

CANADA'S GIFT TO THE TWELVE NATIONS

No Doubt NOW that Canadian Farmers are to be Exported to the Competition of all the Great Food Exporting Countries of the World.

(From the Canadian Century).

When it was first made known that the Reciprocity Compact not only gave American farmers free entrance to Canadian markets and extended the same privileges to the United Kingdom and the British colonies, but also opened the door wide to the Argentine Republic, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Japan, Bolivia, Colombia and Venezuela, Canadians in general thought there must be some mistake. They could not believe that without getting any concessions whatever from any country except the United States, our Government would admit farm products from all those countries into Canada to compete freely with Canadian farm products. The wording of the Reciprocity Agreement was very plain, there seemed to be no doubt about its meaning; and yet it was such an extraordinary arrangement, so unfair to Canadian farmers, and so likely to lead to disputes to the American customs officials that many people believed that the Government would give some explanation showing that the agreement had been wrongly interpreted. However, there is no longer any such hope. Mr. Robert L. Braden, quondam Hon. Mr. Fielding at this point and Mr. Fielding admitting that the Reciprocity Agreement meant exactly what it appeared to mean and that Canada would get nothing whatever in return from any of the twelve foreign nations of the British countries that share with the United States the privilege of sending their farm products freely into the Canadian market.

If the Reciprocity Compact simply provided for free trade in farm products between Canada and the United States there might reasonably be difference of opinion as to whether it would be advantageous to Canadian farmers or not. We think that even such an arrangement would have been a bad bargain for Canadian farmers, because the surplus of farm products in the United States is enormously greater than the surplus of Canadian farm products, because the farming season is earlier and longer in the United States, and because our farmers would always be at the mercy of the tariff legislation of the United States Congress, while they would have no voice in the election of Congress, but still there would be room for argument as to whether our farmers would gain enough by admission of their products to the United States markets to compensate them for losses in the home market; but from the former's point of view nothing can be said in favour of allowing twelve foreign nations and the food-exporting British colonies to send their products freely into Canada without giving our farmers anything to compensate them for this unexpected competition in the Canadian home market.

DOON.

Mr. Howard Thoms of Winnipeg is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thoms.

Mrs. J. McCreight of Berlin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Till.

Mr. L. C. Bullock and Mr. A. Sweeney went to the Hockey Match at Millland on Tuesday.

Miss A. Thoms spent Sunday at Owen Sound.

Misses Marjorie and Esther Huber assisted at a concert at Central Church, Guelph, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. J. Bullock of Berlin is visiting his parents here.

Miss V. Reding, of Brantford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson.

Mr. W. Foote has the Topic for the League on Sunday evening.

Miss Wolfe, of Guelph, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Thoms.

A CHICAGO PASTOR'S WORK.

The pastor for twenty-five years (without a vacation) of a Chicago church, Rev. R. A. John of St. Paul's Lutheran is 1,900 the record of 2500 funerals, 3500 weddings, 4000 christenings and of extinguishing a church debt of \$100,000. His co-pastor for all these years was his wife. He was the son of a Missouri minister, who endured thirty years of the ministry and whose three sons are all ministers. The building up of a big city church is illustrated by the changes in the affairs of St. Paul's Church. When Rev. Mr. John became pastor twenty-five years ago the Sunday school had only sixty children who were grouped in one division; the membership of the present Sunday school is 1,300. It is divided into four thoroughly organized divisions, which are directed by expert Sunday school workers. Twenty-five years ago there were no societies in the church, while today there are three, with an average membership of over 1200—a woman's society with 505 members, a senior young people's society with 425 members and a junior young people's society with 225 members. In addition to the thoroughly organized Sunday school the church has many other lines of charitable and missionary work which are sustained by the will offerings from the pious, the most noteworthy of which is an orphanage.

Telephone messages for any patron of the library.

Telephone hours are the same as those of the circulating department, from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily, from 10 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. on Saturday.

American Oil Engine Company Submission to Board of Trade.

An important meeting of the Industrial Committee of the Board of Trade was held on Thursday afternoon at which Mr. W. Hatch, representing the American Oil Engine Company, of Chicago, submitted his plans for the establishment of a branch of the industry in Berlin.

The proposition is to establish a factory in Berlin which during the first six months will employ 50 hands at a cost of a year 100. The company manufactures marine and stationary engines, and from enquiries made by the Board of Trade it would seem that these are the best on the market today.

The company asks that the Town guarantee its bonds for \$15,000 for 10 or 15 years at interest at 5 per cent, security being given by a first mortgage on the plant. It is also asked that \$20,000 be raised by legal stock subscription. The company in its part will put the equivalent of \$75,000 into the business.

The members of the Industrial Committee are enthusiastically in favor of the proposition, and the prospects that the industry will be secured are very bright.

Mr. Hatch left for Chicago last evening, and will immediately submit his proposition in detail, after which definite action will be taken.

OFFER \$250 REWARD FOR LOBINSKI SLAYERS

Toronto, March 8.—Determined that no effort will be spared to apprehend the murderers of Franz Lobinski, slain in Wellesley Township, near Berlin, the Provincial Government today passed an order-in-council offering a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty persons. If the information comes from two people the reward will be divided.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

WANTS REWARD INCREASED.

Orderer Dr. Glastrey, of Wellesley, is endeavoring to have the Township Council offer a further reward of \$250 for the apprehension of the Lobinski murderers. He feels that the \$250 offered by the Government is not sufficiently large.

RECEIVED CIRCULAR.

A circular descriptive of Dr. William Denton's New System of the Farmers Bank, ex-president of the Bank, has been received by the local police from Chief of Police Grassetti, of Toronto, in which an offer of \$200 reward is offered for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the elusive doctor.

NEW HAMBURG.

Miss Henrietta Peine of Moulton College, Toronto, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. Will Williams and son Hewart, of Berlin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ernst over Sunday.

Mr. Gordon Helom of Calgary, Alberta is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Helom.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ritz, left on Wednesday last for their home in Lacombe, Sask., after spending several weeks with relatives here.

The annual Spring Horse Show will be held here on Tuesday, Apr. 14th.

Mr. Louis Krauss, of Parry Sound, visited his brother, Mr. F. A. Krauss, here, last week.

Miss L. S. Rabl, and Miss Lily Schmidt have returned from Toronto, where they were attending the Spring Millinery openings.

Mr. J. S. Simon, of Toronto, was a business visitor here last week.

Two rinks of Curlers from Wellesley were here last Thursday, and had a friendly game, with the local curlers, but came out second best. The return game was played in Wellesley on Thursday evening, Mar. 2nd.

Mrs. J. Haegele, visited friends in Berlin last Saturday.

Mr. Ed. Meyer, of the Felt Boot Co., left last week on an extended business trip to the west.

Mrs. O. Raiz and Miss Adeline Raiz spent last week, with friends in Toronto.

Miss Ella McMaster, of St. Marys, has returned to take her position at Miss L. S. Rabl's.

Mr. C. L. Forler, has received the contract for the carpenter work on the new Felt Boot Factory, to be built here this summer.

Mrs. R. J. Kerr, has returned to her home in Berlin, after spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mitchell.

The Rev. W. Gunton of Toronto occupied the pulpit in the Baptist church here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Zweicker of Crediton, visited at the home of the latter's parents, Senator and Mrs. Raiz.

Mr. John K. Beckey, spent the past two weeks visiting his daughter, Mrs. Reid at Tavistock.

Miss F. J. Paddicombe, left on Tuesday on a several weeks visit to friends in Woodstock and Hamilton.

The New Hamburg Hydro Electric system, designed by Mr. E. B. Merrill, C. E. of Toronto, is a great success. Other towns are adopting the same system. Six two tungsten lights upon angled brackets on each pole on each side of the main streets and on one side on residential districts. We might add that every body here, and visitors are delighted with the appearance of New Hamburg streets, since they were lighted by Niagara power. One month has now passed since the current was turned on here, and for the information of outsiders, we can truthfully say that notwithstanding, seven snow and sleet storms during that period, there has been the shadow of a flicker in the continuous steadiness of the Hydro-Power service here.

Supplementary meetings of the South Waterloo Farmers' Institute were held in Wilmet township during the past week. The New Hamburg meeting was held last Monday Feb. 27th. The program consisted of afternoon and evening meetings at which addresses were delivered by speakers, appointed by the Ontario Government. The history of these annual events extends back for quarter of a century, and great success usually attends the meetings. This year, however, although the attendance was not as large as usual owing to the bad condition of the roads.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist church occupied the chair-Countdown on Monday, where they will in future reside, and where they are followed by the best wishes of their friends here.

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A number of young people had a very pleasant time at the home of Mrs. W. Veitch, Friday evening last. The time was spent in games and before returning home, the guests were served to a dainty lunch.

A few of the Winterbourne people enjoyed the party given by Mrs. Fred Le, on of West Montrose last Friday, in the home of Miss M. H. M. H.

FREEPORT.

The members of the Freeport S. S. with a few of their friends, pleasantly surprised Mr. C. Pelz and family of near Chiopee on Tuesday evening last for the purpose of spending a few hours with them socially, prior to their removal from our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Pelz and family, who have been residents of this vicinity for some years, have endeavored to host a large number of friends, who, upon their departure from neighborhood, where they will be greatly missed in social circles, where they were general favorites. Mr. and Mrs. Pelz warmly welcomed all their visitors and soon an endless round of entertainment was provided, in the form of various games and amusements, while much social instrumental and vocal helped to enliven the proceedings. Dainty refreshments were served in abundance, to which all did ample justice. During the course of the evening, Miss Alma Pelz who has been the efficient organist of the Freeport church and S. S. was presented with an elegant ladies companion, a beautiful basket of carnations and the accompanying address, read by Miss Jeannette McKee. Though taken by surprise Miss Pelz in a few well chosen words thanked the donors for their beautiful gift and their kindness to her, all of which she would ever appreciate.

The National Anthem brought to a close one of the pleasantest of good times, when the merry-makers, who are all dispersed for their various homes.

Dear Miss Pelz, We have met here this evening to show our appreciation of the services you have rendered the Freeport Church and Sabbath School as an organist. You not only have faithfully fulfilled your position as an organist but also have endeavored yourself to us, by your quiet unassuming and kindly disposition and it is with feelings of regret that we are called upon to part with you and hope you will accept this slight token as an expression of our esteem for you and hope you will find a field of usefulness in your new sphere of life, and that our hearts will be another gain. Signed on behalf of the Freeport Church and Sabbath School.

Mr. Noah Becker and his mother have moved in the house just vacated by Mr. Pelz which Mr. Becker purchased some time ago.

Miss Ella Lutz was the guest of Miss Ella Weaver of St. Church street Berlin, over Sunday.

Miss Ester Shantz of Hill Crest Farm was in Berlin on Monday.

The auction sale of farm stock and implements of Mr. C. Pelz, last Thursday afternoon was largely attended, which good prices prevailed throughout. Mr. Mickus of Waterloo wielded the hammer in his usual efficient style.

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ELMIRA.

A friendly game of hockey was played here in the rink on Friday evening between New Hamburg O. H. A. and our boys. Those who witnessed the game report it was the nicest game of hockey played here this season. The game was fast, with no rough playing. Fast skating, science, and combination makes the game popular, and no doubt from people would go to see these games if they were played along these lines. The game played on Friday evening resulted 5-3 in favor of our boys. The New Hamburg boys were a lot of fellows, and would our boys have played the scheduled games the same as the last few exhibition games no doubt they would have made it more interesting during the O. H. A. series.

Miss Reynolds of St. Jacobs spent Monday with Miss E. Behrens, Mr. and Mrs. Halstead who have been here for several years. Mr. Halstead being acquainted with the Metropolitan Bank has been transferred to Ficton. We regret very much to see Mr. Halstead leaving here as he had won many warm friends during his stay with us. Mr. Halstead success in their new home. The Elmira hockey club will lose one of their best members of the team in his departure from here as he was always a player to be reckoned with. Miss Sanderson of Listowel has been staying here for a short time at the home of her brother, Mr. Henry Zilliar.

Mr. Louie Ratz of Toronto was a visitor for a few days with his mother on Mill Street.

Mr. Fred Weigel's son had the misfortune of falling on the ice one day last week and in so doing broke his leg. Last above the knee. His last reports the lad is doing as well as can be expected.

The first of Lent services was held here on Wednesday evening in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Several of our factories are working overtime in order to catch up to the orders on file.

From the present indications 1911 looks promising and progressive. Over 30 new houses are to be built this coming year, the most of them being already contracted for. What we want is a bigger and greater Elmira.

From reports we hear Mr. Jeanette has bought a new house of late near the C. P. R. station from the Ratz Bros. Estate.

Mr. John Small has moved here in to his new home on Streeter Lane. Mr. R. B. Martin has moved here in to the house bought from Mr. Corrigan.

The St. Paul's Y. P. S. hockey team played the return game of hockey at Berlin on Monday evening with the Y. P. S. of St. Paul's Church of Berlin.

Mrs. John Stedick is we are pleased to note improving slowly.

Mr. Peter Daub has sold his residence to Mr. Bowman. Mr. George Kinck has sold his home to Mr. Geo. Linder, and for part payment has taken Mr. Linder's house on Mill Street. From reports we hear Mr. Hillier has bought the latter's home from Mr. Kinck.

Mrs. Geo. Vogt has returned home after spending a week with her daughter Mrs. C. K. Jansen at Galt.

Master Edmund Klinek, oldest son of Mr. Geo. Klinek, had the misfortune of being caught in the hand of the press while in operation, thus seriously cutting his hand and wrist and splintering the bones in his arm. The wound was dressed by Dr. Geikie and from the last report is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. Oscar Christian has returned home from Guelph after being operated on for appendicitis at the Guelph Hospital. It will be some time until Oscar will be able to again be on the milk wagon.

Messrs. M. Weichel & Son have sold their plumbing and tinsmith business to Mr. Frank Rudow.

Mr. Geo. Aulich left here on Tuesday morning for the Northwest on a business trip.

Mr. Geo. Linder is having a new Hecla furnace put into the new house which he bought from Mr. George Klinek.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackson of Berlin are staying here several weeks. Mr. Jackson is helping out at the Elmira Felt Factory.

Before a large attendance at a luncheon of the Waterloo County Canadian Club last evening, Prof. Zavitz of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, delivered an interesting and instructive address on "Plant Breeding". The subject was one upon which no man in Canada is better qualified to speak than Prof. Zavitz, and as a result those fortunate enough to be in attendance last evening had the pleasure of listening to an address of more than ordinary interest.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. H. T. Janzen, who spoke of the importance of the subject chosen, and congratulated the members of the Club on having been successful in securing Prof. Zavitz as the speaker.

After thanking the club for the opportunity of speaking before them Prof. Zavitz said in part:

Plant breeding may be defined as the art of producing plants that are adapted to special purpose or conditions. It has a significance of great importance, not only in its connection with the improvement of the crops of the farm, but also from the scientific standpoint. It is probably true that more valuable work in plant breeding has been accomplished during the past ten years than during the whole of the century preceding. It is indeed difficult to estimate the great and increasing influence which plant breeding is likely to exert in its relation to the improvement of our farm crops, and to our entire knowledge of the principles of heredity.

According to the last Census Report of the Dominion the agricultural wealth of Canada amounted to upwards of two billion dollars. The agricultural wealth of Ontario was greater than the agricultural wealth of the whole of the Dominion of Canada outside this Province. According to the same report, the market value of the farm crops of Ontario was greater than the value of the output of the mines, and the fisheries of the whole of the Dominion of Canada. It will therefore be seen that the farm crops of Ontario are very closely associated with our provincial prosperity.

The subject of plant breeding deals directly with the improvement of these crops, which already have a market value of upwards of two billion dollars annually. A few years ago, many of our farmers considered it absolutely necessary to change the seed of their farm crops from one farm to another farm, from one kind of soil to another kind of soil in order to notice satisfactory results. At the Ontario Agricultural College, we have grown about fifty varieties of farm crops, including spring wheat, winter wheat, oats, barley, peas and potatoes from eighteen to twenty-two years without changing the seed from one farm to another. I am pleased to state that through careful selection we have been enabled to not only keep up the yield, but to actually increase, to a considerable extent, the yield per acre during the last as compared with the Ontario average for this period. This has been proven true with all varieties, with the exception of one kind of potatoes in which there has been a slight decrease in yield. Many of our farmers are now realizing that with the proper care in seed selection they can grow the farm crops very satisfactorily without the frequent change of seed. This being true, there is no need of the frequent change of seed to secure the best varieties with the object of growing them continuously and satisfactorily for a considerable length of time. The Ontario Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Canadian Seed Growers' Association are both doing good work in assisting the farmers in the introduction of the best varieties and in the improvement of the crops on the individual farms.

The more careful work of plant breeding will probably be continued to government institutions for some years to come. In Canada, this work is now being done both at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa and at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. Dr. Wm. Saunders was one of the pioneer plant breeders not only of Canada but also of America. The work which he started over twenty years ago is now being continued by his son Dr. C. E. Saunders at Ottawa.

The Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, we have been endeavoring to improve the farm crops of the Province by importing, testing, and distributing leading varieties from other countries, by improving the best kinds through systematic selection, and by originating new varieties by means of hybridization. It is probably safe to say that fully one-half of the cultivated land of Ontario is now used for the growing of varieties of farm crops which have been tested at the College and afterwards distributed in small quantities through the medium of the Experiment Station. Our common farm crops can be increased much more rapidly than many people realize. In the third season, I have been able to obtain over forty bushels of barley from a single acre. Under similar conditions, I have been able to secure over one hundred bushels of oats from one seed in the third year from planting. It is not an uncommon occurrence for farmers to obtain one hundred bushels of grain as a direct result of one pound of seed in the third season from sowing. I recall at the present time one instance in which a farmer secured one hundred bushels of barley in the third season from the result of sowing one pound of the O. A. C. number 21 barley. This barley was originated at Guelph and has made a higher record than any other barley which has been grown in Ontario.

During the last few years, we have been endeavoring to produce new varieties through cross-fertilization. Such crops as corn and rye are naturally cross-fertilized, but other farm crops, such as wheat, oats, barley, and peas are naturally self-fertilized. If crosses are produced from these crops, it is necessary to make the cross-fertilizations by hand. In all work of hybridization where it is necessary to reproduce the crops from seed, not only is it necessary to make the cross-fertilizations, but the selection of the plants afterwards requires a large amount of work. In order to get the best results, it is important to know as much as possible regarding the underlying principles of heredity. To assist in this work, we are greatly indebted for information furnished by such men as Gregor Mendel of Austria, Hugo DeVries of Holland, Prof. Bateson of England, and other scientific investigators. In other scientific work, the knowledge of heredity which can be obtained, new and important information regarding heredity is constantly being obtained, which, in itself, is one of the valuable results of this line of work.

The breeding of plants, therefore, gives an opportunity for studying the underlying principles of heredity. Many of these principles apply to animal as well as to plant life. A greater and a better knowledge of the true principles of heredity is of the utmost importance of mankind in its study of life problems. It will therefore be seen that in the endeavors to improve the common crops of the farm, the plant breeder is brought into close touch with nature, and is, in reality, a co-worker with nature's God.

At the conclusion of the address a vote of appreciation was tendered Prof. Zavitz.

PRIZES FOR PLANS.

The Goderich Town Council has offered a prize of \$100 for the best plans submitted for a new municipal building.

HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

The North Perth License Commissioners have transferred the license of the New Queen's Hotel in Stratford from Norman Reinhardt to Geo. Wolcott of Guelph, who takes immediate possession. Reinhardt will join his brother, George Reinhardt of Guelph, in purchasing the Palmer House, Toronto.

Miss Lucia Bellamy of Guelph spent Sunday with relatives in the village.

Miss N. Sherriff and Mr. Hugh Veitch of the Berlin Collegiate, spent Sunday at their homes here.

Pine Grove school was closed during last week on account of the prevalence of mumps, with which disease many of the pupils are at present afflicted.

Miss Frieda Steiler spent Sunday with her friend Miss Clara Woolner of Elgin Place, Berlin.

Mr. Hy. C. Gimbel of River Lodge, was a business visitor with Mr. M. M. Donald of the Preston Progress on Saturday afternoon last.

Mr. Arthur Musselman of Berlin, is the home of his aunt Mrs. M. H. M. H.

Mr. August Janzen visited his brother Mr. Joe Janzen of Preston, last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Alice Weber of Berlin was a Sunday visitor with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Weber of Chiopee.

Mrs. Jacob E. Shantz of Hill Crest Farm invited a number of her lady friends to a quilting bee last Thursday. We hear they made good and finished the quilt.

Miss Alma Bock is very ill with a severe attack of pneumonia. We hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

Mr. Caspar Smith was a business visitor in Berlin and Waterloo last week.

Miss Adeline Woolner the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Woolner of near Chiopee was last week removed to the Berlin and Waterloo hospital for treatment. She is seriously ill with a complication of diseases, following an aggravated attack of mumps. Her early recovery is hoped for.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Adam T. Hilborn of Ontario street, Guelph, came as a great shock to his many friends here early last week. Mr. Hilborn was a travelling man, while on a business trip to Hamilton look suddenly ill, at the hotel, from where he was removed to the hospital, where he passed away on Tuesday