

The New Agriculture. FARMING AS A BUSINESS—IMPROVING THE FARM HOME. THE PASSING OF THE OLD HAYSEED.

We are moving out of the old conditions, said Prof. C. C. James, Ontario's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, at the Maritime Winter Fair. When our settlers first came to Canada they faced the primitive forest, and during all the clearing period the old agriculture held sway.

The New Agriculture must be conducted upon business principles. In old times it did not seem so necessary to pursue these business methods. In fact, with the surroundings then existent, there was no chance to do so. In our towns and cities the merchant and the manufacturer have had to change his methods of business. The farmer is just as much a manufacturer as the man in town who makes boots, clothes and harnesses.

The manufacturer must produce economic. Our best saw-mills, for instance, are now run with practically no waste of material, even the dust is used. One of the best examples of economical manufacturing is seen in the great stockyards of Chicago, where absolutely every scrap of an animal is turned into a marketable product.

The farmer must endeavor to convert to a profitable use all his products. He should see to it that there is no waste land under woods, under fences, or in careless cultivation. The farmer has, perhaps, in his operations, greater problems to meet than any other manufacturer, if he would avoid unnecessary waste.

The New Agriculture must be conducted upon scientific principles. There should not today be any objection to book farming, for the intelligent man can from agricultural papers and books get the valuable experience of other men who have done the work he is trying to do. Our people are wise beginning to lay aside their prejudice against books, and to try to get the best information from every available source. Scientific men have been and are studying and finding out truths about plant growth, the constitution of our soils, the breeding and feeding of animals, the growing of fruit, etc., and it will pay us to learn what these men have found out.

The farm work of the future will be a great deal more enjoyable. In Ontario the farmers are seldom referred to as "old hays." The intelligent man who watches closely all the results of his work is interested and takes a pleasure in it. The world has lately found out that the farmer can be benefited by an education applicable to his business.

A few years ago in Ontario we first found out that the farmer had a wife, and we are doing what we can for the betterment of the woman on the farm. In the past she has had a hard life, her work has been practically unending and she has not had the benefit of labor-saving devices to the same extent as her husband. We are trying to relieve the farmer's wife of all the drudgery possible by our system of women's institutes and domestic science teaching. We have also found out that there are children on the farm, and we are inaugurating a movement to try to provide the right kind of education for these children.

The home is where our agriculture starts and is nurtured. The reformation of the agricultural home is the start after all of our New Agriculture. Establish a farm, with its inclination to knowledge, a wife who knows how to make the most of her opportunities, and children getting a rational education, and I care not how poor that farm is, it will succeed. With these conditions, we shall hear no more about the "old hays," but we shall see the farmers walking the streets of our towns as well dressed as anyone, and respected as one of the best citizens of Canada.

Eight Men and a Woman Taken From Slaking Craft.

Glovesville, Manx, Jan. 6.—With the exhausted and frost-bitten crew of the brigantine "Ohio," Capt. Rupert Wray, from Kingsport, N. S., for New York, on board, the fishing schooner "Thodore Roosevelt" reached here tonight. The Ohio was abandoned 100 miles off Thador's Island after her crew and Mrs. Wray, the captain's wife, had suffered terrible agonies for forty-eight hours.

To a newspaper correspondent Capt. Wray, who took the two youngest boys, told a story of storm and disaster. "We left Kingsport Dec. 26, and had fair weather and made for St. John harbor. We left that port Jan. 3. The weather was clear and there was a good breeze blowing. After reaching the North Channel, it started to blow with snow, but did not commence to freeze until about dark. We took in all the sails except those absolutely necessary, for the night increased from north to northeast.

"A heavy squall struck us when we were about ten miles from Lily Island harbor, but the wind blew so terrific that it was impossible to wear the ship into Mackina, and there was nothing to do but to let her run. "We were about ten miles from Lily Island harbor, but the wind blew so terrific that it was impossible to wear the ship into Mackina, and there was nothing to do but to let her run.

"VESSEL SINKING A LARSA. "Mounting the vessel during a leak, and the men were constantly at the pumps to keep her clear of water, but it was a terrible task. At 6 a.m. on the 14th, judging by the log, we were about fifteen miles off Martins Head in a hurricane from the north-north-east. A slanting sea struck us on the quarter, carrying away the bilgeboard box and compass. Another came directly over the stern, bearing the wheelbox and steering gear, lifting the skylight and filling the cabin. "The Indian, who was steering, was washed overboard, bleeding and helpless, and was taken below until for service.

"Fortunately, there was no further damage. We rigging a tackle to the rudder, and by this we were able to steer, and headed the vessel southeast. We peddled all the sails already on the vessel and took a reef in the mainmast, which we attempted to set, but the moment the wind struck it the sail was torn from its fastenings like tissue paper.

"The vessel rolled and pitched in the heavy sea and our position was perilous. At 10 a.m., to keep the vessel aloft, we started to throw the deck lead over, and while doing so two of the men, Itellias, were severely frost-bitten, disabling them for further effort.

"FOUR OF THE CREW DISABLED. "To add to our misfortune the vessel shipped a sea, moving the deck and breaking the starboard pump. While working the port pump, an avalanche of lumber descended from the side of the vessel, striking the two men at the pump, injuring them, and thus four of the crew were disabled. Joe, in the meantime, had recovered and resumed his duties. "The left only four men, myself and wife to battle with the gale during the terrible night of the 14th.

"I assure you it was a welcome sight when the "Thodore Roosevelt" was made out at daylight on the 15th. We hoisted our flag, mended and, and the sailing vessel was soon ranging down the coast. The mate is disabled and died to change from the deck of our battered and leaking craft to the warm cabin of the fishing vessel.

"Capt. McHenry, of the "Thodore Roosevelt," said the weather was rough at the time, but his crew eagerly manned the deck and, rowing to the Ohio, quickly transferred the people. They were all pretty well, and the Ohio a prize crew of eight men. Later the Ohio staggered into port and anchored in a good position on the penitentiary ground.

"Capt. Wray did not know the names of his crew, who were Froehner, Itellias and Porteus. The mate is Enoch Barkhouse and the second mate Henry Burns. Burns was the most severely frost-bitten of the party. All the men will be taken to the hospital tomorrow. Capt. Wray and his wife came aboard with Capt. McHenry this evening.

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The Household.

MANNERS IN OUR HOMES. The importance of refined manners in the home—especially in a home where there are children—cannot be overestimated. It is the early home life that greatly influences, if it does not mould, the child's character, and it depends altogether on the example set by the parents whether this influence is adverse or beneficial.

The mother who is particular in teaching her child to use his fork or napkin correctly, to always speak politely to older persons or to behave nicely when he is in company with other people, is doing him just as great a service, in helping him just as much to prepare for life's struggle, as the mother who teaches her child to be scrupulously truthful, but at the same time allows him to habitually enter the breakfast room in sullen silence, and seat himself without saying "good morning" to anyone.

By the comparison of children which I made, I do not intend to belittle the grand principle of truthfulness, but I do wish to make parents comprehend the vast importance of teaching their children by their own example and otherwise, the refinement and politeness which, when taken in connection with truth and honesty, makes a true gentleman or lady.

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Joker's Corner.

STRICT ECONOMY. "The strictest economy I ever saw practiced," said the old stager, "was down in Virginia early in the war, where I was stationed as a sutler on the losing side.

"One of the captains and myself stayed over night with an old retd planter, and right royally he treated us, as far as he was able. You know how a Southerner is—he gives up his little bit of all, and this was no exception. He put us in the only spare room, had a bed made up for us in a hurry, and left us to sleep the sleep of the righteous.

"But about six in the morning we were awakened by a tremendous thumping at the door. I jumped up and called out: "What's the matter?" "We recognized old Aunt Suke's voice when she replied: "Oh, you common cove to get up so Ah kin set de table?" "Why, go ahead and set the table, Auntie, I said. "We'll be up in time for breakfast."

"'Car to goodness, how Ah gwine set de table without no table cloth? You all done got every sheet in de house!" "Auntie Suke got her sheet," concluded the old-timer, "and most of my appetite went with it."—NewYork Times.

IT DIDN'T WORK. "Madam," he said, when the woman of the house appeared in answer to his ring, "I have called for the suit of clothes which needs brushing and repairing."

"What suit?" she asked after a moment's thought. "Why, your husband's Sunday suit. He stopped at my place as he went down this morning and told me to be sure not to forget it."

"He said you were to call, did he?" "Oh, yes!" "Did he notice any change in him, why do you ask?" "Because he has been dead these fifteen months and I have some curiosity on the subject."

"I think there may be a mistake here," muttered the man as he began bucking away. "Yes, perhaps there is," she replied with a smile. "You probably saw a man go out of here an hour or two ago. That was my nephew, and you ought to have got things straighter."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A PRACTICAL PRESENT.

A very practical old lady from the country was visiting her daughter in the city not long ago, and her young grand-daughter was taking her through one of the big department stores.

"Now," said the old lady to the salesman, "show me some dresses. I want to buy a set."

"Up in the china department the clerks had shown a number of dainty, girlish dresses, but into the store, and thereby save yourself from the annoyance of having to call the fire department to put out a chimney fire.

"Such is the advice of Chief Meinerger. "This damp weather we are having renders favorable conditions for chimney fires," said the chief recently. "Indeed, I am surprised that the department has not been called out any other often. It seems when the soot becomes damp it is more likely to originate from spontaneous combustion than in dry weather. All that we usually have to do is to allow a weight to drop down the chimney when the fire will burn itself out. Of course the chimney needs a cleaning.

If people would clean their chimneys regularly the annoyance of chimney fires would soon cease to exist. From personal experience I know that the burning of potato parings prevents the gathering of soot. I know of a family that is keeping up a strong soft coal fire in its kitchen range every day during the winter, but you can never find a trace of soot on the lids, the bottoms of kettles or in any part of the stove."

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