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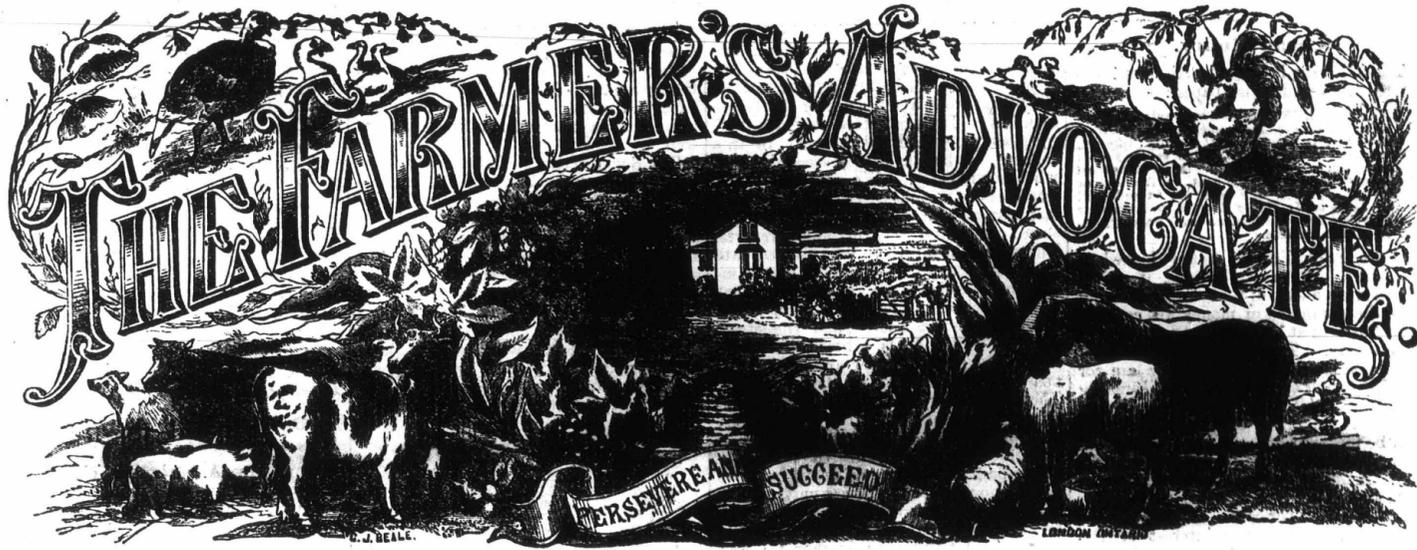
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The Canadian Dairymen's Convention - 1872.

The Dairymen's Convention this year was not one jot behind its predecessors for useful information. We think it the best meeting of farmers that has yet been assembled. The most intelligent and most enterprising attend it, coming from a hundred miles. The useful information imparted there acts most beneficially on the country. Everyone that attended must have been highly gratified and well profited by it. Although the attendance was good, there were not half as many there as ought to have been.

Mr. Willard delivered the annual address, and a masterly, entertaining, useful, and instructive address it was, and although long, it was listened to with breathless silence. We insert a considerable portion of it in another part of this journal. The part that tickled the risible faculties most in the address was an attempt to encourage the dairymen, who have much to contend against in the ignorance and tardiness of the generality of farmers. He desired to show the difficulty there was in getting them out of the old beaten track and of improving them. He said that many of them had the hide of a rhinoceros and their ears were too long; how true the remark! The part that caused the greatest excitement were his remarks in regard to the condensing of milk, which business was shown to be far more lucrative. The demand for condensed milk was shown to be gradually increasing, and the profits were enormous.

The morning after he had delivered his address parties were to be seen gathered in groups of twos and threes, discussing the subject; we were among them, and one dairyman of the close-fisted class particularly requested us not to give notice about this in our journal, as he wished to go into the business. There are, no doubt, many more that heard the address who have an intention of going into it and investing; we wish them success, but would not advise all of you to neglect your present business, which is a certainty.

Mr. Arnold, of Ithica, N. Y., also gave an address, and showed a sample of poisoned cheese; we think we have seen similar cheeses before. The cheese looked sound, but had a heated taste which he attributed to uncleanness. Cleanliness in every particular was treated upon and shown to be most essential.

The \$2000 Tomato.

The Coming Tomato; the Canadian Victor.

A gentleman in Canada has for many years devoted his time to the propagation of this plant. He has tried every kind,

and now has a tomato that appears destined to surpass all other varieties. He claims that the fruit will ripen from eight to ten days earlier than any other variety, and the fruit is superior. It is heavy, full-meated and rich; of a large size and from a round to an oval in shape; red colour. The fruit hangs more evenly on the vines than in other varieties, and the seeds are not so numerous. He says no seedman in Canada can do justice to it; he never has parted with a seed, and has had it perfected and tried for three seasons, along with other varieties. He intends offering it to the leading seedmen in the States, and will supply them with the seed to test themselves, and will not ask one cent until they are satisfied with its superiority.

Two thousand dollars appears to be a high price for a seed, but the rivalry on the other side is so great to procure the best varieties that the gardeners there will pay a price that will not be out-bid by others having a crop on the market before them. We do not wish to invest in this, though we have paid high prices enough for seeds; we have paid \$3 per lb. for potatoes and \$1 for 5 seeds. But we are going beyond that price this year; we shall have some flower seeds that we will have to pay at the rate of \$90 per oz. for. Some of our subscribers may want them! But \$2000 for a tomato is away, away beyond our ideas.

Patching.

The New Agricultural Bill has already been patched, and we think it will require considerable more patching to give justice and fair play to farmers. Patch the first is to make the members of the Council of Agriculture and Arts elective every year. Patch the second is to make them elective as they were before. The big patch is the Mimico establishment, which was patched up for certain parties that now have a leather patch at the stern of the breach. The next consideration is, can it be patched up to be of real benefit to farmers or not? can it be made worth its cost, or would it be better to put a black patch over it. If it is to exist, should members of Parliament have the management? It is a question in our mind whether members of Parliament should even be eligible to take seats at the Board of Agriculture. Should the Mimico establishment be carried on, would it not be apt to give a party political sway? Should it be conducted directly by members of Parliament or by the Board of Agriculture? Our opinion is that if this establishment is to be carried on, the Board of Agriculture should have the control over it. We also believe that the Board of Agriculture should con-

sist of farmers, and that members of Parliament should not be on the Board. We have no personal feeling against any Member of Parliament that sits at the Board. We know they are very useful members, and are most active and influential at the meetings, but step outside into the field, the barn or stock yards, and perhaps some of the farmers might have a little more knowledge of the affairs. Next year there may be another patch to the new Bill.

Since writing the foregoing, and just as the paper is going to press, we hear that the Mimico Farm is likely to be abandoned. An investigation having been ordered by the Commissioner, the patching has only commenced.

Ayrshires.

We have had far more enquiries for this milking class of animals during the past few months than we have had for years before. Many of the dairymen are enquiring for bulls of this class, as they care more for the milk than for the beef, and we have no doubt that the dairymen of Canada understand their business as well as any class of farmers in the country. It is with pleasure we notice that Mr. Guy, of Oshawa, has come to our relief by inserting the bulls he has for sale, as we hardly knew to what breeder to send applications. Mr. Guy exhibited some very fine cows at the recent Exhibition, and his bull "Leon," which appeared in the columns of this paper, was a very fine animal, we think the best owned in Ontario at that time. The representation of the bull can now be seen by turning to page 24 of the 6th volume of this journal. It is of great advantage to purchasers and breeders to be able to turn to representations of the sires or dams of animals, and we believe that our king of breeders, F. W. Stone, has lost \$20,000 by neglecting it. Mr. Cochrane has made twice that sum by having good engravings, although a great error in engravings is now being made by Durham breeders. A truthful representation is not good enough for the majority of them, judging from the cuts in Herd Books.

Monarch Cucumber.

This cucumber is of a large size and long; bright green; very even in size from end to end, without any tendency to grow pot-bellied. Very early and very productive, yielding nearly double the crop of other long varieties. Of excellent quality both for the table and for pickling. This is the first year of the dissemination of this seed. Package.