

FARMERS ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES PLANS FOR AIDING THE EMPIRE

Meeting at Strathroy Very
Largely Attended.

PRACTICAL ADDRESSES

Farm Economics and War
Problems Gone Into
by Experts.

STRATHROY, Dec. 14.—The meeting of the Strathroy Junior Farmers' Association held this afternoon in the town hall was one of the most interesting and successful that the organization has ever held. Practical farm problems of all kinds were dealt with together

with all manner of patriotic suggestions and pointers for aiding the empire and the men who are doing the fighting. The importance of maintaining the food supplies was dealt with from many angles and much valuable information was obtained regarding farm economics, the importance of pure bred stock and other lines.

The principal speakers this afternoon were Messrs. Toole, Miller, Stark and I. B. White.

At a banquet held this evening and attended by over fifty members of the association, President Allan McNeill, of Carleton Place, was in the chair. The speakers were Fred Lockwood, of Mount Brydges, who replied to the toast to the "King"; Donald Graham, of Carleton Place, who responded to "Our Boys in Khaki"; David Evans, who replied to the toast of "Agriculture"; D. Anzures, of Lambeth; John Currie, of Adelaide, and Mr. Stark, of Strathroy. During the evening Mr. Ewart Evans rendered several songs most acceptably.

MEAT 39 CENTS A POUND.

BBRIAN, Dec. 14, via London, Dec. 15.—Owing to the steady advance in the price of horse meat, a maximum price of 39 cents a pound for the best cuts, liver and sausage has been fixed by the authorities.

MUCH TIME WASTED AT PUBLIC MEETING IN USELESS ARGUMENT

Fifty Citizens Heard Big Pro-
positions Discussed.

MANY QUESTIONS ASKED

Factory Bond Bylaw Occa-
sioned a Good Deal
of Talk.

About 50 citizens displayed sufficient interest in city business to attend the meeting held in Ryerson school last evening for the discussion of municipal questions. The industrial bond guarantee, the gas franchise and city audit question were gone into at great length. A. J. McDonald was chairman.

Gordon Phillips, secretary of the London Board of Trade, was asked to explain the bond guarantee bylaw. He stated that other cities, that had adopted this plan, were able to offer better inducements to factories looking for locations, and showed many other advantages to be gained.

Ex-Alderman Donnelly asked regarding the guarantee between the city and the industrial association. Mr. Phillips endeavored to explain.

"If you don't want to answer my question, I'll take that," said Mr. Donnelly.

Financial Return.
Mr. Thompson of Evergreen avenue, asked whether the industrial association would make six per cent on \$100,000 or \$200,000.

"They realize only on their investment, \$100,000," answered Mr. Phillips. "Are you sure of that?" said Mr. Thompson, but Mr. Phillips ignored the question.

Favors Bylaw.
Alderman Little also spoke in favor of the industrial bylaw. "If we get factories here there will be more people to work here, more houses will be built, and while it won't cost any of us any more, it will bring in more taxes," he said.

Ex-Ald. Donnelly stated that he couldn't understand why businessmen in the board of trade would spend money to assist factories that would compete with them.

Alderman Little replied that he, personally, would welcome two or three additional wholesale drygoods businesses.

Citizen Thompson was of the opinion that "those who were pushing the bylaw for 100,000 'pounds' might be owners of property that might be bought for factories."

Ex-Alderman Donnelly claimed that certain aldermen who voted for the bylaw in the council, were not going to vote for it at the polls.

Dr. Shaw also explained the workings of the bylaw.

Alderman Ashplant moved that, if it were the wish of the meeting, the gas franchise be discussed.

Controller White has just previously asked that, as the gas franchise was not going before the people, something else of more immediate interests should be discussed.

Ald. Little explained the negotiations with the gas company.

"Did you vote for it?" asked Ald. Ashplant.

"Yes, I voted that it be sent before the people," said Ald. Little.

"You voted for the franchise, and it wasn't to go before the people," said Ald. Ashplant.

Charges Quibbling.
"I voted that the proposition be entertained, if Ald. Ashplant wants to quibble," replied Ald. Little.

Ald. Ashplant thought that the people ought to know what took place at the meetings of the council. "Eleven voted against it and three for it, and the people should know these things," he said. He urged the pinning of the city by the citizens, and that natural gas be sold at cost as hydro is sold.

Controller White substantiated Ald. Little's remarks. The motion put was to the effect that the proposition be entertained and Controller White wanted it given one reading, and then carried over to the 1917 council.

Controller White was interrupted by Ald. Ashplant. "I didn't interrupt you when you were speaking," said Mr. White. Ald. Ashplant interrupted again, and the chairman made it plain that no interruptions would be allowed.

Mr. Thompson, Evergreen avenue, thought that "the members of the council were allowing the people to vote on questions which they didn't understand themselves."

Ald. Ashplant in answer to a question from Citizen Thompson, regarding a rise in the cost of the utilities audit, said that in 1909 it was less than \$1,950 and rose to \$3,375 last year, and \$600 additional was asked and refused. He said that previous to Mr. Jewell's resignation, \$450 was the cost of extra assistance on the audit for the utilities commission. After Mr. Dunlop was appointed this extra cost jumped to \$2,100. He mentioned that Chairman Pocock is a director of the Huron & Erie, and City Solicitor Meredith is also a director, and stated that the city solicitor said that this was all right.

Says Misleading.
Ex-Controller Percy Moore claimed that Ald. Ashplant was making misleading statements. Ald. Ashplant, instead of replying to Mr. Moore's statement, asked him a question in turn.

"He's beating about the bush," said Mr. Moore.

"He talks around and round the subject till the audience don't know what he's talking about and until he don't know himself. He talks till the members of the council get tired of hearing his voice," said Mr. Moore.

After Ald. Ashplant had spoken further, the chairman intervened and asked that Mr. White state the case to avoid the audience being misled.

"The chairman of the utilities tried to force it through and the council wouldn't allow it," said Ald. Ashplant again speaking on the increase.

Mr. White stated that Mr. Dunlop was to receive \$3,500 and had a "carte blanche" to employ what assistants and at what pay he liked.

Ald. Ashplant again arose, and this time regarding to the platform, said: "Now we have not only a statement that is misleading, but a statement that is untrue. If you are going to stand there and speak falsely I will sit down," and he descended to the floor, but later went to the platform again to make further statements.

Mayor Stevenson spoke on the hydro power bylaw. Power was exported that was needed, and the bylaw asked the citizens if they want to go in with other municipalities and develop their own power at Chippewa Creek. Seven dollars instead of from \$9 to \$12 per horsepower will be the price. The municipalities will likely own the plant in 20 years.

"We can develop our own power just as easily as we can distribute our own power," he said.

KILL POLITICAL CENSORSHIPS.
PAIS, Dec. 14.—The member of deputies today adopted a motion abolishing the political censorship, while retaining the diplomatic and military censorship. The motion was accepted by the Government and passed unanimously.

BROOM FACTORY WITH \$75,000 CAPITAL TO LOCATE IN LONDON

Old George White Buildings
Sold to American Firm.

ONLY PLANT IN CANADA

Will Be Wholesale Dealers
in Broom Corn for
Dominion.

The property formerly occupied by George White & Sons has been sold to a company which will manufacture brooms. The property is located on Ridout street and has a frontage of 200 feet and also two stores and two dwellings on King street.

The new manufacturers are wholesale dealers in broom corn and broom manufacturers' supplies and are the only firm of this kind in Canada. The concern will be capitalized at \$75,000, with a Dominion charter and headed by J. N. Ketchersid, president of the State Bank, of Hope, Kansas; George W. Ralls & Co., wholesale broom corn merchants, of Wichita, Kansas; and P. C. Ketchersid, broom corn, Wichita, Kansas and W. H. Thornton, of this city.

Messrs. Ketchersid and Ralls came here last week and looked over the situation and decided to locate in the city permanently. They have instructed Mr. Thornton to purchase the property of George White & Sons, part of which is leased for military storage, but ample room is left for storage of 100 cars or more.

Broom manufacturers formerly had to go to Chicago brokers or to the Southern States to buy or accept what the broom corn broker offered.

The real estate deal was put through by E. B. Fitzgerald. The price is not given out.

PRAISES WOMEN FOR WONDERFUL WORK IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS

Army and Hospitals Are Their
Debtors, Says E. F. Johnston.

ADDRESS AT KITCHENER

Speaker Has Pledged His Sup-
port for Women's
Suffrage.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
KITCHENER, Dec. 14.—E. F. Johnston, K.C., of Toronto, was the chief speaker at the midmonth supper of the Waterloo County Canadian Club tonight. His subject was "Canada and the War." In opening he paid a tribute to the women of Canada. They have since war broke out given goods suitable for the army and hospitals to the value of \$7,000,000, and have contributed to supplies \$2,200,000.

"They only look for women suffrage in return," he said. "I have pledged them my support. Great Britain is today fighting for the cardinal principles of Christianity, truth and justice."

Continuing, the speaker said Canada's position must prepare for a heavy burden of taxation and not only this but 25 per cent of the men who come back must be provided with employment. More men were needed for Canada's army and men, money and supplies must be provided. The meeting was well attended.

The British League at its regular weekly meeting tonight was addressed by Capt. Dancy of the 20th Battalion, Ottawa. He expressed pleasure at seeing the name Kitchener. He was of the opinion that the name would stand in spite of all efforts to the contrary. He pointed out the name stands for, and stated that Canada would not stand for such an insult as would be cast on the name by its displacement.

In speaking of the recent proposals of peace, Capt. Dancy stated that they were made by the Kaiser and the German war lords, not with the idea of peace, but for the purpose of quieting the minds of the people, to try and bring out to them the fact that Germany is not the aggressor. He told the British citizens to fight manfully to hold the name of Kitchener.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR HACKET LODGE

Hackett Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 610, held its regular meeting last night in Orange Hall, with Worshipful Master Edgar Post in the chair. Three applications for admission were received, one candidate was initiated, and one candidate was received by certificate. The election of officers resulted as follows: Ernest Langford, worshipful master; J. W. Carson, D.M.; Wm. Johnstone, chaplain; Rev. E. Applebury, honorary chaplain; A. Nevill, recording secretary; W. J. Hodgins, financial secretary; Joseph Murray, treasurer; L. Saunders, director of ceremonies; George Shoebottom, first lecturer; Sam Lawrence, second lecturer; Thomas C. Neil Southwick, met. R. Stevenson, Art. Tophome and Fred Preston, committeemen; trustees, Wm. Dros, Jos. Murray and A. Nevill. All the incoming officers delivered speeches.

A resolution was passed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. Carson, whose brother was killed in France recently.

NEIL SOUTHWICK KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Former Stratford Man Meets Death in Oregon.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
STRATFORD, Dec. 14.—Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ormerod that their nephew, Neil Southwick, met death in an auto accident in Redmond, Oregon. No particulars are given. Mr. Southwick was a former Stratford boy, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Southwick of Grand Rapids, formerly of Stratford.

Ormerod Bros. of St. Marys were awarded \$44 against the Ford Motor Company in their action in the county court here. It was for compensation on cars sold.

The defendants have also to pay all costs.

It appears that the plaintiffs had been acting as agents for the company, and after the expiration of their agreement, they sued for the commission on these.

Let Your Gifts This Year Be Useful Ones!



Pay your own intelligence a big compliment by choosing for the men folks gifts that will be useful. They will be appreciated in this time of rising prices, better, perhaps, than ever before.

Help the salespeople if you possibly can by coming early; choosing will be better and more easily done in the mornings, and selections now can be laid aside upon payment of a small deposit until nearer Christmas, if any convenience to you.

Will He Have a New Coat for Xmas?

How delighted any man would be if his present from wife, or family, or father and mother, was a smart, new winter coat. And from this stock you can choose a coat that would suit the most particular man and still get it at a very moderate price.

There are swell tweed effects in pinch-back and full-back models for the young man; dressy blacks and dark greys for the middle-aged and older men; big warm ulsters for the man who drives or motors; many kinds for many men and lots of each... \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18.50, \$18, \$20 and \$25

Would a New Suit Please Him Better?

We'll help you choose a suit for him, and we give you full privileges of exchange after Christmas if everything is not right. We have a splendid stock of colored suits and some very special values in fine blue serges of old-time dye; smart new coat styles for men of all ages and values that will make it easy to buy...

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Pure Silk Souvenir 25c and 50c
Khaki Silk 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Khaki Souvenir Silk 50c
Fine Irish Lawn, in boxes of half dozen, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1
Fine Khaki Lawn, in fancy boxes of half dozen 75c
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Splendidly-made Full-Sized Shirts in handsome light patterns and fast-color cloths. Special at 75c

FINE GLOVES

Fleece and Wool-Lined Cape and Suede, in grey and tan \$1.25 to \$2.00
Lamb-Fleeced and Fur-Lined Cape and Suede Gloves at \$2.50 to \$4.50
Unlined and Silk-Lined Dogskin and French Suede \$1.25 to \$2.00
Driving Gauntlets of wool Persian lamb \$1.39, \$1.75 and \$2.25
Automobile Gauntlets, lined and unlined \$1.75 to \$2.50
Wool Gloves in English and Canadian makes 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Unusual Display of Fine Mufflers

Prevailing overcoat styles make a muffler practically imperative, and we have a more than usually liberal assortment now.

Silk Bandannas, in dozens of swell new colors \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.00
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Knitted Mufflers in standard and novelty effects, in fibre and silk, all good full size, 50c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.75
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Here is another special line in Crepe de Chine Waists, not quite so classy as the former, but a waist that would be much appreciated as a gift even by the most fastidious; the colorings are the same and quality perfect; worth \$3.98. For \$2.98

HUDSON SEAL COAT BARGAIN

We have only a few of these exceptionally fine coats left and offer them at this special price to clear. They are 42 and 45 inches long, satin lined throughout, Chappelle dyed; regular \$160.00. To clear \$125.00

SWEATER COATS

Ladies' Silk Sweater Coats in belted and plain styles, in colors of emerald, open, rose and white \$3.50 to \$10.00 each
Special line Ladies' Brushed Wool Sweater Coats trimmed with white collar, cuffs and belt, fancy pearl buttons; trimmed specially. Priced \$7.00

CHRISTMAS SILKS

Chin-Chin Crepe, 36 inches wide, in pink, maize, rose, white and black 98c
Fancy Colored Habutai Silk, in peach, maize, rose, pink, black and white. Only 75c
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Extra Special Black Duchess, splendid heavy quality, gives excellent wear. Only \$1.23

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Fancy Hemstitched Linen Towels, extra fine quality, handsome designs. Each 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

We have an exceptionally large assortment of Linen Tablecloths from the best makers, all pure linens, selected designs. Each \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00

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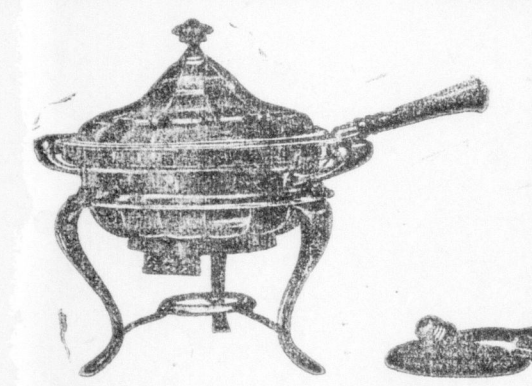
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