

PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR.

A Magnificent Show of Live Stock at Guelph.

Talks on Poultry by Hart, Graham and Clark.

Hon. John Dryden on Work of Women's Institutes.

Guelph, Dec. 14.—The Winter Fair opened to-day under the most satisfactory conditions. The attendance was considerably ahead of last year's opening day. Judging proceeded during the afternoon and evening, and the crowds, which surrounded the judges' ring took an intelligent interest in the decisions. Tastes run to the commercial classes, as is seen in the entries of the one class of grade steer, two years and under three. In fact, there are 36 animals entered in the export class. Experts say that the quality has never been surpassed. There is also strong competition in bacon logs, 120 animals being exhibited. In sheep Cotswolds are exceptionally well represented.

Educational Features. The educational features began to-night in the lecture-room with addresses on poultry. There was a good attendance, and the use for the first time of a stenographer added to the interest. Mr. F. Hart, chief of the poultry division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, spoke on the best type of fowls for fattening and winter laying. Mr. R. Graham, poultry expert at the A. C. spoke on breeds of chickens, the results of the experiments of 1903 at the college, and on ducks. Mr. J. W. Clark, of Onondaga, led in the discussion.

The Forestry Problem. The forestry problem as applied to agriculture, which has suffered greatly by the denudation of farmers' wood lots, was the most interesting subject before the Experimental Union at its closing day's sessions. Of such importance was it deemed that a committee was appointed to bring in a recommendation with regard to establishing a school of forestry, which would be given in practical methods of dealing with forestry problems.

The utility of old-fashioned farm manures was shown by Mr. Zavitz's report of comparative experiments with manures and fertilizers. It also showed the poor results where no fertilizer is used and the need of various soils of different artificial plant food. An interesting supplementary report was given by Prof. Harcourt, showing that \$29,692 worth of bones, and \$76,720 worth of tankage were exported last year from the Dominion, and \$33,902 worth of wood ashes, or 1,073,000 bushels were exported from Ontario. He regretted this exceedingly, as it deprived this country of a great deal of valuable fertilizing material, which was badly needed on our own farms, and all the farmer got for the ashes he sold was probably a piece of soap.

Valuable insecticide reports were given on insecticides for the potato beetle by Prof. H. Harcourt, and on co-operation experiments in small fruits by Prof. H. Hutt.

Election of Officers. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, G. D. Duff; Vice-President, F. G. E. Ford, Holmesville; Secretary and Editor, C. A. Zavitz, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; Treasurer, Prof. H. Hutt, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Board of Control: President, James Mills; G. C. Creelman, Toronto; N. Monteith, Stratford; George Carlaw, Warkworth; R. J. Deachman, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The report of the Treasurer, Prof. Hutt, showed receipts of \$1,843, including the \$1,500 provincial grant, and expenditure of \$1,033, leaving a surplus of \$150. That the farmer may be protected against imposition in grain by-products, the following resolution was passed, on motion of Mr. Henry Benning, of Manilla, seconded by Mr. T. G. Kaynor, Roschill: "That this Experimental Union memorialize the Dominion Government to enact a law that the manufacturer of all by-products used as feeding stuffs for live stock, such as bran, oil cake, gluten meal, etc., be compelled to place upon each package the analysis of the same, showing the composition, protein, carbon-hydrates and other extracts that the food contains, and that the same be guaranteed."

A resolution, moved by Mr. T. H. Atson, Stratfordville, and Mr. W. B. Roberts, Sparta, expressed approval of Hon. Sydney Fisher's Bill respecting the inspection and sale of seeds, introduced last year, but not passed, and asked that it be adopted and put into practice for the protection of the farmers from evils connected with the commerce in agricultural seeds. The banquet of the Experimental Union in the college gymnasium was a success. Over our hundred students and ex-students were present, and the addresses were noteworthy for wisdom and vigour. During the evening speeches were delivered by the Chairman, President, Hon. John Dryden, Mr. W. J. Sillman, of Washington, Prof. G. M. G. and Mrs. Van Rensselaer, of Cornell University, Prof. G. M. G. and Prof. Hutt, of the

Colonel Ferguson said he did not know any part of the world where the young men had the same advantages in agricultural education that they had in Canada.

Miss Van Rensselaer, who has won hosts of admirers by her pleasing addresses here made a hit by a happy reference. She had wonderful stories so many Americans came to Canada and did not return, but she could see now, as she herself felt like staying. Of the many visitors to Guelph none are more enthusiastic or devoted to the object that brings them hither than the delegates to the convention of the Women's Institutes. The chair was occupied by Miss Laura Rose, of the Agricultural College.

President Mills said the Macdonald Institute buildings would be open to the women of Canada without restriction. Hon. John Dryden, as one of the founders of the Women's Institutes, congratulated them on their success, and saw increased interest in the farmers' institutes through the attendance of the women at their branches. This afternoon very interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Willoughby, of Cumbyrigg, Toronto, Secretary of the National Council of Women, and by Miss Martha Van Rensselaer, of Cornell University.

Some Prize Winners. Cattle—Shorthorn steer, 2 years and under—J. J. Fried & Sons, Rossville; 2, W. A. Young, Glanford; 3, E. E. Brien & Son, Ridgeway; 4, W. H. Reid, Kingston. Shorthorn steer, 1 year and under—2, W. A. Young; 3, Jos. Kieby, Armstrong's Mills. Shropshire ewe, under 1 year—1, 2 and 3, J. Jackson & Son, Abington. Southdown ewe, under 1 year—1 and 2, J. Jackson & Son, Abington; 3, G. A. Drummond, Beaconsfield, Quebec.

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SMUGGLED FROM CANADA.

The Adventures of a Band of Captured Chinamen. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The Federal authorities who are investigating the smuggling of Chinamen into the United States from Canada, and especially the case of a party of eleven, which was accidentally dumped into the Erie Canal at the foot of Beckenridge street, last Friday, four being drowned, and unearthing a case of kidnaping, and indications of a plot to commit murder. The kidnaped person was a Chinaman, Mok Took. He was in the party of eleven and has not been seen since the accident occurred. The inspectors believe that he was among those drowned. Mok Took was a registered Chinaman, and had a certificate. He neglected to get a passport, prior to a trip to Canada, and decided to come back by the Erie Canal with a party of contraband countrymen. It is stated by the United States Federal authorities that Mok Took was kidnaped and held a prisoner near Fort Erie for nearly two months, the smugglers demanding a ransom from friends in New York. His certificate was stolen, and he was robbed of a sum of money. The Chinamen are brutally treated by the smugglers, the inspectors say. If Mok was drowned, as they fully believe, his death may be attributed to the cupidity of the smugglers, if not to a plot against his life. Other arrests are looked for, and a more serious charge than smuggling will be laid when the right men are captured.

DOWIE IN CONTROL.

Financial Showing Satisfactory and Receivers Were Discharged.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—John Alexander Dowie is again in control of Zion City and all its industries. This turn in the affairs of the head of the Christian Church follows a financial showing made this afternoon, which satisfied all creditors who had made a formal motion before Judge Kohlsaat to have the receivership appointed by the United States District Court a week ago dissolved. No objection was offered to the motion by any of the creditors. Judge Kohlsaat granted the request, and Receivers Bount and Currier were discharged. It is likely that the bankruptcy proceedings will be dismissed as soon as the Creditors' Committee appointed Monday, has an opportunity to report on the advisability of accepting Dowie's offer of settlement. This provides for payment of all merchandise accounts within one year and the giving of notes in the meantime bearing five per cent. interest.

GHOULS AT WORK.

Robbing Bodies of Clothing in Newport News Cemetery. Newport News, Va., Dec. 14.—The local police are on the trail of a band of ghouls who for many weeks, it is believed, have been engaged in despoiling the graves in Greenwood Cemetery, and robbing the newly-interred bodies of their jewelry, shrouds and clothing. Two bodies that were exhumed for the purpose of removal to other lots were discovered to be in a completely nude condition, notwithstanding the fact that both bodies had been interred in handsome and costly clothing. The bodies were those of Mrs. Edw. Thompson and her father, John

ITALIANS WILL PUNISH SOMALILAND NATIVES.

A British Cruiser Takes a Hand and Marines Land and Set Fire to a Durbo Village.

Prediction That There Will be Scenes of Bloodshed if Closed Shop Fight Continues in Chicago.

Rome, Dec. 14.—The Italian cruiser Lombarda, the gunboat Voltorino and the despatch vessel Gallio have arrived at Aden. They will soon be joined by the schooner Cristoforo Colombo, the flagship, and will proceed to Durbo to inflict punishment upon the Samoiland tribe, which on Sunday last killed Lieut. Commandeur Grabau, after he had opened fire upon them for refusing to hoist the Italian flag.

News was received here that the British cruiser Mohawk had landed a detachment of marines at Durbo and set the village on fire had caused some surprise. Durbo, being the Italian protectorate, it is contended that a British warship should not undertake belligerent operations there.

Answering interpellations in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Fasolato, said that Italy wished to keep her actions in Samoiland separate from those of Great Britain. In a sense, he said, Italy was to co-operate with Great Britain in the campaign against the Mad Mullah, but merely watches the coast as preserved by the Brussels convention to prevent the smuggling of arms and the commerce in slaves.

Keyes, New President of Colombia. New York, Dec. 14.—Under date of Dec. 5 the Herald's Bogota correspondent cables that the national electorate has proclaimed General Reyes as the unanimous choice of the Presidency of Colombia, and General Gonzalez Valencia as the choice for the Vice-Presidency. President Marroquin to-day named General Rafael Reyes at Washington that any negotiations proposed at Washington, not based on the return of Panama, will be useless and unacceptable to Colombia. A national integrity society on a large scale has been organized, with 300,000 active members, with the object of recovering the isthmus. The elections in Colombia, were to have been held on Dec. 14.

ARE EAGER FOR WAR.

Senator Morgan on Roosevelt and the Kaiser. Washington, Dec. 14.—United States Senator Teller concluded his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill, and Senator Morgan also was heard in opposition to that measure. Mr. Morgan took occasion to refer frequently to the Panama Canal treaty and in that connection again freely criticized what he denominated "Presidential usurpation." He declared that the United States is practically at war with Colombia, and that the President had fallen into a trap. Mr. Morgan said that his whole purpose was to warn the Senate against ratifying a treaty, the negotiation of which he characterized as a most abominable and most horrible transaction. Notwithstanding this was the case, the Senator continued, "the Senate sleeps over this breach of the Monroe doctrine and the President of the United States intone in union their solemn and satisfied amen."

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surrounded the plant at all hours and non-union men have been escorted to and from their works under heavy guard. The victim left eight children and a widow.

Dark Day's Prophecies. Chicago, Dec. 14.—If the fight for the closed shop is allowed to continue there will be scenes of bloodshed in this country that will surpass the days of the French Revolution. The closed shop is an American, unrighteous, a restriction of liberty of our people and a death blow to the industrialism that makes for success. "The foregoing sentiment expressed by W. B. Brinton, President of the Peru Plough Company, who has cheered 600 members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. "Our rights," declared Mr. Brinton, "are dependent on the settlement of the question once for all as to whether the employer can hire without assistance. Her steering gear was disabled yesterday morning, but she had little difficulty in steering by means of her twin screws. The Kroonland has been reported to have been transferred to the White Star line steamer Teutonic, which sails from Liverpool to-day, from Queenstown to-morrow, for New York."

Colombian Troops Alert. La Guaira, Venezuela, Dec. 14.—The French steamer Versailles, which has arrived here from Savannah, reports that Colombian steamer have landed 1,100 men from Cartagena near the mouth of the Altrato River, on the Gulf of Darien, to open a way over the Darien mountains into Panama. Colombian troops from the Department of Cauca, Colombia, are said to be converging on Panama, and from all parts of Colombia troops are reported to be marching, or awaiting the result of General Reyes' mission to Washington.

lent speed, proceed together to lay down the boundary line in accordance with the decision of the majority of the tribunal. I recommend that the Congress make adequate provision for the appointment, in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill, and Senator Morgan also was heard in opposition to that measure. Mr. Morgan took occasion to refer frequently to the Panama Canal treaty and in that connection again freely criticized what he denominated "Presidential usurpation." He declared that the United States is practically at war with Colombia, and that the President had fallen into a trap. Mr. Morgan said that his whole purpose was to warn the Senate against ratifying a treaty, the negotiation of which he characterized as a most abominable and most horrible transaction. Notwithstanding this was the case, the Senator continued, "the Senate sleeps over this breach of the Monroe doctrine and the President of the United States intone in union their solemn and satisfied amen."

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MOVEMENT TOWARD CANADA.

Many English Counties are Sending Emigrants to This Country.

London, Dec. 14.—A number of farmers will leave Yorkshire in April for Manitoba, and an anti-Yorkshire party will follow shortly after, and other emigration, no movements will leave Yorkshire, Lancashire, and various other counties for different parts of the Empire.

price, in addition, to agriculturalists, mechanics and artisans unable to find work in England, or tempted by the prospect of better wages in Canada. These emigrants for Canada last year 6,000 out of 250,000 were from England.

The Express, referring to the Yorkshire movement, says: "They are the pick of our people; they will have plenty of employment, but their children will have their love for England mixed with bitter hatred for English history and politics."

A meeting of the British Women's Emigration Association was held yesterday to consider the best means of drafting suitable factory workers for Canada, in response to definite offers from Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton.

A TERRIBLE CHARGE.

Accused of Arranging for Husband's Murder.

Birmingham, Vt., Dec. 14.—To-day Mrs. Mary M. Rogers was arraigned on the charge of arranging for the murder of her husband, Marcus M. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers was killed last summer. Levi Perham, by whom Mrs. Rogers was employed, and Stella Bates, are charged with complicity in the crime. Perham, when arrested first, made a confession, accusing Mrs. Rogers, and then retracted it. Perham said that Mrs. Rogers, who was not living with her husband, was induced to the banks of the Wolomanc River by Mrs. Rogers, and while she embraced him Perham administered chloroform, and then cast him into the river. Perham said that the chloroform which was used was purchased by the Bates woman with full knowledge of its intended use. He also said that Mrs. Rogers has previously offered him \$500, the amount of the insurance on her husband's life, if he would do away with Rogers. Both of the women at the time denied guilt.

MOTHER GONE INSANE.

Sits and Cries Beside the Dead Body of Her Child.

Dover, N. J., Dec. 14.—The parents of little Elsie Rook, who was slain by Frank Betas, will not be comforted. The mother has been insane since the killing, and sits beside the dead body of her child moaning and crying.

There is strong talk among the enraged citizens of Hibernia of marching on the jail in Morristown and taking the prisoner away. Sheriff Byerson has saved the life of the man once, and will probably be able to do so again should the jail be attacked. Betas is in one of the steel cages especially reserved for murderers and dangerous prisoners. Betas was in a dangerous mood when placed in the cell, and tried to kill Hinchey, his cellmate. In the fight which ensued Hinchey was badly hurt, and might have lost his life had it not been for the timely interference of Keeper Oerz.

RATS ATE DEAD BODY.

Aged Woman Died Alone Several Days Ago.

Buffalo, Dec. 14.—Dead a week, her face and right hand eaten away by rats—a gruesome sight, the body of an old German woman was found in the rear of No. 2 Seneca Place this morning. She is said to have been well known about the east side of Buffalo, having been in the habit for years of peddling out of old baby carriages, which she wheeled about the streets, but strange no one could be found this morning that could tell her name. It is supposed to be Ohns or Sauens.

The condition of the kitchen and bedroom which she occupied are horrible. Filth is on every side, and it is impossible to get across the floor because of rubbish. Patrolman Orr, who broke into the rooms this morning, had to shovel his way across the floor. In the midst of all this dirt and rubbish, in the center of the kitchen floor, stood the baby carriage, filled with trumps. The baby itself is in a condition to match the interior. Italian families occupy the front of the house and the upper floors.

The woman's eyes were gnawed out of her head, her nose was gone, her forehead laid bare to the skull, and her right hand picked to the bones.

Deputy Medical Examiner Howland was summoned. He said that the old woman had probably died of heart disease. A miserable little stove in the kitchen had a small, broken pitcher standing on it in which there was the remains of some tea.

The woman is said to have lived in Sycamore street, near Michigan, before coming to live in Seneca Place. Deputy Medical Examiner Howland has ordered the body removed to the morgue.

RUSHING GRAIN TO SEABOARD.

Shipments From the West Coming Well Forward.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Grain shipments from the west are coming forward well and have considerably increased in volume during the past few days. On the Atlantic division of the C. P. R. between Megantic and St. John, there is already a large number of grain-laden cars, that are being rushed into St. John as rapidly as possible.

LORD ROBERTS' RETIREMENT.

Said to be Dissatisfied With the New Army Scheme.

London, Dec. 14.—The old story of Field Marshal Lord Roberts' intention to resign his post as Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's forces is revived by the Morning Leader, an anti-Government newspaper. The paper alleges that the reason for his retirement is that he is dissatisfied with the latest army scheme of the Government. It adds that the post of commander-in-chief probably will be abolished, but a similar and equally costly office will be created, and it will be filled by a royal duke, doubtless more likely than the Duke of Connaught.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rainy River has been incorporated as a town, to take effect on Jan. 1.

Mr. Thomas Gladstone, ex-postmaster of Midland, is dead, at the age of 62.

Mr. Robert Ross, of Montreal, has been appointed the fifth member of the Ontario Power Commission.

An order in Council was passed yesterday, adding the township of Yarmouth to the city of St. Thomas.

The Toronto Property Committee recommended the extension of the present Central Library site for the new public library building.

An order in Council was passed yesterday uniting the village of Ashburnham to the town of Peterboro', to take effect on Jan. 1st.

Canadian manufacturers are complaining that the United States Government will not carry their mail matter to Mexico and South America.

The Greek steamers Pyloros and Assou collided at Ithaca yesterday. The bows of the Pyloros were submerged and fifty of her passengers drowned.

When the calendar year closes it is likely that Canada will have gained over 130,000 arrivals, or about 60,000 more than the year previous. Of this number more than one-fourth were Britishers.

Winston Churchill, speaking at Whiteby, said Mr. Chamberlain's policy meant an addition to the burden of the tax payers of fifty millions yearly. The colonies would receive a subsidy of two and a half millions from the treasury out of \$8,000,000. The rest would go into the pockets of private persons.

The Grand Trunk Pacific deposit of \$2,000,000 was virtually being made. This the correspondent learned on reliable authority to-day, although Mr. Fielding would make no statement whatever in regard to the matter. An official statement is expected in the next 48 hours.

NEGRO AUCTIONED.

Sold at an Indiana Rummage Sale for \$2.39.

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—"If you could get anything for me with you'd sell me," said an old negro to one of the women who was managing the Marion County Woman's Christian Temperance Union rummage sale. He said that he had been tramping for over thirty years, was tired and hungry, and would work for any one who would clothe and feed him.

The woman took him at his word and he was placed on a stool in the middle of the room. The bidding was far from being spirited and the sale dragged along for twenty minutes, when the negro was knocked off to W. H. Egan, a commission merchant, for \$2.39.

The negro left with his new master and appeared well satisfied with the prospect of having a home. Mr. Egan said he will give him some light work and if he proves worthy, will pay him wages.

SWALLOWED THE RAILWAY.

A Newly-Formed Russian Lake Did the Trick.

London, Dec. 14.—A Russian correspondent of the Times says: "A curious thing has befallen the new Orenburg-Tashkent railway, which completed, would shorten the distance and lessen the difficulties of transporting troops to the Afghan frontier and the Panjshir, and send down the railway line between the heart of Russia and the Chinese frontier by 2,000 miles. Apparently reliable information is to the effect that the northern half of this railway has been submerged by a newly-formed lake stretching for fourteen miles. The lake is said to be thirty miles wide and 50 feet deep. The formation of the lake is due to the overflow of the Syr Darya, or perhaps, to one of these displacements common to central Asian rivers, especially in great depressions of the Ural-Caspian basin."

ANGRY WITH ONSLOW.

Canadian Cattle Dealers Say it is a Slip at Imperialism.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Canadian live stock exporters are much concerned over Lord Onslow's remarks at the recently held Canadian cattle. Mr. Robert Bickerdike, who was the leader in the agitation for the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle, speaking to-day of Lord Onslow's speech, said: "That man's name must be Lord Dunderhead, and not Lord Onslow. Why can't they be honest about it at least, here they are parading themselves before the world as a free trade country, and there never was a clearer case of protection than this. Instance of cattle restrictions. There is no more disease among cattle in Canada than there is in England itself."

"If that is their method of fostering Imperial Federation they might try a new track with better results."

RECIPE FOR LONG LIFE.

Live Natural and Keep Smiling, Says Rev. Collyer.

New York, Dec. 14.—Rev. Robert Collyer, a prominent pastor of the Church of the Messiah, and a prominent New York clergyman, has just passed his 81st birthday. He has never been ill a day in his life. When asked for his recipe for longevity, he said: "Live a natural life, eat what you want and walk on the sunny side of the street."

To this the famous preacher has added two instances of self-denial which he holds largely responsible for his perfect physical condition—he did not even smoke until he was 60, and did not drink at all in youth, though he drank for himself an occasional glass of wine now.