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FARMERS NO EASY MARKS

Time was when the term "farmer" in North American nomenclature was quite synonymous with the slang phrase "easy mark". In a century when press dispatches tell of a street car colliding with the forum of Mark Antony, however, it is not surprising that equally radical depuratives in the conduct of our agricultural population may be not so far from being "easy marks" as is concerned. The Alberta farmer has metamorphosed into the kind of an individual who goes around with a book looking for the bright young men representing railways and elevator companies.

The rather inelegant simile is provoked by the oppressive silence maintained at the recent session of the Dominion Railway commission on the subject of car shortage. Secretary Willson of the Calgary Board of Trade is quoted in an afternoon newspaper to the effect that "erroneous articles in the morning paper stated without authority that the car shortage problem would be presented to the railway commission." Mr. Willson says he didn't say so, which is unimportant, the point being that The Morning Albertan Thursday very expressly said that the car shortage problem would NOT be presented before the commission. Among the very good reasons given was that the Board of Trade committee did not care to further stir up the farmers' hornet nests by the proposed attack on the car distribution clause, blamed by some of the committee members as responsible in part at least for car shortage.

Mr. Willson now points out that the committee would have taken the matter before the Dominion Railway commission, as that body is under provincial jurisdiction in the question which, they should go before the provincial grain committee. That the members of the Board of Trade committee did not know this when they were appointed is no fault of The Albertans'. The fact remains that the committee did consider the question of laying the matter of car shortage before the Dominion Railway commission. And right here is where Mr. Alberta farmer came in with the book. His swipes at the gentlemen whom he thought were trying to assassinate his beloved car distribution clause gave every indication of a most alarming intention to cut off their hind legs. Car distribution became suddenly taboo.

he is not getting his share of the profits. At least, he is not getting as much as he might, and in money matters that is the only limit. "Did it ever strike you as a little remarkable that Western Canadians regard England as a poverty stricken country; a country where people eke out an existence by dint of an economy that is unthinkable here, and yet as soon as we want money for anything from mortgaging the home-stead to building a railway we are off hot-foot to England for the cash? Funny, isn't it, that a country so tremendously prosperous as Canada should be head and ears in debt to a land which some people would have us believe is already on the verge of collapse? And precisely the same is true of the United States. It is hardly overstating the fact to say that if it were possible at a moment's notice to withdraw all the British capital invested in the United States every wheel in the Republic would be stopped within twenty-four hours."

THE SPEED MANIA

Are the speed laws being enforced in the city of Calgary? Judging from the hunted, furtive look that spreads over the countenance of the average pedestrian, when he ventures into the whirling vortex of traffic of the busy Calgary streets, they are not. Every day or two some autoist smashes into the individual. There is a sickening crunching of bones, a nauseating smell of gasoline, the ambulance drives up and takes the injured man to the hospital, the autoist expresses his polite regrets, and rolls away, generally in excess of the speed limit. Sometimes he gets in to police court, where he is fined and warned. The average autoist has the money with which to pay his fine, and that is about all there is to it.

Vest Pocket Essays

By GEORGE FITCH. NORTH DAKOTA is a broad, flat state with a mind of its own. When LaFollette used it, and about enough history to fill a souvenir postal card. It was discovered in 1780, massacred in the fifties, admitted to the union in 1889, and has had several blizzards and a presidential primary. More about North Dakota's history would be a waste of words.

ENGLAND AND THE MONEY MARKET

"For some months past we have been hearing from various quarters reports of a money shortage in England, and municipalities and corporations have been warned against making too heavy offerings. These pessimistic views of the bond market have been voiced from so many sources at once that one is led to suspect a purpose, not entirely unselfish behind the friendly warnings," says R. J. C. Stead, in The High River Times. "In fact, there is a suspicion that it is a case of shortness, rather than shortness, on the part of the English investor. For ten years we have been hammering in upon him, with every means in our power, the fact that we are a prodigiously prosperous people. During the last five years he has begun to believe us. He has been investing in Canada, and as a rule he has found the returns liberal and satisfactory. Of late he has adopted the habit of coming out to Canada and looking the country over for himself. This has made him better acquainted with local conditions, and has increased his confidence. But it has also resulted in his making a discovery. He has discovered that the money he is lending at four and five per cent. is being used by the man on the spot in many cases to earn ten, fifteen and even twenty per cent. In short, he has come to the conclusion that he is furnishing the money which makes the present development of Western Canada possible, but

DETROIT COUNCILMEN CARSTAIRS BIG STOCK SHOW AND SPORT DAY DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Eight Aldermen and Secretary of Common Council Placed Under Arrest. "Honest Tom" Glinnan When Arrested Said to Have Turned Over Cash and Confessed Charges Are of Accepting Bribes From Wabash Railroad in Property Turnover.

Detroit, July 26.—Eight aldermen and the secretary of the common council committees were arrested this afternoon on charges of accepting bribes and conspiring to pass a measure affecting city property, recently transferred to the Wabash railway. At least six other arrests of aldermen are expected, and it is alleged that \$7500 passed hands in sum of from \$100 to \$1,000. The bribery was consummated and the arrests accomplished under the personal supervision of Detective William J. Burns. Alderman Jos. L. Tilsen, said to have accepted \$500; Alderman Martin J. Ostromsky, alleged to have received \$200; Alderman Patrick O'Brien, conspiracy; Alderman Louis Tossy, said to have received \$200; Alderman Frank J. Mason, Alderman Louis Bros and Alderman Delmet, the last three being charged with accepting \$100 each. Alderman Glinnan, who has long been known in city politics as "Honest Tom," when arrested is said to have turned over \$1,000 and made a complete confession. The detectives claim that they have caused the arrest of not only marked money, but by authentic testimony and photographic records.

QUESTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY ABOUT SETTLED

Line in Middle of Great Lakes is About Settled; Chicago Drainage Canal Question. Ottawa, July 26.—Members of the international boundary commission, both from Canada and the United States, are in Ottawa in a session at which the winding up of the business of the old commission will be carried through. It is thought that it will take a year or two months to wind up the business of the old commission. The principal work upon which they are engaged at present is fixing the boundary line between the two countries in the Great Lakes. Those who are here of the American commission are Brig. Gen. O. H. Ernest, Washington, chairman; Dean Haskell of Cornell and Mr. G. Clinton of Buffalo. The Canadian commissioners who are here are Sir George Gibbons of London, Mr. Louis Coste and Mr. W. J. Stewart, with Mr. T. Cote as secretary. Mr. Ernest is not likely to be any trouble in regard to the Chicago drainage canal against which Canadian power companies protested this spring, as it would lower the level of the water in the Great Lakes. "We settled that in 1908 or 1909," declared Mr. Clinton to The Free Press. "We decided that the water level should not be allowed to vary more than ten thousand cubic feet of water per second. This was satisfactory to all. It was the interest of Canada and was upheld by the government."

LACOMBE VOTES FOR NEW WATER WORKS

Eighty Per Cent. of Ratepayers Favor Installing Up-to-Date System. Telephone and Electric Poles Have Been Placed in Alleys; Many Trees Planted. Lacombe, Alta., July 28.—The test vote on the water works proposition shows that over 80 per cent of the ratepayers of Lacombe are in favor of proceeding with the plan and installing an up-to-date system. The commissioners with the rapid development of the town. The council will immediately complete the details and will endeavor to begin work this summer. The appearance of the town of Lacombe is being greatly improved by the removal of telephone and electric poles from the streets and placing them in the alleys. The council has been particularly active in looking after the town improvements this summer, has completed over a mile of sidewalks, and gotten the streets in better condition than ever before. The residents are also taking pride in the appearance of their homes, and many trees have been planted. The city beautiful idea is being practically carried out in Lacombe.

CARSTAIRS BIG STOCK SHOW AND SPORT DAY DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Stock Exhibit Exceptionally Fine, and Many High Bred Animals Are Shown. James Stuart Passes on the Merits of Livestock; Many Fast Races.

Carstairs, July 27.—Good Alberta sunshine greeted the hundreds of merry-makers who attended the Second Annual Stock Show and sports day, held at Carstairs Friday. Not a cloud was visible to mar the perfect day, and "Old Sol" had a good opportunity to see the fun, which he did at the rate of a million miles a minute at least. The entries were many in every class, and all were good ones. This district is noted for its high class live stock and the stock show brought these out in large numbers. The races were all hotly contested and some remarkably fast time was made considering the condition of the track, which, owing to the very frequent rains, the fore part of the week, was rather heavy. The athletic events were well presented and drew out lots of unexpected talent, being closely contested all the way down. Another pleasing feature was the attendance of the military band, which added a great deal to the pleasure of the occasion. They also furnished music for the dance held in the evening, which was very well attended.

THE STOCK JUDGING.

The first thing on the program was the judging of stock, and for this undertaking, Mr. Jas. Stewart, of Calgary, had been secured and his decisions were eminently satisfactory to all. First came Class No. 1, Clydesdale stallions, three years and over. There were five entries in this class, all good animals, and to Geo. Spence of Cremona went the first prize, with the Pride of Lindsay. Geo. Hutchinson secured second prize. In class 2, Lucas Bros. were the only exhibitors, and they captured first prize with a very good Belgian stallion. Class 3 Heavy Draught teams had five entries; all first class animals. In this, George Hutchinson secured first and second prizes with two teams hand in hand. In class 4 General Purpose, 1200 pounds or over, there were three entries. Charlton took first prize with a Bladder and second prize with a good team of blacks. Class 5, Brood Mare with foal at side, had five entries. Tom McEvoy took first prize with an exceptionally fine animal. Nels McKee secured second prize with a good animal. Class 6, best 2-year-old Filly or Gelding, had seven entries, being the most highly contested class of all. A. Sheriff captured first prize, and Geo. Hutchinson second prize. Class 7 had three entries; all good animals. Geo. Spence took first prize and A. Sheriff second. Class 8, best Roadster Team driven to buggy, had three entries. Geo. Spence took first prize with a finely matched team. Theodore Simmerman taking second prize. Class 9, best roadster brood Mare and Foal, had four entries. Tom McEvoy with two entries taking first and second prizes. Class 10, best 2-year-old Filly or Gelding roadster, had three entries. Geo. Hutchinson taking first prize and Fred Robinson second. Class 11, best roadster yearling Filly or Gelding, had two entries. E. Troball secured first and second prizes. Class 12, best Saddle-horse shown under saddle, had five entries. Hays Bros. secured first prize and Geo. Spence second. All through the horse exhibits were indeed fine, and those who brought their animals in deserve great credit for making the Stock Show such a success.

Association Complimented.

Mr. Stewart stated that a judge's position was no sinecure when every class was so filled with entries. He commended the officers of the local association in putting on such a successful stock show and sports day, and that it showed great effort on their part. He said the Carstairs district must indeed be a great live stock district to produce the fine bunch which he represented in the Herd book. The entries in the cattle classes were much larger than last year, showing that interest in cattle was increasing steadily. In Class 13, best Dairy Bull, Hays Bros. had the only entry of a pure bred Holstein and he was a good representative of the breed and well deserved the first prize which he secured. In Class No. 14, best Dairy Cow, there were four entries of exceptionally fine animals. Mr. Leslemer captured first prize with a fine Jersey animal. Mr. Harris secured second prize with another Jersey cow. In Class No. 15 there were three entries of pure bred Herefords. Simon Downie & Sons secured the first and second prizes with Drumsticks and Calgary respectively, and were good representatives of the Hereford breed. In Class No. 16, best Beef Cow, S. Downie & Sons took first prize with Model and second prize with Polly. These entries were all greatly admired by the many people at the Stock Show and should have a great influence towards promoting the raising of pure bred Herefords by each individual farmer. Athletic Events. The next entertainment put on was the athletic events for which the entries were in goodly numbers and were all keenly contested. The first event pulled off was the 100 yard dash, open to all. There was a good bunch of starters and good time was made. Nels McKee came in first and Herb Shantz finished a close second. Next was the 50 yard dash for boys

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of 16 years and under, being won by John Riddle, with E. Waite taking second position. Next was the 50 yard dash for boys of 12 and under, being won by Havens with C. Ward second place. Next was the 100 yard dash for girls 12 years old and under, being won quite handsly by Miss M. Francis and Miss Nora Waite took second money. The next event on the programme was the 100 yard dash for fat men 200 lbs. or over, and it was sure a bumper. Genial Bill Bancroft nosed out "Doc" Lincoln for first place, and "Doc" fell second honors. The next event, a potato race, was watched by everybody who had interest in the wild scramble for the Murphy's lying in the dirt and quick run to the starting point, surk was a thriller. McKee was the first entrant to get his spuds on the home plate, but Haven put up a game battle and was but a few feet behind and to him went second money. Next came the 500 yard free-for-all being won by Nels McKee with fifty feet margin between him and Art. Baldwin, who took second. Then the broad jump was put on and the boys did very well indeed. H. Shupe was first and King second. Next came the running high jump, and H. Shupe went over the bar at 5 feet, 10 inches. This McKee could not equal after three trials, and to him went second money. In the hop, step and jump, which came next, McKee took first prize and H. Shupe second. All the athletic events were very cleanly staged and it was very instructive to see what the young men could do and that without any training but what the daily vocation does them for. At one o'clock the harness game between opposing sides from Hawkeye and Crossfield was put on and resulted in a walk-away for the Hawkeye fellows. The Hawkeye driver, a southpaw, appeared to have the Indian sign on the Crossfield fellows and they fell before his delirious driving like ten pins. In the first inning the Hawkeye boys started a slugfests match, and before the side was out, six runs had been accumulated. In the next inning the same thing occurred and they ran up five more. From then on they were held down pretty steadily and the final count was sixteen to six, with the

LOOK FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT OF DOCKMEN'S STRIKE

London, July 28.—The attempt of Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the International Seamen's Union, to organize a national strike of transport workers in support of the striking London dockmen has failed. The reception of Mr. Wilson at the ports he visited in an effort to propagate the strike movement was so lukewarm that further efforts to prevail upon the men to go out will be abandoned. It is expected that the failure of Mr. Wilson will lead to an early resumption of work on the London docks. A Wise Son. "Pop," "Yes, my son." "The paper says that slavery in the United States was begun at Jamestown, Va. 1619." "Yes, my boy, that's right." "Well, is that what men began to get married?"—Yonkers Statesman.

WALTY DINING

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