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A PAGE OF INTEREST TO FARMERS.

SOME LESSONS FROM THE ONTARIO WINTER FAIR.

The recent Ontario Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph demonstrated once more that an educational Show, without any of the so called attractions, can be made an unqualified success. The attendance was much greater than ever before, and although the vast building had been considerably enlarged during the summer, the accommodation was again found inadequate. Hundreds of farmers' wives and daughters were present and took as keen an interest in the exhibits, especially the poultry, as did their husbands and brothers. The practical lectures were again the most attractive part of the show, and as before the wisdom of this feature was demonstrated beyond all doubt. The lecture room was at all times too small to accommodate the crowds who wished to hear the addresses and it will evidently be found necessary to again enlarge the seating capacity of this room if the highest possibilities of the Show as an educational medium are to be achieved. Indeed the good city of Guelph was so crowded with visitors that it would seem as if the limit had already been reached and that it would be wise to start additional shows in other parts of the province to meet the wants of those who cannot conveniently reach Guelph, and to relieve the congested state of affairs in the Royal City. The Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst, N. S., and the big Spring Show and Sale at Calgary, Alta., are doing good work along the educational lines, and another similiar show will be started at Ottawa in February next. It requires no prophetic gift to foretell the establishment of great educational shows for the benefit of each and every province in the Dominion within the next two or three years. The convention at Guelph was a magnificent assemblage of the leaders in agricultural thought, gathered from all sections from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the United States and Great Britain as well. If, as Andrew Elliott of Galt, remarked, Canada were suddenly deprived of the services of all her agricultural leaders who were present at the Show, a blow would be struck at our prosperity from which it would not recover in ten years.

In this Dominion, said Hon. Sydney Fisher in one of his addresses, Agricultural interests are paramount. They supply the greater bulk of our exports. It is the payment for these exports, with which we pay our bills all over the world. It is our agricultural production which supplies the great bulk of the things which our transportation companies carry which our mercantile agencies have to handle and by which our people have to make their living. As long as this is the case, it is well that our people should be generous and wise in their expenditure in the interests of this great country. I am disposed to urge our farmers to produce more and more, because our experience in the last year or two has been that the only limit to our sales has been our own capacity for production, and the more rapidly and the more earnestly we can increase that capacity the greater will be the prosperity, not only of agriculture, but of our whole Dominion.

Some good advice from a disinterested standpoint was given by Mr. Arch. MacNeilage of Glasgow in a talk on Canadian Live Stock Products exported to Britain and how to improve that trade. He said that Great Britain must consume the surplus products of other countries. Canadian cattle and beef were good but not as good as the best beef from the United States. The demand in Great Britain was altogether for baby beof, at the Smithfield show they had no classes for old animals. Many were putting steers on the market at 22 months old. Baby was lacking in flavor perhaps, but

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the public wanted it and it was more profitable to produce. In cheese, Canada easily led, great credit being due to Professor Robertson for his efforts to secure better transportation facilities. Canadian butter had not as good a reputation. The Danish and New Zealand butter surpassed it. The Irish was about equal to it, and the Siberian was rapidly approaching it. A weak point in Canadian butter was that many samples of it contained too much moisture. The manner of packing was also defective, especially as regards the parchment paper which was found inferior, flabby and soft when the packages were opened. The keeping qualities of the butter might also be improved.

As to horses there was a universal feeling in favor of Canadian horses, draft, van, or express horses and carriage horses. The trouble was that they could not get enough. Canadian horses were well mouthed, well broken, docile, full of spirit and singularly handsome. Prime draft horses weighing 1700 lbs and upwards would command as high as $400 to $500 in Glasgow Carriage horses for which there is an unlimited demand, range in price from $300 to $375 for first class animals, $240 to $275 for seconds, and $150 to $225 for cobs. Van horses used largely by the railway companies brought $325 to $375 for first class, and $200 to $275 for seconds.

One feature of the Show which attracted a good deal of attention was a bunch of 25 range cattle from the Northwest, exhibited by the Territorial Dept. of Agriculture. These cattle were grade Shorthorns, Herefords and Galloways, and will be stabled and fed at the Agricultural College, and at Major Hood's farm at Guelph, with a view to ascertain whether a successful business can be done by Ontario farmers in finishing Western cattle. Only 15 per cent. of the American range cattle are shipped direct to the market. The rest are shipped east and fed grain until they are in condition for slaughter, and that is one reason why American range cattle bring better prices than ours. In shipping our range cattle to England, they are so unaccustomed to confinement, that they usually reach the Old Country before they begin to eat. As they have to be slaughtered within ten days of their arrival, the loss in weight and price is very heavy. It is believed by Western men that if range cattle were shipped East and fed at some central point such as Toronto, they could be marketed at $35 to $40 per head, leaving a good margin for the Ontario farmer.

In speaking of the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in the United States and of the necessity of protecting Canadian herds from contagious diseases Hon. Sydney Fisher drew attention to the advantages of having a dressed beef trade rather than an export trade in live cattle. Among other things he said: The Americans have a dead meat trade. They have all the facilities of immense abattoirs and they can turn the stream from the cattle to the dead meat trade in a very little time. But, if there were to occurr a case of contagious disease in Canada tomorrow, and the markets of the Old Country should be shut against our live stock trade we have no organized dead meat trade, no abattoirs here to slaughter our animals, no facilities for the transportation of that meat if it were prepared for the Old Country market and that would be almost fatal blow against the live stock trade of this country. Such a thing might occur in Canada at any moment; it matters not how careful the authorities may be. Such things have occurred in the old land. I believe the day has come in Canada when the ordinary dead meat trade must be organized, must be established, so that if such an incident should occur in this country, we should not be put to the enormous loss that we would today. We have an example of what can be done in the success of the bacon trade of Canada. The same thing can be done in the dead beef trade. It will require the same business capacity, the same organization, the same capital that was required for the organization of the packing houses, and for the establishment of the bacon trade, the organization of an abattoir system in Canada, and transportation system to carry the meat forward. I want to call the attention of the stockmen and capitalists of this province to this problem. I am quite sure the difficulties which have hindered it up to the present time have largely disappeared. One of these was the lack of a market for the offal. There will soon be a market here that all the different parts of the animal can be utilized. This being the case, I feel the time is now ripe for the establishment of a dead meat trade with the old country and that it must be brought about in the interest of the live stock of this country. Unless we take steps we are short-sighted and we are closing our eyes to a danger with which we are face to face.

Hon. Jno. Dryden emphasized what the Dominion Minister of Agriculture had said, and added: I hope that a year hence I shall be able to make an announcement concerning the establishment of an industry that will relieve us from the danger with which we are now confronted. Influences are even now at work which may bring this about, and it should be brought about.

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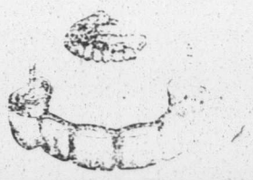

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