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FEW FARMERS OPPOSE TESTS FOR T. B. COWS

Provincial Police Deny Guns Pointed at Government

Brampton, March 23—Guns were not pointed at Department of Agriculture veterinarians who sought to test Pel County cattle for tuberculosis, despite rumors to that effect current in Brampton. The veterinarians could not be reached, but Provincial Police had had no information of any farmers waving guns at the testers, and Magistrate L.J.C. Bull was also ignorant of such proceedings.

The magistrate suggested, however, that the wild rumor might have had its origin in the fact that one man had said that he would not allow the Dominion veterinarians on his property. The magistrate added that he had no further information that the man making the announcement had followed it up when the testers came to his farm.

Widely varying attitudes have met the compulsory testing for tuberculosis. Several farmers are bemoaning the loss of their entire herds, and are bitterly opposed to the scheme of a restricted area for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis. Other farmers, whose losses have been smaller, stoically, or even joyfully accept the compensation, and replace their animals. "I had six animals react to the tests, and I got \$45 apiece for them," said one man. "Besides that, I had the carcasses, which, so long as the cows were not badly infected, were sold for beef. I thought that they were mighty well sold, to tell the truth."

From a breeder with an accredited herd of registered cattle, came another and deeper point of view. "This accredited area system will hit some of the farmers pretty badly, perhaps, but they will be mighty thankful for it in a few years. It will give their cattle greater value when they are able to say that they come from a restricted area. And there is less danger to their families. It would be surprising to the general public if they could know of the number of cases of tuberculosis among farm children that originate in tuberculous cows. I was in one stable in this county where the farmer was very proud of the fine, warm quarters he had for his cattle. The place was damp because the outside soil drained into the cement foundation of the barn, and there was no provision for ventilation whatever. I was never so glad to get out of a place in my life."

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Urges Lower Duty on Farm Machinery

Speaking in the House of Commons at Ottawa last week W. P. Mullock, M.P. for North York gave strong support to the proposed reductions in the duty of farm implements. I am in favor of the reduction in duty he said because the farmers of Canada if they wish to get rid of their surplus products, have to compete in the markets of the world. If they are going to do that they have to be placed "in a favourable position to compete with the farmers of other countries. If we are going to hold them up on the cost of their farm implements and necessities of life, we cannot expect them to get along very well in competition with other countries."

YEARS' MAPLE SUGAR IS WORTH \$3,500,000

News that the sap is running in the maple trees caused the Department of Agriculture to disclose that the "white man's" maple sugar industry in Canada is 230 years old this spring, and that about 50,000 farmers from Western Ontario to the Atlantic seaboard share in the harvest.

The department estimates that about 70,000,000 maple trees produce sap in Eastern Canada, but that only about one-third of that number are tapped. Nevertheless the value of last year's sugar and syrup harvest was \$3,522,420, an increase in a year of \$481,820. The industry was started in 1706 at Sault au Recollet, near Montreal.

The Puppet Show

Punch and Judy Entertain Mr. Punch is an Englishman, but only by naturalization. He is in fact a citizen of many nations, in each of which he has his own distinctive name. The Italians call him Pulcinella or Polichinello; the Germans know him as Hans-wurst; in France, he goes under the alias of Guignol, while in Spain he is dignified as Don Christoval Polichinell. He grew out of the personality of the ancient Roman clown, Maccus, of whom a portrait in bronze has been unearthed which strongly resembles Judy's husband.

Pulcinella is said to have come alive in Italy about 1600 A.D. He was carried to England, and as "Punch," soon made his appearance familiar on the streets and about the fairs. Ever since he has been featured as having a long hooked nose and prominent chin—a very nut-cracker of a profile. These, with the hump on his back and breast, and the goggle eyes, complete the appearance of the immortal actor of the miniature stage.

Judy, his wife, a child, a devil and a policeman were invented for him, with whom he played many different dramas, even to religious plays and political satires. But always Punch is the very prince of villains, beating Judy, belaboring the child, wacking the devil and chasing the policeman.

What should be said of a play in which such villainies are performed? "If we apply any sort of moral standard to the play of Punch and Judy," writes Prof. Brander Matthews of Columbia University, "then that play must be dismissed as profoundly and hopelessly immoral." But we do not apply a moral standard to the sayings and doings of Mr. Punch for the plain and sufficient reason that he is not a human being—He is but a puppet, a thing of shreds and patches—vitalized for the moment by the hand concealed inside his flimsy body—He is a joke, and we know he is a joke, and all the children know that he is only a joke. Even the youngest child is never tempted to follow his example or imitate his dark deeds."

Punch and Judy, once so frequently seen, began to die out. The older puppeteers faced with the competition of the cinema were forced into retirement. Only occasionally would one be found at some country fair, or in the side street of some great city. But in the last twenty-five years a revival of interest has brought them again to our attention. Paul Brann has made the puppet famous in his Munich Theater; in Florence, Italy, Gordon Craig labors with delicate art and sympathetic dramatic insight both in the production of puppet shows and in the training of assistant artists. New York City has in Tony Sarg a puppeteer who has inspired many an amateur to make for himself these more than toys, these beings capable of teaching dramatic students "that very important part of acting which consists of not acting—that is, allowing the imagination of the spectator to do the lion's share of the work," as George Bernard Shaw has said of the marionettes.

Goodwood

Toronto Correspondent—By W.D. Glad to report that some of the sick folk mentioned in last issue of Tribune are somewhat improved. Mrs. George Lee has made some improvement, also R. J. Palmerston is some better. Toronto folk are very pleased to read of Mr. Harry Woodland's return home from the hospital.

In reporting the friends who have improved in health, one has to stop and think of who will be the next. Only last week the scribe spoke of the condition of our friend John McCullough K.C. how he had kept well this winter. But sorry to inform his many friends. Mr. McCullough now lies very ill in the Private Pavilion of the General Hospital. Mr. McCullough, on Wednesday, at his office became suddenly ill and was removed to the General. Your correspondent, speaking to his private nurse, this morning and also to his secretary, Miss Hunter was informed he was much better. When his nurse told of the enquiry of the correspondent by an old friend of his, he was very much pleased. With quietness for a week or so it is hoped he will be up and around again soon.

Reading of the happening at the Stouffville Station Crossing, we think it is time that some sort of Wig Wag signal should be installed, and that without delay.

With the closing of the hockey season, our minds look forward to the bowling season. The correspondent, is a member of the Greenwood Lawn Bowling Club, and any Stouffville member this summer visiting the city may meet the correspondent at the Greenwood Park rink and he will be made welcome.

Vaughan Blueman took the services at College Street United Church, College and Bathurst Sts., last Sunday, April 12th he preaches at Queen St. East United Church, April 19, at the Anniversary services, at Riverdale United, Gerrard & Leslie where Rev. George Coulter is pastor.

Rev. J. J. Robbins formerly of Markham, also Unionville, and Stouffville who moved to the town of Bolton, has the circuit church at Tullamore, (St. Mary's Anglican) where they held their Vestry meeting under Mr. Robbins.

Well, well folks, as the old theme song "The Music Goes Round and Round, and so does the seasons. Spring is at hand, and the Goodwood Cemetery Board have mailed out their statements for caretaking of the past summer. Your correspondent knows it too, because he has one to pay and its no wonder. Mr. Woodland wears a worried look, Tom Dowsell wears the same. Art Brown he knows its in the book McDonald has my name.

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