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Fire in Hugh Macdonald's Warehouse Does \$500 Damage.

The Firemen Thought They had it out Once but an Hour Later the Place was in Flames.

Last evening about 10 o'clock a citizen notified Officer Tom Groves that the upholstery shop of Hugh Macdonald was on fire.

An immediate alarm was sounded and the department turned out quickly to the scene of the blaze.

The shop is covered with sheet-iron and is situated on the creek bank to the rear of Mr. Macdonald's warehouse.

It was found that the fire had started from the store and a hole had been burned in the floor and the blaze had been communicated to the pile of waste material under the building.

The flames were easily extinguished, the damage being slight.

Chief Jacques, however, felt that the building needed looking after. He visited it himself once and then sent Fireman Frank Crump over about 11 o'clock to see if all was right.

Frank smelled fire and on going into the building discovered that the whole south corner behind the door was on fire.

When he went to leave he found his retreat cut off by the flames.

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AGRICULTURAL BULLETIN.

Very Satisfactory Conditions of Prosperity Among the Farming Class in the Province of Ontario.

The reports of the Ontario Bureau of Industries afford a valuable insight to the condition and prospects of the Province and record of its development highly useful for purposes of reference. The annual report for 1898, just issued by the Department of Agriculture, points to some very satisfactory conclusions regarding the prosperity of the farming class and the steady growth of the leading branches of agriculture industry. It is particularly pleasing to note that for the first time in ten years the aggregate valuation of farming land, so long depreciated, shows an increase, while in connection with other items the growth in value has been very decided.

Farm Acreage and Value.

The total rural area assessed amounted to 23,892,584 acres, being an increase of 32,166 acres over 1897. Of this 7,198,905 acres were woodland and 3,200,065 were swamp lands, the percentage of cleared land being 55.5. The area devoted to pasture comprised 2,708,043 acres, being 49,798 more than the previous year, and the acreage under cultivation was 8,835,272 acres, an increase of 133,567 acres. The value of farm lands was \$556,246,569, as compared with \$554,054,552 in 1897. Buildings had increased in value from \$206,090,159 to \$210,054,552, implements from \$51,299,092 to \$52,277,232 and live stock from \$93,649,804 to \$103,744,222. Taking all these items together the total augmentation in value of farm property amounted to nearly eighteen million dollars, the figures being \$923,022,420 in 1898, as against \$905,095,613 in 1897.

Creamery Butter Output.

Most of the statistics embraced in this volume as to the output of farm products have already been presented in the bulletins issued by the Department, but the details with regard to some leading industries are here given for the first time. The figures as to the production of butter and cheese have not been previously published, as there was considerable delay in compiling the returns, owing to the fact that the output of the factories is frequently not marketed for some months after the end of the year. The returns are of interest in showing the rapid growth of the creamery system, whereby butter is coming to the front in competition with cheese. The total number of creameries in Ontario was 282, whereas in 1897 they numbered 214. Statistical returns were furnished by 93, which formed a basis for an estimate of the total production, which was placed at 9,008,992 pounds, being 1,300,727 pounds in excess of the previous year's output. The production of creameries was 282, whereas in 1897 they numbered 214. Statistical returns were furnished by 93, which formed a basis for an estimate of the total production, which was placed at 9,008,992 pounds, being 1,300,727 pounds in excess of the previous year's output. The production of creameries was 282, whereas in 1897 they numbered 214. Statistical returns were furnished by 93, which formed a basis for an estimate of the total production, which was placed at 9,008,992 pounds, being 1,300,727 pounds in excess of the previous year's output.

Cheese Manufacture.

The production of cheese has been somewhat lessened by the development of the creamery system, showing a slight increase. There were 1,187 factories in operation in the Province, a net increase of 26 over 1897, and the output, though larger than any preceding year, was considerably less than that of the large yield in 1897, the figures being 137,362,215 pounds for '97 and 128,116,924 for '98. The value of the cheese manufactured was \$11,719,468 in '97 and \$10,252,240 in '98, the price having decreased half a cent per pound. The amount paid to patrons for milk was \$9,709,004 in '97 and \$8,417,535 in '98—being equivalent in the latter year to 61.2 cents per 100 pounds. The falling off in cheese manufacture is confined to the western counties, which show considerable decreases, while many of the eastern counties produce more than ever. The banner county in cheese production is Hastings, which with 96 factories produces 11,505,082 pounds, while Oxford, with 9,922, 533 pounds, takes the next place.

Hogs and Poultry.

Another feature worthy of notice is the very large increase in hog production. The total number of swine of all kinds was 1,640,787, being an excess of 35,824 over the output of '97. A department which is also attracting much more of the attention of farmers lately is that of poultry raising, the progress of which is indicated by the augmentation of the number of poultry of all varieties, which stands at 9,084,273, an increase of 618,923 over the previous year. In both these departments much has been done to promote the export trade, and with increased knowledge of the requirements and tastes of the British market and greater skill in breeding and raising of profitable varieties it is to be hoped that shortly the profits of the Canadian farmer will be largely augmented from this source.

Climate of Saskatchewan.

The report comprises a full review of the weather, compiled from returns furnished by the Dominion Meteorological Service, showing the temperature, rainfall and sunshine during the growing season. There are also seasonable notes from the Temiscamie District of practical interest as showing the mildness of the climate and the length of the growing season in that portion of the Province, where the snow had disappeared early in April and the first real frost of the fall was experienced until the 6th of October. The document is interspersed with the remarks of correspondents concerning the condition and prospects of different branches of agriculture, appropriately classified, which contain many practical suggestions. Those relating to the difficulties in the way of procuring farm labor and domestic service are particularly interesting as illustrating the present unsatisfactory condition of the labor question, and a great many remedies are propounded, some of which are worthy of consideration.

The closing portion of the volume relates to chattel mortgages.

Consul Lee Burt, at Ghent, has sent to the State Department a description of a new life-saving collar, which he believes far superior to either the life buoy or cork jacket, as the body is submerged with the exception of the head, which prevents exposure and congestion, while the arms are perfectly free, and it is impossible to capsize. The Chicago Tribune. The invention consists of a cork collar, having an exterior diameter of sixteen and one-half inches; the neck opening has a circumference of eighteen inches, and is composed of two half collars fastened together with a hinge, in which there is a strong spring, destined to maintain the collar always closed and firm. The opening is opposite the hinge. On each side the opening, there is a smaller holder, made of oak, three inches in height and two inches in diameter, securely fastened. When pressure is exerted on the two holders the collar spreads open and allows the head to pass in. On letting go of the holders the collar claps itself automatically. The collar is formed of 80 pieces of cork each piece having the form of an isosceles triangle, with angles rounded, of which the base is four and three-quarter inches and the height five and five-sixteenth inches. The points are directed towards the interior, which gives the collar an elevation at its periphery of four and three-quarter inches, while at its interior there is a thickness of one and three-sixteenth inches. The pieces are cut radially and are strung on two heavy steel wire stems concentrically riveted to the collar. The weight of the apparatus is about five and one-half pounds, and its displacement of water about twelve quarts; consequently, its ascensional strength represents constantly from eighteen to twenty pounds of iron.

He Was a Wolesey.

The death of Trooper Wolesey at the battle of Elandsdlaagte demands a record, says The Newcastle Chronicle, that will not be given to it by those whose eyes were not on the scene. Trooper Wolesey was a member of the Imperial Light Horse belonging to the family of which the Commander-in-Chief of the British army is proud to call himself a cadet. The patron of Mr. Edward Wolesey, only son of Mr. Edward Wolesey, was also the nephew of Sir Charles Wolesey of Wolesey, ninth baronet, who holds to-day the deer park his ancestor enclosed in the reign of Edward IV. It is enough to be a trooper, who was a general in the wars, was a fine horseman, and when the war broke out he left the mines in Johannesburg and went forth under Colonel Chisholme to meet the foe. This he did so gallantly that he was killed. He was a fine soldier, a fine horseman, and when the war broke out he left the mines in Johannesburg and went forth under Colonel Chisholme to meet the foe. This he did so gallantly that he was killed. He was a fine soldier, a fine horseman, and when the war broke out he left the mines in Johannesburg and went forth under Colonel Chisholme to meet the foe. This he did so gallantly that he was killed.

Extinction of the Boer.

Judging from the recent report of the Registrar-General of New Zealand, that fine martial race, the Maoris, is going the way of all aboriginals whose country has become colonized by the whites. They may not become absolutely extinct, but a few more decades, and their doom is sealed. Among the causes officially assigned for the thinning of their numbers are the high infantile mortality resulting from improper food, exposure and the want of ordinary care, constitutions debilitated by past debauchery, the belief in native doctors and neglect of the sick and the adoption of European habits and costumes leading to diseases of the respiratory organs. A Maori M.A., Mr. Ngata, in addressing a recent conference of his countrymen, said that drink was pauperizing them and sapping their vitality.—London Chronicle.

Sanskrit Epic Books.

A proposal is being ventilated among scholars of Hindoo literature for the formation of a Sanskrit epic texts society, with the object of instituting a systematic collection of manuscripts of the Mahabharata and other texts relating to India, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. The society would also provide for and superintend the publication of texts, translations or any treatises tending to throw light on the history, religion, philosophy, the laws and customs and the civilization of ancient India. The proposal for the formation of the society will be brought before the Indian section of the forthcoming international congress of orientalists at Rome with a view to the appointment of a committee which shall enlist the support of various governments and academies and learned societies in Europe and America.

Naturalist's Scheme.

A naturalist found that black ants were devouring the skins of some bird specimens on a table, so he made tar circles on four pieces of paper, and put one under each leg of the table. Ants will not touch tar. Pretty soon he found the ants busily at work again, and looking at the tar circle, found each one was bridged by bits of sand which the clever ants had brought in from the street.

Knapsacking.

Jack—It must be pretty tough to have a knapsackman order you to have a knapsack. Harry—I suppose so; but heavens, it's nothing to have a policeman tell you to move on!

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COUNTY COUNCIL.

That Body Takes up the Question of Salaries.

Some increased and others cut down—A good deal of discussion.

Wednesday afternoon's session of county council was largely monopolized with a lengthy consideration in committee of the whole—of the report of the special committee appointed to investigate and consider the salaries of county officers.

County Clerk Fleming submitted a statement of the amount paid for repairs to Harrison Hall for 99, the expense of which is borne jointly by county and city. The total was \$1,042.90.

Ex-Warden Leverton reported that he had secured the services of Judge Houston to try county cases up to the present session.

Mr. VonGuten asked where the county was at on this matter. The Warden said it looked as though they would have to fall back in the end.

Mr. Hickey said they got along well enough before and believed they could again.

Mr. McCoy said the county should have a police magistrate at once. The council should ask the Government to introduce legislation to indorse the county's appointment.

COUNCIL SALARIES.

The council then went into committee of the whole on the salary report, which was considered clause by clause. Clause I.—That the duties of jail surgeon and physician to the house of refuge be amalgamated at a salary of \$275.

Mr. Wilson moved in amendment, that the duties be left as they were. Mr. Campbell said the jail surgeon was receiving too large a remuneration for the services he was rendering, and the house of refuge physician too little. He thought the two offices should be left, but the salaries altered.

Mr. McCoy supported the report and denounced what he termed the present unfair division of the salary.

Mr. Hickey and Gosnell also spoke along the same lines.

Mr. Wilson said if the physician at the house of refuge was not getting sufficient pay, he thought the council should increase it, but Dr. Bray had proved a competent jail physician for many years and he did not think his office should be removed.

Mr. Campbell favored the report. One was getting much too little and the other much too much. The man who did the most work should get the most pay.

Mr. Wilson's amendment was lost and the clause adopted.

Clause II.—That the turnkey and jail keeper be paid \$500, an increase of \$70, less \$14, jail keeper's fees.—Adopted.

Clause III.—That the salary of the jailer be reduced from \$800 to \$600 with light and fuel.

Messrs. Leverton and Stewart moved in amendment, that the salary remain as it was.

Mr. Leverton said the jailer was always most efficient in the interests of the county and had done a great deal of work. He was charged with great responsibility.

He had done it, too, willingly and freely. He believed in keeping the jailer in his position for 25 years, and it was only now the county had found out he was getting \$200 too much.

Mr. Stewart spoke along the same lines. He thoroughly believed in leaving the jailer's position as it was.

Mr. VonGuten twitted Mr. Leverton with being a milk-and-water weakling on this matter. He was not weakling the efficiency of the man, but his salary, which he believed was altogether too large. He favored the report.

Mr. Campbell favored reducing the salary to \$700 and Mr. Gosnell indorsed that reduction.

Mr. Wilson did not believe in any reduction in an old and efficient officer.

Mr. Rankin said the jailer had done much good, extra work for the county and deserved much credit to the

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successful work on the improvements. Mr. Marshall favored the reduction. The amendment was lost and the clause adopted.

Clause IV.—That the salary of the matron of the jail be reduced from \$200 to \$100. Adopted on the same division.

Clause II.—That the salary of the county solicitor be \$200.—Adopted.

The salaries of the county constable, treasurer, clerk, caretaker Harrison Hall, caretaker and matron of house of refuge and inspector were left as before. Messrs. Hickey and Wilson moved that the matron's salary be increased from \$150 to \$200, but the motion was lost.

A clause was also adopted requiring the services of all officers without pay, but if necessary to be allowed that if not provided for.

Mr. Gosnell—Why, there's nothing about the councillors' indemnity? Mr. Wilson—Yes, why not complete it and take it back at ourselves.

The council then resumed and the report was adopted as a whole.

THURSDAY MORNING. The Council resumed at 10.15 this morning.

County Clerk