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**ARE FALL FAIRS DECAYING?**

A noticeable feature about some of the district fairs this year was the lack of interest taken in them by both exhibitors and visitors. On the other hand School Fairs are increasing in popularity and attendance each year, the entries more numerous and the competition greater. What is the explanation? Are the older fairs deteriorating into professional displays where a few exhibitors take the bulk of the prizes with little or no competition; or have people lost the desire for friendly rivalry in the productions of farm and home? Certainly something must be done by directors to revive interest in the old-established exhibitions or they will soon die a natural death. To show that the trouble is not confined to one section, but is general, we take an extract from the Aylmer Express, which says:—

"The Aylmer Fair is a thing of the past for another year and in some respects at least the exhibition was nothing to boast about. The weather man did his part and smiled upon us, and the attendance fully met all expectations. In the majority of the departments however, the exhibits were conspicuous by their absence. We are told that at Tillsonburg and at other places the same conditions prevailed. What is the cause of so great a change in this respect? A few years ago it was found practically impossible to provide sufficient space for exhibits, and the cry was for more room. One tells us that the prize money offered is not large enough even though a prize be won, to pay for the trouble of bringing in the exhibits. That may be so, but we have never understood that the primary object of holding a fall fair was for the purpose of fattening exhibitors' pocketbooks. The argument of another former exhibitor is that it is all too much bother. He prefers to crank up his auto and bring in the family to be entertained as spectators. If that feeling is general among agriculturists, and we fear it is becoming so, it will not be many years before district fairs will go out of existence."

**NOTE AND COMMENT**

Montreal is the third French speaking city of the world, being surpassed only by Paris and Marseilles.

It is stated that 250 of the largest industrial corporations in the United States are about to enter Canada and establish industries.

Touching on the Irish question, Mr. Lloyd George says that the Government has put all its cards on the table. This is quite usual when the game is Patience.

Section 10, sub-section "F" of the 1921 Game and Fisheries laws makes a close season for squirrels until after the first day of November, 1923. There will therefore be no open season for over two years and any one shooting them sooner is liable to prosecution.

The Tilbury Times says: Large quantities of sugar beets are coming in for shipment, about 10 per cent. of which are composed of mangolds, but which are drawing the same prices as beets, owing to the fact of the company in mistake distributing a large quantity of mangold seed for sugar beet seed in the spring.

The National Debt of the United States is a little more than ten times that of Canada, while the population of the United States is twelve times as great as that of the Dominion. Canada, however, has much the greater investment of public money in railways and canals in proportion to population.

**CHOP STUFF**

Sydney Andrews, a returned soldier, has been appointed postmaster at Courtright.

The Mt. Brydges fair was the best ever held there. Twelve schools were represented.

Mrs. Thomas Gilbert, Parkhill, died of pneumonia at the home of her son John on Oct. 8. She leaves one son, four daughters and 15 grandchildren.

Alvinston fair was quite a success notwithstanding the wet weather. The school fair was held in connection. The trials of speed were postponed until Friday.

Word was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Walter Welch, formerly of 6th line, Bosanquet, at her home in Brown City, Mich., on October 6th, at the age of 62 years.

John McLeod, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Plympton, died at his home on the first concession on Oct. 9th at the advanced age of 85 years. Ten children survive.

It is not generally known that the Department of Agriculture at Toronto will pay to any man using a pure-bred ram, who has never used one before, the sum of \$5 per annum for two years.

Public notice one week in advance of all marriages—such is one of the reforms that the executive of the social service council of the Church of England wants to effect in the Canadian marriage laws.

A few days ago Wm. Gawn of Zone township sold to a confectioner ten boxes of ripe red raspberries picked from the bushes that morning. The lot was retailed at 40 cents per box. The size and quality was the same as June or July fruit.

Mrs. Mary Agnes Spearman of Alvinston, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Friday night. Her husband died three weeks ago. She leaves one son and one daughter. The funeral was held at Alvinston Saturday.

A week or two ago, we published an item regarding an apple in the possession of Charles Marchen, of Ingersoll, which had been picked nearly fifty years ago. A correspondent from Olinda, says that Wm. Brigham, of that place, has an apple grown on the John Stewart farm at the old Furnace over sixty years. It was a very large Lady Washington variety. The apple was picked by Mrs. Adelia Wigle, of Detroit, then Miss Adelia Setwart. Her mother fixed the apple with cloves, and it is still in a fine state of preservation.

**A GOOD JOKE**

(Contributed)  
The Strathroy Age-Dispatch has the following good joke in its report of the proceedings of the Strathroy Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, October 6th, last, viz: "A number of live topics came up for consideration, one of them being the advisability of advertising the town and bringing it before the attention of industrial corporations in the United States, many of which are planning to establish industries in Canada. Some action will no doubt be taken along this line after the matter has been delved into more thoroughly."

Report of S. S. No. 11, Warwick, for September. Names in order of merit. Class IV—Margaret McKenzie Stanley Edwards, Clara Parker. Class III—Muriel Reycraft, Donald Edwards, Gordon Reycraft, Philip Kersey, Beatrice Gault, Cecil Parker. Class II—Helen McKenzie, Velma Parker, Jean Spalding, Cecil Relecraft. John Reycraft. Sr. Primer—Dorothy Jarrott. Primer—Winston Parker, Melvin Parker, Jessie Spalding.—FLORENCE EDWARDS, Teacher.



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ALL MODEL BLOUSES—NO TWO ALIKE  
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**LIVE POULTRY** of all kinds bought at the Farmers' Co-operative Store. Highest market price paid. 2t

Repairs for 200 stoves and ranges on short notice. Now is the time. Watford General Repair Shop. 1t

**FOR SALE—Two lawn mowers, 2** washing machines, wringer and second hand bicycle. All in A one shape. o14-2t

**POULTRY**—R. B. Janes is prepared to buy fowl of all kinds. Highest market price paid.—R. B. Janes, Warwick Village. s23-1f

**PLAIN SEWING**—Mrs. R. E. Waller, Warwick P.O., desires plain sewing, to be done at home during the winter months.

**TINSMITHING AND REPAIRING**—neatly done at reasonable prices. Phone or leave orders at Howden's store, or at my residence just in the rear.—Geo. Dodds, Watford.

**CARD OF THANKS**—Mr. and Mrs. John Maher wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the kindness shown them during their recent bereavement.

Cutting box knives, plow points, saws, knives, and axes sharpened, other repairs too numerous to mention.—Watford General Repair Shop. 1t

**FOR SALE—Comfortable cottage** and lot and a half on Victoria street, Stable, wooded and good well on premises. All in good state of repair. Apply on the premises.—Jas. Mains. o14-2t

**FOR SALE—Four two-year-old** Rams, Registered Lincolns, that have been winners at Guelph, London, Goderich and other local shows. These are choice rams and guaranteed right, also some ram lambs, ewes and ewe lambs, at prices that will sell them quick.—S. W. Edwards Watford P.O., Ont.

**TENDERS** will be received up to 8 o'clock p.m. seventh day of November next for \$18000.00 debentures of the Village of Watford with interest at six per cent. per annum from date of issue repayable in twenty annual instalments to pay for pavement on part of Main street.—W. S. Fuller, Clerk.

**CARD OF THANKS**—James Patterson and family wish to convey to many friends their gratitude for floral tributes and the many expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement. Also thanks to those who assisted at the funeral service.

## Barred Rocks

FEW GOOD COCKERELS FOR SALE  
STRICTLY BRED-TO-LAY

### Will Woolvett

Arkona

## Our New Pavement

will soon be down--

But while the streets are torn up and so muddy on wet days—see that you have Good Rubbers on your feet to keep them warm and dry. Be sure that the children wear Rubbers. There is quite a bit of sickness around this Fall and doctors say the most of it is started by colds caused by cold, wet feet. If you have not already had us fit you out with Rubbers, come in today.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Mary Alice Cameron, late of the Village of Watford in the County of Lambton, Married Woman, deceased, are to send in full particulars of such claims together with the nature of security (if any) by mailing them to Cowan, Towers & Cowan, at Watford, on or before the Fifth day of November, A.D., 1921, and after such date the administrator will proceed to distribute the estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have received notice.

COWAN, TOWERS & COWAN,  
Administrator's Solicitors.  
Dated the twenty-sixth day of September, A.D., 1921. s30-3t

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Surrogate Court of the County of Lambton, in the matter of the Estate of Phoebe Saunders, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate of Phoebe Saunders, late of the Village of Watford, in the County of Lambton, Spinster, deceased, who died on or about the twenty-third day of August A.D., 1921, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the Executrices at Dutton, Ontario, or to the undersigned solicitor for the Executrices, full particulars of their claims duly verified by affidavit, on or before the 5th day of November, A.D., 1921.

And take notice that after the said 5th day of November A.D., 1921, the Executrices will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated at Dutton, Ontario, this 4th day of October A.D., 1921.  
JEMIMA COCHRANE,  
MYRTLE R. L. M. COCHRANE,  
Executrices.  
By STUART C. KIRKLAND,  
Dutton, Ontario.  
Their Solicitor. o14-3t