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COUNTY NEWS. INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS. A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence. - A Little of Everything Well Mixed up.

OAK LEAF. SATURDAY, JAN. 27.—Mr. James Denby rejoices in an addition to the family circle. A daughter, Miss Maria Young is visiting at John Williamson's.

SHEATOWN. THURSDAY, JAN. 25.—The vessel sailed by captain John Shea was laid up for repairs on the onion-beds of Charleston lake, convenient to Nigger Bay. Said vessel belongs to the East shore fleet.

DULSEMEIN. MONDAY, JAN. 22.—The Patrons of Industry seem to be a progressive organization in the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne. New societies are being started and the platform discussed generally accepted by all save a few extreme politicians of both sides.

ADDISON. SATURDAY, JAN. 27.—Mr. Nelson Church has returned home and will spend the winter with friends here. It is rumored that this one of our King at, gets is slightly hankering after a blooming young widow.

PHILIPPOVILLE. MONDAY, JAN. 29.—Anniversary services in connection with the Methodist church were held here yesterday. Rev. P. Chalmers filled the pulpits both morning and evening. A big time expected to-night at their

annual tea-meeting—chicken pies to no end. The couple that were married a couple of weeks ago went on a trip for their health and were to have returned on Saturday evening to a reception at the groom's father. They were not there. They must have got left.

Getting up wood is all the rage at present. Some are getting out timber for building and making improvements for the coming spring and summer. J. V. Phillips, on the sick list for some time, is on the mend.

The patrons of Farmers' Pride cheese factory held their annual meeting last Tuesday evening, when the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Arvin Brown, president; Alex. Acheson, secretary; Arch. Stevens, accountant; and Thomas Cavanagh, treasurer. It took 1045 pounds of milk to make a cask of cheese, and the milk netted the patrons \$16.35 per ton, after paying all expenses.

William King and wife have been stopping at his father's A. King, for a couple of weeks. Arthur Elliott is home after an absence of two years in Quebec, making cheese. He is looking as though they fed him well.

Thomas Jones has moved in the west end vacant house. Cornelius Welsh is going to move from the Valley out on Forfar street. Rumor has it that he is going to run a big farm.

FORFAR. MONDAY, JAN. 29.—Mr. E. W. Moles, of Athens, spent Monday in town. A number from here attended the school held under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Emmanuel church at N. E. Graham's.

Mrs. Grahame, of Lansdowne, has returned home after visiting friends here. Miss Lizzie Moles, our popular teacher, spent Saturday and Sunday at home. The snow storm of Monday night was a great boon to those who have wood and logs to draw.

CHANTRY. THURSDAY, JAN. 25.—Mr. Samuel Klyne is conducting revival service at Harlem. Mr. L. Sittel and mother are visiting friends here. Wedding bells are ringing. Fred Vickery passed through here today, on his way to Lyn to be married to Miss Lucy Marshall.

SOPERTON. MONDAY, JAN. 29.—Miss S. Lambert, of Cardinal, is visiting at her uncle's, Mr. John Ryan's. A young son of George Garrett met with an accident which will terminate his life in the collar, cut by striking his head badly by striking it on a stone.

FRONT OF YONGE. MONDAY, JAN. 29.—We have been asked by our much esteemed friend and correspondent of the Athens Reporter for Wexford what we thought of the new rights designed by three initials—F. P. A. One thing is certain in the case of this foreign element, and it's this: that it will, we doubt not, have a tendency to make our Roman Catholic friends stick more closely together in all public affairs. Most people are not aware of the numerical strength of the Roman Catholics in Canada and the United States. There are nearly 8,000,000 Roman Catholics in Canada, and in the United States there are upwards of 7,000,000. Now, sir, this large army of population must contribute largely to the support and maintenance of the country. These very men, many of them, have children attending the public schools kept up and supported partly by Roman Catholics. We denounce the idea of any body of men banding together in order to deprive their fellow men of any privileges which are in the hands of the people to bestow.

Irland, one of the most beautiful spots on the globe, was ruined by internal factions, and Canada will soon be on the horns of a dilemma very nearly as bad. We are afraid that the late importation has been incubated for the sole purpose of a certain party to gain power. The opinion asked for by the Wexford correspondent would require a lengthy article to demonstrate and logically show that such a banded and political party will, in the near future, be a great drawback to the progress and prosperity of Canada. We would like to hear from said correspondent on this subject, if his hands be not tied by popular opinion.

Wedding Chimes. Tuesday morning Jan. 23, St. James' church on Wexford avenue was the scene of a pleasant and solemn event, in being the marriage of Mr. Dr. Judge, of Woodbury, to Miss M. J. O'Shea, of Sheatown. The day was all that one could desire; the sun shone all in all his brilliant splendor on the two that before the sacred altar became one. The church and altar were tastefully decorated for the occasion, thus giving evident proof that the young couple fully enjoyed the rest and esteem of their pastor. Miss Maggie Leeder presided at the organ, playing some of her choice marches, as the bridal party entered and departed from the church. Miss M. J. Kelly honored the festivity by singing two selections, to the great delight of the assembly. The Rev. Father Kelly officiated at the marriage ceremony and was attended by his brother Mr. E. Kelly, of Montreal, who is visiting at the rectory, and Mr. J. Flood, of Wexford. The groom was waited on by Messrs. D. Kennedy and P. O'Shea, and the bride by Misses K. Graham and M. O'Shea. After the nuptial ceremony the bridal party drove to the home of the bride's father, where all partook of breakfast.

A grand banquet was given at 5 p.m., to which over 100 invited guests sat down. The bride and groom were the recipients of very numerous and valuable presents, thus giving proof of their many friends and admirers. We heartily congratulate Mr. N. Shea and family on the respectable and well conducted wedding, by giving us the young couple will visit friends for some weeks and then leave for their home in Michigan. We extend our best wishes to the happy couple.—SPECTATOR.

The Counties Council. The first session of the counties council for 1894 opened at Brockville on Tuesday last. The first business was the election of a warden, and Mr. L. J. Hoyt was conferred upon Mr. R. L. J. Hoyt of North Augusta. The various committees were then appointed and the council adjourned till Wednesday.

The session of Wednesday was occupied chiefly by routine business and an address by Rev. Dr. Saunders on the house of industry question. On motion it was resolved that the county taxes on Fairview Home (\$20) be refunded to Elizabethtown.

Nathan Brown, James Winslow, E. B. Andrew, Charles Mackenzie, Mr. Durand, John Murphy and Henry Beach were placed on the list of destitute and insane. The clerk and treasurer were each granted one month's leave of absence in August next. Thursday's session was an eventful one as at the important house of industry question was finally disposed of, the vote standing 18 to 19 in favor of the scheme.

A petition was presented from Henry Johnson and others, of Kitley, asking for a grant of \$100 to help repair a town line between Kitley and Rear York. The report of the county property committee showed that the jail contained one man and two female prisoners, among whom were a number of vagrants. The report of the prison inspectors recommended that a new building be erected for the jail, the old one to be occupied by the turnkey, reserving one of the lower rooms for the jailer's office; also that a provision be made for feeding the jail by a farmstead. A committee was appointed to confer with Judge Bennetts respecting these suggested improvements. On motion, Mr. Beaverstock was placed on the list of destitute and insane. Several matters respecting roads and bridges were brought up and on motion were referred to the committee. The committee then gave the matter their serious consideration and recommended the immediate purchase of land and the establishing and construction of a House of Industry, the cost of the same not to exceed \$16,000. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. SAUNDERS, Chairman, M. J. CONWELL, Secretary, and Mr. Connelly had been from the first an ardent supporter of the scheme and in response to the questions of new members for information he delivered a ringing speech in its favor. He had corresponded with the clerks of the nine counties in which houses of industry were established and had learned from each that they were in every instance giving satisfaction. The average cost of these houses was \$20,000, but here, where land was much cheaper, he thought that the outside figure would be \$16,000. Of this sum the Ontario government would contribute \$4,000. An animated discussion followed in which Mr. J. P. Lamb, Mr. J. B. Saunders, Mr. Bissell, Dr. Gow and Mr. Darling supported the proposal, and Messrs. Webster, Wilson, Baker, Wallace and Buchanan opposed it. Mr. Saunders stated that six farms had been submitted by the committee in their report, and three of these had since been sold, leaving only three in the hands of Elizabethtown and one in Augustus still available. The first contained 100 acres—price, \$8,000; the second, 100 acres—price, \$8,000; the third, 100 acres—price, \$7,000. They were all good places. He had the owner's permission to state that the one in Ross Yonge was the farm of Dr. Gilest. The result of the discussion was that the clerk was instructed to advertise for farms, tenders to be opened on April 1st by a committee consisting of Messrs. Saunders, Green and Ward. The council held a short session on Saturday morning and then adjourned.

BANK OF TORONTO ESTABLISHED 1827 CAPITAL PAID UP \$2,000,000.00 RESERVE FUND \$1,800,000.00 ASSETS MAY 31, 1893 \$14,500,000.00

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Bank Stocks. Below will be found quotations of the leading Bank Stocks which the Reporter will publish weekly in future for the information of its readers:

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name and Bid Price. Includes Bank of Toronto, Bank of Montreal, Imperial Bank of Canada, etc.

LOCAL SUMMARY. ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pen. -Local Announcements Boiled Right Down. Dr. Talmage has resigned the pastorate of Brooklyn tabernacle. Mr. Chas. Powell, of Montreal, is in Athens this week. Cheapest place for toilet soaps and perfumes is Barr's drug store, Brockville. The cost last year was just 48 cents per day to feed each prisoner in the Carleton county jail.

The Almonte Times publishes a portrait and historical sketch of Reeve Willoughby, who was born in Athens in 1859. Colored chamber sets—pink, brown, blue and grey—only \$2, and full dinner sets in all the new colors for \$6.50, at China Hall, Brockville—T. W. DENNIS. An oversight of men's and boys' overcoats selling at half price, at H. H. Arnold's. Improve this chance—the goods must go. On Saturday evening a fight that ended in a fizzle attracted quite a large crowd on Main street. A fine pair of new boots, and a new cutter for sale at A. J. Jam's blacksmith shop, Athens. The cutter and sleighs are first-class in every respect and will be sold cheap. Mr. W. G. Richardson, general merchant, Frankville, is now conducting a great clearing sale with a view to going out of business. He has made a sweeping reduction in the price of his goods, and this week issues bills giving quotations that should secure a rapid sale.

A Prosperous Fraternal Society. Among the many Societies that are competing for public favor there is probably not one that enjoys the confidence of the public to a greater degree than the independent Order of Foresters. From information that we have received from Mr. G. W. Beach, the Court Deputy for the local Court, we learn that the membership of the whole Order is 54,000, the net increase for the year that closed on the 31st December, was 10,500, of this large membership 22,000 are in Ontario. The friends of the Order claim that it leads all other Orders in our great Province. The number of Subordinate Courts, in Ontario, is 350. 61 of these were instituted during the year just closed. During the 19 years of its operations it has paid to widows and orphans and to distressed brethren about two million one hundred thousand dollars, and has, at present, a cash surplus of \$258,857.89. A gain in the surplus for one year of \$273,000. The death rate has only reached the remarkably low average of 5.29 in the 1000. The Order has encouraged a good deal of adverse criticism, its rates have been pointed out as being too low, but its friends have demonstrated again and again their ability to pay all claims and at the same time to accumulate a handsome reserve. They claim that the teaching of experience proves that their rates are ample, and certainly the record the Order has made would seem to bear out this contention. We have pleasure in giving the advantages of the Order here been set forth with marked ability and moderation by the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronovaktha, the High Chief Ranger of Ontario, the Rev. A. Macgillivray, and by many other prominent officers and members of the Order. The Fraternal features of the Order are carefully cultivated, and many acknowledge gratefully the kindness received at the hands of their brethren. The Court of Foresters in Athens is in a very prosperous condition at present, there being over 40 members enrolled on the books. At the meeting of Athens Court held on Friday evening last 26th inst., there was one initiation and seven proposals for membership. We have pleasure in giving these facts, knowing that they will be read with interest not only by our readers, who are members of the Order, but by others who will be pleased to learn of the continual prosperity and growth of this Fraternal Society.

The burning-out of one of the high school chimneys on Monday morning gave the pupils a half-holiday. Barber's supplies at Barr's, Brockville. The attendance at the high school is gradually increasing, there being already over 150 pupils enrolled. Artist's material at Barr's, Brockville.

Mr. L. N. Phelps has been appointed division court clerk at Delta, vice M. F. Denant, resigned. Smoke the Pre-emption cigar only 5c each, 6 for 25c at Barr's, Brockville, best in the market. Miss M. Everts, of Easton's Corners, who has been visiting her brother here for several weeks, returned home yesterday.

Handsome triplicate albums from 50 cents each up to \$3 at Barr's drug store, Brockville. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arnold, Emma street, celebra their golden wedding to-morrow (Wednesday). The R. porter extols his congratulations.

The annual meeting of Loyal Orange County Lodge of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne will be held at Athens on Wednesday, the sixth of February, at 1 p.m. Understanding the great advantage of being early in the market and getting the first choice, H. H. Arnold has already bought and passed into stock eight large cases of new spring goods.

The big prohibition convention is to be held in Toronto on Tuesday of next week. All railway tickets at half-price, good for three days before and three days after the convention. Guy Curtis, captain of Queen's football team, skated from Kingston to Ganouagan last week in an hour and thirty five minutes. This is said to be the record.

The latest sharp game reported is that of a New Yorker, who advertises a handy method of writing without pen or ink. It costs the inquisitive public \$3 a piece to be told to use a pencil. H. H. Arnold is showing a few sets of choice fur—including a handsome grey lamb military—and all selling at less than wholesale prices.

Every genuine favorite cough drops—the "Bark" on the lake no other than the best—5 and 10c per package, at Barr's drug store, Brockville. Parties who have promised or wish to bring work to the Reporter office, are requested to do so at once. The yard is clear and in good shape for taking in twenty-five or thirty coils of either stove or coal wood. The annual missionary meeting in connection with Christ church, Athens, will be held to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7.30. Rev. W. A. R. ad, rector of Pembroke, and Rev. A. Mackey, curate St. John's church, Ottawa, will deliver addresses. The public invited.

The biggest snow storm of the season struck this section on Monday evening and at noon today (Tuesday) the flakes are still falling. A general blocks to the west will probably result, as already heavy drifts have formed. The B. & W. express, however, came in on time this a.m. and with the aid of its snow-plows may succeed in keeping the road open. The concert to be given by Athen ladies in connection with the Mechanics' Institute, on Friday evening Feb. 2, promises to be in every particular a big success. The committees having charge of the different departments have done their work well and everything is now in form for the presentation of an excellent programme. Those who have had a peep at the flag-draw will be to be exceedingly pleased. In connection with the flag-draw, Kinzy Solomon and the Goddess of Liberty will take part in the program. Mr. E. J. Green, of the firm of Green & Kerfoot, of Smith's Falls; and Mr. McCormack, of the high school staff. Drill Days in Idaho. Mr. D. W. Hannah, of Moscow, Idaho, in renewing his subscription to the Reppier last week, gave the following brief business sketch: Times are very dull here, owing, in this locality, to the fearfully bad season, as the farmers have been to all the expense in harvesting their grain but can't realize a thing for what little wheat that has been raised out of the millions of bushels raised in the Palouse country. It has been raining (and of late snowing and thawing) alternately almost incessantly since the 31st of Sept. last, and in every portion of the country one of the greatest famines in the world, as the inmates will be given work and the weather and rotting away, besides millions of bushels that have spoiled even after being deposited in warehouses. I congratulate you upon the enterprise shown in getting up your Xmas-number of R. paper; it is as good as a visit to old familiar haunts. As Gossip Collets. Mr. H. H. Wilson, being anxious to keep himself fully abreast of the times in respect to the advances and changes made in his profession (book-binding), is now taking a short course at the Guelph Agricultural College, and is making a special study of book-making. Under date of Jan. 19, he writes as follows: The term consists of 550 acres. The college lecturers and out-buildings cover about 100 acres. It is one of the greatest farms in the world, as regards doing business on scientific principles. I wish that every farmer in old Ontario would make it a visit. I am sure that they would go home with a firm resolve that henceforth and forever their pigs would have a clean trough and a warm bed, and that their cows would be permitted to eat their feed in a clean, comfortable and dry stall. They would thereby get a better quantity and quality of milk, which would make a finer grade of butter and cheese, and bring them in a larger amount of "Back-sheep." I am delighted with the official staff.

The total cheese shipments during 1893 on the Mackenzie to West-nt-R. R. to Des. 9, were \$9,853 boxes, or 4,705,285 pounds. Taking the average price of cheese during the season at 7c cents, this would realize for the farmers the handsome sum of \$170,528.50. The driver of the Kingston and Soeley's Bay stage, who joined the Free Methodists recently, will not in consequence of his religious convictions, carry either tobacco or whiskey. Another stage has been put on the route in order that the traffic may not be interfered with, and that people may not be deprived of privileges which others enjoy.

When you feel a tickling in the nose which makes you sneeze and cough; when you have a racking cough which tears your larynx like a rasp; when you're flushed by heat and chills by cold, and feel like something dead you've got the influenza and you'd better stop to bed and stay right there until you're well, no matter what the cost, for health's better far to you than any business loss.

The Conservatives of the Brockville riding met in convention at the county town on Saturday last to select a candidate for the election to be held on the 11th of the month. Mr. R. J. Jell, of Elizabethtown, was the unanimous choice of the party. He is a successful farmer and is highly esteemed by men of all shades of politics in the section where he is best known, but he will be pitted against one of the ablest and most upright members of the Ontario cabinet, and whether he will prove to be the "man for Galway" only the election will decide.

The program of the Epworth League in connection with the Methodist church for the term ending July 10th is being circulated this week. The society possesses a large membership and is unquestionably a great power for the moral, social and intellectual advancement of the young people of the village. At the recent annual meeting the following staff of officers was elected: President, Miss Annie Stevens, Ross Park, Pastor. Vice-Presidents, Miss M. E. Stone, Christian Endeavor Dept. Miss E. C. Crawford, Literary Dept. Miss E. C. Crawford, Musical Dept. Miss Addie Hunt, Organist. Secretary, Marjorie C. Arnold. Treasurer, Wilbur B. Hayes.

How dear to our heart is each subscription. When the generous subscriber presents it to view. But the man who don't pay. We refrain from description. For perhaps, your reader. That man might be you.

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Resolution Passed by the Provincial Parliament of British Columbia. VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 29.—The British Columbia Provincial Parliament passed a resolution directing that an address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the Secretary of State of Canada, that in the opinion of the House it is expedient that it should be considered by international agreement. That gold and silver be legal tender for any amount. That the value of silver in terms of gold be fixed. That gold and silver bullion in any amounts be freely turned into coin at the mints. The resolution was introduced by Col. James Baker, Minister of Mines, who is a brother of the noted Baker family. The resolution has caused much comment in the United States.

The Fire Record. INVERBELL, Jan. 29.—On Saturday at John Dunn's lot, 9, concession 3, North of Oxford, fire consumed three barns, and their contents, consisting of six horses, one a very valuable mare, and all last year's crops, loss partially covered by insurance. TAVISTOCK, Ont., Jan. 29.—A fire occurred on Saturday night on the premises of George S. Brown, Tavistock, occupied by G. Lippert as a fruit store, completely destroying the shop and contents. The premises were insured for \$500. CHELSEA, Ont., Jan. 29.—On Saturday fire destroyed the buildings occupied by E. F. Cooke & Co., merchant tailors, and Wainwright & Co., harnessmakers. Some of the stock was saved. Both buildings were owned by Mrs. Captain Smith, who had no insurance on them. ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 29.—Hall's bleach factory was badly gutted by fire yesterday. Much stock was destroyed and machinery damaged. South Westworth Reformed. HAMILTON, Jan. 29.—The Reform Association of South Westworth met here in convention on Saturday. Mr. Nicholas Avey was again nominated as standard-bearer at the next provincial election.

MEET AND LIVE DEATH. A Toronto Island School Teacher Drowned in the Bay. Her Strength Given Way and She Sinks Before Assistance Arrives - The Other Members of the Party Rescued - The Body Recovered.

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—Miss Sarah Foster, who occupied the position of school teacher on the island, was said to have died on Saturday. She, accompanied by a number of other residents of the island, was in the bay on that day, and on their return home their boat was caught between ice floes and crushed to pieces. The sides were smashed in and the boat sank at once, leaving the occupants struggling in the water.

For nearly half an hour those in the water kept from sinking by hanging on to the floating ice. Miss Foster, who evidently was the weakest of the lot, was the first to let go her hold and sink from view. During this time people from shore were making every effort to reach the drowning persons. B. Adams, scullions and police were thrown, but none of them could be reached by those in the water. At last a rope was tied to a stone and thrown out. The other occupants of the boat, Mr. Gray, later contacted his wife, Wm. Ham and David Kimura, were rescued.

The body of Miss Foster was recovered an hour afterwards and taken to the hospital. She had been teaching at the island school for four years. She has a sister a school teacher in the city. Boy Drowned. YARMOUTH, N.S., Jan. 29.—On Friday evening a young boy, the son of the late George Strickland, aged 13 years, was drowned. The other two were rescued with much difficulty.

Nearly a Drowning. GUELPH, Jan. 29.—John Squire, gardener at the Ontario Agricultural College, was nearly drowned while skating on the river on Friday night. He fell through a hole in the ice and was rescued the second time before he was rescued.

ITEMS FROM OTTAWA. Foster and the French Treaty—Agriculture Report. OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—Messrs. David MacLaren, of Ottawa, and Mr. A. J. MacLaren, of the town of Buckingham, lumber merchant; S. P. Franchot, also of Buckingham, civil engineer; Mrs. A. J. Franchot, his wife; and Mr. T. W. Gibbs, of Ottawa, chemist, have made application for incorporation as the Gibbs, Franchot & Gibbs Co., Ltd. The capital stock of the company is to be \$30,000 in 500 shares of \$100 each, and chief place of business is to be Buckingham, Que. The business to be carried on consists of a long list of manufacturing, and includes a woollen and cotton mill, flour and grist mills, saw-mills, planing and shingle boxes and woollen goods, tile, brick and sewer pipes and electrical apparatus.

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VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 29.—A beautiful Indian girl, who was said to have died on Saturday. She, accompanied by a number of other residents of the island, was in the bay on that day, and on their return home their boat was caught between ice floes and crushed to pieces. The sides were smashed in and the boat sank at once, leaving the occupants struggling in the water.

For nearly half an hour those in the water kept from sinking by hanging on to the floating ice. Miss Foster, who evidently was the weakest of the lot, was the first to let go her hold and sink from view. During this time people from shore were making every effort to reach the drowning persons. B. Adams, scullions and police were thrown, but none of them could be reached by those in the water. At last a rope was tied to a stone and thrown out. The other occupants of the boat, Mr. Gray, later contacted his wife, Wm. Ham and David Kimura, were rescued.

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There is considerable talk in political circles as to the probable action of France in connection with the French treaty, whether it will be ratified or otherwise. The chief feature that makes this question of so much interest is the fact that the treaty will remove or lower the duty on wines imported from France. This alone will give the eyes of the temperance people in this country to the other hand Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's friends state that unless his father's estate is ratified he will resign from the Cabinet. Hon. Mackenzie Bowell gave a luncheon yesterday to Sir Thomas McIlwraith, Secretary of State and Minister of Railways for Queensland, in the Dominion Hotel, and other notables were present. Mr. Bowell, Sir John Thompson, Hon. J. E. Foster, Minister of the Interior, and Mr. Sandford Fleming addressed the gathering on the subject of closer trade between the colonies. The annual report of the Minister of Agriculture was issued Saturday. Hon. Mr. Angers in his introductory remarks says the unusually low prices which prevail in the various provinces, and which two years have had a depressing influence on agriculture generally. This depression has been felt to a considerable extent in various portions of the Dominion, and particularly in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, where grain growing is the chief industry. In those districts where mixed farming is carried on, farmers have experienced a fair degree of prosperity.

An interesting scheme was broached at the closing session of the Carleton County Council Saturday. A resolution was brought forward appointing a committee to report upon the advisability of establishing an industrial farm for the poor and juvenile offenders of the county, to be situated on a suitable site for the same, to be equipped with all the necessary tools and machinery, with instructions to report thereon at the June session of the Council. The establishment of such an institution is a privilege which the Ontario Legislature grants to any township, and the aid of which many have already taken advantage of. The object is to make the institution a place for reclaiming young criminals instead of having them sent to the county jail, where they would be surrounded by immoral influences. It will also be a place of refuge for the poor of the county. All the inmates will be given work and the criminals at least would be under severe restraint during the time they remained in the institution. The scheme will be reported by Government and county grants.

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