AGRICULTURE BASED ON SOUND PRINCIPLES

Farmer Should Know Accurately Cost of Production, Said Prof. Creelman at Mr. John Elliott's Eleventh Annual Banquet to Belleville Cheese Board —Mr. Elliott's Remarks— The Farmers' Responsibilities.

The recognition of the farmer's burden and the placing of farming on a business basis were the key notes struck at the eleventh annual banquet given by Mr. John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank to the Cheesemen and Dairymen of this district on Saturday afternoon at Hotel Quinte. The banquet has grown to be of such importance that it attracts province-wide interest. Prof. G. C. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and Commissioner of Agriculture, who was the guest of honor and the principal speaker said—"This is unique in the history of farming in Canada. Lord knows it is time that the farmers should be coming into their own! In all my thirty years' experience I have never been privileged to get into a meeting where there was such a business-like gathering of farmers. Had such a gathering been held in every county there would have been the essence of union government ten or fifteen years ago."

The Quinte Hotel dining room was taxed to the full to accommodate the most representative gathering ever held in Belleville of the chief agricultural industry in the Bay of Quinte district dairying. One hundred and fifty guests enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Elliott. Mr. F. E. O'Flynn was again arbiter of the feast for the eleventh time. As chairman he carried out his duties with expedition, keeping the banquetters in a happy mood between courses by having sung national and popular songs. These included "Rule Britannia," "O Canada," "Red White and Blue," "The Maple Leaf," "Till the Boys Come Home" and "Tipperary."

Mine Host Jenkins of the Quinte served in peerless style a dinner that would suit a banquet of princes.

Silent Toast to the Fallen and Canada's Fighting Sons

The most touching feature of the program was when the chairman called all to their feet to drink a silent toast to Canada's dead sons in France and Belgium and to those still battling in that far flung battle line on the west front of Europe.

Prof. Staples of Albert College sang a verse of ""Till the Boys Come Home" beginning "Overseas there came a pleading" and the gathering swelled the chorus. Mr. John McIntosh was down for two stirring songs "'Mark of the Cameron Men" and "Scots Wha Hae," and Prof. Staples sang "A Little Bit of Heaven," perhaps in tribute to the genial host, Mr. Elliott.

Regrets were sent by Mr. E. V. Illsey, of Windsor; Deputy Minister W. B. Roadhouse of the Department of Agriculture; Mr. W. A. Coate, Mr. Thomas Lockwood, transportation men; Mr. W. B. Tummon and Mr. W. B. Riggs.

The chairman paid a tribute to one of the guests, Mr. Thomas Watkin, the veteran cheesebuyer of Belleville through whose instrumentality one of the first factories in this district was established. Mr. Jas. Balcanquel, a veteran of the dairy industry was also present.

Greatest Banquet in Canada, Says Chairman.

Mr. O'Flynn answered the question—"Why do you hold your banquet in war time?" "Our hearts are heavy," he said, "but we want to keep the home-fires burning. Are our boys in the trenches long faced? No"

"I am particularly gratified at being asked to preside at the greatest banquet in Canada to the men who represent the very rock of our national life," declared the chairman, who led in the toast to Mr. Elliott—"the best banker in Eastern Ontario, the man who introduced the banking principles so much needed here." The toast was piedged and received with musical honors.

Unity of Interest

"We are one today, I feel, more than ever before. The better we get to know each other, the more we go on in the work of co-operation with the farmer. This is the 11th annual banquet," said Mr. Elliott, who cited the growth of the banquet until it was almost impossible to find a banquetting hall large enough to hold the gathering.

"I want to say a word about the cheesemaker. We cannot be too grateful and appreciate too highly the services of the maker who day in and day out fulfills his duty.

"Is this district famous in cheese making? asked the host, who read a letter paying the following tribute from a British firm: "Belleville's always bring the highest price." —(cheers). This year has seen a good, uniform price for cheese. The total output is a little lower

Cheese Cheapest Food

"Cheese at the price quoted today is cheaper than any other food. There is not quite so much cheese made this year in Canada as last year, perhaps 320,000 boxes less.

"For the past couple of years, you are producing more because the Empire needs it, not so much because it brings more money into your pockets and your banks.

"We have some 1800 women working in this district for the Red Cross. Their production reaches $1000 per month. This faithful business is carried on by the women's department. This year the cheese factories gave $5,200 to the Red Cross, in the past three years a total of over $17,000 to this noble cause.

Mr. Elliott felt honored in having as one of his guests Lieut. David Ketcheson, son of the mayor of Belleville and the modest wearer of the Military Cross.

Prof. G. C. Creelman

Prof. G. C. Creelman, who made the principal address, was in his finest form. He touched on the work of the Department of Agriculture this year in endeavoring to increase production. He explained his plans to put farming on an actual business basis so that farmers will know the exact cost of producing and told how the past season's propaganda tended to break down the barriers between citizen and countryman.

Dr. Creelman paid his respects to Mr. Elliott, who had launched and successfully carried out a scheme, which if adopted all over the country would place the relationship of dwellers in the city and country in its proper light. Mr. Elliott is known as the banker in the province who best knows the responsibility of banks to the agriculturists.

A Great Harvest

"I congratulate you on your products," he said, addressing the cheesemen and dairymen. "Providence smiled upon us. You saw the needs of the men at the front and the result is that no greater crop has ever been harvested. We have seriously to face the situation of the needs overseas and go on practising as strict economy as possible. Let it never be said that we let an ally go without food. What our thinking statesmen ask us to do, let us do, even blindly if you will. The sacrifice of one-fifth of our white bread is not too much to demand, is it?"

Dr Creelman pointed out how New Zealand sacrificed her permanent pastures out of her patriotism. "All the boasts of Germany and Austria cannot in the long run beat that kind of patriotism.

"We are bound to win. But it looks as if Great Britain and the United States will have to bear the burden"

The speaker then turned to the work accomplished since the New Year by the department. Premier Heart then took the portfolio, rendered vacant by the death of Hon. Mr. Duff, a true friend of the dairymen, and the speaker was appointed commissioner. He saw the call come for production. Citizens were urged to utilize their gardens and they have found out some of the farmer's responsibility.

Farmers' Lack of Opportunity

"The trouble with the farmers is that they have not had the same opportunity to get together in a business way as business men." He told how by a co-operative plan Ontario farmers got as high as 63 cents for wool, which would have regularly brought 40c to 45c.

The problem of hired help was met in a way by the department's purchase of tractors. What's a government for but to spend money for the people! The day of power machinery is here.

Butter has been graded and now better prices will prevail.

Farm help was secured from the city schools. Boys and girls left the high schools to harvest the crop of 1917. Girls have released farmwives so that these were able to assist the men in their work. "Won't these be better citizens for this?" asked Dr. Creelman. "These boys will have an appreciation of the difficulties of farming. Our farmers have sold at less than cost for 25 years and lived on a meagre pittance We have found that it costs $1.25 to grow a bag of potatoes.

"If the farmer had a knowledge of the profesional worries of the citizen and the latter had a knowledge of the burden of the farmer then we should soon have little bickering in politics, religion and boards of trade

Business Basis for Farming

"I am now endeavoring to get ideas from farmers as to what it costs to produce one pound of milk, one lamb, one goat, wheat, potatoes. Then we can advise the farmer what to raise and let him know what production costs. I want every farmer to know his business as the business man knows his."

Warden W. W Anderson, of Prince Edward County made a short address, expressing his pleasure at the address of Prof. Creelman and telling of a visit to Peel and other counties during the summer.

Mr. J. R. Bushell, president of Kingston's Industrial Fair, told of the progress of that association and the means which brought it about.

President W. J. Barber of Belleville Cheese Board of Trade acknowledged that body's debt to Mr. Elliott for many favors.

Mr. O'Flynn extended thanks to the singers and to Mrs. (Col.) Campbell, who acted as accompanist.

Mr. Elliott expressed his gratitude to Mr. O'Flynn, Mayor Ketcheson, Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P. and all who accepted his hospitality.

The banquet broke up with the singing of the National Anthem.

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A MESSAGE TO WOMEN!!

FISH WILL BE SOLD AT THE HATCHERY

Mr. Walker of the Department of Fisheries is in the city today looking over the local fishery situation. He informed The Ontario that he had completed arrangements with Mr. McLeod, superintendent of the local hatchery by which the whitefish and other varieties now being caught for spawning purposes would be sold at wholesale prices to all who might apply between 2 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The fish taken are principally whitefish but there are some herring and pickerel. They will be on sale until about Nov. 20th.

POULTRY VERY SCARCE TODAY

Eggs and Butter Advanced — Hay Grew Active—Prices of Poultry

The prices advanced to new record on Belleville market this morning. Eggs which hitherto have been selling at 50c. and 55c. and butter was dealt in at 53c. and 55c.

Potatoes are scarce to-day but not because there is a real scarcity in the district, for there has been a great crop. But farmers are not bringing them in and many are still not dug up. One agriculturist landed in town this morning with a wagonload of the tubers and handled them in short order at the high price of $1.80 per. bag. Some brought as high as $1.85. The supply was not nearly enough to meet the demand and many citizens had to seek supplies at the groceries.

Hay is all at once becoming active. The Americans are purchasing Canadian hay and the movement is being felt here. Baled hay is worth $11.00 to $11.50 wholesale, while loose sells at $10. and upward.

Chickens were quoted at, from $1.25 to $2.25 per. pair. Quite a number of extra fine birds were shown. Ducks appeared on the scene at a commensurate price $1.25 each, while a few stray geese were bought at $2. and upwards.

The hide market is unchanged at 15c. per. pound.

Grains are quoted wholesale as follows—wheat $2.00 to $2.55, buckwheat $1.00 to $1.20, oats 75c.

Apples held at the usual figures of $1. per. bushel and upwards. Winter apples are worth $5. to $6. per. barrel.

Young pigs were sold at $9. per. pair.

Lamb is held at 24c. and 25c per. pound wholesale. Beef is unchanged at 16c. to 17c. per. pound wholesale for hind quarters.

Grapes have almost disappeared.

Fall produce was fairly plentiful to-day. The market attendance was not very large.

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WHISKEY WAS PART OF DIET

"I've always drunk whiskey since I was a boy," said a man in Police Court this morning by way of extenuation of his habitual two or three glasses a day.

"Then you've always been a fool," replied Magistrate Ijumble with undisguised disgust, to the accused, who asserted that he had been a respectful citizen of Peterborough for twelve years.

The accused was charged with being drunk in a public place yesterday. P. C. Sandbach said he had made the arrest. The man had staggered up Water Street, talking strangely to himself.

The citizen admitted having had at least two drinks of whiskey, but there was nothing unaccustomed in that, for whiskey was part of his diet.

"You're a working man," commented His Worship, 'and can't afford to buy whiskey at any time, but especially at its present price, and when other necessities cost so much. You admit you were drinking and the constable states that you were drunk. Ten dollars without costs, to be paid forwith."

SENT TO PICTON

Vagrant Would Sooner go to Jail or Anywhere Else

Thomas David, of Picton, who was in the Kingston police cells early in September on a charge of vagrancy, graced the dock yesterday on the same charge, and pleaded hard to be sent to jail, to the asylum or anywhere in fact, rather than have to go back to Picton. Magistrate Farrell decided that Picton was his home and that the authorities there should look after him. He accordingly ordered that the man be sent back, and he expressed his opinion of the Picton authorities at the same time.

THRILLING ESCAPE

Young Canadian Flyer Ran Into Blinding Storm

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Nov. 3.—Starting out with the sun shining, Ralph Kirkland, aged nineteen, of 402 St. James street, Boston, training with the Canadian Aviation Corps, ran into a blinding snowstorm high over Lake Ontario, late today. He circled for hours, finally sighting Brock's monument, near Fort Niagara. Attempting to land, he missed the monument by inches, broke the fence, and wrecked the plane, but escaped with bruises. He will return to Toronto to fly tomorrow undaunted.

CAR OF GRAIN DECREASES

Lindsay, Oct. 31.—During the past, thefts of grain from a Grand Trunk Railway car on the siding east of the station have been reported. The thief or thieves adopted a very ingenious plan for securing the grain by boring two or three quarter inch holes in the side of the car and allowing the grain to run into the bags.

Just how much grain has been stolen can be gathered from the fact that the car weighs 1,000 lbs. less than it did when it left Midland.

Chief Short was called in to investigate and later a G.T.R. detective went to work on the case. Every effort will be made to round up the guilty parties.

SUGAR DROPS

Big Montreal Concern Leads Off On Price Trend Downwards.

Montreal, Nove. 2—Welcome announcement of a drop in the price of sugar was made here to-day by the Atlantic Sugar Refineries Ltd., the price of Lantic Sugar being lowered ten cents per. cwt., all grades. The announcement was made as the first step in the downward trend of sugar prices, the Company promising further reductions as conditions ermitted.

While the Company has no very large stock of sugar on hand, for the immediate market, it anticipates no trouble in securing sufficient raw sugar to keep the refinery running continuously and is satisfied that sufficient raw sugar is being contracted for to supply the normal Canadian demand, if hoarding and speculating be eliminated.

That no sugar famine threatens will be welcome news to the consumer, if somewhat disconcerting to those who have been boasting of their foresight in laying in substantial quantities of sugar at the higher price.

THE BASIL-SPRATT CASE

Examination of the Defendants for Discovery

Kingston, Nov. 3—The examination for discovery of the defendants in the Basil vs Spratt et al. case was conducted at the Court House by A. B. Cunningham, K.C., counsel for the plaintiff, on Wednesday. Constable John Naylon, Dr. Daniel Phelan and Archbishop M. J. Spratt were examined in the forenoon, and on Wednesday afternoon it was expected that the examination of Archbishop M. J. Spratt, Mother St. Regis and the other defendants would be continued.

An order was issued at the Court House on Wednesday morning for a special jury of forty names to be selected from the grand jury list by the sheriff. The defendant and the plaintiff can each object to twelve names, and from the remaining sixteen the jury to hear the case will be sworn in.

A commission has been issued to Moosejaw to examine Sister Gabriel, superior-general of the Order to which Sister Mary Basil belonged, who until the early part of 1917 was superior of the convent in Belleville where Sister Mary Basil resided for a short time.

W. N. Tilley, K.C., Toronto, is to be the leading counsel for the plaintiff in the case, which will be heard on Nov. 13th.

BRITAIN'S HUGE REVENUE.

Last year's revenue of the United Kingdom was, according to the Treasury return, £575,928,500 gross, or estimated true revenue £526,233,500. For the previous year, 1915-16, the true revenue was £306,699,000. Of the revenue raised Ireland contributed only a little over 4 per cent., Scotland 10¾ per cent., and England 80 per cent.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZA DENYES

The remains of the late Mrs. Eliza Denyes arrived here from Toronto, at noon to-day. Mrs. Denyes was born in Ireland in 1828 and was a daughter of the late John Hamilton. The deceased came out here when a girl and has been a resident of Thurlow, Zion Hill settlement ever since. Church work was a very active part in her life. Mrs. Denyes was taken ill about a month ago. The survivors are; three sons in Toronto, W. A. Denyes, Chas. H. Denyes and John Denyes; one daughter, Mrs. Lucian Reid, Corbyville.

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