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WHAT IS BEING DONE FOR THE FARMER.

The program which the provincial government has marked out for itself towards stimulating the dairy industry, as fore-shadowed in a recent issue of the Daily Telegraph, is sufficiently enterprising to do credit to one of the larger provinces. It is proposed in the first place to lay out the province into four districts and to each of these districts a competent agriculturist familiar with the dairy industry and its correlative needs, to be assigned. The duty of the persons thus assigned will be to hold meetings of the farmers throughout each district, supply the people with the latest information on the subject of dairying, building silos, growing and storing fodder, caring for cattle in order to produce the best results and form local associations for dairying encouragement. These agents of the department of agriculture, if we may call them such, will be supplied with designs for building silos, estimates of cost, etc., and a sufficient quantity of an improved and suitable quality of corn for ensilage, to each farmer desiring to do so to plant a quarter of an acre of corn three years as a test. The improving of the breeds of cattle will be urged upon the consideration of all. Prof. Robertson, of Ontario, who is already well and most favorably known to the leading farmers, has been called into consultation by the provincial government and has met its members twice already on the subject. He is co-operating heartily in this grand work, and will meet the agents selected for the work above described, and block out a uniform line of concerted action. Prof. Robertson is enthusiastic over the outlook for the province and with the liberal provision made by the legislature last session, is sanguine that as good work will be done here as has been done in Ontario, and we do not see why not. While this agitation is being carried on, two traveling dairies will be visiting the various sections of the country under the charge of experienced persons. These will be useful as a medium of instruction to home butter makers. We have doubtless many good butter makers, but we have too many to whom some instruction would not be amiss, and if instruction will do it the intention is to have our home butter makers turn out a good product. A bonus will be given towards both cheese and butter factories. We understand a more general effort is to be made to encourage cheese than butter factories as cheese factories are more cheaply erected and may be located in places not well adapted for the larger industry. Such grants will be given to any association starting in the manufacture of cheese, but special care, it is said, is to be exercised in the matter of creameries. The plan, as we understand it, is to liberally encourage a very few creameries this year, and only those which can be located under the most favorable conditions. It is a very important thing that it should be demonstrated to the farmers that butter can be made in these factories profitably at all concerned. This will call for not only good, but perhaps skillful management; experienced men will be required and these are not abundant; on the start, therefore, caution is indispensable. Acting in concert with the government, professor Robertson has concluded to establish a central experimental butter and cheese factory at Kingsclear, renting the Kingsclear establishment for the purpose. The establishment, it is anticipated, will be run this year entirely under his management, and to make the arrangement practicable, the local government are giving a very liberal lease. If professor Robertson proves, as we do not doubt but that he will, that the farmers can advantageously sell their cream to the creamery next year there will be the product of a thousand cows instead of five hundred now available. We believe it will be admitted in the same connection that the selection of Messrs. W. W. Hubbard, Abram Alward and George E. Baxter as agents of the department to carry on the good work above mentioned, is a judicious selection.

VERY DARK CLOUDS.

It is worthy of remark that little has been said in the Canadian press in reference to our present dispute with the government of the United States. The upper province papers have, it is true, had something to say but nothing at all comparable with what one would have thought its importance called for, while the press in the maritime provinces has been almost silent on the subject. The original dispute as to the rights of the United States in Behring Sea, we were made aware some time ago, was about being settled by a treaty referring the question to the decision of several arbitrators, and this treaty was signed on the 29th February. Under this reference it is to be determined what the rights of Russia were prior to the cession of Alaska to the United States, to what extent Great Britain recognized these rights; whether the term "Pacific Ocean" in the treaty of 1825 included or excluded the Behring Sea; what rights the United States acquired between themselves and Russia under the treaty of 1867, and the rights now vesting in the United States to the fur seals in the Behring Sea outside the three mile limit. When this reference had been agreed upon, the question arose what was to become of the seals in the meantime while the arbitrators were considering the case. Mr. Blaine said they should be left alone. Lord Salisbury contended that the total prohibition of seal catching for two full years would be an unnecessary interference with trade and he thought if damages were awarded the successful party for an injury done by the other party that was all that was required. A hitch seemed to occur at this point and president Harrison was very bellicose. On March 22nd he threatened that the United States would use every means in their power to protect the property they claimed from injury. The controversy was very interesting. Mr. Blaine urged that damages would not suitably recompense the fur seals of his country, and he compared Lord Salisbury's proposition to a proposal to have liberty to remove trees while an arbitration as to the title of the land on which they grew was in progress. The answer to this was that seals are unlike trees—they are rapidly and constantly reproduced, and Lord Salisbury suggested as a closer analogy the case of a meadow: "while the arbitration is pending the party in actual possession cuts the grass, and rightly so; at the next year the grass will be reproduced." Mr. Blaine could not adopt this comparison, he said no doubt the

FOREST CITY.

FOREST CITY, April 20.—The ice in Grand Lake remains firm and teams are still passing over it. Joshua A. Lambie who has been bookkeeper for C. W. Clement, trustee to F. Shaw & Bros., for the last ten years, tendered his resignation a few days ago and has accepted a similar position for a firm in Medford, Wisconsin. Mr. Lambie left for his new field of labor last week and will be followed by his family in a few days. He will be greatly missed as he always took an active part in town affairs, especially the schools, being school supervisor for nine years. A large house belonging to C. W. Clement, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. It was feared that the tannery would be destroyed as the house was situated near it; but by hard work and an abundance of water it was saved. The house destroyed had residing in it three families: Jacob Nye, John Stitham and Alexander Stitham. Their furniture was saved but in a ruinous condition. The cause of the fire is unknown. The Methodist Sabbath school held a concert in their church Sunday evening. The little ones acquitted themselves creditably and all were pleased who attended.

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT.

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT, April 18.—While visiting her sister, Mrs. John March, Mrs. Mrs. Clark met with a severe accident. While walking from the house to the shed she stepped on a piece of ice and fell and sprained her wrist. She is not yet able to use her arm. The other day Mrs. Beverly York's ewes presented him with a natural curiosity in the shape of a lamb, which had a head shaped something like a snake, while on its neck, instead of the usual covering of wool, there was a coat of bristles. From its shoulders back it was the same as any other lamb. It lived but a few minutes. Mrs. Sydney Ingraham, who has been visiting at her daughter's, Mrs. Alfred Christie's, returned home a few days ago. The last of a series of months socials, which have been held by the Congregationalists of this place and the Ridge, was held at Mr. Alfred Christie's, but owing to the state of the roads the attendance was small. Mrs. Walter Allen, who has been confined to her bed with a heavy cold for the past week or so, is not, we are sorry to state, improving as her friends would wish. Anne Mitchell lost a very fine Zephyr colt the other day. He found it dead in the stable when he went out in the morning. George Christie returned from the back woods with the ribbon new team. He now holds the entire row of a spirited pair of bays. Miss Maggie Clayton has gone to Fredericton to learn the dressmaking trade.

NEW MARYLAND.

NEW MARYLAND, April 15.—The visiting season has again come round, and among the visitors are Mrs. Allan Stairs, of Lower Southampton, and Mrs. Adams, widow of the late Martin Adams, of Lincoln. Much sorrow is expressed in the settlement occasioned by the death of Mrs. Leonard Nason, on the 10th inst. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Donaldson, the interment taking place at the Kirk, New Maryland, where a large number had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the dead. Our school has again improved with Miss Mersereau as teacher. Henry Henson is improving the appearance of his buildings by the erection of a large barn. Most of the young men of the place have returned from the lumber woods, hale and hearty, the effects of "Yankee work and beer" which John Wood and Alfred Phillips have gone to Uncle Sam's territory. The sick folks of this place, who are pleased to report, are convalescent. Danne rumor says we are to have another wedding in the near future. Charles Wood, who has been on a home cruise, returned home one day last week with four colts which he purchased from Mr. Sewell of Newburg Junction. Miss Sarah Morgan has returned home from Maryville, where she has been employed for four years in the manufacture of cotton. Miss Nina Smith has also returned.

QUEENSBURY.

QUEENSBURY, April 22.—The lumbermen have mostly sent their crews to their camps to be ready in case of emergency. Nothing like being ready and the time to drive logs is when there is water to float them. But twenty feet of cold has shut off the supply. One living here could hardly realize how much like mid-winter it is in the deep green woods with the snow covered ground which those of us who have been there with a crust that would almost carry a horse. Farmers are getting ready for their season's operations, and fence building is in order. Sugar making is over. There is much disappointment over the short crop. The output is much shorter than ordinary. Sickness in this neighborhood has decreased. Mrs. W. A. Burden is convalescent, though not as well as could be wished. Mrs. Gidon and Mrs. Isiah Parent are recovering from the effects of the grip. We hear rumors saying two spans of the Woodstock bridge has gone in the ice. We did not notice it in the jam, which in its passage left a high ice bank along the shores, in places twenty feet high; of late we notice a few logs passing quietly along. The inhabitants are eagerly looking for the steamer, which now is of some importance to the residents of this benighted land, who are separated from Fredericton by twenty-five miles of mud and bad roads. How far up is the railroad now?

HARVEY STATION.

HARVEY STATION, April 20.—The exodus fever has struck this place. Alex. Moody, Mrs. Williams, Wm. Aitchison, George Robinson, Thomas Johnson and John Rutherford, Jr., have left this village and others are to follow. All of these had families. Mr. Toland, station agent, has removed to Fairville; his place here will be supplied by Mr. Sanders. Wm. Magee has purchased the Alex. Moody property, and John Taylor has bought that of Thos. Johnson. Thos. Robinson is loading several cars of bark for the estate of Shaw Brothers, Vancouver. The lakes are not open but the ice is becoming very weak. Miss Farran is visiting friends at Lake George. J. Louis Smith has returned for a short visit. He likes life in Seattle very much. Dr. Keith has been kept pretty busy attending the numerous sick in his large circuit. The Rev. J. A. McLean is very popular with his parishioners and gains in their affections daily. James Coburn and Samuel Hunter are doing a heavy stroke of business.

INSURANCE RATES.

St. John Sun as usual stays when dealing with Fredericton matters. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD: Sir, I have a great number of papers complaints of excessive insurance rates. The St. John Sun of recent date has been interviewing some gentleman who certainly gave me a very interesting statement. In the first place he says, "I think it is the duty of our local board of trade to discuss the matter," and then the gentleman proceeds to inform the St. John man all about it, giving figures and his said figures won't lie, and I say so too, if they are given correctly. He affirms, "as a matter of fact, however, there has been no reduction in insurance rates." Well, perhaps, the informant knows all about it, but let us discuss his figures. He should in fairness have gone back six years and he would have found the losses by fire in this city to average at least \$300 per annum. I have, no doubt, but the chief engineer, who is a very capable officer, tries to get actual figures as to losses and applies very naturally to insurance agents to get the information, but the statement as given in the Sun does not cover all the losses paid. He might have added at least \$5,000 to his \$19,131.25 and he would be nearer the mark. The total valuation of property, real and personal, here, is \$3,185,000. He assumes that all this property is insured. He forgets entirely that no owner insures his land on which the building stands. The total amount insured during the past year, so far as can be ascertained, was \$1,400,000, including real and personal property, a difference from my friend's statement of nearly \$2,000,000. The Sun man has it that the citizens of Fredericton living within the water district actually pay out in premiums for fire insurance \$39,131.21 per annum. It was not to have the cent in his calculations. Now, what are the facts and I hope the Sun will make a note of them. The real and personal property, as before stated, is something like \$3,000,000, for insurance purposes, a trifle under that amount, and the average premium instead of being one and a quarter to one and three quarters per cent is actually eighty-seven cents for every \$100 insured. The insurance is not by any means as large as before the introduction of our superior water system, nor I confess have the losses been so heavy by at least one-half or more. There are some buildings on Queen street rated as high as two and a half per cent, which before the introduction of water were four per cent, and indeed nearly all stocks and buildings have been more or less reduced, sufficient in the aggregate to pay the water rates. Many have reduced their insurance, carrying now about sufficient to cover the water. I can say that before the introduction of water the insurance companies never made a dollar in Fredericton, and the amount of profit at the present day does not give the stockholders a very large dividend. I presume that people in general do not put their money in insurance or other stocks without anticipating a dividend therefrom. Why, sir, it is only a few years since subscriptions were solicited for stocks in an insurance company about being organized, and how much do you suppose was taken by the monied men in Fredericton? Not one dollar. This showed plainly that our monied men had very little confidence in the dividend paying of fire insurance companies. But let us see for a moment how the matter stands now. The insurable property in Fredericton will be something under \$1,400,000. This at an average rate of eighty-seven cents per \$100 will give the companies \$12,180 per annum. Deduct from this an average loss of \$6,000, and thirty per cent for expenses of agents and head office \$3,654, making \$9,654 per annum for losses and expenses, leaving a balance to be divided among some twenty-five or thirty companies of \$2,528, not a sum a very large dividend for each company. Now, sir, I hope I have made this matter plain to the Sun, as also to the gentleman who gave me the information. Much more could be said and written in justification of the present low rates in this city, but I feel that I have insisted upon the facts on your columns and will for the present close. Yours truly, JOHN RICHARDS, Agent.

ROCKWAY.

ROCKWAY, April 21.—I think Brockway can boast of having the finest roads of any country place this season of the year. They are now as dry and level as in the summer. Most of the young men are away stream driving; others are home this week on account of the Davis brook drive being hung up for want of water. Daniel Speedy, one of Harvey's young men, did not give the stockholders a very large dividend. He was married in Maine and intends making his future home in this place. Peter Wood, of Tweedside, made us a flying visit on the 20th. Mrs. Daniel McLeod has been quite ill the past week. Mrs. Neil Sinclair, who has been visiting friends here for the past few weeks, went home to Fredericton on the 18th. The farmers are beginning to move round again getting the ground ready for the seed. Mr. Little who is in advance of the rest, has a large field of potatoes planted. The saw mill owned by John Brockway, on the banks of the river, is now running. Under the careful control of Mrs. E. Smith our school is progressing rapidly, there being now thirty-four scholars in attendance. Rumor speaks of a wedding in the near future. Go to the store and look like it. Charles Brockway is laid up with a very severe type of sore throat. Services will be conducted in the church here on Sunday next by Rev. Mr. Chapman, Methodist.

CANTERBURY STATION.

CANTERBURY STATION, April 21.—Most of the drivers have returned home again, the streams being very low. The mill at Deer Lake will commence sawing on Monday next. There is probably more lumber in the lake this season than for a number of years. The enterprising firm of J. H. Carr & Sons are putting on a larger crew in order to get their lumber manufactured. They are adding a lath and clapboard machine. L. A. Hopper has been seriously ill for some time. We hope soon to see him around again. R. Price left for the United States last week. His family will follow in a few days. They will reside for the present at Brownsville Junction on the C. P. R. H. M. Grant lost a fine yearling colt a few days ago, by Harry Wilkes. The colt was valued at \$300. Mr. Grant also lost a fine one last fall of the same age, a high priced one, from W. F. Todd's Edgardo. Councillors Jamieson and Landon will sell the building of the bridge at Dead Creek on Monday, 25th inst., at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Miss Sydney Graham, daughter of the late Wm. Graham was buried here on Sunday. The funeral service was held on Sunday. The funeral service was preached by Rev. Mr. Orser. Andrew Cunningham left for the west a few days ago. Next week four more young men will leave here for Pennsylvania.

RUSAGORNIS.

RUSAGORNIS, April 20.—Alby Grass has completed his contract on the breakwater near hon. R. D. Wilmot's. He has another heavy contract to repair the bridge at Trouty station. He left home yesterday with a party of men to commence operations. During the past week the gripe has visited the locality and several families are quite ill with it. We are glad to learn that Alex. Mott, merchant at Rusagornis station, is doing a good business. We wish him success. Brains has made his appearance. A few days since he was seen crossing the road near Wasie station. A number of young men have left for the Upper St. John and Miramichi, where they will stream drive for a while. Parties are catching gaspereaux in the lake near the station. Last night James Dugan had a fine horse badly kicked by another. It is hoped the accident will not be serious.

BARONY.

BARONY, April 18.—D. P. Gilman arrived home from Black River, Que., last week, and Nebemah Gilman left this morning with fifty men to work on the river. A number of young people of this place drove to Pogoquoic one night last week, and spent a very enjoyable evening at the residence of C. H. Hill. Mrs. Wm. Brown, who has been quite ill, is improving. W. A. Anderson is getting his crew ready for rafting.

NASHWAAKIS.

NASHWAAKIS, April 22.—Wm. McCullough, of Nashwaakis, who has been in the employ of R. A. Estey, Fredericton, for twelve years, is going to Marysville to take charge of the new shingle mill. William McFarlane has lost a valuable colt, one year old, from home all.

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