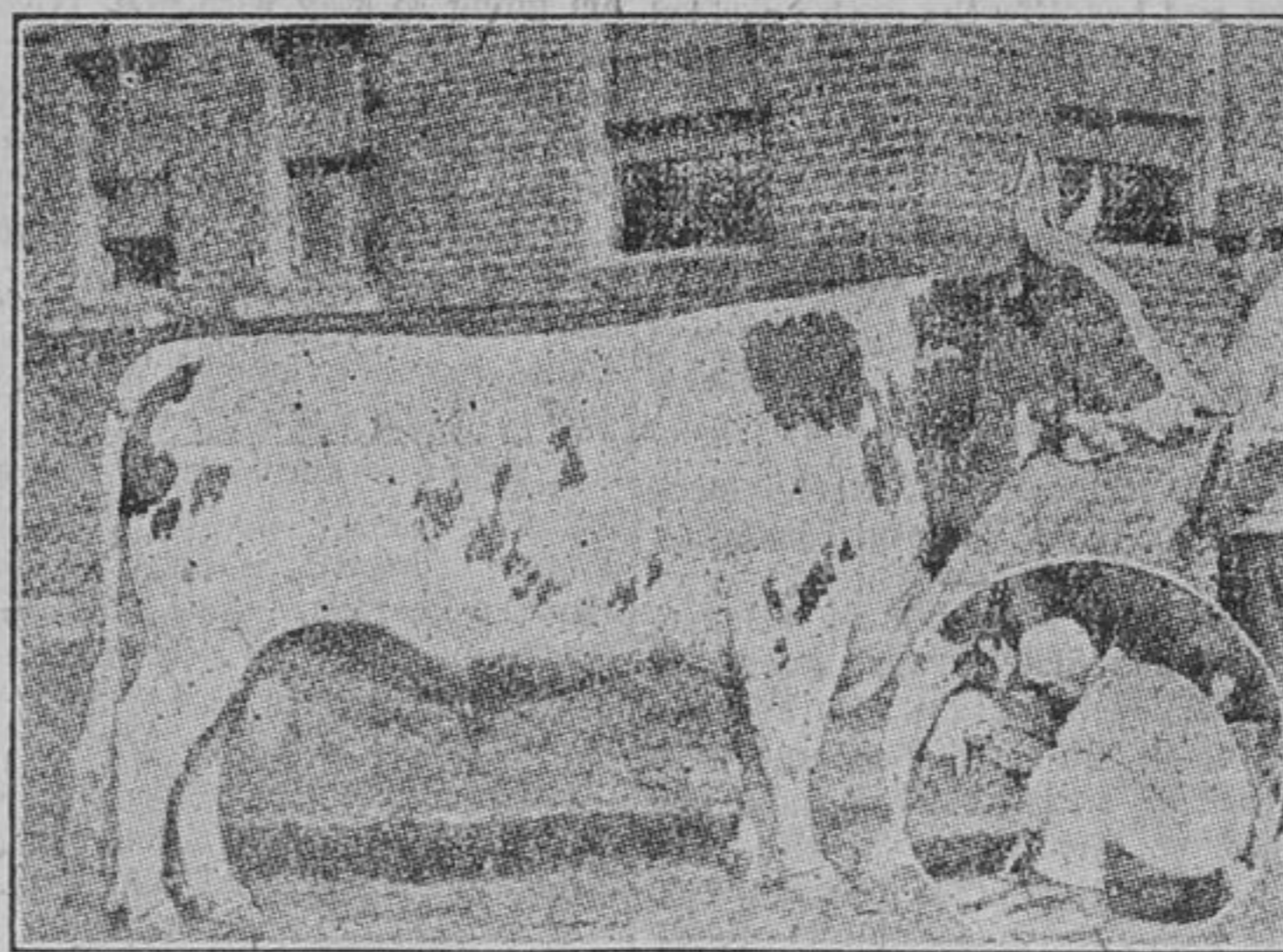
Twenty Years Ago.
From Our Issue of Sept. 13, 1906.

Rev. J. A. Grant pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was tendered a very pleasant reception by the members of the congregation on Friday evening. Accompanying a very complimentary address which was read, a cheque for \$100 was presented to the minister. Short speeches were made by Messrs. F. McConaphy, J. McLean, T. F. McMahon, Mrs. Pauline and others.

The Maple correspondent reported that the Methodist Church had been bequeathed the sum of \$100 by the late Geo. Smith of Elmvale.

Mr. P. S. Gibson of Willowdale was in the village on Friday surveying Centre Street west, with the object of widening the street.

Selection of Dairy Cattle Breeds Influenced by Shows



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Many a man who is undecided as to the breed of dairy cattle that he will select has been influenced in making his decision by the animals of a particular breed that he has seen in public.

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It is essential that special care and attention be given dairy animals far in advance of the time that they are to be exhibited or sold. Exhibiting or selling animals publicly in their every day clothes is poor advertising and puts them at a disadvantage when the competition is keen. It takes several weeks to put a dairy animal in good show condition and what applies to fitting for show applies as well to fitting for sale.

It is important that the dairy animal to be exhibited or sold be in good flesh. A good covering of flesh adds to size, increases smoothness and indicates that the animal is thrifty and in good health. Dairy animals being fitted need extra feed.

Stabling and blanketing are great aids in putting the hair and hide in condition. By stabling in summer, the animal is protected from the hot sun which makes the hide harsh and stiff to the touch. A roomy box stall that is kept clean and well bedded

provides desirable quarters. Continuous blanketing helps keep the animal clean, sweats the hide, thus improving its handling qualities and makes the hair lay to the body. The blanket need not be expensive but it must be tied on securely.

Every dairy animal that is to be exhibited should have the hair clipped from the entire body about three weeks previous to the date of the show or sale. This will get rid of the old hair and allow a new, even growth to develop which will greatly improve the appearance and increase the selling value of the animal.

A point often overlooked in the preparation of a dairy animal for show or sale is that of training to lead and stand properly. An untrained animal cannot display its good points to advantage if it combats the efforts of the attendant to exhibit it properly. A little time spent each day in training to handle properly will save effort and embarrassment at the show or sale and increase the financial return.

While in the show or sale ring, the man in charge of an animal should have one main thought in mind, namely that of showing the animal to advantage. By this is meant that when it stands, its feet are properly placed, back straight and head alert. Any movement on the part of the attendant or animal should be as graceful as possible. Until the ribbons are placed or the auctioneer's hammer falls, take no chances.

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