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JOTHAM—HALL—At Guelph, on February 27th, at the home of the bride's brother, Wm. Hall, King-st., by Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., Wm. Jotham, to Martha Hall, both of Guelph.

ANNUAL MEETING

Guelph Association for Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Council Chamber, Thursday Ev'g, Feb. 28th, at 8 p.m.

Rev. F.A. Cassidy, M.A., delegate to the Ottawa Conference on Tuberculosis will give his report.

Dr. Barrick, of Toronto, will deliver an address.

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ON Wednesday, between Guelph P. O. and Mr. Frank Bolton's residence, Pilkington Township, via Elora Road and Pilkington town line, a dark green purse and pair spectacles. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving at MERCURY Office. feb28dlw1

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Mason-work, Carpentering, Plastering, Plumbing, Heating, Painting, and Embossed Metal Ceiling,

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Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid, to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to enter into contract should the tender be accepted.

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FAIR AND MILDER.

Probs. Fair, with a little higher temperature to-day. Friday, fair and still milder.

LOCAL NEWS.

Tuberculosis Association meets to-night at City Hall. All invited.

Buy your hardware from G. B. Morris and save money.

Mr. Wm. Dyson has undertaken to introduce Sleeman's malt syrup, and is now making a canvass of the city.

It pays to get prices from Richardson before buying your spring hardware.

Intensely interesting and amusing, The Mock Conference," in Dublin street church this evening, 15 cents. d1

Pork and beans 5c per tin, lime beans, white beans, Lowry's breakfast bacon and fresh eggs at Robt. Mitchell's. The Grocer.

The ladies of the Dublin Street Methodist church have a unique entertainment on hand for tonight. It is instructive and amusing.

Style is what you want on your parlors this spring, and we will show you how it can be done at a low cost.—Reynolds & Sc, Quebec Street. Phone 181.

Mr. Chas. Rigerson, manager for the Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher Co. of New York, will give a demonstration on the Market Square tomorrow (Friday) at 4 p. m. d1

The morning Globe, Mail, World and the evening Globe, Telegram, Star, the Montreal Daily Star, are received and are for sale by the month, week or single copy, at Day's Bookstore.

"The Pet of Royalty, The Pride of Scotland," Miss Jessie MacLachlan at Guelph Opera House on March 8th. Tickets on sale at Stewart's drug and Davidson's furniture store. d1

We have just received a number of cars of Scranton and Lehigh coal direct from the best mines, all sizes—egg, stove, nut and pea. A trial order will convince about quality. M. F. Cray, 140 Quebec street.

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SAID PASHA.

The Berlin Telegraph says: Miss L. Newman, advance representative of the Lyceum Opera Co. is in town and has closed contracts with Manager Philip to produce Said Pasha in the Berlin Opera House on Wednesday, March 6th. The company is a large one and will be the first and only Opera Company to appear in Berlin this year.

PROLIFIC BREEDING.

The Messrs. Whitelaw Bros., the noted breeders and importers of Leicester sheep, enjoy a unique distinction at the present time in sheep breeding. On Wednesday last a ewe at Mr. George Whitelaw's gave birth to triplets, followed by two other ewes in a few hours also giving birth to triplets each, making nine lambs in all to the three ewes, and all doing well and healthy.

SHIPMENT OF COTSWOLD SHEEP.

Mr. Geo. Allen, Waukesha, Wis., shipped two carloads of Cotswold breeding ewes last Wednesday, one from Stouffville and one from Jarvis and Burford, and completed them at Guelph, and was assisted by G. & R. Laird. The following is a list of stock from Guelph breders: Fifteen from Col. D. McCrae; 11 from John Sockett, 8 from T. D. Waters, Rockwood; 4 from Jas. Hume, Arkell; 5 from P. Garr, 28 from G. & R. Laird, Puslinch; 11 from J. & D. Gillies, Marden; 6 from Jos. Kirby, Eramosa.

THE ACCOMMODATION TAXED.

The accommodation at the hotels during the past few days has been quite up to what was experienced during the show week in September, and in some cases this week has exceeded any other event. Both the Royal and Wellington hotels have been filled to overflowing. Last evening about 12 o'clock the former hostelry was a busy place, some seventy cots had been placed in the sample rooms and in a short time each was taken up. The proprietor was forced to solicit shelter for his guests in a number of private houses.

YOUNG PICKPOCKETS.

A lady who lives a short distance from the city was in town one day last week. After attending to business she left for home. As she left the market two boys of about 12 and 14 years of age clung to the cutter. They suddenly dropped off going down the avenue. A little later our lady friend found that her purse had been cleverly taken from her pocket. The amount of cash lost was not large. The same lady came to the city last last evening on business. This time she had a friend with her. As they entered Quebec street two boys got on the sides of the cutter. One of the ladies went into Mr. Buckle's store, while the other remained in the cutter; the two boys must go in and see how the business was done. The ladies next drove to the Mercury office, and the boys appeared once more and went into the office, but were quickly ordered out. But they still stayed with the ladies, and while driving up Wyndham street the driver felt a hand in her pocket. The boys were speedily driven off without loss. The two boys are believed to be the same who figured in last week's theft.

ANTI-CONSUMPTION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Guelph Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis will be held in the Council Chamber this evening. Dr. Barrick, of Toronto will deliver an address and Rev. F.A. Cassidy, delegate to the recent Ottawa conference, will report on that meeting. A very cordial invitation is extended to everyone to be present. The Association is endeavoring to combat the white plague which is responsible for about one-fifth of the deaths in Canada each year, and valuable information regarding its ravages and the measures being taken for its prevention will be given this evening.

Hockey Championship, O. H. A., Petrie Rink, Friday night. St. Georges (Toronto) vs. Stratford. Guelph's greatest game. Admission 25 cents. d1

WELLINGTON SHRIEVALTY

Filled by the Appointment of A. S. Allan, of Clifford.

Mr. Absalom Slade Allan, of Clifford, has been appointed by the Ontario Government Sheriff of Wellington County to succeed the late Robert McKim.

The appointment of Mr. Allan will be generally well received throughout the County. He has had a wide experience of public affairs, having been Reeve of Clifford, Warden of Wellington, and the Liberal member for West Wellington in the Legislature for two or three terms. He succeeded the late sheriff as the member for West Wellington, and now succeeds him in the first executive office in the county. Mr. Allan is very highly esteemed personally, being a man of unobtrusive manner, of the strictest integrity and honor, and of the kindliest disposition, and his service to the Liberal party has fairly entitled him to such recognition as has been given him. He will make a most estimable citizen and will be heartily welcomed to the county town.

The Poultry Association meets tonight.

Family Herald for March to hand at Anderson's Book Store.

Don't forget the great Candy Special. Great assortment for Saturday, 10c. lb., at Geo. Williams.

The license commissioners of South Wellington meet on Wednesday next to appoint a chairman, and to transfer the license of the Puslinch Lake hotel.

A treat. Caught through the ice, fresh white fish, trout and herrings, also smelts, haddie oysters, fresh cod and pickerel. The Noted Tea Store & China Palace. J. A. McCrea.

The contract for the current year for carrying of His Majesty's mails from the depot to the post-office has been awarded to Mr. D. Martin of the Wellington hotel. Mr. John Coghlan will have supervision of the work.

The Mosquito and Malaria" is the subject of a popular lecture to be delivered in the old City Hall on Friday night by Prof. Ramsay Wright in connection with an open meeting of the Guelph Alumni Association of Toronto University.

Don't forget Prof. Ramsay Wright's lecture in the old city hall tomorrow evening on Mosquitos and Malaria. The Professor has the faculty of making scientific subjects very fascinating, and should have a good house.

Mr. Robt. H. Reed, Ospringe, has purchased from the well known Shorthorn herd of Mr. Alex. McKinnon, Hillsburg, the following highly pedigreed animals: Thoroughbred cow "Vera," bred by Major Duff, Drummurr, Scotland, with calf at foot; thoroughbred bull "Sambo," bred by A. McKinnon, Hillsburg.

On Monday Mr. Oscar Quirmbach, of Berlin, received a letter from Hermie, and in it was enclosed another letter. The latter was found in Commandant Erastaus' house in Pretoria, and was written in Transvaal Dutch, therefore Oscar is unable to read it. A lock of hair tied with a blue ribbon is enclosed in this letter.

The funeral of the late Miss Donohue took place this morning, service being held at the Church of Our Lady by Rev. Father O'Loane, S.J. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of sympathizing friends. Rev. Father Donovan, S.J., officiated at the grave. The pallbearers were Martin Donohue, Wm. Donohue, Thomas Keenan, Thos. Purcell, James Spruhan and Thomas Foster.

YOUNG LIBERALS MEETING.

This evening, a meeting of the Young Liberals will be held in their club rooms, Opera House block, at which all members are requested to attend. Among the business to be transacted is the appointment of delegates to attend the Young Liberals convention in Toronto in March.

A QUIET WEDDING.

A quiet, but pretty wedding took place Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 27th, when Rev. Mr. Hindley united in marriage, Miss May Crosbie and Mr. Bert Hooper, both of this city. The bride looked very pretty in a traveling dress of navy blue ladies cloth, trimmed with white satin and over lace, with hat to match. The happy couple left on the three o'clock train for London and other points west. Their many friends wish them a long, happy, and prosperous wedded life.

THE SCOTTISH SONGSTRESS.

The music-loving people of Guelph and district will hail with delight the engagement for a concert in this city of Miss Jessie Maclachlan, the celebrated Scottish singer. Miss Maclachlan enjoys a unique distinction in having sung on several occasions before royalty in Europe in Scottish song. In appreciation of the favorable impression she created, Her Majesty the Queen presented her with a beautiful and costly gift in recognition of her ability and popularity. Miss Maclachlan will appear in the Opera House on the evening of March 8, and will be assisted by other excellent talent. The following artists will assist:—James Fax, comedian; Prof. Chas. Kelly, basso; Prof. Buchanan, pianist; Prof. H. K. Maitland, conductor. Miss Maclachlan will sing Scottish and Gaelic songs, one Irish and one thoroughly English selection.

ZION CHURCH SERVICES.

These services are being continued this week, with deep interest and encouraging results. Mr. De Miller speaks each evening. Last night's sermon was a clear presentation of the way by which men may enter the church. The text was the last clause of Acts 2:47; "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The speaker argued that the church which Jesus said he would build upon the rock (Matt. 16:18) began at Pentecost. The apostles for the first time presented the terms of the great commission and 3,000 souls were obedient. In their obedience they were saved, and the Lord added them to His church. The addition is the Lord's. Man may teach and man must believe and obey, but the Lord forgives or saves and accepts. The services will be continued this week.

BANQUETTED.

Fat Stock Club Honors Its Worthy President.

The banquet tendered by the Guelph Fat Stock Club to Mr. James Millar, the President of the Club, last evening at the Commercial Hotel was a deserved tribute to a chief who has done splendid work for the fat stock interests of this district and for the welfare of the city of Guelph. In dark days and bright days, in evil report and good report, in the face of discouragement and opposition or with the presence of encouragement and help, Mr. Millar has spared neither time, money, or energy in advancing the interests of the Fat Stock Shows here, and in building up Guelph as a live stock centre for buyers and showmen. It was a labor of love with him always, and he has had his reward in the erection of the Winter Fair building here and in the establishment of the Provincial Show here permanently. He is too modest to claim all the credit for himself, and other factors gave great aid in that result, but there is little doubt that Mr. Millar's persistent efforts to maintain the Guelph show have held the buyers here, and finally brought the show back to Guelph, its natural home. And the gathering last night only voiced the feeling of the citizens in general in paying tribute to such a highly esteemed and public-spirited citizen.

About one hundred guests sat down to the extensive menu provided by the genial host of the Commercial. After the viands had been most satisfactorily disposed of, Mr. J. M. Duff, the chairman, announced a slight departure from the ordinary course, and asked Mr. J. P. Downey to introduce the toast to the King.

Mr. Downey said that the departure from the usual course in preceding the toast to the monarch by a speech was justified by the momentous event which had so recently occurred in the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The speaker paid a glowing tribute of respect to the departed, and said that the only doubt in the minds of her people was whether she was the greater as constitutional ruler, diplomat, or for the virtues of her true womanhood. The growth of the British Empire was then briefly traced, to show how much greater the Empire had grown since the accession of the Queen to the present accession of the King. The speaker concluded by proposing the health of His Majesty.

The toast was drunk, and the National Anthem sung.

The toast to the Live Stock, Commercial and Agricultural Interests was proposed by the chairman, and responded to by Messrs. Robt. Miller, of Stouffville; A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; Hy. Wade, Toronto, and Lt.-Col. McCrae, Guelph.

Mr. Robt. Miller was duly impressed with the great weight of the subject he had to speak to. It had not been long that live stock and agriculture had been placed on the same level with commerce, but thanks to the educational work, the advancement of ideas, and the more profitable methods, the farmers of today were becoming the envied portion of the community, rather than the unenviable. The Canadian agriculturists were becoming every day more like the British agriculturists, and in Britain the well-to-do and prosperous agriculturists were the largest singie class in the world. The speaker concluded with a warm tribute of praise to Mr. Jas. Millar, the unselfish and energetic worker who had been in so marked a degree a means of success to the stock interests.

Mr. A. W. Smith warmly congratulated President Millar on his excellent record, and also the City of Guelph for the magnificent accommodation she had provided for the show and sales. The advancement of educa-

(See Second Page.)

INSURANCE RATES RAISED.

Dry Goods Men Hit—Some Twenty Risks Affected.

As a result of the increase in insurance rates on mercantile property and stocks over the Dominion following the Montreal fire, some of the merchants of Guelph have received notice of an increase in their rates. The firms affected are R. Neill, The Lion, E. R. Bolliert & Co., and the stretch of stores running from C. L. Nelles' to C. Kloepfer's, inclusive, comprising C. L. Nelles, The Dowler Co., Kelcher & Hendley, Scroggie Bros., G. B. Ryan & Co., C. Law, G. A. Richardson, R. E. Nelson and C. Kloepfer. On stocks the rate has been increased from 90 cents to $1.15 per $100, while the building rate has gone up from 65c. to 90c.

In talking to a well known insurance man this morning, he said that the increase apparently applied only to the more hazardous mercantile risks where a lot of ground was covered in one policy, like in a departmental store, and in mercantile blocks where there were adjoining tenancies, and would not affect more than twenty policies in the city. Take that Upper Wyndham street block, for example, he said, and you will find it honeycombed with wall openings of one kind or another. A tenant comes in and wants more space and the landlord breaks through the wall into another room. The next tenant does not want the extra room, and the opening, instead of being stoned up, is boarded up. This applies more particularly to the upper flats, but these things increase the fire risk for the whole block. These big dry goods, stocks, too, he said, have not carried a rate adequate to the risk of loss from fire, and water, and smoke. It would pay the city, he continued, to grant Chief Robertson $200 extra a year in order that he might regularly visit the factories and larger stores and make himself acquainted with their vulnerable points. If he knew where where the more valuable commodities were and was thoroughly acquainted with the layout of all these buildings, he would save the citizens and the companies, too, a lot of money. If he knew there was a fire wall at one point, and none at another, he would know where to direct the hose. More is ascribed to these losses in Toronto and Montreal than they ought fairly to carry, he said. The losses of the insurance companies, he contends, are not so heavy in these big fires as are made out in the papers; it is the constant succession of smaller losses that mounts up. The present increases, he feels satisfied, will not be added to at present.

The views of the merchants who are hit, however, are considerably different. They assert that it is a great injustice that Guelph, with her splendid record, should be made to suffer for the sins of Montreal and Toronto. If the rate is to be made more individual, instead of in classes, as heretofore, cities and towns ought to be treated in the same manner, and Guelph's wide streets and stone walls ought to be considered in lessening the rate. The heavy loss the companies met in Montreal was undoubtedly the cause of the present increase all over; the companies want to recoup themselves for their losses on hazardous risks there by taxing other people. The rate in Guelph ten or twelve years ago on stocks was 65 cents, now it is $1.15, when the fire risks have decreased by the introduction of furnaces, fire saving appliances, etc. The Underwriters' Association lost a good deal of business a couple of years ago, which went to non-tariff companies, and this increase will drive more business to concerns outside the combination.

SHORTHORN BREEDERS

Fifteenth Annual Meeting in Progress To-Day.

THE EXECUTIVE REPORTS.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders Association opened in the City Hall this morning, with a record breaking attendance, and a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. This is the first time the association has ever met outside Toronto, and if Guelph has proved such a popular place, as evidenced by the large attendance, the association will be favorably inclined to come here again.

The Vice-President, Mr. Robt. Millar, occupied the chair.

The report of the Executive showed that registrations and importations had increased the past four years, 1900 being the banner year. There were 7,990 registrations, and 14 breeders alone had brought out 115 bulls and 343 cows. Of the $2,550 paid out in prizes at the fairs, $475 was given at the Provincial Fat Stock Show at Guelph. The members of the Association had been made members of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association. Reference was made to the record breaking sales of W. D. Flatt, Chicago, the 59 animals averaging $793.40, and John Isaac's, at Markham, where the average for 52 head was $421. The reduction of the annual fee to $2 had resulted in a large increase in membership. The receipts from registrations and changes of ownership certificates were $7,953, an increase of $1,119.25 over 1899. There were in all 150,000 pedigrees on record in the 17 volumes of the herd book. Calves have to be registered now within twenty-four months of birth to avoid penalty fees. The cash on hand was $8,220.44. The expenses for the year had been $11,210.66. Fitting reference was made to the death of the President for 1900 in these words:—"While the Association's business transactions have been satisfactory to every one, it has met with a sore and grievious loss in the death of its esteemed President, John I. Hobson, of Guelph—a straightforward and progressive man, well fitted for the position. He literally died in harness, as the last business he ever did was to sign a few cheques in the Toronto office."

After some discussion the report was adopted.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Millar, Johnston and Gibson was appointed to draft a resolution of condolence to be forwarded to the family of the late President of the association. Mr. John I. Hobson.

The following resolution was then offered, as reported on from the Executive committee:—

Moved by Alex. Smith, and seconded by Capt. Robson, that the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association grant the amounts as outlined below from the funds of their association towards the prize lists of the different exhibitions, on condition that each Fair Board association grant the same amount for Shorthorn prizes or in event of any exhibitions not giving the same amount, the amount donated by this association be the same as the sum granted by said Exhibition associations, but they must, however, give as much for Shorthorns as for any other breed. Competition to be open to Canada or the United States, and all animals must be recorded in the Dominion Shorthorn Herd Book. Grants as follows:—Toronto, $1,000; London and Winnipeg, $500 each; Brandon, $250; Ottawa, Sherbroke, Que., Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., Charlottetown, P. E. I., and New Westminster, $100 each; Assiniboune, Saskatchewan and Alberta, $25 each.

The resolution to give these grants caused an interesting discussion. Mr. Millar explained that the grant to Toronto show was large this year, on account of the fact that the Pan American exhibition was being held in Buffalo, and the intention was to offer extra inducements to the American breeders to come over to the Toronto show.

Mr. Jas. Johnson believed in encouraging the Canadian show, and, if possible, getting their reputation back. The Canadian breeders were now forced to sell to Americans, who exhibited the animals and got the credit for raising them. Simlar opinions were expressed by Messrs. Raikes, of Barrie, and Boulter, of Picton.

Mr. J. W. Russell, of Richmond Hill, thought some effort should be made to obtain more recognition on the part of fair managements for the small breeder. The rich men and professional exhibitors got the lion's share.

A number of others took part in the discussion, Mr. Gibson, of Delaware, urging that every effort be made to bring over the American breeders. The average crowd at the Toronto fair was more interested in the ballot than in the stock, but one thing was certain, that breeders from all over the world would come to Buffalo, and they would not be there to see the big show. These were the men Canadians wanted to get acquainted with, and it was now their chance. The resolution carried, and the meeting adjourned until 2 p. m.

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