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h is quite a use of, but see are with a view to sell at an advanced price to the man who will cultivate it. These 400 acres er seed bed were transferred to me for a just debt were transferred to me for a just dens which the man could not otherwise pay. The whole totals \$472, which is the price." And for this trifle, 400 acres of good land were purchased for farms for Mr. Anderson and two other families who had come over with y sod, prong plowing. rings about ng for corn,

Let me here switch off the story of Gordon Sellar, or rather of his friend Anderson, for it is with the latter that the story principally deals, to draw a the story principally deals, to draw a parallel with events more recent. The West to-day is being open-ed up as was Ontario in the early days of the life of Gordon Sellar. The West is a wonderful land and yet to thousands it has been a land of blasted hopes. Men who have land of blasted nopes. Men who have gone there expecting free homes, de-sirably situated, have found, as John Anderson found in Ontario, that the best of the land has all passed the best of the land has all passed into the hands of speculators, and the real settlers with little capital, are forced back from shipping points so far that it is only by the hardest toil and oftentines untold privations that they are able to get a foothold in this new country. There are thousands of new country. There are thousands of farms in the West, 20 and 30 and even 50 miles from the railroad, while ac-cording to a well-known authority, every one of them should have a farm of 160 acres of good land and not one of them Le more than two and one of them be more than two and one-half miles from the railway. Ap-parently our legislators to-day are neither more wise nor more hones than those who would have permitted John Anderson to be plucked by the idle parasitic apeculators who operated in his day

A Country Transformed by Work I will not tell the story of the life in the back woods of John Ander-son, his family and his young ward, Gordon Sellar. Perhaps many of my readers have heard the same story from their own sires and grandsires Suffice it to say that gradually the forest was conquered and homes were

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made. Mr. Sellar tells us of the work done for Canada by those hardy old pioneers towards the last of his nar-

"The passing years have wrought a marvellous change in the face of the country. Our drive up Yonge Street in 1825 was like a boat tracing a narrow channel of the sea. On either hand was a continuous wall of forest. and where an attempt had been made to push it back, the uncarved bush projected like rocky promontories. The houses passed at wide intervals were shanties, the clearances in which they were set dotted with stumps. How different now. Handsome residences have replaced the log shanties, the bush has become a graceful fringe in the background of smooth, well-tilled fields. These beautiful fields are the speechless bequest of the men who redeemed them from savagery at the cost of painful privations, of exhausting, never-ceasing toil, or pre-mature decay of strength. They fought and overcame, and succeeding generations enjoy the fruits of their labors, fruits they barely lived to taste."

These are the men and the women who made Canada. In our galleries of fame, and we already have such galleries in Canada, we find slated the names of politicians, good, bad, and indifferent, railway builders and financial magnates, whose chief claim to prominence ligs in the money that they accumulated through robbing the country they pretended to develop, college presidents, writers, and others more or less worthy. But it was the men who carved away the forests who were the founders of our prosperity, the men who in obscurity and poverty made it with axe and spade, with plow and scythe. with sweat of face and strength of arm, men who were trodden upon in their own country but who possessed in their souls the determination and undying courage to build new empires in the West, in which justice would rule and a man's worth be judged by his own inherent qualities, rather than by his titles and his wealth. If we, their children, al-low the nation they established to become the home of similar social conditions to those which they left conditions to those which they left Europe to escape, then we are poorer men than our sires. This, as I see it, is the great lesson taught by "The Story of Gordon Sellar," and I would that every man in the land might read this simple tale, told by one of the makers of Canada who is still with us, Gordon Sellar, the spokesman for Quebec. The story is none the less romantic hecause it is true less romantic because it is true.

District Dairy Meeting

THE District Dairy meetings in Eastern Ontario, under the auspices of the E. O. D. A., will be

pices of the E. O. D. A., will be held this year as follows: The first meeting will be held at Madoc on November 23, and then fol-lows Campbellford on Nov. 24, Frank-ford Nov. 26, Wolfe Island Nov. 26, Athens Nov. 35, Spencerville Doc. 3, Athens
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Narwood Dec. 9, Bloomfield Sec. 16, Norwood Dec 18. In combined dairy and short course meetings will be held at Cobden and Kinburn, but as the dates for these meetings have not as yet been selected a further announcement will be made. The annual convention of the Dairymen's Association will be held in the town of Renfrey on January 5 and 6.



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