

Trout Creek Chosen, J. A. Cresser's herd bull, to be sold at his sale on March 13th.

## **Agriculture and Dairying in New Brunswick**

(Specially reported for THE FARMING WORLD)

The 31st annual meeting of the New Brunswick Farmers' and Dairymen's Association was opened at Fredericton by the President of the Association, Mr. Donald Innis, of Tobique River, who was supported on the platform by the Commissioner for Agriculture, Hon. L. P. Farris, Alderman Everett and Alderman Hooper, Prof. Cumming of the Agricultural College, Truro, Prof. Klinek of Sir Wm. Macdonald's College at St. Anne de Bellevue, Mr. T. A. Peters, the Deputy Commissioner for Agriculture, and others.

After the president had delivered his opening address, Ald. Everett, on behalf of His Worship the Mayor, who was unavoidably absent, extended a cordial welcome to the association on behalf of the city.

### **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Donald Innis, the well-known seed grower of New Brunswick, welcomed the members of the association to their thirty-first annual gathering. He congratulated them upon the prosperous condition of agriculture in the province. Good average crops had been obtained. There was a good demand for farm products at good prices, and prospects for the future were most encouraging for the farmer.

Although the Maritime Provinces were not progressing, perhaps so rapidly as Western Canada, there were signs of growth. Our now well established winter port business at St. John stimulated business all through the province. He regretted that the farmers of New Brunswick did not contribute more to the export trade from that port.

While commenting in a general way on the agricultural policy of the Provincial Government, he suggested that a more vigorous immigration policy was needed, but thought there were just as good opportunities for immigration and for our own young men in New Brunswick as in the West.

Referring to the Farmers' Institute meetings, held throughout the province, he maintained that the success of these meetings was in the hands of the farmers themselves. These meetings should be schools where the farmers could meet to unravel what is tangled; reveal what is hidden; to educate and be educated. Our farmers should remember that in union there is strength and in the future

should take their places as leaders among men. Every farmer should have his ideal, and a high one at that. If he produces beef it should be of the best, if he is a dairymen he should have the best dairy cow for the purpose, and so, in all his products, we should, he said, keep pressing toward the goal of perfection, and when it is approached the highest success, financially and otherwise, will be our reward. He urged strongly taking advantage of agricultural journals and the improvements in farm machinery, etc.

Much of the success of the farmer lay in the kind of home which he had, and this rested with himself. There was no better home, he said, than the country home, and from it the farmer could conduct his business with success and pleasure. There would childhood blossom most perfectly, and grow into the most beautiful maturity.

Mr. Innis closed an eloquent and forceful address by urging upon the association the necessity of taking vigorous action for the advancement of our sheep industry. Proper protection from dogs was needed, and more general information as to the profits to be de-

rived from sheep, and their care and management, and he asked that this question be fully discussed.

### **NEW BRUNSWICK CROP YIELDS**

Hon. Mr. Farris expressed his pleasure at again meeting the members of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association.

Referring to the condition of agriculture in the province, he said the past season had been a trying one, largely on account of the extreme drouth. He was, nevertheless, glad to report an increase in the production of all crops excepting potatoes. Wheat was 2,000 bushels ahead of 1905, with an average of 19.5 bushels per acre. Oats 200,000 ahead, with an average of 29.2 bushels per acre. Barley 2,500 bushels ahead with 23.2 bushels. Buckwheat 23,000 bushels ahead with 20.4 bushels per acre. Turnips 135,500 bushels ahead with 49.6 bushels per acre. Potatoes 165,000 bushels less, with 135.1 bushels per acre; this decrease was entirely in the southern and eastern sections of the province. In the upper St. John district potatoes were a large crop of excellent quality. Montreal and Toronto were taking all our surplus stock at good prices.

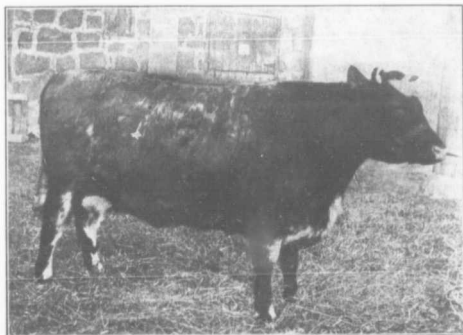
The dairy industry was also handicapped by the drouth, but the high prices that prevailed made the value of cheese and butter output in 1906 ahead of the preceding year. The total make of cheese during the season of 1906 was 1,320,536 pounds, which sold at an average of 11.7 cents per pound. Mr. Farris strongly urged farmers to take advantage of the Government's offer to pay the travelling expenses of any of their boys who would attend the Agricultural College at Truro or Guelph, and he hoped that the Government's efforts to encourage fruit growing would encourage the planting of more extensive orchards.

Mr. Geo. E. Baxter, Andover, N.B., presented a valuable paper on poultry raising, which will appear later in our poultry department.

Reports from the various county vice-presidents were then called, most of them stating that crop conditions had been fairly satisfactory and prices everywhere excellent. A number deplored the scarcity of labor and the necessity of the Government doing something to induce immigrants to come and to retain our own young men in the province.

### **BETTER SHEEP LAWS**

One of the most valuable addresses of the convention was that on "sheep raising," delivered by Prof. M. Cummings, Principal of the Truro Agricultural



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