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DAIRY COMPETITION BRINGS KEEN CONTEST

Fine Banquet at Thornhill, Where Prizes Were Presented—Fire in North Toronto.

THORNHILL, March 23.—(Special.)—One of the most successful gatherings ever held in Thornhill was that of tonight, when the prizes won in the recent "farm and dairy" contests were presented to the successful contestants.

The banquet was held at the Hughes Hotel and the genial host and hostess excelled themselves in the excellent luncheon provided. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute, but to H. B. Cowan, editor of The Farm and Dairy of Peterboro, was due the success of the evening.

Ex-Warden George Henry was in the chair and, as ever, an ideal presiding officer, while seated around the festive board were many prominent in the agricultural life of York County.

H. B. Cowan outlined the purpose of the contest, which was open to some 15 counties in District No. 2 and was designed to encourage a higher standard in dairying, grain-growing and farming in general.

A winner of the first prize in the "farm and dairy" competition, David Duncan of Don, was presented by Mr. Cowan with the magnificent silver service donated by that paper.

In a short but thoroughly practical speech Mr. Duncan recited some of the difficulties leading to his present well-deserved and popular victory. From small beginnings and careful management, coupled with a thorough knowledge of what constitutes a dairy herd, Duncan has attained the proud position of winner of the coveted honor.

At present on his farm at Don no less than 40 head of thoroughbred Jerseys are kept, supplying some of the leading institutions of the city with cream. Of the 50 kept, about 40 are milch cows, Mr. Duncan's victory was well deserved and popular.

J. Lockie Wilson, superintendent of fall fairs, in a few well-chosen words presented Ollie D. Bannister of Lanark, the winner of the second prize, with a beautiful silver service, and the thunderous applause left no doubt as to Ollie's popularity. He spoke briefly but well, and acknowledged in fitting terms the handsome gift bestowed by the "farm and dairy" contest.

Simpson Rennie made a rattling good speech, replete with practical information, and was roundly cheered. Mr. Rennie made the trip to Hugh Laird, the winner of the third prize in York County.

John McKenna, another of the fortunate contestants, spoke briefly. David James of Thornhill, A. J. Reynolds of Scarborough, P. D. Farmer of the Farmers' Dairy Co., J. G. Paterson of Agincourt and others added to the pleasure of the evening with short but happy addresses.

Mr. Cowan intimated that another year it was probable that the winners in the present competition would be eligible to enter in a grand sweepstake prize open to the province.

He has been in the hospital for five weeks. D. T. L. McKerrill has purchased the house formerly occupied by Rev. Mr. Pidgeon, in Conduit-street. He will move in immediately. George Gray, 34 Hook-street, was taken to his home to-day after being confined to the Western Hospital for a month with injuries received in a C. P. R. accident near here.

A new horse exchange has been opened in the rear of the Occidental Hotel, under the management of Mr. P. C. Hill.

NORTH TORONTO. NORTH TORONTO, March 23.—(Special.)—Shortly after 3:25 o'clock this morning fire broke out in Davis Bros. store, 73 and 75 Yonge-street, and before the arrival of the firemen the front and feed store and the butcher shop were completely destroyed. While hurrying to the fire the Eglinton reel broke down and some little time was lost in getting to the scene of the blaze.

The volunteer brigade rendered good service when they arrived on the scene and kept the flames from spreading. The grocery store was slightly injured by being scorched and by water. The damage is variously estimated at from \$3000 to \$5000, full covered by insurance.

While riding through his property (the Brooks estate) to-day W. M. Boultes was badly cut about the head. His horse shied and his head came in contact with a branch of a tree, which tore the scalp, necessitating 11 stitches by Dr. Doherty.

Don't forget the public meeting for 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon in the Anglican Mission Church in Bedford Park to select a site for the new school. Every ratepayer is cordially invited to attend and ladies are especially requested to be present. It will be too late to object after it has been chosen.

WESTON. WESTON, March 23.—The Weston Bowling Club held its annual meeting last night in the Central Hotel when these officers were elected: President N. J. McEwen; first vice-president, Wm. Shiells; second vice-president, L. A. Lemaire; secretary-treasurer, A. J. Barker. The plans for the new club house are being examined and when approved the new building will be erected on the recently purchased property between Main and George-sts.

The club will have 12 bowling greens and representatives from this club will compete in all the big tournaments in the neighborhood.

Dr. W. J. Charlton has resigned the presidency of the Recreation Club, and G. W. Packham was elected to that office.

Three Toronto business men visited this village yesterday, a jeweler, confectioner and plumber, but as there is not an unoccupied store in town they were unable to locate here. There is also a lack of houses to rent at \$10 to \$12 a month.

Reeve Bull, Town Clerk Taylor and Councillor Cousins returned yesterday after visiting Beamsville, St. Catharines and Oakville, to inspect the waterworks system. The same system will be installed here as is already in three places and our representatives state that these towns have all that can be desired in water supply, etc.

On Good Friday afternoon the Humber Lodge A. F. and A. M. will hold an emergency meeting and banquet.

The board of trade last night decided to have \$5000 descriptive booklets of Weston printed for distribution among the manufacturers and business men of Toronto.

On Thursday night at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held in the town hall for the purpose of forming a volunteer fire brigade.

H. H. FUDGER, President. J. WOOD, Manager.

The Advantage of a Trip to Town

Being a Typical Dialogue Between Two Ontario Ladies.

"Why, how do you do? I thought you were down in Toronto." "So I was. Just got back last night. I went down for the Easter holidays, you know, to spend a few days with Annie, and do a little shopping."

"Shopping! Hm'm! Delicious! I wish I had been with you. Toronto stores are so different, aren't they?" "Different—I should say they are. Why, Simpson's has grown so you wouldn't believe it—unless you have been in Toronto lately."

"I haven't been down to Toronto for going on two years. Tell me about what you saw." "Well, Simpson's—you know I really didn't go to any other store to shop—I didn't need to, and once one gets inside one doesn't want to. You know, they have everything, and it is such a beautiful place, and so clean, and so bright, and so airy. One-half the building is brand new, and the other half has been done over fresh, so it's just as good as new from one end to the other, upstairs and down."

"I've heard about their restaurant—is it nice?" "Nicest really large restaurant in town. They held the Laymen's Missionary Banquet there one night—nearly 100 people were accommodated without the slightest crowding."

"They say the tables were spread out to fill the floor, and they could have seated twice the number." "What's the Millinery Department like now?" "Like a—oh, I couldn't describe it. It is like a garden of Spring, with hats instead of plants and green carpet instead of grass, and they have those round globular trees at every point of vantage—banyan trees, they call them."

"Real or artificial?" "Oh, they are really trees, alive and growing in tubs." "And the hats—did you see the Paris models?" "I did—and I bought one." "Gracious! You bought a Paris hat?" "Camille Roger was the artist—saw the original—the idea of buying a real Paris model. I thought they cost a fortune."

"Don't breathe it to a soul—this hat is an exact Simpson's copy—and it cost me \$7.50!" "How perfectly astonishingly lovely! Why, I paid more than that for my hat!" "And the suits! The new Cloak Department—you should see it. It must be nearly a hundred yards long—a vista of white columns, green velvet carpet and banks of flowers. You know the whole store is decorated for Easter, and the Cloak Department contains great masses of greenery and blossom."

"What were you going to say about the suits?" "Oh, like Simpson's suits. They are simple and good looking. No trumpery about them. They look as if you want to look. You know?" "I hear their Underwear Department is very popular now, too."

"No wonder. The new Simpson store is a beauty, and lingerie, corsets and all that class of goods have the sunniest, brightest place in the whole new building. Everything is so tasteful and quietly effective. The carpet takes up the noise and makes one feel comfortable and almost private, while choosing."

"It must be a pleasure to just go there and see things." "It is a pleasure, and I intended to do more looking than buying, but they have such lovely things at Simpson's at moderate prices, and so—you know how it is."

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BARGAIN DAY TO-DAY



These Goods Are On Sale TO-DAY (Thursday.)

The Store Will Be Closed All Day To-morrow, Good Friday.



Dress Goods Bargains

3,500 yards of Stylish New Spring Dress Fabrics and Worsteds Suits, Fancy Serges and Chevrets, Fancy Panama Weaves, Striped Worsteds, etc., in nice suiting weights; Spring shades, blues, greys, greens, rose, amethyst, etc., and some very smart two-tone and fancy mixtures, 42 to 52 inches wide. Regular prices 75c and 85c. Thursday, per yard 50c.

A beautiful assortment of Rich Black Goods, Suits, Voles, San Toys, Poplins, Panamas and Fancy Weaves, for Spring suits and dresses; 42 to 52 inches wide. Selling prices 35c and 40c. Thursday, per yard 75c.

New Delaines and Challises, in rich designs, suitable for outdoor Spring and Summer wear, all-wool washing qualities; 29 to 31 inches wide. Prices 35c, 40c and 50c. Thursday, per yard 35c.

LINING DEPARTMENT. A collection of New Coat Linings, in all the new Spring shades, broadcated satens, shadow stripes and diagonal weaves, fancy floral effects, etc.; 38 to 42 inches wide. Selling at 35c, 40c and 50c. Thursday, per yard 35c.

Bargains in the 4-day Sale of Silks

New lines have been added specially for Thursday Bargain Day. 1st—100 pieces of natural color Honan Shantung Silk; this is a specially heavy quality, splendid bright finish and color, very much wanted for auto coats, dresses and waists. Regular price of this quality is \$1.00 yard. Thursday bargain 90c yard.

5,000 yards New Dress Silks, including our best selling lines; French foulard, in an excellent range of designs and colors; very fashionable for dresses this Spring; French satin de chine, princess peau de soie, Swiss paillette and messaline, in all the wanted shades, heliotrip blue, vieux rose, browns, navys, modors, violet blue, etc., shades for evening and street wear. Thursday bargain 55c yard.

500 yards of First Quality Black-Yard Wide Clifton Taffeta, Regular price \$1.25 yard. Special for Thursday bargain 97c yard.

Easter Footwear

222 pairs Women's Boots, Oxfords and Pumps, patent coil and dongola kid, with dull matt calf uppers, Blucher style, medium or high heels; sizes 2 1/2 to 7. The Oxfords and pumps are mostly samples, in 40 different styles and leather combinations; sizes 3 1/2 and 4 only. Regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. Thursday bargain \$1.99.

88 pairs Women's Slippers and Buskins, dongola kid leather, hand turned soles, one and two straps; buskins have elastic over instep; sizes 2 1/2 to 7. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. Thursday bargain 99c.

120 pairs Boys' and Youths' Boots, Blucher style buff calf leather, solid leather soles and heels. Sizes 12, 13, 2, 3, and 4 only. Regular \$1.35 and \$1.50. Thursday bargain 99c.

240 pairs Men's Box-Up Boots, heavy solid leather soles and heels, Blucher style; all sizes 6 to 11. Regular price \$2.50. Thursday bargain \$1.99.

60 Shoe Polishing Outfits, consisting of tin of polish (black or tan), shoe brush, sponge and polishing pad. Thursday bargain 15c. Shoe Department, Second Floor.

Stockings

Women's Seamless Cotton Hose, black, tan, spliced heel, toe and sole. Regular 20c. Thursday 12 1/2c.

Girls' and Boys' Heavy Ribbed Black Cotton Stockings, 1-1 and 2-1 ribbed, fast dye, good wearing. Sizes 6 to 10. Regular 25c. Thursday 15c.

Women's Genuine French Kid Gloves, made in France from good quality kid skins, perfect fitting, all sizes, black, white, tan, brown, navy green. \$1.00 value. On sale Thursday, pair 75c.

Women's Fine Imported Lisle Thread Gloves, black, white, two dome fasteners, perfect fitting. Regular 25c. Thursday, pair 19c.

Easter Suits

A collection of New Spring Suits of brown, green, rose, grey and black; diagonals, Panamas, worsted and serges; long and graceful roll collars; skirts are either pleated or overskirted. These ranged in regular prices up to \$20.00. Thursday \$12.50.

Smart Tailored Suits of Imported French Venetian; coat lined throughout with silk serge; semi-fitting style, four novelty buttons; skirt has front panels, with side pleats; navy, black, light and dark greys. Regular \$20.00. Thursday price \$16.00.

Easter Dresses

65 only Fancy Dresses of foulard and Jap silk, daintily trimmed with lace and fine tuckings, full tucked flounce, trimmed with tuck net and narrow soutache braid, cream, pale blue, pink, black, navy or light brown. Regular \$17.50 and \$16.50. Thursday \$12.75.

Dainty Mill Dresses, in women's small sizes and misses' sizes, pink, sky and white, yoke and collar of lace; the entire dress is trimmed with lace insertion and fine tucks around bottom. Regular \$3.00. Thursday price \$3.95.

\$5.00 Skirt, \$2.49

150 Separate Skirts, in a number of fashionable styles, pleated, semi-pleated, panel and over-skirt effects, in light weight tweeds, pebble worsteds, serges and volles, light and medium grey, black and navy. These would sell regularly at \$5.00. Thursday price \$2.49.

Coats for Friday

Woman's Stylish Outing Coat of striped covert cloth, in light and dark fawn effects, perfectly tailored, close fitting back, mannish collar and lapels. Regularly \$7.50 and \$6.50. Thursday \$3.95.

Woman's Smart Street Coat of diagonal serge, in grey; three-quarter length; close and semi-fitting, plain tailored; vents at side; stylishly finished, patch pockets, trimmed with buttons. Regularly \$12.50. Thursday \$5.95.

Easter Waists

75 Assorted Net Waists, in white, ecru, grey, navy and black, also a few white and ecru, with scroll soutache effect, all silk lined, oddments from our celebrated \$2.95 waists. All sizes. Thursday \$1.95.

Fine Clifton Taffeta Silk Waist, in black, navy, brown, red, amethyst and rose; front of cluster tucks and wide tucked panel, back of cluster tucking, plain shirt sleeves and tucked cuffs. Regular \$3.50. Thursday bargain \$2.75.

Smart Shirt Waists of pure linen, made in tailored style, deep Gibson pleat at shoulder, neat kerchief pocket, shirt sleeves and linen collar, white with navy spot or plain shades of grey, sky or reds. Regular \$2.00. Thursday \$1.25.

A splendid Waist of good mercerized tucking, black only, front made entirely of pin tucking, tucked back, shirt sleeve and link cuff. Sizes 32 to 42. Regular \$3.00. Thursday 75c.

Children's Dresses

Clearing all our Cloth Dresses; a large choice of styles; materials are serges, cashmeres, summer tweeds, in navy, brown, red, green and checks. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Not all sizes in any one style. Regular prices were \$2.25 to \$5.50. Thursday bargain 40c to \$2.75.

Dresses in fine ginghams, chambrays, galateas, trimmed with embroidery or piping. Sizes 10 to 16 years. Regular prices \$2.95 to \$3.95. Thursday bargain \$1.99.

\$5 Taffeta Petticoats, \$2.49

50 only Taffeta Petticoats, grey only, deep sectioned flounce, trimmed with stitching, strap-neck and tuckings. Regular \$3.95 and \$5.00. Thursday \$2.49.

Furniture Department

Hall Chairs, solid quarter-oak, early English finish; back and seat upholstered in "Danish leather. Regular price \$6.00. Thursday \$4.95.

Parlor Tables, quarter-oak, golden finish, round top, shaped legs, one shelf. Regular price \$4.80. Thursday \$2.40.

Parlor Tables, genuine mahogany, colonial design, beautifully finished. Regular price \$14.75. Thursday \$12.00.

Iron Beds, white enamel, extension foot ends, one and a quarter inch posts, with brass rails and knobs. Sizes 3 ft., 3 ft. 6 in. and 4 ft. 6 in. Prices ranging as high as \$5.00. Thursday \$3.95.

Woven Wire Springs, substantial weave, solid hardwood frame, all standard sizes. Thursday \$2.00.

Mixed Mattresses, seagrass centres; a layer of white cotton both sides, covered with good quality of ticking. Selling Thursday for \$2.90.

Carpet Department

English Axminster Carpet, newest designs, for parlor, library, dining room, den, bedroom, halls and stairs, 5-8 by 2-4 borders to match. Regular price \$1.50 and \$1.75. Thursday \$1.33 per yard.

English Tapestry Carpet, in greens, reds, browns and a variety of designs. Regular to 60c per yard. Thursday 47c per yard.

Remnants of Scotch Printed Linoleum, in black, tile, floral, matting and parquet designs; enough in some patterns for small rooms, bathrooms, halls, etc. Regular price 35c and 40c square yard. Thursday 19c square yard.

Mitre Mats, in Axminster and Wilton. Regular price \$5.50. Thursday \$1.98 each.

Mitre Mats, in velvet and Brussels. Regular price \$6.50. Thursday \$1.48 each.

Curtain Department

250 Oil Opaque Window Shades, light and dark green and cream only, trimmed with lace, insertion and fringe; some with lace and insertion; 37 inches by 6 feet, mounted on good spring roller, complete with brackets. Thursday only 30c.

200 only Curtain Stretchers, non-rusting nickel adjustable, 2 to 4 yards long, 42 to 48 inch wide; will not sag in centre, unbreakable fixtures; folded 2 inches square by 6 feet long. Special price Thursday only 75c.

400 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains; all new and dainty designs, in scroll, motif and floral effects; 54 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards long. Regular \$1.50 quantities. Per pair, only \$1.00.

2,000 yards Frilled Net, full 36 inches wide, trimmed with lace and insertion, suitable for bedroom curtains, etc. Regular 25c a yard. Thursday 15c.

500 Cushion Forms, five sizes only, best grade Russian down.— Size 18 x 18 inches. Worth 35c. Thursday 24c.

Size 20 x 20 inches. Worth 45c. Thursday 33c.

Size 22 x 22 inches. Worth 55c. Thursday 39c.

Size 24 x 24 inches. Worth 70c. Thursday 49c.

Size 26 x 26 inches. Worth 80c. Thursday 59c.

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