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INCENDIARISM EXTRAORDINARY.

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Such is the nickname applied to a district between Dundalk and Corbetton, which has become notorious of late years for fires of incendiary origin. A mass of evidence has come to light showing that an organized system of defrauding insurance companies has been developed, by which property was destroyed for the insurance, with a fire now and then for spite or revenge.

At one of these latter lately, the owner, who had incurred the hatred of the firebugs, was endeavoring to remove stock from the burning building, and was unfortunately burned to death. Some suspicion existed that he had been killed and thrown in the fire, and the local authorities summoned government assistance to investigate the death, and the general terrorist conditions existing in the neighborhood. An inquest has been held, but nothing has come to light to show that the death of young Fenton was not accidental, the enquiries into the incendiarism however, have resulted in the arrest of 8 or 10 men who are now in Orangeville jail.

A singular feature of the conspiracy is that two colored men David and James Ballard have been the leaders, and have become wealthy by their nefarious practices. One of their chief associates is Alonso Smith, and new names are coming to light as partners in the conspiracy. Two of these named Tinsdale, the crown has secured as Queen's evidence and others are spoken off, so that before long the villainous gang or gangs will be run to earth.

The Shelburne Economist of last week says:—

"It is generally believed that we are only on the threshold of one of the most sensational criminal cases in the history of the Province. The insurance companies and detectives have accumulated a mass of evidence regarding Melancthon's incendiary fires of which the public have as yet little idea, and to back it up two of the suspected individuals have turned Queen's evidence. It will not be the fault of the Crown if the practice of burning barns for the sake of the insurance and for spite does not terminate as far as Melancthon is concerned."

According to a Star reporter there were three gangs of eight each, which "worked" their own districts and yet had some connection for purposes of offence or defence.

The father of the Ballards was an escaped slave who settled in Melancthon on about 1852. He married a white woman and both sons have done likewise. Their domestic history is an unsavory one, though David and his wife are reported to be conjugally respectable.

So bad had become the character of the district that insurance companies were refusing and cancelling risks as even honest men were in danger from the malevolence of the incendiaries.

OF INTEREST TO DAIRYMEN.

Dehorning, Rations, &c.

Bulletin No. 104, issued by the O. A. C., Guelph, is just to hand and is brimful of information derived from reports collected by a committee appointed for purpose at the late meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union.

As the practice of Dehorning is becoming common we begin with the conclusions on this subject.

DEHORNING.—Sixty eight out of 170 dairymen replying, report cows dehorned; and with very few exceptions, they express themselves satisfied with the result. One man states that cows do not sell so readily owing to difficulty in determining the age; another partially regrets dehorning pure-breds fearing that it will operate against them in the show ring, while a third states that his dehorned cows bunt each other, sometimes causing abortion. On the other hand, several whose cows are not dehorned, express approval of the practice, while others condemn it as cruel, unsightly, unnecessary, etc. The fear that it would

interfere with success in exhibiting has deterred a considerable number from dehorning pure breeds. Only four report that they are dehorning calves, and the following methods are recommended as very effective and satisfactory.

1st. When the calf is from four to six days old the hair is clipped from around the horn, and some butter of antimony is rubbed on the budding horn, with a thin piece of wood. It is then rubbed over again with the same quantity of oil of vitriol (sulphuric acid). Less than a drop of each substance will do the work.

2nd. When the calf is three or four days old, the skin where the horn grows is scarified, and a little of Gilet's lye applied to the scar.

In this connection it may be noted that caustic potash is frequently used instead of the substance mentioned above.

WINTER FEEDING.—Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining accurate information regarding winter rations, as the majority of farmers do not weigh feed. From the replies, 75 rations have been selected, and we give a few of these selected from various parts of the province.

From Wellington Co. Grade Short horns. Average weight of cows, 1,050 lbs. Winter ration:—5 lbs bran, 45 lbs. roots, 50 lbs. corn fodder, and chaff and straw (ad lib).

From Haldimand Co. Grade Short horns. Average weight of cows, 1,200 lbs. Winter ration:—6 lbs. equal parts oats, peas, bran, and oil meal, 35 to 40 lbs ensilage, 10 lbs. roots, with chaff and straw (ad lib).

From Bruce Co. Grade Short horns, Holsteins, and natives. Average weight of cows, 900. Winter ration:—6 lbs. oats, 2 lbs. shorts, 1 lb. bran, 12 lbs. corn fodder, 15 lbs straw, and 25 lbs. roots.

From Grey Co. Grade Short horn. Average weight of cows, 1,100 lbs. Winter ration:—2 lbs. peas, 2 lbs. oats, 2 lbs. wheat, 2 lbs. bran, 30 to 40 lbs. ensilage, 5 lbs. hay, 15 lbs. turnips, with chaff and straw (ad lib).

From Durham Co. Short horns. Winter rations:—5 lbs. of barley, oats and peas, in proportion of 2, 2, and 1, by weight, 7 lbs. corn fodder, 5 lbs. hay, 10 lbs. straw, and 30 lbs. roots.

From Bruce Co. Grades. Average weight of cows, 1,150 lbs. Winter ration:—6 lbs. oats, 6 lbs. flaxseed, 20 lbs. straw, 20 lbs. roots.

From Middlesex Co. Grade Short horns. Average weight of cows, 1,000 lbs. Winter ration:—6 lbs. corn, 1 lb. barley, 1 lb. bran, 1 lb. oil meal, 8 lbs. sugar beets or carrots, 2 bushels corn fodder, with straw (ad lib).

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Durham 7:20 7:00 1:55 10:45

Varney 1:25 7:08 1:45 10:17

Holstein 7:38 7:37 1:34 10:06

Mt. Forest 7:52 7:50 1:03 9:52

ROB ROY.

We are glad to say that Mr. F. McKinnon's boy is on the mend.

Mr. Wm. Ryan of our burg is taking advantage of the sleighing just now, bustling out his stock of dry wood.

Mr. Malcolm Beaton together with his wife and family moved to Berkley last week.

Mrs. High Edwards has been seriously ill for about a week lately but under the skilful treatment of Dr. Jamieson we hope she will soon be alright again.

The Patrons of Industry of this vicinity have decided to give an entertainment about the first of next month.

The Patrons of Bunesan and also of adjoining lodges got their stock of salt last Tuesday, the salt was delivered in Durham.

So Mr. Alex. Bell is assessor again. Glad to hear it, though his purse will not burst with his salary.

Mrs. Thos. McComb spent last week with her mother Mrs. Archie Little of Varney who was sick, but is recovering now.

Mr. Alex. Bell Jr. has been under the weather for the past week.

Mr. D. McCoskey hitched his team of drivers in a sleigh and took a load of our young people to the entertainment at Ebenezer last Friday evening. There was a good time and all returned home well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

HOPEVILLE.

Our new Council met at Hopeville on Monday the 11th inst. to commence the year's work. They got through their work in good time. Quite a large number of people were present paying taxes, etc., and considerable criticism was indulged in as to the qualification of some of the councilmen, and the charity actions of the late council which were sometimes ill considered.

Mrs. Russell, widow, an aged person, fell on the ice a few days ago and broke her thigh. She is suffering greatly as it cannot be set.

There is also sickness in the family of A. H. Burnett and A. McVicker.

A wood here and dance is to be at Dan McInnis' this week.

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