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## AGRICULTURE IN LAMBTON COUNTY SIXTY YEARS AGO

W. P. Macdonald, District Representative, Talks Interestingly to Moore Audience

Speaking to the Mooretown Community Association on Thursday evening of last week, W. P. Macdonald cultural representative for Lamb ton county, gave his hearers a vivid pen picture of a "Lifetime accounty." of agriculture in Lambton County." picture of a "Lifetime advance Contrasting unsettled conditions today with the settled times of

sixty-one Mr. Macdonald said, "Then the desire of the settler was to build a home of his own. The farmer could live without others but others could not live without him." He strongly advised against the idea of the farmer or any other man living only unto himself.

Mr. Macdonald took serious objection to "Welcome" and other signs which are prominently displayed at the outskirts of many of our towns and cities. "I think such signs are ambiguous" said the speaker. "To the people who daily drive in there should be no limit to the town. It should be one community all the way through. The town should not be isolated with such a boundary mark.

Referring to the fact that some speakers had complained of the large grant of money which the county of Lambton had given to the Sarnia collegiate institute and technical school Mr. Macdonald said "in 1861 to the total receipts of the Sarnia grammar school were \$920 and the total attendance was thirty-six from Sarnia and eleven from the county." The headmaster's salary at that time was \$812.80 and at the end of the year the grammar school had a cash balance of \$18.71. Sixty Years Ago

Quoting further statistics from the first Lambton county directory ever published and now in the pos-session of John Alder of Petrolia Mr. Macdonald said, "In 1864 there were 377 people on the land in this counthe total acreage for fall wheat was 72, barley 21 acres, rye 3 acres; corn 1925 bushels; mangles 82 bushels; total tons of hay in the county at that date 3088; hops 91 lbs maple sugar 5091 lbs; full cloth 67 years; total bulls and steers in the county 260; beef in barrels 250 bar-rels 160 lbs each."

Comparing the small number of

pleasure carriages of that day with the great number of automobiles of today Mr. Macdonald said, "in 1864 there were 41 pleasure carriages in the county having a cash value of

Speaking of present day agricul-ture times the representative said, "In the last 8 to 10 years the development has been too rapid for the average intellect. Advocating increased production for farmers he con-cluded. "In 1861 the average production of eggs per hen was 78 and the average price was 24 cents per dozen. If the 5000 farmers of this county were to increase that production two dozen per hen and retail only at 24 cents per dozen the farmer and the county would have a straight profit of \$200,000.

"To be a successful farmer a man must have a knowledge of all the sciences and be able to labor and per servere. A knowledge of chemistry is necessary for proper feeds and manner of feeding. If the farmer is not alive to the science of bacteriology and biology the results are some times disastrous."

In the spring you rarely hear of a young man's fancy turning lightly to thoughts of digging a garden.

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King Boris of Bulgaria has issued

a request that royal matchmakers permit him to select his own bride. When he makes a choice, the time, the place and the name of the girl will be duly announced.

FARMERS OF ONTARIO PREPARE FOR SEEDING

Toronto. March 9.—The weekly summary of reports made by agricul-real representatives to the department of agriculture says that in ancipation of an early spring-farmers commenced to prepare for the may seeding period, especially in beating and preparing seed grains. The labor market has become much Display ada, set, transient, 28 meh. more active during the week and Display, yearly contract, set, 16c in. there are quite a number of men bewages approximating "Pit's level.

Reports this week are generally wheat and clover. All real-the trying time is to come, but in the southern part of the prov-ince, where the fields are bare, they promising. In Kent County ook growth has started. Snow still covers hese crops in the North and there is ice in parts of Central and Eastern Ontario. No orchard damage has been reported.

Owing to improvement in the prices of market hogs there has been a revival of interest and increased prices in breeding and feeding class-es. It has been estimated that there is 50 per cent. more grain in farmers' hands in Lambton County than the average for this time of year. Good seed will be scarce this season and farmers are warned to investigate germination capacity very carefully before depending on any particular lot.

Potatoes coming out of storage in some districts show considerable loss due to rot.

A comparatively new industry in this country is thriving in Haldimand where farmers are hauling alfalfa hay to a local mill, which has secured a satisfactory export market.

ROADS NEAR SOMBRA ALMOST **IMPASSABLE** 

Sombra, March 9 .- Owing to the mpassable condition of the roads in this vicinity motor traffic is virtually tied up. While a funeral was on its way to the cemetery here the other day the hearse got stuck in the mud north of the village and the casket had to be transferred to a democrat. The mourners also had to get out of their cars and rode the rest of the way in hay wagons supplied by kindly farmers in the neighborhood.

The ice on the St. Clair River bethis port and Marine City is still holding along the Canadian shore. The American channel is shore. free of ice and transportation of passengers is being made by row-

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"Squibographs"

Saskatchewan breeders have organized a poultry pool. The ducks will take to it like water.

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A Kansas editor is looking for a word of four letters that will convey his opinion of the thief who stole the

office dictionary.

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"The Maple Leaf Forever" will be more popular in Quebec for the next few weeks than "O Canada." The sap is running.

Russia is buying thousands of bar rels of flour in Canada. A little leaven of No. 1 hard may leaven the

whole Moscow lump.

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At the rate school houses in the Doukhobor colony are being burnt down the thirst for knowledge in that district is a burning thirst.

Egg shells are being used by London modistes for trimming the new spring hats. Omelette effects are expected to be a feature of Easter millinery.

Canadian bacon is winning a preferred place on the English break-fast table. Exporters "bring home the bacon" by shipping it across the

Experiments are being made in England in the construction of small steel houses. Some process may yet be discovered for beating discarded flivvers into tin bungalows.

Economic experts say that it costs the average family about 70 per cent of its income to live. Picture shows, bridge and mah jongg shoot holes through the remaining 30 per cent. † † † †

German war widows are fast workers when it comes to "replacements." They are finding new mates at the rate of 100 daily, 26,000 having taken new husbands in the first nine months of 1924.

† † † † An old and popular pastime is made a misdemeanor by a North Carolina law. Flirting with college girls or teachers is punishable with a fine of not more than \$50 or 30 days' im-

† † † † Canadian potatoes billed for England but banned by the recent em-bargo are being diverted to Ireland. Shipping potatoes to the land of the spud sounds like carrying coal to Newcastle.

† † † † Had crossword puzzles been in vogue in Shakespeare's day he would have been a marvel at the game. He is credited with a vocabulary of 24,-000 words.

The boy emporer of China should carry his throne in his suitcase. There is no certainty when he wakes up in the morning where he will sleep at

For simplicity and economy, the marriage service said to be in vogue among primitive Coreans has no equal. The bride and groom simply shake hands and march to their hut

† † † † The contents of vanity cases and cigarette holders will be hit by the proposed Oregon 10 per cent. luxury tax on cosmetics and tobacco.

† † † † Bull fighting as a national sport is reported to be waning in Spain. The Moors in Morocco are providing the natives with more thrills and spills than they can assimilate.

† † † † Ireland plans a publicity campaign to popularize the country as a tour-ist resort. Kissing the blarney stone would be a wonderful stimulus for the staff engaged to write the campaign literature.

† † † † There was nothing "dry" about the debate in the Ontario Legislature on five per cent beer. The attorney-general spoke for four hours and several pitchers of water were consumed during the heated controversy.

† † † † The Newark man who applied to Secretary of Commerce Hoover for the title of world's champion coffee drinker can show good grounds. He consumes twelve cups every day and four on Sunday, making a total of 7761 cups a year.

A London housewife giving evidence before a royal commission on food prices stated that more tinned food was purchased now than before the war. She attributed this to young wives who made hasty war marriages without any experience in housekeeping. A change in men's tastes was also noted. Many who were fed up on stews during the war now insist on roasts and steaks. The old advice "feed the brutes"



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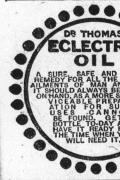
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