

## SPEAKERS SUBJECTS—Continued.

Rennie, Wm., Farm Superintendent, O.A.C., Guelph:  
 "Restoring and Maintaining Soil Fertility"; "Rotation of Crops"; "Culture of Roots and Corn"; "Cost of Farm Productions"; "Economic Feeding of Live Stock"; "Comparison of Breeds of Live Stock"; "Beautifying the Farm"

Reynolds A. J., Danforth:

"Silo and Ensilage"; "Cultivation of the Soil"; "Weeds"; "Growing Clover"; "Summer and Winter Dairying"; "Farm Implements"; "Farming, Past and Present"; "Selection of a Home."

Robertson, John, Ingersoll:

"Underdraining"; "Cultivation of the Soil and Crops"; "The Best Crops for Feeding Cattle"; "Different Breeds of Cattle for Producing Beef"; "Different Breeds of Cattle for Producing Milk"; "Feeding and Care of Milk Cows"; "Buttermaking in Private Dairies"; "Buttermaking in Creameries"; "Cheesemaking in Factories"; "Advantages of Mixed Farming"; "Breeding and Feeding Pigs"; "Keeping Farm Accounts."

Rogers, Mrs. M. J., Kinsale:

"The Farmers Home and Its Surroundings"; "The Influence of Home Surrounding on Young People"; "The Road to Success."

Rose, Miss Laura, Assistant Instructor Dairy Department, O.A.C., Guelph:

"A Morning in an English Dairy"; "The Making of Prize Bread and Butter"; "Methods of Cooking Apples"; "Woman's Dress on the Farm"; "Simple Process of Making Cheese for Home Consumption"; "One Eye in the Fields, the Other in the Town"; (French Proverb) Readings suitable for evening meetings.

Shearer, W. C., Bright:

"Growing Corn, and the Silo"; "Growing Mangels"; "How to Improve a Dairy Herd"; "Breeding, Raising, and Feeding Swine for Profit"; Evening Subject: "Buttermaking in the Home Dairy."

Sheppard, Major James, Queenston:

"Country Roads; How to Improve Them"; "Planting and Care of Orchards"; "Propagating Fruits, Grafting, Budding, etc."; "Forty Years Experience in Growing Corn"; "Tomatoes for Home and Market"; Evening Subjects: "Four Reasons why we Till the Soil"; "Three Historical Days on the Niagara River"; "Window Gardening."

Smith, D. E., Hamilton:

"The Feeding of Dairy Cattle"; "Corn Cultivation, Ensilage and the Silo"; "Characteristics, Selection and Development of the Dairy Cow"; "Essentials of Successful Breeding"; "Convenience, Construction and Ventilation of Cow Stables"; "Underdraining"; Evening Subjects: "City versus Country Life as an Educator"; "Business Principles on the Farm."

Smith, Wm., Columbus:

"Breeding and Care of Heavy Horses"; "Cultivation of the Soil in Spring and Fall"; "Elements of Success in Farming"; "Breeding and Care of Sheep."

Smith, Mrs. J. L., Whitby:

"Farmers' Wives and Daughters, Their Duties, Delights and Discouragements"; "Young Men on the Farm, Their Chances of Success."

Stevenson, R. S., Ancaster:

"Breeding and Rearing Dairy Cattle"; "Feeding Dairy Cows"; "Selecting Dairy Cows"; "How to Choose a Bull for Service in the Dairy Herd."

Thompson, R., St. Catharines:

"Cultivation of the Soil"; "Care of Small Fruits and Fruit Trees"; "Gathering and Marketing Fruit"; "Root Growing"; "Corn Growing"; "How Cultivation Benefits the Crops"; "Care and Breeding of Turkeys"; "Swine Breeding and Feeding"; "City versus Country Life"; "Underdraining."

Tolton, Jas., Walkerton:

"Mistakes in Sheep Breeding"; "The Care of Breeding Ewes"; "Preparing Cattle for the British Market"; "Cultivation of Roots"; "The Farmer's Orchard"; "How to Make a Country Home Attractive."

Wheatley, T. C., Blackwell:

"Our Weed Pests and How to Deal with Them" (illustrated with numerous specimens, including several now coming in); "The Importance of Keeping Farm Accounts" (with illustrations of my own method); "The Farmer's Fruit and Vegetable Garden" (with notes on varieties, insect pests and diseases); "The Importance of an Agricultural Education, with Special Reference to the work being done by the Ontario Agricultural College"

Vaill, Jos., Carleton Place:

"Care and Management of Dairy Cattle"; "Fodder Corn and the Silo"; "Profits of Winter Dairying"; "Points of a Dairy Cow"; "Care and Application of Manure"; "How to Enrich an Impoverished Farm"; "Sheep Husbandry"; "Profits of Poultry on the Farm"; "Swine Breeding"; "Clover Culture"; Evening Subjects: "Butter making"; "What should we Teach our Sons and Daughters?"

Zavitz, C. A., H.S.A., Experimentalist, O.A.C., Guelph:

"The Best Varieties of Oats, Wheat, Barley, Peas and Beans for Ontario"; "Corn for Grain, Fodder and Silage"; "Potatoes and Roots—Varieties, Selection of Seed and Methods of Cultivation"; "The Importance of Sowing Good Seed"; "How to best keep up the Fertility of the Soil"; "Some of the Best Crops for Green Fodder"; Evening Subjects: "Ontario Agricultural College"; "Agricultural Experiment Stations and what they are doing for the Farmer."

## MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST.

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The general tone of the markets have been good during the past week. Trade has been brisk, and obligations at the banks have been very well met. There is a more hopeful outlook.

## Wheat.

Although wheat dropped about two cents the beginning of last week in Chicago, before the week was out it had advanced three cents a bushel. The decline in price did not affect the market in Toronto, but the rise in price has stiffened prices here, and there is likely to be an advance of a cent or two a bushel. The demand still continues active, with prices ranging from 80c. to 81c. for cars north and west, with a prospect of an advance. Manitoba wheat is firm at 94c. for No. 1 hard about Fort William, and 99c. to \$1 at Goderich and Midland.

Montreal reports wheat receipts during the week as 309,335 bushels, as against 485,813 bushels for the week previous. The market remains quiet, with sales of No. 1 hard in the west equal to 98c and No. 2 at 96c.

## Barley and Oats.

The market for barley remains steady, both for malting and feeding purposes. Montreal *Trade Bulletin* quotes barley at 33½c. to 34c. Oats continue steady at 20c. and 21c. for cars north and west. On the farmers' market at Toronto they are quoted at 25c. to 26c.

## Peas and Corn.

The market for peas is fairly active at a decline of 1c. to 1½c. a bushel. Price is about 42c. to 42½c. for cars north and west. Corn continues steady at 28½c. to 29c. for yellow west.

## Potatoes.

According to a report issued by *The American Agriculturist* there has been a general shortage in the potato crop the world over. In the United States alone there is a falling off of 30 per cent. in the yield. The shortage in the world's crop has been placed as high as one thousand million bushels. This is no doubt exaggerated, as growers never report their full yield. Nevertheless there is a serious shortage. A full world's production of potatoes is about four thousand million bushels, of wheat two thousand five hundred, of corn two thousand five hundred, of rye about one thousand three hundred, and of barley not quite seven hundred and fifty million bushels. It will thus be seen that the potato crop is the principal food product of modern nations. In view of this it is a wonder that potatoes are not higher than they are. The demand for them is not very active; choice varieties have sold in Montreal at 50c. by the car on the track. Sales are reported in country places in Quebec at 37½c. a bag, and ever lower. At Toronto cars are quoted on the track at 45c. to 50c. At New York sales have been made this week at 87½c. to \$1 per bag of 90 lbs.

## Eggs.

The export demand continues active. At Montreal new laid stock is quoted at 17c. and 18c. At Toronto there is also a good demand for fresh eggs at 10c., and 13c. for limed ones.

## Apples.

There has been little change in the fruit trade during the week. Apples are reported at \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel. Dried apples at 2½c. to 3¼c. per pound.

## Cheese.

The cheese situation is somewhat interesting just now. Some weeks ago a number of shippers on this side contracted for Septembers at from 45s. to 50s. in England. These parties are now able to fill their orders at a profit of from ½ to ¾ cents per lb. There seems to be trouble brewing on the other side, however, and it is reported that certain houses are repudiating their contracts since the market has receded. As the season advances one thing is quite evident, and that is that the factorymen would have been considerably in pocket had they contracted for Septembers and balance when offered to cents some weeks ago. At present if a factory secures 9 cents for the fall make it is getting the top price.

At the local markets during the week prices have ranged from 8½ to 9 cents, with more selling under 9 than at that figure. Notwithstanding the exceedingly dry weather of the past month stocks have continued to accumulate, and at present the supply in the factories is large. Dairywomen this fall have made a practice of feeding their cows better than

usual, and consequently have kept up the supply of milk though pastures have been short.

## Butter.

The creamery butter situation is somewhat irregular. Anything below fancy is dull and difficult to sell. Finest Septembers and October goods have been steadier during the week, selling from 18½ to 19 cents f.o.b. Sales of secondary grades have been made recently at from 18 to 18½ cents. The export demand is somewhat slow, and unless it brightens up soon there will be a large surplus to dispose of. The future of the creamery butter market will depend largely upon the nature of the English demand.

In the United States the situation is quite different. During the week the market has advanced 1 cent, and 23 cents is easily obtainable for top qualities. This has one redeeming feature for Canadian creamery men. The prices in the United States are away above export prices, and therefore if the export demand improves orders will have to be filled by Canadian goods.

Dairy farmers' butter is still on the scarce side, and in good demand at Montreal and Toronto. Prices range around the 15 cent basis. Fancy roll butter brings a higher figure.

## Cattle.

The cattle trade during the past week shows a little improvement, and is in a little better condition than it has been for two weeks. The European market is also in a little better shape, and prices are a trifle higher.

Eirich Bros., Buffalo, report an improvement in the cattle market. Good ripe cattle are scarce west, and the prices 10 to 25 cents higher than they were last week. Butchers' stuff of all weights is in good demand at an advance. Good feeders and stockers are in good demand also; the poorer classes of these go slow. Good to fancy steers are quoted at \$5 to \$5.35, feeders up to \$4.25, and stockers up to \$4.

At Toronto the trade in export cattle has been quiet, only a few head changing hands at 3¼c. to 4c. There was a fairly steady trade done in butchers' cattle, but prices were weak at \$2.85 to \$3 for ordinary cattle, and from 3¼c. to 3½c. for good to choice; a few fancy brought 3½c. per lb. Stockers and feeders still continue in good demand. Feeders are bringing 3¼c. to 3½c, stockers, \$2.60 to \$3.30.

## Sheep.

Export sheep are still dull and going for a little lower price, from \$3 to \$3.15 per cwt. Reports from Britain show poor market. The improvement in the Buffalo market has improved the market for lambs here. They are quoted at \$3.85 to \$4 for export to Buffalo. At Buffalo choice Canada lambs are quoted at \$5.40 to \$5.65.

## Hogs.

Prices have had another tumble, though receipts are falling off, and the packers cannot get enough hogs. Prices quoted at Toronto are now about \$4.75 for best selections of bacon hogs weighed off the cars. Thick fat hogs, light hogs, and stores are quiet at \$4.50. American reports show that contrary to all expectation the fall receipts of hogs show a marked decrease. At four leading markets the receipts last week have fallen off some 79,000 hogs, as compared with the same week last year.

## Hay.

The market for hay still continues dull at \$5 to \$8.50 per ton, and will not be likely to improve until the great demand for vessel room slacks a little.

## Publishers' Desk.

**Farmers' Clubs.**—The fifth annual meeting of the Michigan State Association of Farmers' Clubs will be held at Lansing, December 14th, 15th, and 16th. A good programme is being prepared.

**Shetland Pony Club.**—The annual meeting of the American Shetland Pony Club will be held Monday evening, November 1st, at 7 o'clock, in the club room of the Sherman House, Chicago, Ill. M. Levering, secretary.

**Fat Stock and Dairy Show.**—The prize list for the fourteenth annual Ontario Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show has been issued. The show is to be held this year in Brantford, on December 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1897. The prize list contains the usual list of premiums for cattle, sheep, swine, and dressed poultry, also a number of special prizes. A new section has been introduced this year in every class of purebred swine. This is a section for bacon hogs, and we feel sure it will

meet with general approval. We think that it would be well another year to group all the sections for bacon hogs under one head. For example, in the present prize list they could all have been grouped as sections under Class 25, i.e., the class headed "Bacon Pigs." We are also glad to notice that the judges are to be Messrs. C. C. L. Wilson, of the Ingersoll Packing Company; Chester Fearman, of Hamilton; and J. W. Flavell, of the Wm. Davies Company, Toronto. We hope these new sections will be well filled up by the breeders. The results of the judging should serve as a good object lesson. Could it not be arranged to have a practical talk on the ideal bacon hog, some time during the show, by the judges, and have it illustrated by good and bad specimens of the ideal bacon hog?

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## Stock Notes.

JAMES YULL & SONS, Carleton Place, Ont. Our Ayrshires are doing well. So far seven cows have calved, leaving us three fine bull calves and four equally as fine heifer ones. We have about a dozen cows still to come in. We are glad to report a greater demand for good calves than there has been for some time, in fact the demand for all classes of Ayrshires is now very good. We have sold two bulls and three heifers to the New Brunswick Government, one bull and one heifer to Robert Burgess, Norwood; a yearling bull to G. W. Webster, Valentinia; a yearling bull to A. Boyd, Kero; a bull calf to John Breckenridge, Westwood; a bull and a heifer to Geo. E. Cooper, Sault Ste. Marie; and a heifer calf to D. Smith, Mountain. Our Shropshires have done well also, and we have made the following sales: One shearing ram to P. A. Gibson, Lambermore, another to Robert Irving, Innisville, a ram lamb each to James Sheeley, Powassan; A Sproule, Uterson; and L. L. Price, Mountain Grove. We have done a good business with our Berkshires and have still some very fine pigs.

## Ayrshire Auction Sale at Oshawa.

There was a very large attendance at the auction sale of the balance of the Ayrshire herd owned and bred by the late Thos. Guy, Oshawa. For many years this herd stood at the head of the Ayrshires in the province, and at the World's Fair members of the herd captured a good share of the awards. During the two years previous to Mr. Guy's death the herd was allowed to run down, simply because Mr. Guy was sick and could not attend to business. A year ago a draft of seven of the best cows and the best yearling bull were sold. The remainder of the herd was sold on Oct. 15th, and brought fairly good prices. The animals were not fitted in the least, but entered the ring as they came from the field. The bulls were in bad condition, had never been groomed, and very seldom led out of the stable. The two years' neglect was apparent, but the blood was there and showed itself in many ways. Quite a number of the young things were extra good, and had they been properly fitted and shown, would have won a place at the Industrial. Mr. John Davidson, of Ashburn, purchased Gurta of Sydenham, a two-year-old heifer of the famous Gurta family. Another Gurta heifer went to W. H. Thorn, Lyndoch. In all, Mr. Davidson purchased five head—two cows, two two-year-olds, and a calf. Mr. W. J. Haycraft, Agincourt, purchased a cow, a three-year-old heifer, and a young bull. Fred Trull, Bowmanville, got two good useful cows. Mr. E. H. Lick, Oshawa got a yearling heifer. To Wm. Jacks, Hampton was knocked down a heifer calf and a two-year-old bull. The bull, Lord Rosberry of Parkhill, goes to Crawford Bros., Brown's Corners. Thos. Stanton, of Taunton, gets the other two-year-old bull. The old cow, Dolly—the dam of Dolly of the Lake and Dolly of Ontario, winners at the World's Fair—was purchased by David Montgometry, of Hampton. Four other heifers go to a farm at Myrtle, where there are altogether now a choice selection of some ten or twelve representatives from the Sydenham herd. We are pleased to learn that this herd contains representatives of every successful strain that the late Mr. Guy had in his herd, and that thus, in a way, the famous Sydenham herd will still remain in the county of Ontario. We hope that the excellent qualities possessed by the old herd will again make the new herd successful.