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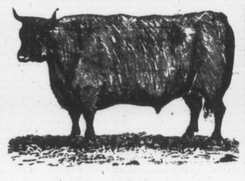

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Delivered by Practical and Competent Dairymen from Different Parts of the Province--Hints from Prof. Dean, of Guelph Agricultural College.

DUNNVILLE, Feb. 24.—The Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario held their first meeting of the series of local conventions to be held in Western Ontario this winter. There was a large gathering of representative farmers from the surrounding counties. Some of the most prominent dairymen and others present were: A. Pattullo, J. A. Ruddick, Woodstock; J. S. Pearce, R. Robertson, J. W. Wheaton, London; E. Booth, Ingersoll; Prof. Dean, Guelph; R Cleland, Listowel; A. G. Gilbert, Experimental Farm, Ottawa; N. Shapley, Wellandport; J. N. Paget, Carsboro; H. Eagle, Attercliffe; A. W. Edwards, Caisterville; J. Senn, York.

Mr. A. Pattullo, president of the association, in opening the meeting referred to the good work being done by the Western Association through its local conventions.

The first speaker was J. S. Pearce, of London, who touched on the winter dairying movement and showed the importance of the farmer making a more special effort in dairying and keeping only good cows—cows that will pay and return the farmer the most profit. He recommended that farmers should not make dairying a side issue, but one of the important branches of his business.

Mr. L. A. Congden, deputy reeve of Dunnville, extended a hearty welcome to the dairymen on behalf of the citizens.

Mr. Pattullo accepted the thanks of the citizens and introduced Mr. A. G. Gilbert, manager of the poultry department, Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Mr. Gilbert showed by conclusive argument the importance of the poultry department of the farm. Every farmer should make one dollar per hen per year. Every hen should lay from 120 to 240 eggs a year. Cut green bones and cut red clover hay are the best feed for producing eggs. Plymouth Rock is the best fowl for the farmer.

Prof. Dean, Agricultural College, Guelph, then addressed the meeting on home dairying or butter making on the farm. He emphasized cleanliness as a necessary quality of the successful butter maker. Begin cleanliness at the stable, have only pure air in the stable, put cows under such condition that they will feel good, then they will do good service. Milk should be strained as soon as taken from the cow. Milk set in shallow pans should be kept at an even temperature; in the shot guns cream should be taken off at the end of 24 hours. Set as near the natural temperature as possible in water about 45. The best results are from the separator. There will be six times as much cream left in the milk by using the creamer than by the separator and twice as much by shallow pans as by the creamer. Keep cream sweet until there is enough for a churning. Twenty-four hours before churning warm cream to about 60°. Have the cream ripe before beginning to churn and warm it slowly, and have it at a proper temperature when churned. When fresh cream is added the whole lot should be stirred. Use butter color if the market wants it. Put color in cream before churning. The churn should be as simple as possible, without any dashes. It should take about half-an-hour to churn. Stop when the butter is in the granular form. Use a half to one and a quarter ounces of salt per pound. Have butter put up in attractive form—in pound prints wrapped in parchment paper.

Mr. Cleland, of Listowel, gave instances of how much some of the patrons of his cheese factory had made last season. They ranged from $500 to $650 from their cows on 100 acres of land, and from $700 to $850 from cows on 150 acres of land. Seventeen men received over $10,000 last season from the cheese factory alone.

Mr. Boyle, M.P. for Monck, and Dr. Montague, M.P. for Haldimand, then addressed the meeting, briefly showing the importance of dairying to the Canadian farmer.

A meeting was held in the evening, addressed by several of the prominent dairymen present.

The convention, for practical benefit to the members of the association, was an unqualified success.

MANITOBA SCHOOL CASE.

The Supreme Court Decides That the Dominion Cannot Interfere.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—In the Supreme Court yesterday Chief Justice Strong delivered a long, elaborate and learned judgment or rather decision in answer to various questions submitted by the Dominion Government to the Supreme Court in regard to the Manitoba school case. To all these questions the answer of the Chief Justice was in the negative.

It is stated here that Mr. Ewart, Q.C., who represented the Roman Catholic minority of Manitoba when the school case was argued in the Supreme Court, and who is at present in England, does not propose to let the matter rest, but on the contrary, the minority will exercise their right of appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Mr. Ewart cabled to the Supreme Court to-day asking that copies of the judges' opinion might be sent to him in England by the first mail.

MONTICELLO'S DOUBLE MURDER.

A Young Neighbor of the Dead Couple Suspected of the Crime.

MONTICELLO, Feb. 26.—Floyd J. Carr, of Bushville, a young farmer residing near the home of the aged couple who were murdered on Thursday night or Friday morning, is suspected of having committed the crime and was arrested yesterday. He has behaved very strangely since the murder and the people of Bushville attribute his conduct to remorse. Sheriff Beecher arrested Carr at the house of Louise Cantrell, a young woman of unsavory reputation, and lodged him in jail at Monticello. He was searched and a five dollar bill to every appearance bearing bloody finger marks was found on his person. The bill had evidently been washed to remove the soiled spots. The Cantrell girl was also placed under arrest as an important witness.

Train Blown Into a River.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A despatch from Port Louis, Mauritius, reports that a cyclone swept the island, doing almost incalculable damage to property and killing and injuring many persons. A crowded railway train was blown from the track and rolled down an embankment into the Coromandel river, killing 50 persons and injuring a large number of others.

A Negro's Double Murder.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.—Richard Prior, a negro employed on the Wilkesbarre and Eastern railroad, shot and killed Christian Ehler, a merchant, at the latter's residence at White Oak run, and fatally wounded his wife. Mr. Ehler's son escaped by jumping from a window. The double murder was committed as the couple rose from supper. The negro took what money he could find and escaped.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words for Busy Readers.

Joseph Hartley, porter in a Winnipeg hotel, has fallen heir to $35,000.

Last Thursday was a holiday in the United States—Washington's birthday.

The steamer Millard has been lost off the Nicaraguan coast with 60 men on board.

In Lethbridge, N.W.T., 593 miners have quit work owing to a reduction in wages.

Senator Howlan has been appointed Lieut.-Governor of Prince Edward Island.

A shock of earthquake was felt in New Jersey on Wednesday. No serious damage was done.

The important strategic railway connecting Tien-Tsin with Shanghai, China, is now completed.

Mrs. Sophie Beresford, of San Francisco, has died from glanders, which she contracted from a horse.

Three Chinamen who had been smuggled over the Canadian border were captured in Chicago on Friday.

Wm. Waldorf Astor has subscribed $10,000 to the fund for the relief of the unemployed of New York city.

A gang of women counterfeiters has been unearthed in Omaha, Neb., and two of its members are under arrest.

The death is reported at Liverpool of Capt. Richardson, commander of the Allan Line steamship Sardinian.

The Manitoba Legislature, by a vote of 31 to 5 has rejected the proposal to abolish the Provincial Government House.

The Governor of Texas has been arrested on a charge of violation of the State game law. He was admitted to bail.

Chicago pickpockets took $500 in cash and $25,000 in securities from a Wabash avenue car passenger on Wednesday.

The Reichstag, by a large majority, has adopted a proposal to introduce in Germany the Australian method of polling.

Ex-Premier Mercier delivered a violent speech on the Manitoba school question on Friday night before the Club National of Montreal.

Frank Benninger, while attending an edge saw in Thompson's mill, at Shallow Lake, Ont., on Thursday, had his right hand cut off.

An anti-Chinese Sunday school agitation is in progress at Chicago. It is urged women should not be brought into contact with the Celestials.

The League of American Wheelmen has decided to bar colored men from membership, and to put the makers' amateurs in a class by themselves.

A number of manufacturing establishments at Norwalk, Conn., which were closed last fall on account of hard times, have been re-opened.

Mr. Edward D. Davison, one of the wealthiest and most enterprising men of Nova Scotia, died at Bridgewater on Wednesday of pneumonia.

At San Francisco on Friday Dr. Eugene West was sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary for the murder by malpractice of Addie Gilmour, a young milliner.

At Thomasville, Ga., Thursday evening, Henry Spencer, a condemned murderer, escaped from gaol, after he had shot and killed the gaoler, Timothy Singleterry.

Leo Lauthier, the Paris Anarchist who on November 13 stabbed M. Georgevitch, Servian Envoy to France, was on Friday sentenced to penal servitude for life.

A French missionary in Anhwei, China, was assaulted and robbed by a mob recently. Like indignities were suffered by English and Americans in Foo Chow.

By a runaway accident near Tilbury Centre on Wednesday Pearl Hornick, aged seven, was killed, and her mother, Mrs. Edward Hornick, was badly injured.

The trial at Vienna of 72 members of the Omladina Society has resulted in 70 receiving sentences ranging from two weeks to eight years, while two were acquitted.

Mrs. England, wife of Dr. F. R. England, Montreal, was given tartar emetic by a druggist in place of bismuth and died almost immediately after taking the poison.

By a railway collision near Huntingdon, Pa., on Friday, William Sneath was instantly killed and Conductor John Myers and Samuel D. Warely were badly injured.

A mob of freebooters known as the "redheaded freemen" are committing extensive depredations in the Shao-Chow district in the north of Kwang Ting Province, China.

At the annual meeting of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, changes were made in the directorate which, it is said, places the road in the control of the Vanderbilts.

Five men, four colored, one white, were killed, and several others injured, by the explosion of a boiler in the oil mill of Freeman & Hayne at Compte, La., Wednesday.

F. C. Cotton, M. P. P. for Vancouver, and publisher of The News-Advertiser of that city, refused to answer certain questions in court and has been committed for contempt.

Col. Gibson of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, and Col. Smith, sergeant-at-arms of the House of Commons, have been appointed honorary aides-de-camp by the Governor-General.

John Burgess, of Vinal Haven, Maine, a wife beater, was taken by masked men the other night and unmercifully beaten, after which his wounds were rubbed with pieces of ice. His condition is critical.

Mr. Thomas Kernighan, an old citizen of Guelph, died on Wednesday, aged eighty-seven. About a month ago he fell and broke his thigh; kidney trouble came upon him, and his system was unable to stand the strain.

The property of Governor and Mrs. McKinley, of Ohio, which they surrendered to their creditors when the Governor got into financial trouble some months ago, has been conveyed back to them. Friends of Mr. McKinley raised funds by private subscription.

An election for congressman took place on Wednesday, in Pennsylvania, and the result is the largest plurality ever known in the state for the Republican candidate, about 165,000. The coal districts all went over to the Republican side.

The first steamer to cross the Atlantic burning only liquid fuel is the British steamship Baku Standard, a bulk oil carrier, which has arrived at Philadelphia from Shields and Dartmouth. She used petroleum residuum as her only fuel.

The granite cutters of Connecticut went on strike fourteen months ago, and have lost over a million dollars in wages, and now the strike is settled. The unions are to be recognized, so it seems the men have won the fight, though their loss is heavy.

A company with $400,000 capital has in view the construction of one or more bridges over the Niagara gorge, with the intention of constructing a belt line to take in both sides of the river, in connection with the Niagara Falls Park and River railway.

An Anarchist Writer Sentenced.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Jean Graves, an anarchist of letters, was tried in the criminal court on Saturday for having published a book entitled "Societe Mornate," which it was charged contained matter calculated to incite to revolution and overthrow existing institutions. Graves was sentenced to two years in prison and to pay a fine of 1,000 francs.

ONTARIO PARLIAMENT.

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—Speaker Ballantyne was too ill yesterday to perform his duties, and on motion of Sir Oliver Mowat the Hon. J. Baxter, at one time Speaker of the House, took the chair.

Mr. Ballantyne is suffering from a severe cold, but the general hope is that it will not be sufficient to cause the popular Speaker to pass more than a day or so from his accustomed place.

Mr. Awrey presented a petition from the County Council of South Wentworth, asking that in future county officials should be elected by the people.

These bills were introduced and read a first time:

Mr. Snyder—A bill to amend the Landlords and Tenants Act.

Mr. Barr—A bill to regulate the sale of goods in trust to agents.

Mr Tait—A bill to amend the Act incorporating the People's Life Insurance Co.

Mr. Conmee—A bill to amend the Separate School Act.

Mr. Paton—A bill respecting the railway debenture debt of the township of Floss.

Mr. Meredith asked: Has the commission referred to in the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the session, with respect to the mode of remunerating and appointing certain provincial officials, been issued, if so, who are the commissioners?

Sir Oliver Mowat replied. He said that the commission had not as yet been appointed.

Mr. Clarke asked: Did the Government in the year 1892 or 1893, instruct Mr. J. K. Stewart, Provincial Inspector of Licenses, to enquire into the operation of the license law in the city of Hamilton, and, as to the accommodation provided by the places to which licenses were given in the city. Has the provincial inspector made a report to the Government in relation to these matters, and if so, did he find that places were licensed which had not the requisite accommodation?

Mr. Harcourt answered. He said that the Government had so instructed Mr. Stewart, that he had so reported and that he had found that there were instances when the law had not been complied with.

A deputation of the Knights Templar waited on the Government yesterday and requested that a bill should be passed abolishing the retail sale of liquor. Sir Oliver Mowat, replying on behalf of his Cabinet, said that the Government had not intended moving in the matter this session, but since the request had been made by so influential a body he would reconsider the question.

Census Returns.

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, though suffering from a very severe cold, returned to his duties as Speaker of the House yesterday.

Hon. C. F. Fraser, who has been sojourning south for the benefit of his health, has returned, and occupied his seat in the House yesterday. Mr. Fraser's health has considerably improved by the trip.

These bills were introduced and read a first time:

Mr. Bronson — A bill respecting the Beechwood Cemetery of the city of Ottawa.

Mr. Balfour—A bill to incorporate the Portlock & Desert Lake Iron Mine Railway Co. The bill provides for a new railway to run from Portlock harbor, north of St. Joseph's Island, through the Desert Lake iron district.

Mr. Cleland—A bill to amend the game laws.

Mr. Tait—A bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Tait—A bill to incorporate the Toronto & Suburban Railway Co., limited.

Mr. Hardy—A bill respecting ditches and watercourses.

Mr. Hardy—A bill respecting drainage laws.

Mr. Barr (Dufferin) asked: "Did Mr. F. J. Dodds, who held the office of license inspector for the electoral district of Dufferin, resign that office, and if so when? Was he re-appointed to the office and if so when? What salary is now attached to the office and what was the salary at the time of Mr. Dodds' original appointment?"

Mr. Harcourt, answering, said that Mr. Dodds had on November 1st last resigned. His resignation had not yet been accepted. His salary was $400 per year.

Mr. Wood (Brant) moved for an order of the House for a return, duly compiled from the census returns for the year 1891, of the federal census for the province showing the population for each county and district and the municipalities situate there; also, the population of the unorganized territory.

Mr. Meredith opposed the motion on the ground that the House was already in possession of all the information asked. It would be a useless expense.

Mr. Hardy supported the motion. He said that while the Dominion census gave the total population of each county and district, more particulars were necessary.

The motion passed.

A Government bill is promised on the subject of mines and mining. There has been considerable speculation as to what the proposed measure will contain. The Hon. A. S. Hardy, Minister of Crown Lands, is discretely silent as yet, but it is certain that the text of the measure will shortly be made known.

Mr. Balfour gave notice that he would move for a return showing the exact number of Catholics and Protestants in the permanent employ of the Government in any capacity.

The expenditure of the industrial institutions for 1891 was as follows:

Toronto asylum	$ 99,459
Mimico asylum	54,207
London asylum	131,056
Kingston asylum	84,138
Hamilton asylum	122,851
Orillia asylum	56,917
Deaf and Dumb institution	43,960
Blind institute	33,991
Central prison	65,945
Central industries	59,574
Boys' reformatory	37,169
Mercer reformatory	29,244

Mr. Cleland's bill to amend the game law provides for an open season from September 1 to March 1, as under the Act in force prior to 1892. Petitions from a number of counties were presented to the House last year in favor of this change.

Mr. Preston is desirous of learning the amount expended in connection with the binder twine industry for buildings, machinery, material, labor and superintendents employed, and the wages or salary paid to each of them; also the total output of twine in quantity and the amounts realized therefrom, giving the names from whom the same were received, and the dates of the receipt of each sum; also the total quantities of twine and material in hand; the amounts (if any) remaining unpaid by the purchasers, with the names of the persons by whom the same are payable; the names of the agents employed for the sale or disposal of the twine, and the remuneration paid or payable, to each of them.

Mr. Sol. White has received a petition from a large number of ratepayers of the township of Rochester, county of Essex, protesting against the proposed division of the township.

To Tax Gas Mains.

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—Yesterday's session lasted only half an-hour. All the members seemed in a particularly happy mood.

A deputation from St. Thomas waited upon the Government yesterday and if their request should be granted gas company stocks all over the country will go down several points. They asked that the gas mains in St. Thomas should be taxed according to their value, the same as other private property. The matter had been before the county judge, who held that the mains could not be taxed. Judge McDougall, of Toronto, held that they could, while Judge Senkler, of St. Catharines, held that they could not. Sir Oliver thought that in cases where the companies were rich enough to pay dividends they should be taxed on their mains. Mr. Hardy thought that if it were proper to tax gas mains it would also be right to tax telephone wires. The Government decided to consider the matter.

These bills were introduced and read a first time:

Mr. Clendenning—A bill to amend the Insurance Corporations Act of 1892.

Mr. Waters—A bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Barr (Dufferin)—A bill to amend the Act respecting mortgages.

Mr. White—A bill to amend the Act respecting executions.

Mr. Monk—A bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Barr—A bill to amend the Coroners' Act.

Mr. Wood (Brant)—A bill to amend the General Road Companies Act.

Mr. White—A bill to amend the Division Courts Act.

Mr. Monk—A bill to facilitate the registration of mortgages and reduce the expense of registration.

Mr. Meredith moved for an order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence and reports with regard to the application or claim of Samuel Spicknell, formerly an employe in the Insane Asylum at London, for a gratuity or allowance on his ceasing to be employed in the public service of the province.

Mr. Meredith said that an invidious distinction had been made in this case. No gratuity had been granted although Mr. Spicknell had served over the required number of years. He wanted to know the reason why.

Mr. Gibson said that when the papers came before the House it would be seen that Mr. Spicknell was not entitled to the usual gratuity. He was found to be incompetent and wasteful of material and was therefore discharged. Gratuities were only paid to employes who had grown old in the service.

The motion carried.

Mr. Clarke moved for an order of the House for a return of a copy of the report made to the Government in 1893, by Mr. J. K. Stewart, Provincial Inspector of Licenses, respecting the operation of the License Law in the city of Hamilton, and the accommodation provided by the places licensed in the city.

The motion carried.

Mr. McCall asked for a return yesterday containing all the facts in connection with the prevalence of tuberculosis in the herd at the Agricultural College, Guelph.

DEATH IN THE FLAMES.

A Family Escapes from a Burning House, But Their Lodgers Forgotten.

PETERBOROUGH, Feb. 24.—A disastrous fire, accompanied by loss of life, occurred yesterday morning at the residence of Thomas Gray, situated on the 11th concession of Otonabee, about two miles from town. The house was occupied by Mr. Gray, his wife and five children. They also had living with them Mr. David Scollie, an old gentleman, 61 years of age.

After the members of the family had retired to rest, Mr. Gray, being absent from home, Mrs. Gray was awakened by a daughter calling her. She arose and found the house full of smoke. She procured an axe and knocked the window out. Herself and children barely escaped in their night clothes.

In the hurry and excitement of saving themselves their lodger, Mr. Scollie, was entirely forgotten. Several of their neighbors were aroused by the flames and immediately went to the scene of the fire but too late to render any assistance to Mr. Scollie, whose remains were found afterwards burned almost to a crisp, the head and limbs being burned from the body.

Mr. Scollie was in the habit of reading for some time after retiring to rest and it is supposed that either the lamp exploded or that he had fallen to sleep and the paper came in contact with the lamp.

WILL BE TRIED IN MONTREAL.

A Change of Venue Granted in the Hooper Case.

THREE RIVERS, Feb. 26.—A letter was received by John R. Hooper, in jail here awaiting his trial on a charge of attempted murder, from his lawyer, Mr. Renaud, informing him that he may have a change of venue. Hooper will be tried in Montreal. The Attorney-General, Hon. I. Chase Casgrain, and the Crown counsel, Messrs. Cornellier and MacMaster, have consented to the change. Hooper will accept gladly, and the $100 which is necessary for such change has been furnished.

Hooper's reason for accepting the change of venue are on account of his ill-health and the firm conviction that if tried in Montreal he will pass the ordeal and obtain freedom. He expects to be called from here to Montreal to day or to-morrow. An indictment citing the facts of the attempt upon the life of Mrs. Hooper by her husband at Louisville on Sept. 13 or thereabouts will be laid before the grand jury in Montreal on Thursday next, March 1, and the trial, if a true bill be returned, will take place soon thereafter.

Blizzard in Tennessee.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26.—A blizzard struck this section Thursday night and Saturday the wind blew a gale, accompanied by snow flurries and sleet. Great damage was done in Mississippi, and is in feared the fruit crop has been ruined. Peach and apple trees, and strawberries and tomato plants were in bloom. The thermometer had never before been known to fall so low at this season.

Brave Rescuers Drowned.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Three officers and three men belonging to the coastguard crew at Inverness, Scotland, were drowned by the swamping of a boat on Friday, while attempting to rescue the crew of a vessel in distress.

An Embezzler Suicides.

VIENNA, Feb. 26.—Cashier Ferles, who embezzled 102,000 florins from the Department of the Public Debt and fled during the official inspection, has committed suicide.

Matthew Johnson Electrocuted.

SING SING, Feb. 26.—Matthew Johnson, the negro murderer, was executed in the electric chair to-day. The dynamos and apparatus had been properly tested and worked well, the doomed man dying apparently without a sign of pain. Johnson showed remarkable nerve and went to his death without flinching. He was a West Indian negro and had no relatives in this country. A negro clergyman from New York attended him, and was the only friend who visited him.

Thousands of Tons of Grain Destroyed.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—An immense warehouse at Rotherhithe, a southeastern suburb of London, was burned last evening. Thousands of tons of grain poured from the storerooms into the Thames. Loss, £120,000.