

UNITED FARMERS SHOW NET PROFIT

Dairy and Livestock Sales Resulted in Gains, Meeting Is Told.

CANDIDATES NAMED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—Having today cut out the unprofitable branches of its service, the United Farmers' Co-operative Company of Ontario this year has a surplus as shown from the annual report submitted at the annual meeting here today. The trading account of the company, taking everything into consideration, shows a net profit of \$74,198.

The livestock-selling branch and the Toronto creamery, operated by the United Farmers of Ontario in the city of Toronto, are largely responsible for the profits.

It would also seem from the criticism at the meeting that the company is under-estimating its assets in real estate and commodity values in the city of Toronto and other big market centers in which the company trades.

Division of Profits.
The main difference of opinion in the meeting came this afternoon in discussion of the purely domestic affairs of the company, when the question of where the excess profits of the Toronto creamery, owned and operated by the United Farmers Co-operative, should go to those supplying the cream or the shareholders of the U. F. O., who are really those who supplied the original capital for the operation of the creamery. This developed into the greater question of membership of the United Farmers in the discussion were brought out by former Premier E. C. Drury and J. Morrison, the general secretary and chairman of the U. F. O. They agreed, although in a different manner, that the members of the United Farmers' Co-operative should be the men to benefit and not the men who stood outside, willing to take the advantage but not the responsibility of the shareholders.

Mr. Drury maintained that the first duty of the "co-operative" was not to the general public, but to those who belonged to him in the same business. Mr. Morrison's argument was that the neighbor who loved the U. F. O. and paid his membership, bought his stock in the co-operative company and sent his commodity to the U. F. O. central, for sale, was no better off than his non-member neighbor who marketed through the U. F. O. at the same prices if the former was not getting a dividend from the accumulated sales of his organization. Both agreed that the stockholder in the U. F. O. Co-operative should get the benefit of final dividends.

Would Pay Patrons.
The question arose over the complaint of J. A. McPeeters, manager of the U. F. O. Toronto creamery. Taking a line of argument on what co-operation really was, he maintained that the creamery earning excess profits should pay a dividend to those supplying the cream rather than the U. F. O. members who supplied the capital. Gordon Waldron, who declared that legally no payment to the patrons should be made because it was a payment out of the profits of the shareholders, who were legally entitled to them.

Mr. McPeeters argued that the creamery had promised to pay the patrons a "deferred dividend" to the patrons. He explained also that, treated separately, the creamery in four years had paid off \$73,000 in dividend on the money invested in it. The amount was lost in the failure of other U. F. O. ventures.

The matter of a dividend system of the business of the creamery was left to the board of directors.

Besides having made a grand net profit of \$74,198 during the year, the company has paid off \$5,000 stock-selling expenses, leaving only \$4,489 to pay for the year, and has wiped out an Imperial Bank loan of \$73,000. The amount was lost in the failure of other U. F. O. ventures.

President Optimistic.
George S. Bothwell, president, who presided, was very optimistic in his review of the year's business and his outlook for the future.

In the egg circle, besides getting above the market value for eggs, the company had \$25,000 for distribution among its members. He predicted that the U. F. O. had turned the corner, and would now pay dividends instead of standing in debt.

The evening session was devoted to the nomination of the candidates for the board of directors. In view of the fact that no candidates had been experienced towards the old executive, all of them stood for re-election, with the addition of a number of new aspirants. Those nominated were: G. A. Bothwell, Owen Sound; H. A. Gilroy, Alvinston; C. E. Merkle, Iroquois; Elmer Lick, Oshawa; James Ross, Woodbridge; E. J. McMillan, Seaford; E. C. Drury, Barrie; Joseph Little, Shelburne; R. W. E. Burnaby, Jefferson; S. R. Montgomery, Dover Center; W. D. Sanders, Exeter, and J. A. McPeeters, Toronto, manager of the creamery branch.

It was suggested that the old executive be re-elected by acclamation, but Mr. Drury took exception to that.

"If you do that, there will be no opportunity to try out proportional representation," he declared, so the vote was taken.

About a dozen ballots were required before the following were elected to the board of directors: G. A. Bothwell, H. A. Gilroy, C. E. Merkle, James Ross, R. J. McMillan, E. C. Drury, Joseph Little, J. A. McPeeters and S. R. Montgomery. The two last-named are new members. The directors will elect officers tomorrow.

The convention endorsed the action of the directors in regard to the proposed payment of a 3 per cent dividend to the stockholders.

A bylaw, which was ultimately adopted, providing that directors should be elected on the proportional representation system, was the chief topic of discussion at the annual meeting of the United Farmers of Ontario Co-operative society, which opened here this morning. E. C. Drury, former premier of Ontario, supported the proportional representation system, declaring the action of the farmers would have far-reaching effects. The system was explained by W. C. Wood, M.P. for Brant.



STANDS BY FORMER HUSBAND.

Dagmar Dahlgren, dancer and eighth wife of Norman Selby ("Kid" McCoy), made a dramatic reappearance when the former pugilist was placed on trial at Los Angeles, charged with the slaying of Mrs. Theresa Mora. Although Miss Dahlgren had seen herself superseded in the affections of the prize-fighter by the elderly but wealthy Mrs. Mora, she now announces that she is ready to testify on behalf of her former husband.

HUNDREDS SEARCH FOR LAD LOST IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Believe Boy Frozen To Death in Christmas Tree Hunt.

COMPANION SAFE

Special to The Advertiser.

Fort William, Dec. 16.—Three score searchers are combing the snow-covered wastes to the northwest of Fort William today in hopes of finding Ernest Elvish, seven-year-old son of a well-known citizen, who ventured out into the barrens for a Christmas tree late yesterday afternoon, and is believed frozen to death in a snowstorm that swept down on the city last night.

Only the father and mother of the child refuse to give up hope that their son still lives, but is lost somewhere out among the drifts.

Ernest and a companion, Jack Saunders, aged 9, left together yesterday afternoon. They made their way into the scrub-covered area northwest of the city in search of a Christmas tree. Fearing they might become lost, which was the right direction home. One went one way and one the other. A blinding snowstorm swept down on the two lost boys.

The Saunders boy, half frozen, stumbled into an isolated cottage half a mile from the city where he was found. He was brought to the city and gave the alarm that Ernest was lost. Police and city employees, accompanied by the lost boy's father, but the drifting snow had covered up all tracks and their search was blind.

All night the country was searched, but with the dawn of today only white wastes told a sad story to the exhausted men.

The news spread like wildfire over the city, and nearly 100 scouts, policemen and children organized a far-reaching search over five square miles of territory.

JEELS ASKED TO QUIT BECAUSE OF HIS AGE

Nickle Declares O. T. A. Attitude Was Not Cause of Action.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The attitude of Magistrate George F. Jelfs of Hamilton to the Ontario Temperance act had nothing whatever to do with the demand of the attorney-general of Ontario for his resignation from the police court bench. Diminishing capacity because of advanced age is the reason given by Hon. W. J. Nickle for the removal of the veteran magistrate.

"So far as I can make out, the O. T. A. today has been credited with responsibility for everything except the uprising in Egypt," said the attorney-general. "Magistrate Jelfs is now 72 years of age. While one always respects old age, yet it is unreasonable to assume that full capacities of earlier days."

Hon. W. F. Nickle, said this afternoon, in connection with Magistrate Jelfs' request that the government reconsider their request for his resignation, that this would not be acceded to, but that their attitude would remain unchanged.

He added that at the time the resignation was asked he did not know but what Mr. Jelfs was financially independent. "Since he says in his reply that he is not well fixed financially, I immediately called Mayor Jutt to my office to ask that the city make some provision for him. Whatever action the city takes, however, the government will not superannuate him," concluded the attorney-general.

FOUR KILLED IN CRASH.
Associated Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 16.—Widespread regret at the retirement of Magistrate Jelfs was expressed in this city following the announcement by Attorney-General Nickle that he had requested the magistrate to resign. The manner in which the action was taken by the provincial department was deplored by many citizens in commenting upon the case.

FOUR KILLED IN CRASH.
Associated Press Despatch.
Sterling, Colo., Dec. 16.—Four persons, two of them women, were killed early today when a Burlington passenger train struck an automobile at a crossing near here.

GAS WELL STRUCK NEAR TILLSONBURG

Flow of 600,000 Feet Is Registered—Drill New Holes.

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Dec. 16.—A 600,000-foot gas well was struck in this afternoon by the Dominion Natural Gas Company on Fisher's farm near Maabes Corners. Gas was struck at a depth of 1,304 feet.

This is the second good producing well to be struck in six weeks. Drilling operations have been in progress in this area for the past four months and work has progressed on the last well for the past four weeks. Allen Rodgers, manager of the Tillsonburg Oil Syndicate, owners of leases on several hundred acres of land between here and the lake, states that the find of today means that they will start operations on one or possibly two wells.

The Caledon Natural Gas Company of Hamilton hold a large number of leases in the vicinity of the new wells, and they too are planning for active work.

The new well is to be coupled up immediately with pipe lines, and will mean further improvements in the gas supply in this district, which is now the best experienced here in four years.

Businessmen in Tillsonburg are much pleased with the discovery of such a strong gas flow in this section and with prospects for further development. It is felt that the gas supply will give Tillsonburg considerable industrial advantage over places where gas is not so plentiful.

FIRE SURVEY PLANNED BY STRATHROY COUNCIL

Low Water Pressure at Recent Fire Is Foundation of Investigation.

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Dec. 16.—The council held a special meeting last evening to close up business for the year. Tax-collector Campbell, in asking for an extension of one month in the time to return his roll, reported that the amount of the roll was still outstanding. This amount, with \$900 from previous years in arrears, makes only a few cents over \$1 per capita for the town.

The council approved of the report and recommended of the special committee to deal with the removal of the waterworks dam. Upon the town undertaking some minor repairs to the right of the dam, the council, assuming that Mr. Pincombe's rights shall remain the same as at the time of his former complaint to the court, this fall, without being prejudiced by the lapse of time, Mr. Pincombe is not pressing for the removal as originally asked.

Councillor McKellar brought up the failure of the water pressure at the recent fire, and asked that the council make a thorough investigation and survey of the whole fire-fighting system, in order to devise means to prevent any such failure in the future. A letter asking for certain necessary information was sent to the city engineer.

At the close of the meeting the councillors and permanent officials adjourned to Pringle's restaurant, where they were guests of Mayor Wright at an oyster supper. Mayor Elmer Lewis acted as chairman over a program of addresses and songs.

OTTERTVILLE A. Y. P. A.
Otterville, Dec. 16.—The A. Y. P. A. of St. John's church held a missionary evening in the parish hall. The Rev. Ridley Parson, of Cronyn Memorial church, London, gave a lecture on the British Columbia coast illustrated by lantern slides. There was a large attendance.

The Advertiser's Expedition To Santa Claus Land

DAILY NEWS DESPATCH NO. 4.

By CAPTAIN ELIJAH SQUINT.
(The only explorer who ever took a dollar watch to pieces and put it together again so it would run; the only explorer who knows where the pull stream goes; the only explorer who ever took a picture of the Tropic of Cancer; leader of The Advertiser's expedition to Santa Claus Land.)

By Courier Goose to The Advertiser.
Bob-Sled Bay, Santa Claus Land, Dec. 16.—We went to see Santa Claus, in the Mistletoe palace. Ahead of us went a drum major whirling a cane as high as a church steeple. We passed between two lines of chocolate soldiers, standing at "present arms."

The boss of this country, might have on some kind of a king's uniform, but he didn't. He had on his regular red working suit, trimmed with white fur. He was smiling and chuckling about something as we came up the aisle. We all made low bows and waited for him to speak. He fished around in his pockets for a while in an absent-minded way, and then he said:

"Not a match, captain?"

I gave him a match and he lit his funny little pipe. Then he said: "I just heard a funny one. There was a little boy in Sarnia, Ontario, who had a homely little dog named Bokey. He had a cross father, and the father didn't like Bokey and said that Joe—that's the boy—must go away. Joe played hockey from school and took Bokey away out along the railroad track, trying to

find a cave to hide him in. On a switch he found a push car and he fell off and the car cut his tail off. Joe tied up the stump with a banana handkerchief, and started off. On Main street there was a man selling musician's oil. He said it would cure any ailment of man or beast. Joe asked him if it would grow a new tail on his dog. He said it would, and if he would bring around the tail he would grow a new dog on the tail. Joe went back and got the tail. Then he went home and got all the musician's oil he could find, and rubbed some on Bokey and some on the tail. The next morning the cross father heard a yapping and went out to the dog house and there were two Bokeys instead of one, with the spots and everything just the same. He rushed off to an eye doctor, shouting 'I'm seeing double!' I'm seeing double!"

He then told us another one, and we laughed until I thought we'd shake the palace down. After a fall visited a while and I had told him all the children I knew, he asked me to meet him in the clock room the next day.

Continued tomorrow.

Premier Reaches Fifty Year Mark

W. L. Mackenzie King Celebrates His Birthday.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Premier King is fifty years of age today. He was born in Kitchener, Ontario, on Dec. 17, 1874. The premier will spend his birthday quietly at Laurier House, where he will receive a few personal friends.

Premier King reaches his fiftieth year in the best of health and the best of spirits. He is still a single man.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG DIES AT RESIDENCE IN FOREST

Forest, Dec. 16.—William Armstrong, aged 82, died this morning after an illness of several months. He moved to town from Plympton township about five years ago. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) J. D. Bannettey of Bruden, one sister, Mrs. A. Ferguson of Plympton, and three brothers, James, Christopher and David of Plympton. The funeral will be held on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Uttroter cemetery.

SILVER WEDDING.
Wallaceburg, Dec. 16.—A most enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peers, lot A, concession 4, in the Gore of Chatham, when they celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding. About 40 guests assembled from Detroit, Windsor, Tilbury and Wheatley. A chicken dinner was served by Mrs. Hugh Turner, Mrs. R. O. K. Jenks and the three daughters of the house, the Misses Mildred, Margaret and Beatrice. A R. Andrews, a cousin from Detroit, officiated as toast master, and the speeches and responses delivered were appropriate to the occasion. The evening was spent in games, the prizes being won by Mrs. Hugh Turner, Mrs. William Stratford and Mrs. Jenks. The men's prizes were awarded to A. R. Andrews, William Stratford and Mr. Fleming. During the evening Mrs. R. O. Jenks entertained with several solos, which were greatly enjoyed.

LOBO MASONRY.
Lobo, Dec. 16.—A large attendance was recorded at the regular meeting of Doric lodge, No. 289, A. F. and A. M., when officers were elected for the coming year as follows: W. M., Bro. W. Arrand; I. P. M., Bro. N. B. Zavitz; S. W., Bro. N. P. Campbell; chaplain, Bro. J. C. Zavitz; treasurer, Bro. J. D. Sells; secretary, Bro. Bro. Dr. P. L. Graham; S. D., Bro. J. McGugan, Jr.; J. D., Bro. G. Hicks; S. S., Bro. J. D. Sells; Bro. H. Marsh; I. G., Bro. Ira Sells; O. G., Bro. L. T. Tommonds; D. of C., Bro. R. Wor. Bro. Archie Ferguson; auditors, Bro. H. Marsh and Bro. J. E. Campbell.

HARWICH TOWNSHIP REEVE ENTERTAINS HIS COUNCIL

Special to The Advertiser.

Blenheim, Dec. 16.—Yesterday Harwich township council were in session and Reeve Angus McMillan gave a splendid duck banquet at Hotel Cadillac at the noon hour, at which, besides the other members of the council, were his guests: Clerk and Treasurer Geo. Riseborough, Reeve C. W. McPherson of town, ex-Reeve Donald McCall, and J. M. Denholm of the News-Tribune.

Reeve McMillan was presented by his colleagues with an address, stating in high terms how well they had enjoyed the year together, and commending him for his splendid work with them.

Short addresses were given by the members.

GEO. MACDONALD BURIED.

Special to The Advertiser.

Prospect Hill, Dec. 16.—The funeral of the late Geo. MacDonald, aged 49, of the town line, Blumshard Cadillac at the noon hour, at which, besides the other members of the council, were his guests: Clerk and Treasurer Geo. Riseborough, Reeve C. W. McPherson of town, ex-Reeve Donald McCall, and J. M. Denholm of the News-Tribune.

The late Mr. MacDonald for many years had taken an active part in the work of the N. Presbyterian church. He is survived by the widow and two daughters.

Spare Cash in your pocket?

—think of The Huron & Erie:

Depositors receive—

3½%

Interest
(It makes a difference in the balance at your credit)

Courteous attention

(Huron & Erie officers strive to intelligently serve you)

Cheques may be drawn at will.
Surplus security \$6,650,000.

The Huron & Erie MORTGAGE CORPORATION

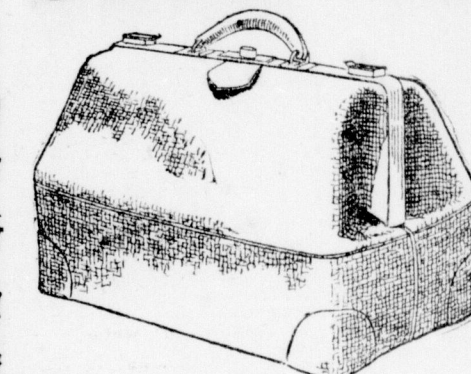
"Older than the Dominion of Canada"

FOUR BRANCHES IN LONDON:

Richmond, opposite Postoffice. Market Square. T. G. MEREDITH, K.C., President.
Dundas, opposite Rectory. Wortley and Elmwood. HUME CRONIN, General Manager.

GIFT SPECIALS IN

CLUB BAGS



Real Leather Club Bags, walrus grain pattern, good quality cretonne lining, full 18-inch size. Special at \$3.98

REAL LEATHER CLUB BAGS.

leather lining, crepe or walrus grain \$5.50
Same grade, in cretonne, fuller shape \$5.95

GENUINE COWHIDE CLUB BAGS.

black or brown \$9.95
GENUINE COWHIDE CLUB BAGS, smooth finish, sewn frame, black at \$12.95

All the Above Mentioned Bags are built on new full shapes, with double handles, sewn and riveted, sewn leather corners. HEAVIER SOLID COWHIDE BAGS. From \$14.00 to \$30.00

LEATHER NOVELTIES
Suit Cases, Overnight Cases, Boston Bags, Purses, Writing Cases, Fitted Sets, Collar Boxes, Music Cases, Manicure Sets, BAGS, smooth finish, sewn frame, black at \$12.95
Cases, School Bags, Hickok Belts, Key Cases, etc.

Ashplant's LEATHER & LUGGAGE DEPT. (SECOND FLOOR)

CARRYING OUT OUR POLICY—"We Sell For Less"—JOHN A. NASH, MY JEWELER.

SLASHES THE PRICES OF COMMUNITY, ONEIDA AND 1847 ROGERS' SILVERWARE 30 PER CENT

These prices and the money saving they represent tell you this store is the place to buy!

TEASPOONS—Regular \$8.50 dozen, sale price, dozen \$5.95
DESSERT SPOONS—Reg. \$16.50 dozen, sale price, dozen \$11.55

STAINLESS HOLLOW HANDLE KNIVES—Regular \$30.00 dozen, sale price, dozen \$21.00

And all the Fancy Pieces Discount Same Way.

30 Per Cent Off Regular Prices

My wife says I'm right! She agrees this is the biggest silverware value I've offered since hoop skirts. Dollars to doughnuts you ladies will think so, too.

John A. Nash

MY JEWELER.

"Where you will eventually buy" Perfect Diamonds

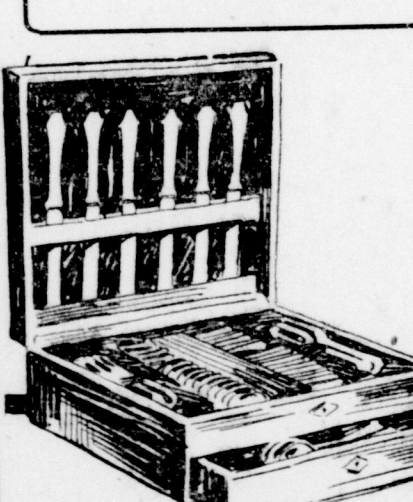
LONDON

AMSTERDAM

WINDSOR

My customers have been taught to expect surprising values.

—MY JEWELER.

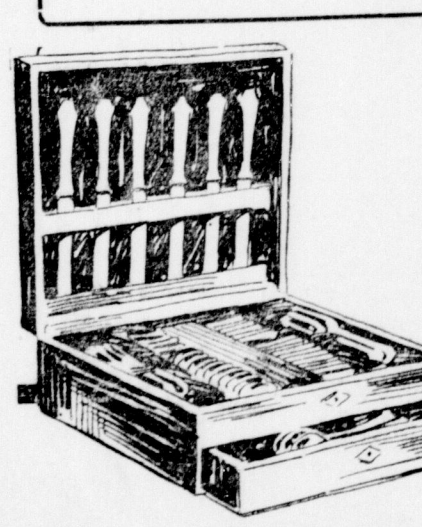


You can't copyright success.

—MY JEWELER.

The success of this store has led a wide-awake public to expect an appreciable saving on any article purchased here.

—MY JEWELER.



Satisfied customers told their neighbors—that's what built this business.

—MY JEWELER.