

# FARMING AND LIVE STOCK

## NOT TARIFFS, BUT POWER.

An interesting marriage ceremony was performed in Victoria Hall, Toronto, last week. The Dominion Grange and the Farmers' Association were joined together and the blessing of the veteran Prof. Goldwin Smith was breathed over the portentous union. The Grange has lived for 33 years, held together by its beautiful ritual, its social work, and the common interests of the farmers. To this comes the vigorous, rejuvenating enthusiasm of the Farmers' Association. The accession of this new blood means much to the life of the Patrons of Husbandry. It was what they wanted. If the spirit that was shown at the nuptials be an evidence at all, the work ahead looks most encouraging.

The mainspring of this action of the farmers lies in the advancement of the great body of agriculturists in Canada. Recent financial disturbances have shown that the farmer is the real producer of wealth. He should be, then, they reason, a greater factor in national government and enterprise. To this end a better organization of the Grange is the first move. It is likely that the enthusiasm of the seventy delegates will tell in the formation of many new granges this winter. One county, it is reported, will organize fifty subordinate lodges before spring opens.

After organization, the questions to be considered are vital ones to the people generally. It is a merger of farm interests for no one's robbing. It penalizes no legitimate enterprise, but strikes at graft and red tape in every form.

That the farmers must make themselves felt in the legislative halls cannot be gainsaid. Other interests camp round about the law-makers. So must the farmers!

But the tariff is not the main point of attack. Altho they have trained their guns upon this at the special meeting of the Grange, it is by no means the greatest question in agricultural debate. The manufacturers ought not to be the enemies of the farmers. The two should work harmoniously together. Our country cannot do without the factories, and the farmers' prosperity ought to be identical with that of the men who are building up our national industries.

The raising of the farm to a higher plane of productive efficiency is of far more moment to the average farmer in Ontario than ever the question of tariffs can be. Our agricultural appropriations are producing substantial results in increased returns from more scientific methods. Farmers are taking more out of soil with less labor than ever before. Yet they are confronted with the obstacle of dear power in the operation of the very principles they have learned are of benefit in their callings.

Give the farmer an easy access to the pent-up energies of Ontario; let him hitch his farm machinery to the unlimited supply of power that flows over Niagara, let him feel the comforts of a cheap lighting system, such as the townships around Niagara enjoy, and make his farm machinery as well as the field implements move by means of the electric button, then farm life will develop its proper place in the country.

This great question has not been touched upon by the Grange. They struck out against many evils in our agricultural life. Here is a chance to urge before our legislators a definite way to do the farmers good.

One of the chief ends of organization is to bring about co-operative blessings in a commercial sense. The handling of this western wheat, the marketing of produce, and such things are possibilities of combined usefulness.

The carrying of cheap power to the farmers would be the greatest boon that the Grange could give to its members. It is by just such things that the Grange can justify its existence in the commercial world. It will be there as a social centre of the community. As a force for usefulness, let the members get after the power question for the farm. It is a question of life.

The one surprising thing about the present situation in Ontario is that not one member is urging before his constituents the great value of the present power fight in Toronto. The Beck power policy is being shelved by those who want private interests to rule. Allow these selfish aims to dominate and power on the farm will be put back for many a day. Cheap electrical energy is the one thing needed for the varied farm, orchard, stable and garden enterprises. The great importance of the present fight to the rural homes has not been clearly made known.

Where are the local members for York, Ontario and neighboring counties? Are they telling their people about these things. It behooves them to make a move soon for the people who have elected them.

## The Farmstead.

All roads lead to Guelph.

The Royal City has a royal show. Jimmy Leask is a proud man today.

All Canada has been honored at Chicago.

Keep your eyes on Carpenter's big Shropshire Sheep Sale.

The Junction Fat Stock Show yesterday was a good one.

The Grange must keep its enthusiasm up till the last.

Wet weather prevailed yesterday, and so the Farmers' Institute meetings at Agincourt and elsewhere were not so well attended as they would have been.

### CARPENTER'S SHEEP.

We call attention in this issue to the big sale of Shropshire sheep at Simcoe Ont., on Dec. 20 next. These are the property of W. S. Carpenter, the well-known breeder. The sale will be conducted at the farm known as the Model Farm, situated one-half mile from the Wabash Depot, Simcoe, Ont., and conveyances will meet all trains.

This flock has won more prizes than any other flock in Ontario and its winnings are not confined to Canada. He is better known across the lines than he is here.

Many people will remember the pen of Shrophires at Toronto in 1906 that won the Zenobius Silver Trophy, and also first prize in pens of four open and American-bred classes.

There is perhaps no prettier and more satisfactory sheep raised than the royally built Shropshire Downs. They are hardy, prolific and easily kept. No farmer can afford to be without a few sheep and here is a grand chance to get them right at close prices.

### GOOD TURNIPS.

Mr. James Boyd of Cedar Grove, York County, stated to The World that he had a yield of two thousand bushels of Swede turnips from two and a half acres. These turnips were grown from Irish seed, furnished by the Steele Briggs Seed Co., Toronto. This is an average of eight hundred bushels to the acre. This crop represents forty-two different varieties, and Mr. Boyd states that every turnip was sound and that there was not a decayed one in the whole lot.

### ABOUT BIRDS.

Interesting News About the Black Headed Gull in Scotland.

The Ayrshire Post in its agricultural columns has this to say about the gull: Black-headed gulls have so greatly increased in number in recent years that farmers in localities where they most abound view them with some suspicion. It has been customary to regard this bird as a harmless visitor, which, finding its means of subsistence in or near the sea, only betakes itself to the land by way of diversion or to escape impending storms. The Cumberland county council recently instituted an enquiry into the feeding habits of the black-headed gulls, as affecting the farming and fishing industries. A number of gulls were captured in different localities and at different seasons of the year, and the contents of the stomachs and gullets of 100 birds were examined. Of this number 40 obtained food which would justify the bird being described as harmful, among the contents being fishes, cereals and useful insects; 47 contained beneficial food, including injurious insects and molluscs, carrion and waste animal matter; and 12 contained neutral food, such as earthworms, crustaceans, and spiders, harmless insects and mollusca, and vegetable matter other than cereals. The evidence obtained proved that the gull is not a fastidious feeder, but takes almost anything that comes its way, including corn, and more particularly oats. However, as it takes wireworms, daddy-longlegs, and other harmful insects, in large quantities, it is entitled to some consideration, and may be classed with the rook as being useful and tolerable in moderation, but most objectionable and destructive when present in excessive numbers.

### FROZEN WHEAT.

A well-known dealer in feed in Ontario says he has been in correspondence with western dealers in feed wheat, and that while the price is satisfactory, they cannot guarantee delivery for some time. This gentleman offered to buy several thousand bushels if they would guarantee delivery within 30 days. They would not, as the railways are not to be depended upon to handle these individual orders.

### FARM CALENDAR.

Fat Stock Show, Guelph, Dec. 10-14. Carpenter's Shropshire Sale, Simcoe, Dec. 20.

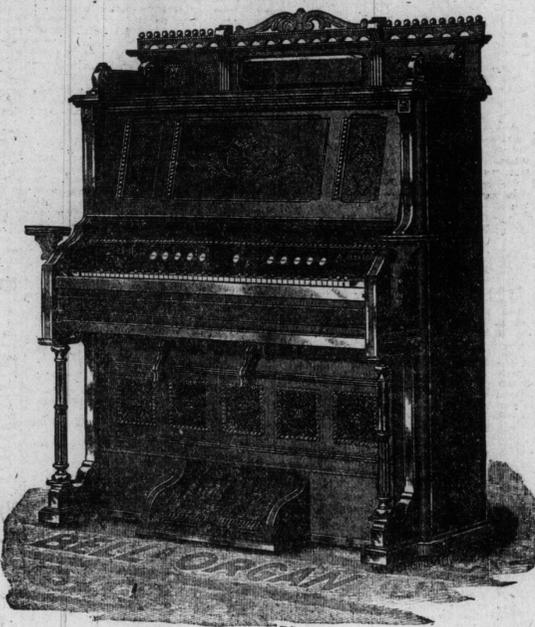
### Took Carbolic.

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### TORONTO POULTRY ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the above association was held in Occident Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 5, with F. J. Perchard in the chair. The chief business was in connection with the forthcoming show, which will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Esther-street, from Dec. 27 to Jan. 1.

The city council have made them a very substantial grant, and this in addition to the grant from the Ontario Government, has assured them of success from a financial standpoint. The association have purchased 100 new wire crops, which will enable them to coop all poultry.

Prize lists may be had of Chester E. Sherlock, 3 Fern-avenue, city. In addition to the regular prizes a number of silver cups and trophies have been contributed by the friends of the association, the competition being open to the world. A special request is made to the outside breeders

of poultry to come and bring their birds, and if they cannot come to send the birds and they assure every one that the birds will be carefully looked after by experienced attendants under the able supervision of Chas. Jamieson, who so carefully looked after the show last year.

### KILLS TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

SOMERVILLE, Mass., Dec. 9.—Announcing that she had killed her two grandchildren, Mrs. Emery Huntley walked into a police station and gave herself up to-day. The children had been stupefied by illuminating gas, and then placed in a bathtub and drowned. The mother died by suicide shortly after the death of her husband.

Zulu Chief Surrenders. PIETERMARITZBURG, Natal, Dec. 8.—Dinizulu has surrendered to the authorities without resistance of any kind.

### Minister Resigns.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 9.—Rev. Charles H. Emerson of the Baptist Church has resigned to take up business at Brantford.

### Shipbuilding Resumes.

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