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COST OF CLEARING LAND BY TWO METHODS.

(Experimental Farm Note.)

When time is no object, the best way to clear land from timber growth is to let nature and live stock assist. When the growth is removed and the brush burned off clean, which, with most growths, may be made a profitable operation by the sale of the timber and fire-wood, clover and grass seed may be sown, and, while cattle and sheep are pasturing and eating down the sprouts, the stumps will slowly but surely decay, and their removal becomes an easy operation. This process will require from six to ten years before clearing can be completed.

At the Experimental Station, Fredericton, N.B., where it was desired to bring the land into cultivation at the earliest possible moment, two plans of stump removal have been tried, and herewith are given figures of the relative cost on land from which an average tree growth had been removed. The two methods employed were, stump pulling by power, and removal by dynamite.

A stump puller of the drum and long lever type was employed, giving a lifting power of 25 tons with an ordinary team. With one hundred and twenty stumps, 10 inches and over, to the acre, and seventy-two smaller stumps, it required an average of twenty minutes with a team and driver and two men to remove each of the large stumps and 5 minutes to remove each of the smaller ones. The 120 stumps required 40 hours, and the smaller ones 8 hours.

The relative cost, therefore, stood as follows:

46 hours work Team and driver @ 32c.....	\$14 72
92 hours work helpers @ 18c.....	16 56
330 hours work cleaning and piling @ 18c.....	59 40
60 hours work burning @ 18c.....	10 80
	\$101 48

Where explosives were used, the cost per acre was:

150 lbs. Stumping powder @ \$14.00.....	\$22 32
500 feet Fuse @ 60c.....	3 00
300 Caps @ \$1.00.....	3 00
40 hrs. Labor of Dynamite operator @ 23c.....	9 20
40 hrs. Team and driver @ 32c.....	12 80
80 hrs. helpers @ 18c.....	14 40
60 hrs. Labor piling @ 18c.....	10 80
40 hrs. Labor burning @ 18c.....	7 20
	\$82 75

On other areas, where were heavy boulders and small stones, the cost of clearing ran up to \$186.00 per acre, while, where the land was free from stone, and stumps were small and comparatively few, the land was made ready for the plough at a cost of less than \$40.00 per acre.

The Home Paper.

May we talk a little here on a question that interests a very wide constituency of readers, says an exchange. I Every sane Canadian, male and female should be interested in the local newspaper especially. It is well called the "home paper." A live-wire editor recently wrote this paragraph: Do your city papers say anything in regard to your locality? Do they contain notices of your schools, lodges, churches and hundreds of local matters of interest which your home paper publishes? Not an item. Do they say a word about you or yours, or a word calculated to draw the attention to your town and aid your enterprises? Not a line. And yet there are men who take contracted views in this matter, who think that unless they are getting as many square inches of reading matter in their home paper, they are not getting the worth of their money. Take the city paper if you want one, but don't show such a lack of wisdom as to crowd out the local paper from your home.

Obit - Mr. Adam Young.

Mr. Adam Young passed away this (Thursday) morning at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. S. Brydges, 12th line of Ramsay. The late Mr. Young was a tailor by trade, and conducted business in Almonte for a number of years, afterwards going to the west. But since the weight of years began to tell heavily he has spent the time quietly with members of his family. Gazette.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The regular January meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday evening with the following members present: Messrs. N. M. Riddell, chairman, C. McIntosh, Jas. Richards, W. J. Muirhead, G. A. Cornell, T. B. Caswell, G. M. Warren and J. W. Patterson.

A communication was received from Mr. A. R. G. Peden, town clerk, notifying the Board of the election of Mr. Patterson to fill the unexpired term of Mr. C. H. Abbott. Mr. Patterson was cordially welcomed by the chairman on behalf of the Board.

A number of applications from teachers were received and as there was no vacancy at present they were placed on file.

Mr. E. J. Wethey, reporting for the high school, stated that the new static machine, ordered some time ago, had arrived but had not yet been set up. The new furnaces were apparently giving very good results. The art cabinets have been received and are ready to be placed in position.

Mr. Robertson, for the public schools, reported the caretaking fairly well done, although the caretaker had complained because he could not get into some rooms until a late hour owing to some teachers remaining after hours with pupils. He asked the Board to take steps on this matter. Almost ten dollars had been collected in the schools for the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. He reported that for the fourth time the Entrance Board had decided to promote pupils to the high school on the principal's certificate. He also reported that some pupils were willing to do farm work in order to allow further enlistment.

A report from Inspector Froats for the term just closed but as it was in detail it was thought better to have typewritten copies made out for the different members of the Board.

A number of accounts were read and on motion of Messrs. McIntosh and McNeely were ordered paid as follows:

PUBLIC SCHOOL	
N. D. McCallum, postage and express.....	\$ 57
Mississippi Hotel, board of men.....	39 00
HIGH SCHOOL	
N. D. McCallum, postage and express.....	\$ 1 09
Central Scientific Co., static machine.....	50 17
C. H. Abbott, express on above.....	3 25

Mr. McIntosh said he had a motion dealing with insurance on the school property prepared for some time but had hesitated presenting it as he wanted the members of the Board to give the matter a little thought.

matter to a head he gave notice of a motion for next meeting increasing the insurance on the central school property from \$12,000 to \$18,000 and on the high school from \$5,000 to \$12,000. This only meant an annual increase in premiums from \$78.70 to \$104.00. He contended the small advance in cost and increased protection were fully warranted by statistics which he presented bearing on the case.

A report from the Penny Bank was read by the secretary.

In discussing Mr. Robertson's report the members all agreed that the matter of the caretaker getting access to the rooms was entirely in the principal's hands to deal with as he thought best.

The matter of the purchase of the minimum equipment for the public school again came up, the chief bone of contention being the purchase of a clock for each room in the school, which several members of the Board thought an altogether unnecessary expense.

Finally it was moved by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. Muirhead, that the minimum equipment for the public school, as requested, be purchased with the exception of the clocks.—Carried.

In the meantime Chairman Riddell will interview Inspector Froats on the clock question.

Mr. Richards reported that the caretaker of the central school had asked for an increase in salary or a reduction of work. He finds it impossible to live on his present salary and devote his whole time to the duties of caretaking. His present salary is \$400 00. The request was discussed and Mr. Richards volunteered to interview the caretaker and learn what salary he would consider adequate.

The Board then adjourned.

It is Worry that Kills.

The great advances in public health work have, says a medical writer in New York Outlook, done much to reduce the acute or infectious diseases, such as typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, even tuberculosis; but the middle-aged man is dying more rapidly than ever of degenerative diseases, the result of worry and strain. Cancer, diabetes, apoplexy, organic heart disease, diseases of the arteries, cirrhosis of the liver, and Bright's disease—these seven causes account for more than one-half of the deaths after the age of forty.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
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"BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR OTTAWA WINTER FAIR"

During the past few years the Ottawa Winter Fair has made remarkable progress and last year was an excellent record in both quality of exhibits and entries, in all departments. The poultry department created a record for number of entries as did also the sheep and swine departments. Early indications, as shown by the interest taken in the show by live stockmen and poultrymen, lead the management to believe that the coming Winter Fair, to be held January 16th to 19th, will equal or even surpass the show of January 1916.

With the expectation and reasonable assurance that the Ottawa Winter Fair this year will be a record one, the management are putting forth every effort to adequately provide for the comfort and convenience for the record crowds which are expected to attend; visitors will therefore, find the Winter Fair buildings to be the best in Canada and the very last word in the way of equipment and conveniences for their comfort. An excellent dining-room will be able to obtain wholesome meals at moderate prices.

An excellent programme of lectures has been arranged for, dealing with the "prospects for breeding, in Canada at the present time, of the various classes of live stock. As a result of conditions that have arisen out of the war, there is a great future for pure bred live stock breeders in Canada it is very important that the breeding prospects should be discussed at this time. The various classes of live stock will be discussed from this point of view, by some of the most prominent live stockmen in Canada.

During the week of the Winter Fair a number of important meetings will be held, including the annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario Seed Growers' Assoc., which will be held in the Winter Fair building on Tuesday night, Jan. 16th., also the annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario

Poultry Association, which will be held on the evening of Jan. 18th.

Entries for the Ottawa Winter Fair close on Jan. 5th, and all requests for information should be addressed to W. D. Jackson, Secretary, Ottawa.

A Mountain of a Man.

In the ruined village of Pervyse, writes Mr. George Adam in his book, "Behind the scenes at the Front." I was able faintly to appreciate the calm, genial bravery that has made of General Grossetti a popular hero in the French army. General Grossetti is a man of almost phenomenal girth, and he has a strong objection to walking or standing. There are countless anecdotes about his behavior under fire. On one occasion he and his staff, while examining a piece of the country, were seen by the enemy, who at once began to shell them. General Grossetti, who was sitting on the camp stool he had brought with him, seemed to be quite oblivious of what was occurring, and when one of his staff suggested that, as they had seen all they need see, it was running a needless risk to remain in the open. General Grossetti remarked that he would rather be killed by shrapnel than start walking again for another five minutes. At the end of the five minutes the general folded up his camp stool and stroled back to cover.

At Pervyse, during the rush toward Nieuport, he was also seen seated, this time in an armchair. The village was being smashed by heavy explosive shells, shrapnel was scattered all over its streets, and the enemy had chosen the moment for bombardment with great good luck, for through the village were marching important bodies of troops. To pass through shell fire so intense as that which was directed upon Pervyse required very high courage. The place was pounded to pieces. It exists now only on the maps. The church is a ruined shell. The graves in the churchyard have been torn open by "marmites." The central square of the village is a rubble heap of brick and plaster, blackened here and there by the flames of the incendiary bomb; but in the middle of it, opposite the churchyard, General Grossetti sat in his armchair for two hours, and shouted jesting words of encouragement to the troops as they passed on toward the firing line.

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Three Tonton planes were brought down by the Russians.

Eleven persons were killed by a railroad accident in Scotland.

Parisians began the new year by studying the new taxes imposed.

Germany is now arresting and deporting Belgians engaged in relief work.

The Scandinavian nations sent a note to Washington upholding President Wilson's peace move.

Private Clifford Skerwood has been sentenced to twelve years in a German prison for refusing to assist in making munitions.

Enlistments in Canada to the end of 1916 totalled 385,955, more than half that number having been enrolled during the past year.

Railway traffic managers conferred with the Dominion Railway Commission with reference to co-operation in relieving traffic congestion.

Toronto's big hotel will be called the Devonshire. It will be 14 stories high, contain 600 guest rooms, have a roof garden and cost \$4,000,000.

The chartered banks of Canada have provided a further credit of \$50,000,000 in cooperation with the Dominion Government, to assist Great Britain in financing munitions orders in Canada, making a total credit so far of \$250,000,000.

They Knew he Couldn't.

In a private sitting-room at the hotel sat a party of merry-makers. Suddenly there came a knock at the door, and an attendant, entering in a great hurry, announced:

"The compliments of Mr. Blank, the author, who is in the next room, and he says you are making so much noise that he cannot write."

"He can't write, eh?" said one of the brightest of the party. "Why, tell him that everybody who has read his book knows that."

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind."

At a recent political convention, two of the delegates were discussing the religious affiliations of prominent statesmen, when one of them, a Baptist, observed to the other, who was a Methodist:

"I understand that William Jennings Bryan has turned Baptist."

"What?" exclaimed the Methodist.

"Why, that can't be!"

"Yes, it is," persisted the Baptist.

"No, sir," continued the Methodist; "it can't be true. To become a Baptist one must be entirely immersed."

"Yes, that is very true; but what has that to do with it?"

"Simply this," returned the Methodist: "Mr. Bryan would never consent to disappear from public view as long as that."

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