

ED OF GOVERNMENT'S DRY DOCK REQUEST.

Session as Other Similar Matters must Be Delayed. Important Amendments to Railway Bill—Halifax-Jamaica Steamship Subsidy.

Ottawa, May 9.—(Special).—The forenoon session of the house of commons was taken up with a discussion of the Yukon representation act. Mr. Sifton had the bill amended so that the appointment of the assessor to prepare the voters' lists could be made by the senior judge of the district and not appointed by the government.

The afternoon session was devoted to bill to amend the Manitoba grain act. Amendments were made for the purpose of flat warehouses, loading platform, other facilities for farmers to their grain at the railway for better provision was made for a ferry of cars from the railway to farmers.

George Robertson, of St. John (N. B.) that nothing would be done this session in regard to the dry dock scheme. This was not due to any lack of appreciation of the project, but as there were a number of other matters of a similar kind under consideration which also had to be delayed on account of the general desire to close parliament as speedily as possible.

The immigration act was passed with amendments, a clause was introduced providing for a penalty clause upon the master of vessels refusing to take back undesirable immigrants.

The Bell telephone bill and the Canada railway bill, which applies to the unincorporated railway passed the house. Mr. Blair's bill to amend the railway act was advanced through its final stages.

The Ontario Wine Appeal of Mrs. II vs Halifax Banking Com. 9.—(Special).—At 10 o'clock before the supreme court was dismissed in full.

Both vessels were entering the harbor in a thick fog. The "Pawnee" sailing north ran into and sunk the "Roland". The questions for decision were whether or not the "Pawnee" obeyed the admiralty rules by stopping when the whistle from the "Roland" was first heard.

The court adjourned until Tuesday, when the Quebec cases will be taken up.

FOR THE TOLLERS OF THE SOIL.

BREEDING DUCKS.

Plain Houses and Nests for Farm Use—Inclusive and Water-Tight—Some Valuable Hints.

Houses for ducks are simple affairs. They are built plain and comfortable and have no furnishings whatever. A duck is different from a hen and must be cared for under different conditions.

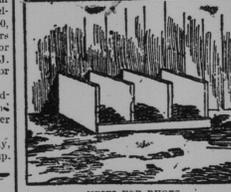
In the first cut it is shown a simple house that may be built at small expense. It is plain and has a shed roof.



HOUSE FOR BREEDING DUCKS.

12 inches by 1 inch, and joints covered by strips, 3 inches by 1 inch. The roof should be made water tight and covered with tarred paper, shingles or tin.

The building shows may be constructed of any dimensions desired, according to the size of flock to be kept. A house 12 by 14 feet will accommodate twelve ducks.



NESTS FOR DUCKS.

back of the house. But more than half the eggs are laid on the floor of the house or in the yard, and if permitted a duck will build herself a nest to her liking.

An enclosure should be given the breeding ducks, as they do better confined than when at liberty. This may be a simple wire mesh enclosure.

The value of a good example. A good example is just about as catching as a bad one, and along agricultural lines we think more so.

What One Man Observed. Professor L. H. Bailey believes two year trees are preferable to older ones for setting in an orchard.



Dairy and Creamery.

In a paper read before the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' association M. E. T. Gill said in part: In the scientific production of representative Guernseys certain well known blood lines should be determined.

Having made the selection of the family or blood lines and having selected the dam, or the foundation stock, the next important question is the selection of a sire, the bull.

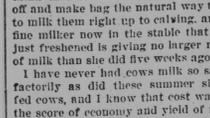
Good Points of an Ayrshire. I believe the Ayrshire, like any other dairy cow, should show first of all a good disposition.

HEADS OF BEEF CATTLE. A nervous, irritable temperament and in this account a poor disposition.



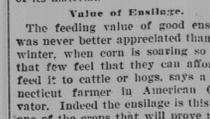
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I am continually meeting with men and reports from those who feed silage last year as a soiling crop, and they each and all pronounce in its favor.



SILAGE AND ENSILAGE.

Where Frost Overthrows Fences. There are rods of fence on almost every farm that are thrown down every spring when the frost comes out of the ground.



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Two Types of Beef Heads—The Hereford and the Shorthorn—What a Beef Head Should Be.

In studying the respective points of the beef and dairy animals as outlined it is best to commence with the head. There are two types of beef heads as shown—namely, Hereford and Shorthorn.

The eye is a very important factor in the makeup of any animal. It receives its nerve supply directly from the brain, and its clearness, brightness and size indicate the degree of nervous energy and disposition of the animal.



HEREFORD COW'S HEAD.

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THE FORGET-ME-NOT FACE.

By Janey Hote Marr.

Nan was reading, and her mother's gentle tones depended in a positive way as she recalled her little daughter for the third time that her coat was affording Cousin Emily's pet cat an all too luxurious bed.

"Oh, this is good enough," came the ungracious reply. "I'm sure you'll find it a better one."

Presently a cheery whistle sounded through the house, and with a startled exclamation and a sudden upspringing of small skirts and boots the youthful reader dashed away.

"That's very moment the dinner bell," said Cousin Emily was picking up the "Fairy Tales" she shook her head and the crushed pages and stood a while, as if deep in thought.

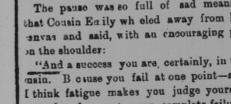
The afternoon saw much the same Nan as she morning might have disapproved of. When asked to amuse the babies while nurse was below stairs she was so dull and impatient that they turned whimping away from her.

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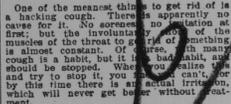
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Nan, who, sent an hour ago to prepare for play out of doors, stood with one leg on and half in, half out of her coat.

"What embroidery is to you busy sewers these little clouds that float across our fancies are to painters of portraits." Then as a butterfly flitted she saw a touch here and there, and here, and here, a movement of her head, as she surveyed her effects, repeated by the curly one close to her elbow.

"It was a dainty, was conceit. Mamma said as much as she glided up behind the rap rail. From out of cloud of forget-me-nots, shading from the blue of summer skies to its reflection, paled in waves that lap the shore, looked a child's face, fair as summer itself, serene as peace, and trusting as only happy childhood trusts.

"That is the lovely, lovable Nan, and this—"



"MIG LANT" NEST.

One of the means, then, to get rid of a hacking cough. There is apparently no cure for it. No remedy is so effective as first, but the involuntary coughing is almost constant.

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