

CHEESE AND BUTTER ASSOCIATION.

Convention To Be Held Next Week

We have received the official programme of the Thirty-Second Annual Convention of the Cheese and Butter Association of Western Ontario, to be held in Guelph next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th, 18th and 19th.

This is the one great reunion of the year for all interested in Dairying, and a glance at the programme shows that the provisions made for getting the best and latest information, through addresses and discussion, on subjects affecting the interests of dairymen, far exceeds those of any past year, as the following list of speakers and subjects show:

Dom. Minister of Ag., Fisher; Ont. Ministers of Ag., Dryden, Ballantyne, and McLaren, of Stratford, and patullo of Woodstock, of the cheese and butter Association.

Commissioner J. W. Robertson will speak on the "Cheese Trade of Canada."

W. H. Jordan, director of the N. Y. Ag. Experiment Station has papers on "Economic Standards," Connell, M. D. Kingston, on "Bacterial infections of cheese," Good Roads Campbell on the "Economic value of Good Roads," should make interesting topics, Dean, of Guelph College, speaks on sanitary features of creameries and factories.

Bearshier, A. M. L. D., Iowa talks on the "Farmer of the future," Saunders, Ottawa, Shift of the Central Experimental farm, McKay, of Iowa a have read subjects.

Dep. Min. of Agriculture James Millar, Kincardine; Smith, Beaulieu, and the well known D. Derbyshire will speak on allied dairying topics, Miss Laura Rose of Guelph College speaks on "Methods of Guelphing milk, while F. C. of Cream same college describes the history of the of bacteria with the mysteries of pasteurization.

The whole for factory and milk producers and farmers in general this meeting should present great attractions. Held in Guelph, with opportunities of inspecting College Methods, it is such a meeting as does not occur every day.

It is to be hoped that patrons of Creameries and Cheese Factories will take the opportunity of attending the Convention. They will come into contact with the brightest minds among those in the dairy business. We are requested to state that those visiting Guelph any time from Jan. 12th to 19th should procure from the local Ticket Agent a "Standard Certificate."

When this has been signed at Guelph, by the Secretary of the Convention, a return ticket can be procured free of charge any time up to Jan. 24th.

The two beautiful gold medals, value \$7000 each, for best exhibit of cheese at the Industrial and Western Fairs will be presented to the winners at one of the sessions of the Convention.

The Secretary, George Hatley, Brantford, will gladly answer any inquiries.

ROCKY.

Mr. James Banks has returned to his farm in Protton.

A number of our young men attended a party at Mr. Banks on Wednesday night. They report a good time.

What might have been a bad fire at Mr. Banks on Thursday morning but for Mrs. Banks who got on the house and with the assistance of the girls put it out after it burning a big hole in the roof. There were no men at home.

Mr. Neil and Archie McLean attended a party at Mr. Cameron's. They had a good time.

Miss Marian Scarf is home after a lengthy stay in England visiting friends and relatives.

A sleigh-load of young folks from these parts attended a party at Mr. George Ritchie's on Friday night, they had a good time tripping the light fantastic till the wee sma' hours.

Mr. Dan Wade and his sister Maggie visited the Ewen family last Sunday. I wonder if the gray horse was warm when it got home?

NORTH EAST NORMANBY.

The young people of this section have decided to replenish the funds in the treasury for their future picnic by having a pie social on Jan. 27th. The literary part of the entertainment is under the supervision of an energetic committee and is bound to be a success.

The contemplated Temperance society has collapsed, not because it is supposed unnecessary, but for want of a sufficient number of members and enthusiasm, two very essential things in the formation of the society.

Mrs. J. Morice returned last week from Fergus, where she has been on an extended visit of some weeks. We are pleased to welcome her back, but sorry to know that from a fall she sustained while away, she is nursing a dislocated wrist. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. G. Moore, Teswater.

Miss Hannah Fee was spending a few days in town lately and reports a good time.

Mr. James Watson has been adding to his live stock by the recent purchase of a cow from Mr. E. Fee and two from Mr. T. Wallace.

We have missed Mr. G. Petty's cheerful countenance these last few days. He has been engaged with the Eden Bros. timbering.

Good for one of our local sports. E. Gadd snattered out lately with his gun and dogs and succeeded in less than an hour's hunting in capturing a fine fox.

Some of our friends and neighbors, we are sorry to say, have been having a great many ups and downs lately in consequence of the icy condition of the roads.

VARNEY.

The Varney S. S. held a meeting on Tuesday night for the purpose of arranging for the New Year.

Mr. John Carson left on Tuesday morning for Calgary where he intends to remain for some time.

Mr. Bertie Carson left on Tuesday morning for Gadd's Hill.

The Varney L. O. L. No. 689, held their annual election of officers. The following officers were elected:—James Eden, W. M.; J. Aldred, D. M.; G. Petty, Chap.; J. Sharp, Rec.-Sec.; S. Caldwell-Treas.; R. J. Eden Fin. Sec.; E. Sirt, Dir.; Cer Wm. Caldwell, Secy, and E. Fee, P. McEwen, N. Eden, J. Carson, and James Petty, committee.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon were the guests of their daughter Mrs. R. J. Eden on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eden spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Carson.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Zeuss Clark is very poorly at present. We hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

Mr. T. Petty is getting the material home for a new house.

HOPEVILLE.

The Election is now a thing of the past and considerable interest was manifested in the run for county councillor, between Mr. Geo. Watson and Mr. Jas. Corbett. Mr. Corbett was dropped. Mr. Watson took by far the largest vote and is elected by a large majority. The strong pull was for Reeve here between Mr. D. McKenzie and Mr. P. Shaw. Mr. McKenzie was elected by 75 majority. For

Councillors it was a foregone conclusion who would be elected and the result is: Cooper, McArdle, Wilson and Wright.

Mr. Gil McArthur, blacksmith, has thrown down the hammer here and gone to Mich. where he is expecting a good job. And Deans has accompanied him.

Constable Moore of Dundalk was on here lately selling goods on a chattel mortgage.

On Thursday evening the 5th, while the Rev. Mr. McDonald was holding a prayer meeting in the new church, his horse got out of the shed and could not be found for two hours, then he was found in a barn yard near by, everything all right. The track had been traced north towards Hopeville, but he must have come back the same way or went around a block. There is something mysterious, some think that there was foul play about it.

The Esplan church people are preparing for a tea party on the 16th.

The Dundalk Herald seems to feel bad over the election of Mr. McArdle to the Council. Is he afraid of losing some of his big pulls?

One of our villagers went to Glenelg to vote.

Some mischievous youths annoyed the election officials when they were counting the ballots in Allen's Hall on election night.

DROMORE.

Last week being the week of prayer there were three prayer meetings held here, two in the church led by Rev. D. L. Campbell, and one in Russell Hall led by Mr. Robt. Benwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Bagnell of Owen Sound are visiting at the latter's uncle Mr. John Wilson.

Mr. Colin McMillan who has been very ill we are glad to see is able to be around a gain.

Mr. John Renton our stalwart blacksmith who has been off work with a sore hand we are pleased to see is at work again.

Mrs. Amos was taken very ill Saturday afternoon and at time of writing is in a very dangerous condition.

John Leslie of Mt Forest has returned home for the winter. Watch out girls.

Mr. John Brown of Holstein who has been visiting friends here for some time has returned home.

Mr. Murdoch, weight inspector gave Dromore a business visit last week.

Lester Bros. have taken the contract of cutting an acre of swamp for Mr. Joo H. Eocks.

Mr. James Laughton who was to have returned to Owen Sound to resume his studies has been detained with a sore face and miss Rutherford who have been visiting at Melbourne Hall returned to their home in Galt last week.

Miss Agnes Reunick who was feeling slightly indisposed a few nights last week we are glad to see is feeling better now.

We would like to know who, was taken suddenly ill at Melbourne Hall Tuesday evening.

They are kept busy at the saw mill just now. There are some very large logs coming in. Too big Bill thinks as he says he will jump the job if Herman does not stop fetching such large logs.

The young man that goes home with the girls from prayer meeting better not leave his gloves at his best girl's next time or it may give him away.

Parties are all the go this week yet. A few young people spent an enjoyable evening at Mrs. Lizzie Laughton's Friday night while a sleigh-load of the "Upper 10" went to Mr. Jas Swanson the same night and must have had a good time, we hear them singing, "We won't go home till morning."

Mr. Sam Oliver our enterprising barber and shoemaker is doing a rushing trade as he has purchased a horse and delivery sleigh to accommodate his customers.

Mr. Peter Hay has secured the job as caretaker of the school for 1899 at a salary of \$14.00.

Mr. Joo Snell has returned home after visiting sick relatives at her old home near Sarnia.

The Endeavor held their usual business meeting last Thursday evening when the following officers were installed: Pres., W. Isaac, Vice Pres., Miss Ann Reid, Sec., Miss Lizzie Laughton, Treas., Miss Bella Wilson.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Miss Lizzie Perry who passed away at the home of Mr. Wm Bell on Sunday Jan 8th after a lingering illness of nine months.

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MURDOCH. Intended for last week. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Coleridge, Greenside, Mr. George and Miss Rena Sharpe of Dundalk, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. and Miss Ethel Sharp of Holstein visited Mrs. D. Sharp and family during Xmas holidays.

Mr. Bert Budd is at present spending his Xmas holidays at S. T. Orchards.

Mr. Isaac Sirt who has spent the last three years in British Columbia and Dakota returned home a few evenings before Xmas to cheer up the folks at home warmly welcomed by a number of friends.

Miss Mary Sharp, a very pleasant days last week visiting Greenside.

A sleigh-load of Holstein people drove up to Mr. Wm. Allan's, Friday afternoon and spent a very sociable time.

Messrs. W. and L. and Miss Eliza Sirt drove out Friday evening to attend a party at Mr. Wm. Brown's, Greenside.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allen were guests of Guelph friends Xmas week.

VICKERS. Intended for last week. Mr. Harry Edmunds is at present in Toronto Hospital undergoing medical treatment for a lump on his neck.

Mr. Wm. Grierson and Robert Johnston have taken a contract from Messrs. Sparliuz & Kinzie of hauling ties from their mill in Bentinck to Durham station.

On account of increasing business, Mr. R. Lindsay has found it necessary this year to enlarge his stables which, he thinks, are now about complete.

The Johnston Bros. having completed a successful season's threshing have now invested in a Wortman 6 ward grain chopper, and are kept busy every Friday attending to the wants of their neighbors. They are doing even better work than some of the large mills.

Mr. John Meyer of Weston spent New Year's day at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Derby.

BOOTHVILLE. Intended for last week. After a long delay we will pen a few items, as the snow storm was so severe we could not get out to get any news.

Christmas Day was beautiful and Santa Claus delighted the children with presents. One of the happy people in this part that day was John McMillan, his wife present him with a fine bouncing boy. Congratulations Jack.

A number of the young people from here and near Brownsville enjoyed a pleasant surprise party to Mr. A. McCannel, Proton, on Friday night.

Miss Maggie McAnnel of Top Cliff, attended services at Swinton Park last Sabbath and visited friends in that vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson of Singhampton spent Christmas with the latter's father, Mr. William John Wilson. Mr. W. J. Wilson made his daughter Mrs. H. Wilson the present of a fine young colt purchased from Mrs. Booth.

Mr. John E. McQueen has been confined to the house for the last three weeks with a severe attack of Sciatic. We hope he will soon be out again.

Miss Mary Wilson is also confined to the house with Pleurisy.

We are very sorry to chronicle the death of the infant of Mr. John Campbell after an illness of a few days of croup and sore throat.

Miss Eva Booth spent Christmas at Dromore and attended the Christmas Tree Entertainment.

Mr. Graham is now in charge of No. 14, and will continue the good work done by Mr. Nichol.

Mr. McLellan of Ventry, is at present engaged with his brother-in-law Neil McLeod. D. is a good man and the fair ones daily think so too.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod of Sunnidale visited his cousin Mr. Neil McLeod and also Boothville friends last week.

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