

OUR FARMERS.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY HUBBARD.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the provincial farmers' association opened in the city council chamber on the afternoon of Wednesday, 23d. President H. Trueman presided and introduced mayor Beckwith, who in a short address welcomed the delegates to the city. Sir S. L. Tilley occupied a seat on the platform.

There were sixty delegates present. Sir John C. Allen was called upon and made a few remarks, but wished to be excused from making a speech on a subject which did not feel competent to handle successfully.

Mr. Baxter, a representative from Victoria county, made an address and dealt with some of the grievances of the farmer in his county. He thought the new regulation under the agricultural act did not improve the condition of the farmer in his county and certainly had the effect of extinguishing entirely two societies which existed in New Brunswick under the old law. The speaker suggested a system of agricultural evangelists to wake the farmers up. He thought a revival was necessary.

Addresses were made by S. L. Peters of Queens; Mr. Emery of Carleton Co., W. J. Robertson and A. E. Killam, of Moncton. A letter was read from Dr. Twitchell, regretting his inability to be present.

Mr. W. W. Hubbard, corresponding secretary, submitted his annual report as follows—

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Provincial Farmers' Association.—It is due to the members of this association that they should have some account of the work done under their direction by the corresponding secretary. I therefore beg to submit the following, that the results of the work may be examined, and while we are here together that suggestions may be made and discussed as to how the work of the association may be best carried on.

You will pardon me if I turn aside for a moment at the early history of the association. Under the name of the Provincial Farmers' League it was organized on the 20th January, 1876, and I am glad to be able to say that we have here with us to-day one at least of the founders, S. L. Peters, to whom more than any of the rest of us the existence of this association is due to-day. In season and out of season he has been with it, and after periods of depression it was always round Mr. Peters that the association rallied. Utterly without remuneration, and often at considerable expense, of time and travel, the founders of this association have carried it along until now, at its 16th annual session, it should be

Approaching Years of Discretion and able to stand alone and repay its nurses by work of real practical value to the people of this province.

That the objects of the organization as set forth in 1876 have not been attained to a greater extent in the past is due, principally, to the apathy of the class for whose benefit the association was formed. There is a tremendous field for work for such an association in New Brunswick, but if the farmers will not take hold of it, if they do not see that it has adequate support, it cannot by any possibility accomplish work of real practical value.

What it is Meant to do and What it If the farmers and the agricultural societies of this province are not sufficiently earnest in the advance of their interests to ask their representatives in the house of assembly to see that an association in their interest is supported with funds to enable it to work like kindred associations in other countries, then it will remain forever dwarfed, hampered in its efforts and be a reproach to the province as compared with associations in other countries. Instance Ontario, which in 1850 gave about \$28,000 for the support of agricultural associations. There was the Eastern Dairyman's association with a grant of \$1,500; the Western with a like amount; Creameries' association with \$1,000, and fruit growers, poultry men, bee keepers, etc., with varying amounts, and since the appointment of the present minister of agriculture there, the reports of all these bodies have been printed by the government and freely spread over the province for the benefit of the farmer.

Work Must be Mostly Educational, and they devoted their attention principally to the departments of cheese making. They secured good men wherever they could find them, had them travel through dairy districts, work in the cheese factories and give the best of their ability to securing the production of a high quality of cheese. What had been the result? He who runs may read. The export cheese trade of Ontario and Quebec has grown from nothing 17 years ago, till the last year it was worth almost \$10,000,000. Now these provinces, aided by the dominion government, are working at the butter business, and will not rest satisfied till it is as well developed as that of cheese. Immediately to our west, in the state of Maine,

What is Being Done? There is a board of agriculture, elected by the country agricultural societies, with a secretary on a salary of \$1,500 per year, \$3,000 per annum is also given the board for the holding of institutes. How is the money spent? Why the secretary and the advisory committee of the board in laying out their programs of meetings (and they are bound to hold two meetings yearly in each county) study the needs of the different localities, and they bring in special lists of speakers who are conversant with the lines of work to which the district is best adapted, to give the results of their experience, and so to inform their audiences of the very best methods of work. And these specialists are brought from all over the continent. The result has been a wonderful advance in

General Improvement in Agriculture in our neighboring state. When I look at the work that has been done elsewhere I feel ashamed to be unable to give the public a better account of our work since March, 1891. Nothing was done up to August; then, acting under the advice of the dairy commissioners and John Robertson, instructor of the province, your officers thought it best to try and arrange a meeting of the dairymen at the St. John exhibition. Correspondence was entered into with the secretary of the exhibition association and Professor Robertson, both of whom gave all the assistance they could. We were enabled by the exhibition association to send out free of expense, save printing, 10,000 circulars, drawing attention to the necessary action toward the

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BROCKWAY, March 24.—Our quiet little valley has not escaped its share of sickness as we had hoped. Mrs. Michael Cloney has been very ill with pneumonia, also Mrs. Wm. Brockway. They are attended by Dr. Smith, of Harvey, and are now in a fair way of recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Trudwell are rejoicing over the arrival of a young daughter. A. H. Libbey, with his wife and infant daughter, arrived home last week after a prolonged visit in Fredericton.

The young folks of this place spend some very enjoyable evenings at coasting. Mrs. Nutter, a former resident of this place, but now residing at Oak Bay, is visiting her many friends in this vicinity, which well advanced in years. She is accompanied by her grandson, Charles Lealand.

Sandy Sinclair, one of our prominent young men, started for the city on the 20th inst., with a fine yearling colt which it is said he intends leaving there to be trained for a year.

A happy event occurred at Lawrence station on Thursday, the 17th inst., when at the home of the bride James Dow and Miss Georgia Richardson were united in marriage. The young couple have the best wishes of all.

Mrs. Jas. Davis has been in rather poor health for the past two months, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Dibble of Moore's Mills, she is beginning to appear like herself again.

KINGS CLEAR. KINGS CLEAR, March 25.—Since it has been decided to erect a creamery many of the farmers have been busy preparing for it by laying in a store of ice. Whistling is plenty and easily obtained much difficulty is found in getting sawdust for preserving it.

Tenders for the erection of the creamery have been called for and must be ready for opening at the next meeting of the directors to be held at Mr. Whitehead's office, April 2nd.

Charles Chase left here last week with his family for Oranmore, where he intends going into the milling business again. They will be much missed here, as will also his mill, which was destroyed by fire. We wish him more success in his new enterprise.

Messrs. Frank and Austin Burnett have purchased and moved upon the property vacated by Mr. Chase.

Harry Dunphy is moving on to James Sutherland's property, as Mr. Sutherland intends going west soon.

Some prominent Orangemen from Fredericton held quite an enthusiastic meeting in the Temperance hall on Wednesday evening of last week.

Dr. McLeod's temperance lecture for the 23rd inst. was postponed on account of the storm.

There will be a donation on Monday of one guinea to the temperance hall for the Rev. Calvin Currie.

DURHAM. DURHAM, March 24.—Our lodge opened on March the 9th. It had been closed since January.

We were much disappointed, Wednesday, the 23rd, when the severe storm came and prevented those of us that live at a distance from getting to our council as we were expecting our friends from the Nashwaak to visit us. They started but had to turn back. It is hoped they will come next week.

Messrs. Thompson, McFarlane and Richardson in the Temperance hall in Fredericton were brave enough to come. Those who staid home lost a treat when we missed their speeches.

We intend holding a basket social on Saturday, 2nd of April, to finish paying for our council organ. We hope our Nashwaak friends will come out and help us.

George Thomas is visiting his old home. We think the girls are well supplied with candy and nuts when he is around.

NASHWAAK. NASHWAAK, March 23.—Our community is very much interested and aroused by the special meetings held in the Methodist church by Rev. F. B. Thomas. Much good is being done.

Miss Eva Young paid a short visit home before leaving for St. Stephen.

Mrs. S. Young, who has been visiting at Millerton, Northumberland county, returned home on Saturday last, quite ill. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Betts. On Monday Mrs. Betts left for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Young and family came home on Saturday last. We hope Miss Lizzie Miller has been very ill, and up to the present time shows but very slight improvement.

SCOTCH LAKE. SCOTCH LAKE, March 21st.—The weather has been quite cold for the past week. It will throw sugar-making quite late this year.

Almost all the men of this place are home again from the woods, several returning last week.

The sportsman, Ad. Moore and Dav Cremin, accompanied by their apprentice, Will Moore, started last Friday down river. They got to the air-hole at E. Everett's and there they found a flock of ducks and succeeded in shooting a few. They remained over night but Saturday morning being rather wet for pleasure they postponed the shooting until finer weather.

BRAIN AND MUSCLE.—The college students have found a new means of exercise, the only trouble is there is not enough of it. Getting tired of walking through the drizzle of the 12th regiment of the House, as this detachment style themselves, turned out at ten o'clock at night and cleared the college road walk from Shore street to vicinity of R. R. track, of the "beautiful." The 12th have the blessings of a grateful people and like their illustrious confederate of the 10th are the "dell to gang 'er the brain."

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Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved a resolution fixing an annual license fee on life insurance companies; also respecting a license for carrying on the business of special or travelling agent for insurance companies, which were carried.

Dr. Stockton made an attack on the government about the Mooney brick matter in connection with the lunatic asylum. He had made a charge that the brick could have been purchased from this firm for \$7.50, but at this stage he admitted that he was wrong.

Dairying. On the item for the encouragement of dairying, \$8,000, Dr. Stockton said some information should be given as to additional revenue expected from the new revenue proposals.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said this was in addition to the \$2,000 provided by law.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said it was thought that \$20,000 and \$30,000 would be realized from the new taxation legislation and he thought the present appropriation was a reasonable grant as a commencement.

Dr. Stockton—How much of that do you propose to devote to terminal railway facilities in St. John?

Hon. Mr. Mitchell—We have not received much assistance from the members from St. John in our proposals to aid that port. He hoped in a few years that the government would be able to substantially aid in the matter of harbor improvements.

Dr. Alward—Is nothing to be contributed this year to that object?

Hon. Mr. Blair was charmed with the interest shown by these gentlemen in the dairying industry, and he thought it would be well to have some of the gentlemen in the dairy industry at its proper value. As to the terminal facilities for St. John, was it reasonable to ask the government to make a grant for that service without the request or co-operation of the people of St. John?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said the hon. gentlemen from St. John (Alward and Stockton) had the other day ridiculed the proposals of the government to aid the dairying industry. He thought the country overabundant in patriotic patriots and patriots, and Mr. Powell said it meant giving a three cent stamp to each of the farmers of this province. No two men had ever done more to create discord and to weaken the influence of St. John in the councils of the country than the hon. gentlemen opposite—the opposition. What suggestion had they ever made in the interests of St. John? He (Pugsley) believed the time had come when the people of St. John should discard party ties and work out these improvements whose need they had felt so long.

Hon. Mr. Blair said the grant of Ontario for agriculture was \$173,000. With the \$10,000 additional added this year, the aid given to agriculture in this province would amount to \$283,000, which he thought was a liberal and handsome amount. It had never been stated by the government they proposed to pay off the deficit of last year out of the newly raised taxation. But what was proposed by the recent resolutions was that if deemed desirable by the house to help public works in St. John and also the dairying industry, the government would be able to do it. The alternative policy of the lieutenant of the opposition to that of the government appeared to be colonization, and his object was to build through the unsettled lands owned by the N. B. railway company to the ungranted crown lands, which he (Blair) thought totally impracticable.

Dr. Stockton said the \$173,000 given for agriculture in Ontario was given to agriculture pure and simple, but covered agricultural colleges, public health and vital statistics.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell explained that the grant would be expended in aiding the establishment of creameries and educating the people by lectures and otherwise on this subject in different localities. He described the movement now in progress in different parts of the province.

The item passed and the house adjourned.

Friday, March 25. The house in committee of supply passed items for repairs on legislative building and land at lunatic asylum, and also for the purchase of a disposition as usual to find fault, without offering anything practical instead. Mr. Wilson's speech in reply to Dr. Atkinson, which will appear in next issue, was a complete refutation of the statements made by Dr. Atkinson.

The item for expense of the lumber commission, \$119,500, was discussed until after midnight, when it passed. Adjourned.

Literary Notes from the Century Co. The Century will take up the campaign for good roads. The April number is to contain a suggestive article on "Our Common Roads," by Isaac B. Potter, editor of "Good Roads" and a practical engineer.

The author points out the enormous loss to this country through the present general condition of American roads, a loss which falls not only upon the farmer, but upon the city people as well, who are compelled to pay unnecessary prices to have produce brought to them. An American consul in France reports that the road system of that country (the most perfect system in the world) "has been of greater value to the country as a means of raising the value of lands than have the railways." In France every market-cart, with its broad tire, is a road-maker.

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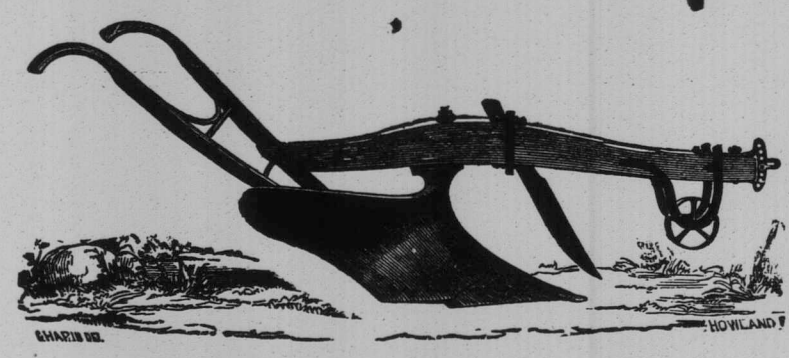
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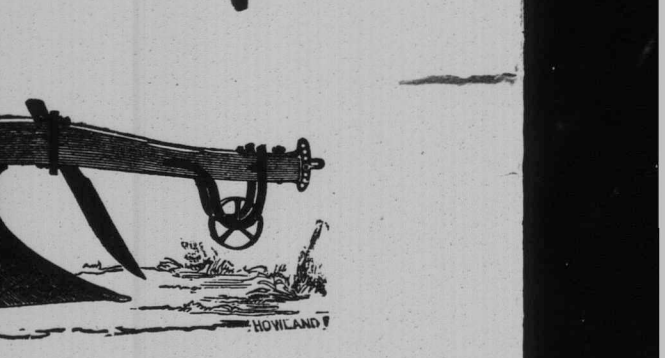
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