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Highly Practical Discussions - On The Sheep, The Potato Bug, The Diseases of Trees, The Best Kinds of Grain, And Such - Visitors of Note. Reported for the Whig.

A meeting of the farmers' institute of Leeds was held in the Newboro town hall, Feb. 26th, Joshua Legge presiding. Prof. Saunders and Prof. Fletcher, of the Dominion business college, Ottawa, were in attendance. Mr. Cooke, Lansdowne, read a paper on Southdown sheep, claiming as excellencies that they are hardy, close woolled, free from disease than other kinds, have less cotted wool, have fleeces from 5 1/2 to 6 lbs. each, which sell at 30c. per lb., instead of 18c. or 20c., the price for common wool. Another gentleman pointed out that if the wool is spun at home it makes lovely blankets and other home made goods. Mr. Cooke thought this breed of sheep would yet be the sheep most largely kept in Canada.

Then followed quite a discussion on the variety of wheat, in which Prof. Saunders, Mr. Cooke, W. H. Fredenburgh, William Dargavall and others took part. The facts adduced were:

- 1. The best soft wheat is the White Russian, the redfern, which many preferred, being almost as hard as the red life. 2. The best wheat for milling purposes is the red or white life. 3. Five varieties of wheat imported from the high parts of India ripened on the experimental farm as rapidly as early Russian wheat. 4. Efforts are continually being made to grow best varieties suited for Canada on the farm at Ottawa, and it is expected a new variety may yet be obtained better than any yet in the market. 5. The six-rowed barley is the only barley Americans want to buy, while two-rowed is the only kind required in the English market.

On the question of fertilizers Mr. Cooke, of Lansdowne, gave results of experimenting on six plots. While any fertilizer made the soil vastly more productive than the earth in its natural condition, yet the plot sowed with salt was the most productive of all.

Prof. Fletcher spoke on the fungus which attacks plant life. He showed that rust, which is usually believed to be a precipitation of some substance from the atmosphere in damp muggy weather, was really a fungus plant which fastened itself on to the growing wheat and grew from the substance of the grain. Rust is a microscopic plant, which, however, only settles on the wheat plant when the damp condition of the atmosphere is favourable for it, but having secured a place on the wheat as it grows, the wheat shrinks. Smut exists in two forms, one which settles externally on the plant as rust, and the other which enters the stalk of the plant near the earth and makes its way up the stem to the head and enters into the kernel, so that from the outside the grain is apparently uninjured, but on investigation is found empty. This form of smut is found most largely in the North-West. Both forms of smut are of the parasitic plant life.

The black knot of cherry and plum trees was taken up and shown to be a plant growth of the fungus species. The only remedy is to cut off the diseased limbs, or portions of limbs, in winter, and burn them. If this were done all over the country the disease would soon be eradicated. The formation of these knots was described in clear and easily understood language.

A brief history of the potato bug was given, showing that it was not numerous for a long time. It feeds only on members of the night shade family, of which the potato vine is a variety. Coming in contact with the potato plant, on which it naturally feeds, the bug has covered America. With respect to remedies the following points were brought out:

- 1. There is a remedy for the black knot on cherry and plum trees given above. The cherry and plum trees being members of the same plant family are attacked in the same way, while other trees of a different family have enemies of a different kind. 2. There is no remedy yet known for rust, though there are varieties of wheat so healthy and sturdy in stalk and grain that they are better able to withstand disease, on the principle that different persons exposed to disease some will take it and others not, owing to greater general healthfulness. 3. There is a remedy for smut in vogue in the North-West, where the wheat to be sowed is worked in blue stone water, or by hot water alone. In this disease some kinds of wheat are more liable than others to be attacked. 4. There is very little likelihood that the potato bug will ever be rooted out. Paris green will always be in demand and poison the intruders.

A session was held in the evening for which the programme was more varied. There were literary selections and musical performances, interspersed with the more scientific addresses of the professors from the college.

The Blending of Life. And death is one of the mysterious functions of the human organism. They are constantly battling two rival elements; the one throwing off waste and effete matter - death, the other to supply living atoms to build up and sustain - life. It is when the system grows sluggish, when the effete and dead particles, are not eliminated and remain to clog life's channels, that Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut render greatest service. They cleanse the system, restore the liver to a healthy action, correct morbid secretions, renew the springs of life by making digestion more perfect, and proved by the most perfect family medicine in existence. Accept no substitute for Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. At druggists and dealers in medicine.

They Died Together. CARVILLE, Ills., March 7.-Last night Daniel McLachlan, aged 22, killed Cora Carahan, aged 13, and then committed suicide. The pair eloped Sunday night from Paw Paw, Ills., and had a weary time of eluding detectives.

Partly Gave Up. In the year 1885 I coughed for six months, and having unsuccessfully tried many remedies, I partly gave up, thinking I had consumption. At last I tried Hagyard's Pectoral-Balsam, less than one bottle of which cured me, leaving me as well as ever I was. Henry W. Carns, Wabash, Ont.

A Nice Thing. To have in the house a tube of Dyer's Jelly of Cucumber and Roses for the chapped hands, it cures them completely. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

Mr. Moyer's Reckless Prophecy. Berlin News. March is right here, and spring will no doubt come also.

CARL-DUNDER HEARD FROM.

Things He Wonders Over - Advice He Gets - Way of the World.

Detroit Free Press. Sometimes my neighbour comes to me and says: "Mr. Dunder, I don't like to make you feel bad, but dot poy of yours goes mit der gallow if you doan' behave better. He hits my dog mit some snow-balls yesterday. Vhelli, der next day comes und somebody preaks my windows mit a snowball, and when I goes out to shepek about it he calls me oldt Knickerbocker. I look at him more closely, und lo; he has dot same neighbor's poy! I can't make out how she vhas."

Sometimes my neighbour comes to me und says: "Mr. Dunder, you doan' lif in dis country so long ash I do, und I like to tell you dot it vhas again some law if you put ashes around. I shepek to you because I vhas your frendt." Vhelli, dot makes me ashamed, und I goes off und puyas a box. In two days a policeman comes along und says my neighbor keeps more ashes, swill, dead cats und straw beds in his yard dan he sees pefore in two honered years, und he goes per der police court und puyas a fine. I can't make out how she vhas."

Sometimes my frendt comes to me und says: "Say, Mr. Dunder, doan' make some fool of yourself. If det poyas like you to run fer aldermans in our ward, decline mit thanks. Dere vhas no money in it, und der papers abuse you like tiefs." Vhelli, dot settles me, but when I goes py der polls to vote, lo. my frendt vhas on der teekt for aldermans und is elected! Somebody tells me pays more ash \$300 to be aldermans. I can't make out how she vhas."

Sometimes my frendt come in und says: "Say, old chappie, I haf always said I like to help you to a good thing, und der time vhas now come. I know a man on Rivard street who vhas awful hard oop. You can puy dot house und lot fer one thousand dollar, und he vhas wort eight honered. If you take her I warrant you make one thousand dollar in a year." Vhelli, I pelief dot, und I puy der place. In two weeks I find out dot my frendt makes \$100 commision on dot sale, und dot I vhas sheated by tree honered. I can't make out how she vhas."

Sometimes dot neighbor on my left hand comes to me und says: "Say, Dunder, oldt poy, I doan' hurt your feelings for one millon dollar, but I like to shepek mit you a leedle. You haf some beer waggons drive oop in front of your house, und my wife vhas afraid der public shall pelief it vhas us who vhas taking beer. Be some good fel-lows und haf der waggons go in der alley." Vhelli, dot looks reasonable und I make 'em do it, but in four days my neighbor comes homes so drunk on whiskey dot I haf to help him in his house, und his wife says it vhas nopy's peesness. I can't make her out.

Sometimes, ash I go to shurch on Soonday, I find all der saloons open, der poyas playing ball, and people going off on picnics. When I goes inside der minister looks right at me und says: "It preaks my heart dot so many heathen in Africa vhas on der broad road to destruction. Please come down mit some contributions to save 'em." I come down, but I can't make her out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Connection at Yarker. YARKER, March 7.-(To the Editor): There is a good deal of excitement in Yarker just now over the intention of the N. T. & Q. RR. company to take the upper route. This route if proceeded with would destroy our cemetery, and our people here are naturally excited, for they have many loved ones buried there. Your by-law calls for a connection within the limits of the 2nd concession, and to comply with that by-law and to strike Yarker as near as possible gives them a line that is not practicable; then to get a line that is practicable would cause it to be run through our cemetery, and a connection three-fourths of a mile from our village, which would necessitate the removal of the station and freight sheds. This we are sure would not be to the interest of Kingstonians, for as Kingston is the point to be benefitted by the extension, and as it expects our trade and the trade of the people to the south of us, Kingstonians should allow a connection to be made at or near Yarker and not build the connection to be made within the limits of the 5th concession. We earnestly hope that the connection will be made in Yarker and not nearly a mile from it, for if it is Kingstonians cannot expect our trade and the trade of our neighbors to the south of us. There are many other points that can be spoken about, but these we think are sufficient to show you our position, and why it is necessary to connect at Yarker. YARKERITE.

Wants The Figures. SYDENHAM, March 5.-(To the Editor): At a convention held at Sydenham a few weeks ago the county police magistrate promised to publish a statement of the money handled by him for Scott act purposes during his term of office, but it has not yet appeared in print. As the election is near at hand it is of great importance that the electors should see a statement of his account. The Scott act committee have published a report but it is very unsatisfactory. They state that no loss will occur to the county in the administration of the act, as the fines and fees collected will be sufficient to cover the salary of the inspector and leave a surplus. Surely this is a weak assertion. Is there surplus enough to cover all other expenses? The inspector's salary is a minor consideration compared with other expenses. For instance, at Verona last week out of six trials only one conviction was made. The admirers of the act declare there will be a surplus, and the opponents say there will be a large deficit in the county funds caused by the act. Which is correct? We have had temperance lectures, sermons, conventions, and plenty of advice, and we are now quite thoroughly posted on the good and evil resulting from the act. What we now want is a correct financial statement showing, in detail, all monies paid and received during the reign of the Scott act in Frontenac. We hope some one will give us the light. ELECTION.

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