

THORN BREEDERS HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Grey County Shorthorn Breed-Association held their annual meeting in the Department of Agriculture building at Markdale on Jan-2. A good attendance was present.

Following officers were elected: President, William H. Bowes; Vice-President, Frank W. Foster; Secretary, Markdale; Treasurer, Markdale; J. Aubrey; J. William Batty; George; W. Littlejohns, T. S.

Arrangements were made for hold-annual sale early in June.

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"Have you seen father?" "Sure, but I love you just the same."

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TOWN COUNCIL HELD INAUGURAL MEETING

(Continued from page 1) would be both an economical and efficient system. Councillors McClocklin, Noble, Macdonald and McQueen favored the scheme providing the right man could be procured, the latter expressing the opinion that in the present manner of doing things, the Council were spending the money and getting no results. Councillor Henry claimed he was not well enough versed in the matter to give an expression of opinion at the present time and would sooner have the opinions of older members of the Council.

With the exception of the Reeve, the Council, including Mayor Murdoch, were in favor of the amalgamation scheme, though the inclusion of the assessorship in the multitudinous duties was not favored. Accordingly a by-law calling for tenders for the combined offices of constable, caretaker of the town and fire halls, sanitary inspector and tax collector, as well as the by-law appointing an assessor was left over for future consideration. In the meantime, the old officers will function as usual until the February meeting.

By-laws for the appointment of other officials were passed as follows: Auditors, H. R. Koch and G. H. Darling at \$25 each; Poundkeeper, George Ryan, Salary \$5; Fence Viewers, W. H. Moffet, T. Daniel and John Mills, in the North, West and East Wards, respectively.

Snow Plough Under Fire

The question of ploughing the sidewalks during the winter months and keeping them free from snow was the next business under discussion.

The 1925 Council had let the contract to F. W. Moon at \$5.00 a trip on light snowfalls and \$6.00 during heavy storms, but the present Council considered a flat rate of \$5.00 good pay for this service. While the whole Council with one exception seemed favorable to keeping the sidewalks ploughed, all were unanimous that \$5.00 a trip was good pay for the service. Councillor Hunter gave it as his opinion that we might as well take to the middle of the road now as later, as no snow plough could keep the sidewalks open during the stormy period of the winter.

Speaking of the remuneration received, the Council thought that as teamsters generally only received \$5.00 a day for supplying teams and drivers in hauling logs or in other work during the summer, this should be sufficient wage for running the plough. After considerable discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Board of Works of which Mayor Murdoch is chairman.

The matter of the condition of Queen street and the big hole left in the gravel pit just back of Knox church sheds also had an airing. Mayor Murdoch said the place was seriously dangerous and that some immediate action should be taken. In the discussion, it came out that ex-Reeve Calder had received instructions to repair the damages done by the removal of gravel and put the roadway in a safe condition. This he had apparently not done, and while the present Council could do nothing at this season of the year, it is likely that a guard rail will be erected and the necessary repairs made next spring.

Reeve Bell's inquiry about the Lambton street bridge covering brought out the information that the lumber for this had been bought by ex-Reeve Calder last year and was at present lying in Murdoch's lumber yards, and was not to be delivered until about the first of May. Reeve Bell thought it poor business to buy this lumber and pay for it so long a time ahead and thought the Reeve of 1925 was somewhat overstepping himself in doing it. "Possibly," said Reeve Bell, "he may also have the men engaged who are to put it on."

Mayor Murdoch, however, said that the lumber had been bought in good faith, and that it had been intended to have the new cover laid last year but that the wet weather had caused a postponement.

The extension of the tax roll for another month was also considered, and on motion of Macdonald and Henry, this was done.

The appointment of H. R. Koch as the Council's trustee on the High School Board and the recommendation that the property committee purchase some new chairs for the Town Hall concluded the business of the evening, and the Council adjourned.

BILL AND 'ENERY

Bill and 'Enery were working on the track in a rather deep cut when they suddenly caught sight of a train coming around the curve at high speed. 'Enery started to sprint for safety toward the distant end of the cut, but he wasn't fast enough. The cowcatcher caught him under his coat tails and tossed him up on the bank. Bill ran to him expecting to gather up the mangled remains. He found 'Enery not much the worse, except for a shaking up. Bill began to express his views as to his lack of judgment.

"You bally hass," said Bill, "w'y didn't you go 'up the bank?"

"Hup the bank? If I couldn't beat 'er on the level, 'ow the 'ell could I win goin' hup 'il."

This story illustrates a point, says Renton Monthly, Edmonton. A merchant was complaining that his business was falling off and he was making no money. When it was suggested that it might help if he would do some advertising, his reply was, "If my business doesn't show any profit now, where would it be if I spent a lot of money advertising?"

Remorse is what you feel just after the neighbors find out about it.

Why Our Grain Flows Through United States

During the four months which ended November 30, some 63,000,000 bushels of Canadian grain were shipped to the British Isles via United States ports, while only 17,000,000 bushels passed out through Canadian ports. Publication of this fact in the daily press has caused a large number of heated editorials and letters from indignant readers, all demanding that Canadian grain shall hereafter be restricted wholly to Canadian channels. While Montreal has had a very busy season, Vancouver feels that she has not had her fair share of traffic, and Halifax is complaining bitterly that not one bushel of Canada's 1925 crop had arrived there up to mid-December, notwithstanding that the Nova Scotia capital now possesses two fine grain elevators, one of which was only completed this year at a cost of more than one million dollars. Quebec has only had a few crumbs from Montreal's table. The public is pleased to hear that Montreal has done so well, but at the same time, wants to know why we do not keep within the country the grain traffic that now goes elsewhere.

The answer is Geography. It has been given many times before, but no one will accept it. The sad truth is that Halifax and St. John and to a lesser extent, Quebec, can never hope for a large share of the country's grain traffic, unless that traffic is given a government subsidy that will reduce railway rates. Grain traffic to those ports cannot stand on its own feet because it is not economically possible. In addition to the long and expensive rail haul required, the Maritime ports are at a disadvantage because of the comparatively small populations they serve. A vessel has a better chance of carrying cargo both ways when trading to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore or Montreal than when trading to Halifax or St. John, which fact influences ocean rates to the disadvantage of the last-named ports. In precisely the same way, the chief American ports have an advantage over Montreal.

It obviously would not pay an ocean vessel, after discharging her inward cargo at New York or Boston, to go on empty to Montreal or Halifax in order to load her outward cargo of grain, if it were possible for the required grain to be sent direct to her dock at New York or Boston. It should be remembered that grain is not a very profitable cargo, and that a very large proportion of the total exported is taken by ships as filler or ballast because of their failure to secure more remunerative cargo. In such cases the grain is sent to the port of call, and there are more such ships to be found on the busier United States seaboard than in Canadian ports. The former can also offer a wider variety of sailings.

In spite of these great advantages offered by United States ports, the chief of which is their greater accessibility to larger markets for westbound cargoes, the Canadian port of Montreal, for the fifth consecutive year, shipped out more grain in 1925 than any other port in the world. And there is a striking fact in connection therewith, which is often forgotten. Of the 164,747,859 bushels which Montreal elevators delivered to ocean vessels for export in 1925, nearly one-third of the amount, 51,794,427 bushels, was composed of United States grain. In 1924 Montreal handled 68,569,959 bushels from south of the border, considerably more than one-third of the total volume handled. For previous years, the record is much the same.

Thus, while it is true that much Canadian grain finds an outlet via the United States, it is also true that much United States grain travels via Canada. Montreal handles the United States product in the spring and summer, until the new Canadian crop starts coming down in September. For the two months of its navigation season remaining, it works night and day to handle the domestic grain, but owing to the immense volume, much has to go elsewhere, and the line of least resistance is via Buffalo and the United States seaports.

One sure way to increase the Canadian flow is to enlarge Montreal's handling capacity. Buffalo has today a storage capacity of thirty-one million bushels; Montreal but twelve and a half million. With such a limitation, the Canadian "neck of the bottle" cannot help but become blocked occasionally. Not even the highly efficient organization and management of the port of Montreal

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FAMILY OPINIONS OF ONE ANOTHER

Seldom Form Fair Judgment of Character and Abilities. For members of the same family circle to form a fair judgment of each other's character or abilities is a very difficult matter. Seen in a perpetual "close-up," it is almost inevitable that the view taken will be out of proportion, but whether the estimate errs in over-training or under-valuing generally depends on the family conviction.

"Mary pretty!" "Ronald clever!" "Susie sweet-tempered!" The idea is instantly rejected as incredible in the home circle, where unkindly criticism has always been on the lookout for defects. So Mary, Ronald and Susie must look elsewhere for due appreciation of merits or talents that only the blindness of long familiarity could deny their possessing.

The gentler cult of mutual admiration is, however, more usual in the modern home circle, and the result is often no more satisfactory. Accustomed to having the family gifts viewed beneath a magnifying glass, children are apt to develop a complacency as regards themselves, and all that belongs to them that is not a little irritating to those with whom they are brought into contact. "We, Us and Ours" are words that come rolling off their tongues with such unctious that their acquaintances are forced to adopt a critical attitude in sheer self-defence, and many a little dose of humiliation must be swallowed by the complacent ones before they see themselves and the world in the right proportion.

To provide each of their children with the ideal environment for moral and intellectual development is a problem to vex the wisest parent, but the future welfare of the young certainly depends on its solution. A little unexpected praise has a marvellously tonic effect upon the child, who for lack of self-confidence or through fear of thoughtless ridicule, is neglectful of appearance or unduly abashed at the smallness of his

IMPOSING ON THE PRESS

Recently The Lindsay Post published an article from the Kingston Standard dealing with the question of free publicity, a problem with which every newspaper has to contend. This article has received considerable publicity throughout the country, and only a few days ago, the editor received a letter from the office of a well known daily newspaper, in which the writer says in part:

"Every day newspapers are appealed to for free publicity for some worthy cause. Much as we would like to help all these causes, it is a physical impossibility to do it. It costs money to set type and to produce space in our papers, and while we are not for a moment questioning the desirability of worthy causes being supported, we believe that would-be users of the newspapers should pay for the advertising in a legitimate way. Some one has been paid for printing the letter which we have received (requesting free publicity) and also for printing the articles which accompany it. The officials, we presume, are also being paid, and it is very difficult for us to understand why newspapers should be asked to do so much for nothing."

"The publishing of a newspaper today is a very expensive proposition, and every time it yields to the importunities of some person or association seeking free publicity, it is simply raising costs. The world is full of causes that should be supported, but it is difficult for a newspaper to understand just why everything in connection with these causes can be paid for except newspaper space."

This puts the case for the newspapers very plainly and very happily, and it emphasizes strongly an evil, happily growing less, which newspapers are obliged to combat almost daily. Indeed, if the tendency were allowed free rein, it would wreck many newspapers, since the only profitable thing these papers have to sell—their circulation—does not pay them, but is sold at cost and sometimes below cost—is their space. And yet many people who would not for an instant think of going to a merchant to ask him for free goods, have no hesitancy whatever in coming into a newspaper office to ask the publisher for free space—and actually are aggrieved if they do not receive it.

When one considers the public service that a newspaper at all times freely renders, it is perhaps not surprising that the patience of the publisher at times becomes exhausted when these private appeals persist. It is well, perhaps, that his patience does come to an end, for if it did not, then in due time, the publisher's capital rather than his patience would be exhausted which would be a much more disturbing development—at least to him.

CONCERT AND BOX SOCIAL

A CONCERT AND BOX SOCIAL will be held in S.S. No. 1, Glenelg, on Friday evening, January 15. A play entitled, "An Irish Stew," will be given by the young people. Admission 25 cents. Ladies bringing boxes free. Good accommodation for horses.

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Giles.—In loving memory of James Ronald Giles who departed this life January 17, 1925.

January brings sad memories Of a dear one laid to rest Who will always be remembered By those who love him best. —Father, Mother, Brother and Sister.

McAnulty.—In loving memory of dear mother, Sarah Ellen McAnulty, who died January 13, 1923.

We were not there to clasp her hand, We did not see her die, We only know she passed away, And did not say goodbye.

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