

# FARMING AND LIVE STOCK PAGE

**HIS WORKS DO LIVE.**

When the late Hon. John Dryden took hold of the work of agriculture in the province in 1890, conditions on our farms and in our farmers' minds were decidedly different from those of today. Now we find almost the whole farming population looking towards Guelph for the latest secret of nature and science. They have become a scientific class of men, working with scientific methods and methods that were unknown or scoffed at in those straggling days of those of the "book" farmer.

To say that the lamented minister had not a giant's part in that work, is to be thoroughly misunderstood agricultural evolution in Ontario. Enthusiasm with the work of a higher usefulness to the farmer by means of careful methods in soil culture and animal breeding the farmer of "Maple Shade" forged ahead in his not always popular work and the results of to-day attest how well he saw into the realms of the future. The story of his life from the time when he persuaded his father, pioneer James Dryden of Whitby Township, to buy a model pure-bred Crutchebank cow to model his old age, when short-horn cattle as good as sheep, sheep as vigorous, methods of farm operations as thorough, and farm buildings as handy and handsome as can be found anywhere in the world, are the common inheritance and enjoyment of the great body of his fellow farmers in his beloved province, will read like a romance when the facts may be gathered in ink.

The boys of the farm to-day, and in fact all Ontario will look with considerable pride to the work of this valiant son of Ontario. He brought a dignity to agriculture in his short lifetime that is possible only to a few men. The nobility of his work and the importance of the scientific side of it, are impressed upon us as the remains of the man lie to-day in that unpretentious yet comfortable brick farm residence on the acres he loved to call his own. Many a tear will fall and many a heart will heave for one who has been a farmer with the farmers and with a king of men.

**HON. JOHN DRYDEN'S LIFE WAS BEST SEEN AT HOME**

Maple Shade Farm is a Beautiful Beach of 400 Acres of Fertile Land in Ontario County.

The Hon. John Dryden is dead. Few knew he was sick, although he has been nursed from public life for a few months. The news of his demise will come as a shock to hundreds of farmers of Ontario from Bruce to Glengarry. His long tenure of the office of minister of agriculture brought him into prominence all over the continent. But his best hours were spent upon the farm. He loved to steal away from the busy cares of the executive and spend a happy week-end on the old farm of his fathers, so happily situated on the seventh concession of Whitby Township. Situated on both sides of the maple-lined road, the farm consists of some 400 acres of choice land. The soil is a rich clay loam, rolling in character and well adapted for general agriculture and animal husbandry. Here his unpretentious yet commodious and comfortable brick residence, with its well kept lawn, was a most inviting place of retirement from the carking cares of office.

There is no better farming country to be found in Ontario. The soil is truly fertile. The view is magnificent, commanding the blue water of Lake Ontario, about ten miles to the south, and an expanse of country that is reached from Bowmanville on the east, where Senator Bell's Waverley farm has become famous in another direction, and the Scarborough Heights on the west, in all as goodly a farming reach of land as lies out of doors.

Mr. Dryden was distinctively a home man. Society offered him no inducements great enough to draw him away from Maple Shade. Often he was to be seen on a Sunday evening with his estimable wife, who, during his absence, enjoyed a drive over the good roads of his home township. Here he reared his fine family of five girls and one son. The red brick school-house that has the cognomen of Dryden's school was their first school-room.

Being in earnest in life, his attentions on the Sabbath were directed regularly to the work of the church and Sabbath school at Brooklin. Here his Bible class claimed him for years, and while he was immersed in great questions and pressing needs of agriculture during the week.

Those who did not know him intimately were often impressed wrongly, judging him to be a cold and unsocial person. But to know him was to read him differently, and to recognize that the heart that could enter into the splendid problems of agricultural life was just as true in its estimate of his friends. Just as his greatest glory was the success of the Agricultural College over which his only son's education was not complete without a course there. He has shown his good sense by taking hold of the work at Maple Shade, and his father has had perforce to drop, and the old family acre are producing better than ever, and her animals are improved with his added knowledge of the time.

## BIG PEACH CROP IN NIAGARA "GARDEN"

**This Year's Production of Peaches Promises Above the Average Returns to Our Fruit Growers.**

STAMFORD, July 30.—(Special.)—Peaches promise a full crop in most of the Niagara townships. A trip thru the St. David's district reveals a remarkable vigor to the trees as well as a record peach crop. The freedom from insects and fungus pests so far this year is promising to the fruit growers. This absence of disease is due largely to the increased attention that has of late years been given to spraying. Where the peach orchards have been, thoroughly sprayed not much trouble is experienced in securing a good return.

Mr. Dalton of Niagara Falls South reports that all over the district the outlook is bright. Magnificent well cultivated fields of fruit are to be seen on every side. Mr. Munro has a hundred-acre farm entirely devoted to fruit and alfalfa. He believes in the thorough use of implements and disc and spade harrows, scufflers, plows and cultivating machinery are all made proper use of. The ten-acre peach orchards are just coming into bearing, and they form one of the prettiest views along the road to St. David's. Their vivid dense green foliage, above a weedless plot of reddish clay soil almost invites the passerby to trespass under their cooling shade.

The majority of farms here are small in extent. Although they may be only ten acres in extent, yet the magnificent residences and outbuildings, all of the latest style of architecture and design, attest forcibly to the productivity of this fruit-bearing land.

It is an example of what intensive cultivation will do. These small farms return more gross revenue than do the big 100-acre farms of the grain and stock farmers of other parts of Ontario. Of course the returns are in small amounts, but careful attention while he is at work. He is generally the good that has to succumb. Where cultivation is carried on as a business, the returns are large.

Other parts of the "garden" of Ontario report a good peach outlook generally, and cheaper peaches will likely gladden the busy housewife this autumn.

**DIP THE HENS.**

How many have tried dipping their fowls to kill body lice? If they do not end the lice question for a long time. Any good sheep or stock dip will do. Select a bright, sunny day, have the liquid slightly warm, take the fowls by both wings in the left hand, immerse all but the head, and with the right hand work the liquid into the plumage under the hackle and furry portions of the body so as to thoroughly soak every feather. Simply dipping the fowl is useless, as an examination will show that the underfluff is still dry—in this account of the oily nature of the feathers. It must be well worked into the plumage to be effective. This treatment may stop egg production for a few days, but the red comb and increased egg production in a short time will indicate how they feel to be free from lice. The cost is about one-half cent per hen. At present prices one egg will pay the cost of dipping three hens. Try it, and, like the patent medicine advertisements read, "you will never be without it."—Exchange.

**Dropped Dead at Work.**

PRESCOTT, July 30.—Eric Ericson, aged 50 years, dropped dead yesterday while he was at work. He was employed at the Dominion Lighthouse department as coopersmith.

He is survived by a widow and two daughters, at home, and one son, living in Ottawa.

**GRANTS TO FAIRS**

Ottawa Society Would Have Restriction Removed.

OTTAWA, July 30.—(Special.)—The executive of the Ottawa Horticultural Society is communicating with other societies in the province, with a view to ascertaining the sentiment towards the reduction of the provincial grants to a maximum of \$800 per annum to any single organization. It is found that the sentiment of other societies is against the restricting legislation representation will be made to the provincial government.

While the Ottawa Society is the only one in the province that will lose by the new restriction, it is thought that the other bodies of horticultural workers are also opposed to the measure, which was passed at the last session of the legislature.

**PREPARING FOR FALL WHEAT.**

The land in Old Ontario to produce good yields of fall wheat must be plowed deeply and well top-worked. Too much work upon the field is impossible. Present yields are averaging high.

## THE DANE IMPORTS FEED FOR HIS LIVE STOCK

**Immense Amount of Grain and Oil Cake Meals Are Bought by Danish Farmers.**

In the Danish annual review of Animal husbandry for 1908, we can gather some idea of how the Danes do things. Owing to the very satisfactory prices obtained as well as a considerable increase in the production of the export of Danish butter brought home \$49,410,000, as against \$45,657,000 of the previous year. The pastures were good and the market for oil cakes and grain was high the relation between cost of production and price obtained for the butter was on the whole satisfactory.

The hog production exported amounted to \$27,555,670.00 against \$28,933,670.00 of the previous year, but the price has been low while the feed was high so the profit has not been as satisfactory as it ought to have been.

Beef and live cattle have also been low and scrub animals have been the bane of the trade. The total net export of beef amounted to \$28,991,000.00 (287,960,000 lbs) and 149,803 head of cattle valued at \$7,371,000.00.

The poultry export was less than the previous year and amounted only to 1,718,000 lbs., and 23,250,000 doz. eggs, valued at \$7,371,000.00.

**Imports Over Million Tons.**

This makes in all an export of \$100,605,670.00 worth of animal products, but the net import of feed stuffs amounted to 1,091,550,000 lbs. oil cakes, 104,830,000 lbs. bran, 575,520,000 lbs. corn, and 559,440,000 lbs. of other grain, in all 2,232,340,000 lbs.

The corn importation was 232,700,000 lbs. less than the previous year. Of oil cakes, the cotton seed and sunflower predominate as usual. There are some complaints as to there being too many bulls and cotton in the New Orleans cakes. Some of the sunflower cakes had also been adulterated with salt and sand.

The milk yield was fair wherever the cows had calved in the right season (fall) and where the supply of roots did not give out. The pastures were "very good" and there was some improvement in eking it out with concentrates. "The reason of the rather common general average yield of 550 lbs. of milk per cow," says the author "must partly be charged to the many farms where the summer feed is restricted to pasturage only, and the question of whether there is enough grass or not, but it is also due to the many poor individuals, the old saying that the cow milks thru her teeth" holds good.

"Better pastures eked out with soiling crops and concentrates should be the slogan."

**Need Performance Pedigrees.**

There are now 1216 breeding or "bull" associations with 1534 bulls, but the author complains that in too many of them they go it blind as regards the selection of the bulls, and he urges on the buyers to insist on information (authenticated) as regards the yield of the mothers of the bulls.

It may be of interest to note that the average price paid for 47 bulls of the Juliland race was \$142.56 cash, varying from \$81.00 to \$226.75 and with guarantee and credit, while the average price for 23 bulls of the Red Danish race was \$174.30 cash, without guarantee, the average of these being \$48 with 1154 members, and 191,000 cows under control.

## GROWTH OF CLYDE CONFORMATION OF TO-DAY

**A Noted American Breeder Talks Comparatively of His Visits to the Highland Show.**

Alex. Galbraith of Illinois, well-known to our Canadian Clydesdale breeders, has been over to the Highland and Agricultural Society's show at Stirling, and in an American exchange gives his surprise. He says: "The Highland and Agricultural Society again pays its periodical visit to the historical town of Stirling, from whose castle on the rock may be obtained on a clear day a panoramic view of surpassing beauty. No fewer than seven battlements are in sight including the famous field of Bannockburn. The rich farming career of Stirling lies to the west, the eastward fine links of Forth stretch eastward towards the German Ocean, the Ochil hills rise immediately to the north, while in the background the giant Grampian Mountains like 'sleeping kings' complete a panorama that for beauty, variety and historical interest probably not excelled in the wide world."

The Show of 1864.

My first visit to Stirling and to a Highland show was in July, 1864. At that occasion several noteworthy Clydesdales were exhibited which it was my great privilege to see. The famous stallion Sir Walter Scott, fine links of the more celebrated Prince of Wales, was present, not for competition, but as extra stock. He was awarded the gold medal virtue of his having won first prize at the previous show of the Highland Society. This was a practice for many years in the stallion and bull classes, but was finally discontinued. What impressed my youthful mind principally about Sir Walter Scott was his phenomenal action, his regular temper and the fact that he was the only animal on the ground that was honored with a box stall. A medium-sized horse of excellent quality, he had no equal as a mover, but his temper was far from being amiable.

They were bred at the Great Glen Farm, near Stirling. For Civic Holiday, what more delightful trip could be made than one to Lady Evelyn Hotel? Round trip tickets will cost \$10.25, and take you from Toronto via Temagami Inn and Bear Island to the end of the lakes. Fishing is good, and black bass from 2 to 6 lbs. are biting freely. Freshen lake trout was caught Thursday close to Bear Island and a 9-lb. pickerel a few days ago.

Numbers of prominent people are up there, including General Manager Macpherson of the Lehigh Valley; President of the Ontario Agricultural Association, Hon. Charles F. Paine of Niagara Falls, Supt. O'Neill of Buffalo, and all are enthusiastic over the beautiful country.

Best trains leave Toronto 10.30 p.m. and 2.05 a.m.

**CURED BY SACRED RELIC**

Remarkable Story Reported From St. Anne de Beaupre.

QUEBEC, July 30.—A little, weakened, decrepit, old beggar made his way to the shrine of the Holy Virgin daily surge around the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, in a little wooden boat mounted on two rollers propelled by two short sticks. The crowd gave way before the man and his friends, who were intent on having the crippled man touch the sacred relics.

In the chapel of St. Anne de Beaupre repose what all true Catholics believe to be parts of the body of St. Anne. Upon touching these relics, which they believe that a cure may be effected.

The beggar's weakened face was made radiant by his strong faith in the curative properties of the relics. He pleaded to be taken to the priest at once.

The old man had not set his foot to the ground for thirty years. His shriveled legs were curled underneath his body. He shivered as he sat in his cart. He had not walked since an injury to his spine sustained when twelve years old.

It was then about 9 o'clock. After a few hours' wait he was borne up to the priest who stood calm and dignified before him two rollers propelled by two short sticks. The beggar murmured a few prayers and said his rosary. Then the receptacle containing the sacred relics were placed near his shriveled lips. He kissed the relics and the priest applied them to his shrunken limbs.

The story told by his friends is that he stood up transfixed and limped out of the chapel, dragging after him the now useless cart; that his cure, while not entirely complete, was marvelous.

He has been a character around St. Alban's, Vt., for a number of years.

**To Abolish Toll Gates.**

COBOURG, July 30.—(Special.)—At a meeting of about twenty representatives of the municipalities of Hamilton, Halton and Hope Townships and of the Town of Cobourg the question of applying for special legislation to render the removal of the tollgates more feasible on roads east and west of Cobourg and on the Baltimore toll road was discussed.

A committee was appointed to negotiate with the companies owning the roads and also to seek any necessary legislation.

**The Lake Route to Western Canada.**

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## REPORTS ALL INDICATE BUMPER GRAIN CROP

**Vice-President of Canadian Northern Railway Receives Report For Period Ending July 24.**

Let the weather be on its good behavior for three weeks more and the west will commence to garner one of the greatest wheat crops in its history.

D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, has just received the crop report, for the period ending July 24. It is one of the most universally hopeful ever sent from the prairie provinces. From a hundred or more reports a few reports may be quoted as indicating their general tone.

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