

WILL PUSH THE FORESTRY QUESTION

As Suggested by Farm and Dairy, the United Counties Council of Northumberland and Durham will hold a Public Meeting to Discuss It.

A movement has been started by members of the united counties council of Northumberland and Durham, Ont. that has as its object the re-forestation of a large portion of the 14,000 acres of waste lands in those two counties. Our readers will remember that some weeks ago Farm and Dairy suggested that the wardens of the counties in which there are large areas of waste land, should call mass meetings of all their ratepayers interested in the forestry question. It was pointed out that the Ontario government might be induced to advance the money required to plant the waste lands if the municipalities would pay the interest on the money and guarantee the repayment of the principal when the timber attained marketable size. Farm and Dairy's suggestion was approved of by Mr. A. A. Powers, warden of Northumberland and Durham, and by Reeve A. A. Colwill, of Newcastle. Last week Reeve Colwill, the chairman of the Committee of Agriculture of the united counties council of Northumberland and Durham, invited the editor-in-chief of Farm and Dairy to meet some members of the committee in Cobourg to discuss the forestry question.

THOSE PRESENT.

Those present were Warden A. A. Powers, of Orono; Reeve Colwill, of Newcastle; Reeve Jos. Hickson, of Mount Horeb; Reeve Alex. Weather-son, of Warkworth, and Col. N. F. MacNachtan, of Cobourg, the county clerk, and H. B. Cowan, the editor-in-chief of Farm and Dairy. Col. MacNamara reported that he had been corresponding with the township councils, agricultural societies and farmers' institutes in the two counties and that 28 of them had passed resolutions approving of the Ontario government being asked to take over and reforest the waste lands in the united counties.

Warden Powers told of the case of a farmer who for a number of years has been losing several acres of land each year through his farm being drifted over with "blow" sand from waste land nearby. Reeve Colwill stated that he had found that the leading farmers in his section were convinced that the time has come when the waste land of the two counties should be reforested.

WHAT WAS DONE.

A thorough discussion took place in regard to the best method of dealing with the question. It was realized that all aspects of the problem would have to be laid before the ratepayers of the two counties. Methods of arousing interest were debated. It was finally decided to hold a public meeting in Cobourg on the afternoon of June 4, at the time the counties council is in session. This meeting will be addressed by representative men from each municipality in the two counties. The speakers will be expected to describe the extent of the waste land in their respective sections and to give their views in regard to an effort being made to reforest this land. Other speakers will include Dr. Fernow, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, of the University of Toronto, and Mr. Lawler, the secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, who have promised to attend and who will describe methods of reforesting waste land and the cost. Later an effort will be made to hold meetings for the consideration of the question, in each township in the two counties. The government will be asked to furnish experts as speakers who will be able to show lantern views that will explain all sides of the subject. These meetings will probably be held late next fall. It is in-

tended to follow them by the holding next December of a monster mass meeting in December. All the township and urban councils, agricultural societies, farmers' institutes, boards of trade and similar organizations will be invited to send representatives to this meeting. At this meeting a method of reforesting the waste land will be submitted for discussion and approval and later the Ontario government will be asked for assistance. The wardens of the other counties in Ontario in which there are large areas of waste land will be invited to attend the mass meeting.

THOSE WHO WILL SPEAK.

It was decided to ask the following well known farmers and others representing the different municipalities in the two counties, to speak at the public meeting that will be held in Cobourg on June 9: Messrs. C. L. Owen, M.P., Campbellford; J. B. McColl, M.P., Cobourg; J. J. Preston, M.L.A., Bethany; Sam Clarke, M.L.A., Cobourg; Sam Nesbitt, M.L.A., Brighton; J. H. Lewis, M.L.A., Blackstock; Wm. Rickard, M.L.A., Newcastle; C. J. Thornton, M.P., Kirby; Chas. McNeil, Cavan; Geo. A. Sigmund, Bowmanville; W. B. Campbell, Campbellford; J. S. Power, Blackstock; John Riddell, Bensford; John Miller, Castleton; A. R. Eagleson, Coldsprings; M. J. Doyle, Cobourg; A. M. Meekin, Brighton; W. W. Adams, Wooler; T. B. Cargill, Warkworth; Gilbert Bedford, Campbellford; John Thackeray, Rosemeath.

Successful Bacon Curing in Ireland

The weekly report of the department of Trade and Commerce of Canada draws attention to the success that has attended the first farmers' bacon curing plant in Ireland. It says:

"The great success with which the first farmers' bacon factory at Roscrea, Tipperary, has met has directed the attention of many farmers' societies to the possibilities of the bacon trade. When it is considered that England pays to foreign countries the enormous sum of nearly £20,000,000 per annum for pig products, a large portion of which can easily be produced at home, it will be obvious that this is a question which has suffered from long neglect.

"The publication of the balance sheet of the Roscrea bacon factory excited quite a surprise, inasmuch as it proved that bacon curing, even with limited capital, was a highly remunerative business, and as a consequence many farmers' societies are acquiring into the cost of such factories, and other particulars essential to the thorough understanding thereof."

In view of the alarming state of our bacon industry at home, as has been pointed out from time to time in Farm and Dairy, and the evident success that is attending the operations of the Irish and Danish producers and packers, it is gratifying to note that the Dominion Minister of Agriculture has decided to arrange for a commission to visit Denmark and Ireland to investigate the conditions that have made for success in bacon production.

If a farmer who grows alfalfa pastures it and succeeds in bringing it through without its being killed he should never tell about it as the probabilities are that were others to try and pasture their alfalfa, their crop would prove a failure.—Henry Glendinning, Manilla, Ont.



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