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PRACTICAL TALKS WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED

East Middlesex Farmers Attended Big Meeting at Thorndale.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Thorndale, Jan. 14.—Farmers from all over the district gathered in Harding Hall last evening to attend the first of the series of meetings to be held under the auspices of the East Middlesex Farmers' Institute. At an afternoon meeting of the Women's Institute, Mrs. Parsons, of Forest, gave a fine address. The speakers of the day included: I. B. Whale, of London, and W. C. Shearer, and their talks were greatly enjoyed by over 300 people.

The Care and Feed of the Dairy Cow was given into fully by Mr. Whale, who pointed out the importance of weighing and testing the milk from all herds in order that the undesirable and unprofitable animals may be weeded out. He urged every dairyman to do his utmost to keep only the best animals. The best, he said, take no more time or care than the poorer ones, and give the very finest results in every way. The profits would easily be doubled.

Mr. Shearer went thoroughly into the subject of "Hog Raising," giving much of his own personal experiences. He does not raise pure-bred, but recommends a cross between the Berkshire and Tamworth or Berkshire and Yorkshire. It pays, he pointed out, to be particular in feeding and in caring for young pigs. He recommended soft feed, and attributed a good deal of his own success to feeding on cake to full grown pigs. He suggested the use of as much as a quarter of a gallon of oil cake per meal to six pigs. He found he could feed much cheaper and get larger returns, as well as have healthier hogs by using oil cake.

The grain Mr. Shearer feeds is a mixture of barley and oats grown together, and a little fax grown with it. He started the young pigs off by feeding a little milk when a few days old. He believed in weaning when seven or eight weeks old. It pays to study the markets and have pigs to sell when prices are high. The speaker tried to market two hogs to year, one in August and another after the new year. Many people, he said, went into the business haphazard, and when prices were high stocked up regardless of what feed they had on hand. To pay

attention to the feed bin as well as the market is necessary. He had found it paid better sometimes to sell pigs when eight weeks old than to fatten them, while at other times it paid to fatten them.

Interesting discussions of great practical value followed the addresses, and many valuable suggestions were made.

PRACTICAL TALKS AT FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

London Township Members Out in Force to Hear Mr. I. B. Whale.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Birr, Jan. 13.—The regular meeting of the London Township Farmers' Club held in the hall here, was largely attended and was a great success from every standpoint.

Mr. F. W. Renwick, assistant of the district representative, gave a talk on pruning and spraying and several up-to-date methods of fruit culture that was much enjoyed.

Mr. C. W. Baker advocated the formation of a branch of the Middlesex Fruit Growers' Association. He also spoke of the publicity campaign, which is being planned for Middlesex County. "We have one of the best counties in Ontario," he said, "why not let the world know about it?"

Mr. S. D. Dawson, secretary pro tem. of the Middlesex publicity board added a few remarks along the same line. The address of the evening was given by Mr. I. B. Whale, B.S.A., district representative for Middlesex County of the Ontario department of agriculture. He enumerated the various benefits to be derived from the Farmers' Club, dividing them into social, educational and economic.

Quite a lively discussion arose over some charts, which were exhibited, especially one showing the value of fertilizing constituents removed from the farm in selling various commodities, as hay, wheat, beef, milk, butter, etc.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on the first Thursday in February.

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HOME RULE BILL AT LAST STAGE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Measure Will Probably Go to House of Lords Tomorrow or Thursday.

NOT OPERATIVE FOR YEAR AFTER PASSAGE

Tim Healy Says in That Time Bill May Vanish and That Government Has Pact With Unionists.

London, Jan. 13.—The Irish home rule bill passed the report stage in the House of Commons at midnight. The third reading was fixed for Wednesday. This is a two days' process, and in accordance with the allotted time, the bill should be ready to go to the House of Lords on Thursday night.

Today's debate in the House was mainly occupied with a discussion of the possible happenings between enacting the law and its coming into operation.

The Government had attended to the date of operation, making it impossible for a meeting of the Irish Parliament to be postponed more than a year after the bill's passing, though, as the ministers showed, a whole year would not necessarily elapse.

Tim Healy Wrathful. The prospect of waiting a year with a chance of the Unionists coming in to power in the meantime and repealing the home rule law moved Tim Healy to wrath. He said: "This 12-month has been invented for the purpose of submitting the bill to a general election and on the result of this election the Irish party members are gambling their existence."

"In a twelve-month," he continued, "the Government may disappear through a trapdoor and the bill in a puff of smoke."

In the course of his speech Mr. Healy got off one of his characteristic quips. "Both sides tell lies," he asserted. "If one side were to tell the truth the other would have a great advantage over their opponent."

He then intimated that the year's delay was due to an arrangement between the Government and the Opposition. Mr. Healy's righteous anger, however, was wasted, as the Government's amendment fixing the operation date was carried by a vote of 243 to 145.

The rejection of the measure will be moved by Arthur J. Balfour, former leader of the Opposition, when the home rule bill has its fourth reading on Wednesday.

Conclusion of Report Stage. An amendment was moved at the concluding debate in the report stage today by Joyson Hicks, with the object of deleting clause 46, which provides that arrangements may be made by any department of the British Government for the exercise and performance in behalf of that department of any power or duties by the officers of the Irish department, or by any Irish department for the performance by the officers of the department of the British Government, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed. The amendment was defeated by a majority of 118.

Another amendment sought to exclude from the clause the powers or duties relating to customs and excise, which was defeated by a majority of 110.

Protect Orange Lodge.

The House then passed unanimously a new subsection to clause 42, proposed by Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, which provided that the Irish Parliament shall not have the power to abrogate or affect prejudicially any privilege or exemption of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons in Ireland.

An addition was also made to clause 43, whereby his regulations, by order-in-council from regulations prescribing the method of voting at an election of members of the Irish House of Commons which is held on the principle of proportional representation.

Mr. Birrell's amendment to clause 47 was passed, which provides that the appointed day for the coming into operation of the act shall be the first Tuesday in the eighth month after that in which the act is passed, or such other day not more than seven months earlier or later as may be determined.

Two days, Wednesday and Thursday, will be given over to the debate on the third reading, and the bill will be sent to the House of Lords late Thursday night, for a formal reading on the succeeding Monday.

When the second reading is proposed, the Duke of Devonshire will move its rejection, as his wife became warmly attached to him by his genial disposition.

Mr. McMichael was born in Karkom, near Senghar, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, March 9, 1825. At the age of 18 years he came to Canada with his parents. At this time he had served four years learning the joiner's trade, which he followed for 10 years after his arrival in this country.

One year after his arrival, he bought a farm of one hundred acres in Hullett, for which he paid \$25. He cleared six acres, and then rented it for five years for the clearing of 20 acres.

Mr. McMichael was the first tax gatherer in Hullett. The taxes on his own place were eight shillings and sixpence, which is about two dollars of our money. At that time the English money system was in use in this country.

In 1852 he went to Australia. As there were no steamers, the voyage was made

by sail boat, and occupied sixteen weeks. On his arrival there he went to work in the gold diggings, a rather hazardous employment, as the miners then mostly consisted of criminals who had been transported from other countries. The method of extracting gold from quartz was then unknown, and the mining was mostly done by each man digging for himself. This work giving him sore eyes, he remained at it only four months, and then turned to his trade, taking some contracts for building. He remained four years in Australia, and then returned to Scotland, going by way of Cape Horn. While there he married Margaret Laidlaw, of Dumfriesshire. He brought his bride to Hullett, and immediately built a stone house on his farm, where he lived for 20 years.

With his wife, he made two trips back to his native land, the first in 1877, and the second in 1883. Two years before his second visit to the Old Country he had retired from the farm, and had moved to Seaforth, where he resided thereafter. On Nov. 24, 1902, he was bereaved by the death of his wife.

In 1895, Mr. McMichael started the game of bowling on the green, which has become exceedingly popular. He was president of the bowling club from the time when it was organized. He bought the green and presented it to the club. On account of his fondness for playing the small balls, he was known among his fellow-sportsmen by the name of "Wee Boole."

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from the Methodist Church to the Maitlandbank Cemetery.

District Personals

MILDMAY.

Mildmay, Jan. 14.—The wedding of Mr. David Fortney and Miss Clara Schurr, both of Mildmay, has been announced to take place today.

Mr. Jas. H. Schwehr is spending the week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, of Toronto, are visiting with Mr. Peter Moyers, who has been dangerously ill during the past week.

The rural free delivery between Mildmay and Formosa was discontinued for two days last week. Mr. Schiffer, who had the route during the past week, resigned his position and the postoffice department had some difficulty in securing a successor.

Mr. August Meyer, of Formosa, now has charge of the delivery.

The first meeting of the new council of Carleton Township, was held in the township hall, Mildmay, yesterday.

Mr. Jos. Seifried, of the sixth concession, Carleton, has rented his farm to his son Isidore and intends holding an auction sale on Tuesday, January 28. John Purvis will be auctioneer.

PAISLEY.

Paisley, Jan. 14.—Mr. W. H. McFarlane and Miss McFarlane went to Markham to attend the funeral of Mr. Edwin Mason, druggist, who died of pneumonia. The sacrament will be dispensed to Knox congregation next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Mann, of Port Elgin, is to preach at the preparatory services.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller arrived home on Monday from their wedding trip. Mr. Archibald Crawford, of Dundas, was here recently calling on friends.

GODERICH.

Goderich, Jan. 14.—Mr. Hodge McLaughlin, who has been called at the Bell Telephone Company in Stratford, has arrived to take the position of local manager of the office here.

An amusing joke to initiate a green young bank clerk was played yesterday when he was sent around the town with a large shotgun, accompanied by another bank clerk with the settlements to the other banks.

It was a very considerable amusement to the citizens.

Miss Elsie Martin, who has been visiting friends here, has returned to her home in Toronto.

J. H. Worsell is home from the West to remain for the winter.

Dan Nicholson has returned to Queen's University, Kingston.

Mrs. Chas. Hawkins, of Windsor, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. F. Clark.

BRUSSELS.

Brussels, Jan. 14.—Mayor G. C. Vanstone, of Wingham, is a former Brusselsite, this being his birthplace.

Miss Edith Deadman has taken a school near Parkhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McQuarrie, of Grey Township, are making their home here this winter, having leased Mrs. J. Sinclair's furnished house, Princess street. They still have the farm five miles out, but will likely sell it.

Morris Township and Tunberry Township gave majority for local election. Two bars will come off in the former, and one in the latter.

The W. C. T. U. will have a round table conference at its next meeting on local option work. Rev. Dr. Oaten will preside.

Councillors Fraser, Thuel and Johnston, of Morris Township, each polled 250 votes on municipal election and all were elected.

It is said John Polger has purchased the fine brick house at W. Winton, and Dr. Menzies and will move to it shortly.

Mr. Polger recently sold his farm.

Mrs. Rev. Robert Duncan, whose husband is a Presbyterian missionary in China, and who has been visiting relatives in this locality, will leave for the Orient on January 22, sailing from Vancouver. B. C. Mrs. Duncan came to Canada early last summer and her visit has not been all pleasure, as she buried her little son since coming home.

Mrs. George Manners is back from Montreal, where she spent several months with a daughter.

Few men nearly 88 years of age take very much pleasure out of local activity, but Ronald McNaughton is not one of that sort, as he has manufactured several fishing nets to help him make captures in the piscatorial art, in which he is an old hand.

HARRISTON.

Harriston, Jan. 14.—J. B. Bingham, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, is ill at his home here.

The board of education assembled recently at the Queen's and enjoyed a splendid banquet prepared by Mrs. Dunmage. The members of the board expressed themselves as being greatly pleased.

Institute meetings in connection with the Sabbath schools and Young People's society have been held at the Y. M. C. A. hall on Monday evening, January 13, and at Holstein on Tuesday, January 14. Mr. MacLachlan, pastor of Knox Church here, is the Presbyterian convenor.

Mr. Adam, of the Royal Bank, has been removed to Toronto.

At the regular meeting of Harriston Lodge, A. O. U. W., the following were elected officers: Mr. Wm. John Moore, overseer; J. B. Bingham, foreman; Wm. Lambie, recorder; J. L. Eddy, treasurer; Jas. Bailey, J. D. McLellan, guides; Thos. Grills, inner watch; James Richardson, outer watch; James Crossin, the doorkeeper. The next lodge meeting is Friday, January 17, when Palmerston meets the Harriston Branches.

Angus Reeves, formerly of this town, but now of Olds, Alta., is visiting with friends here.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rasmussen died recently from what appeared to be convulsions. The twin daughters have both died within a month.

The town council has made an agreement with John Howes whereby he receives \$15 per night together with the regular price collected from the customers for continuing the private light system until such time as the town plant is in operation.

Ward's white bus team became frightened at the noise at the station and broke for liberty, and before being caught had run until such time as the town plant is in operation.

They were returned none the worse from the run and with no damage done.

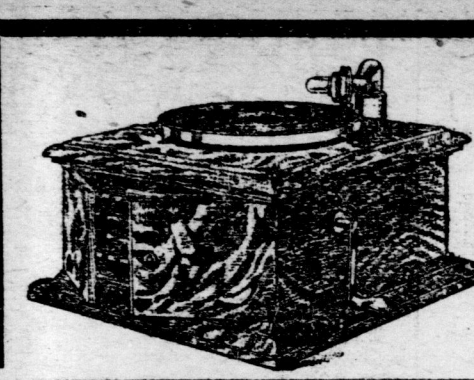
Mr. John Frazer, formerly of this town, is confined to his home at present suffering from a general breakdown.

WINGHAM.

Wingham, Jan. 14.—Mr. Morris Beckworth has gone to Wingham where he has accepted a position as baker.

Mrs. Walton, who recently underwent an operation, has improved sufficiently to return to her home.

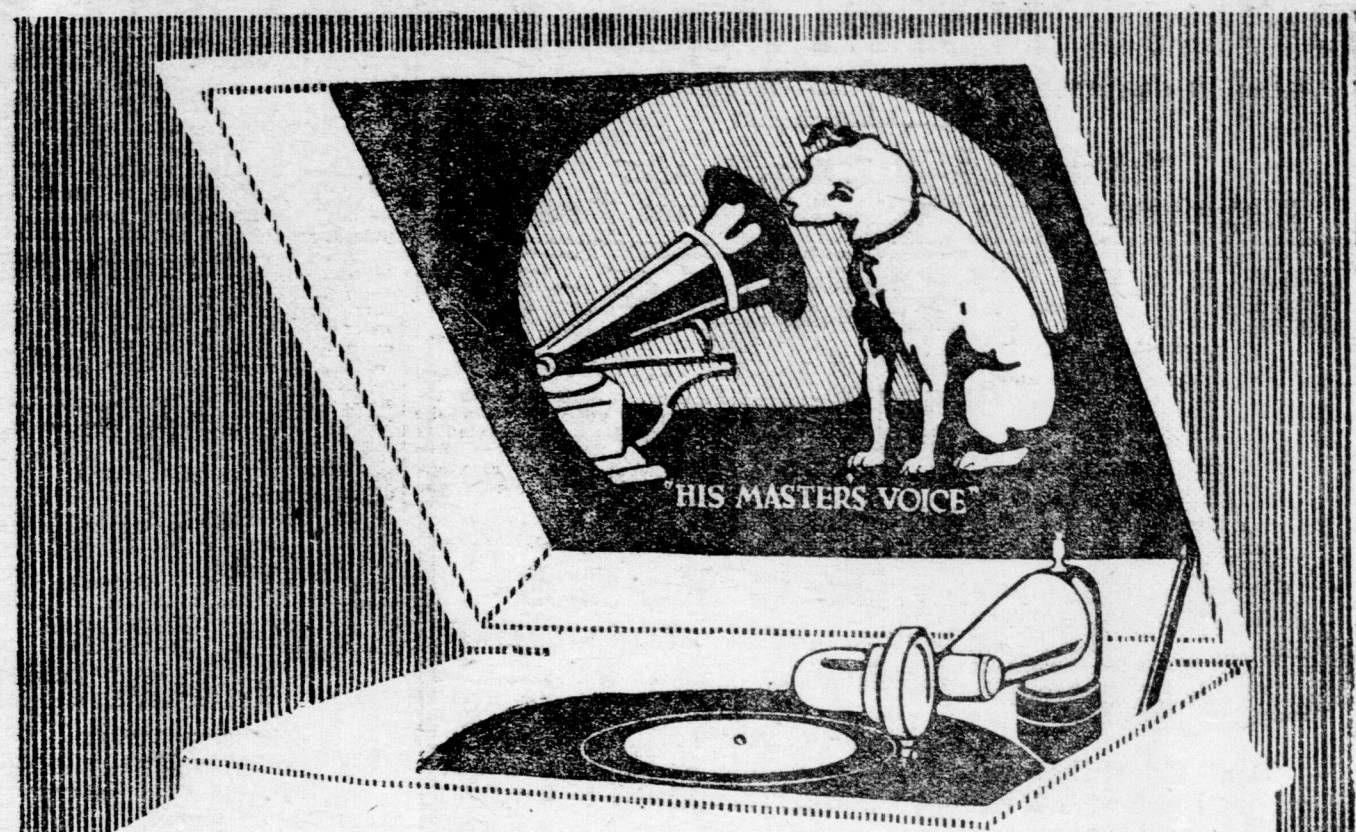
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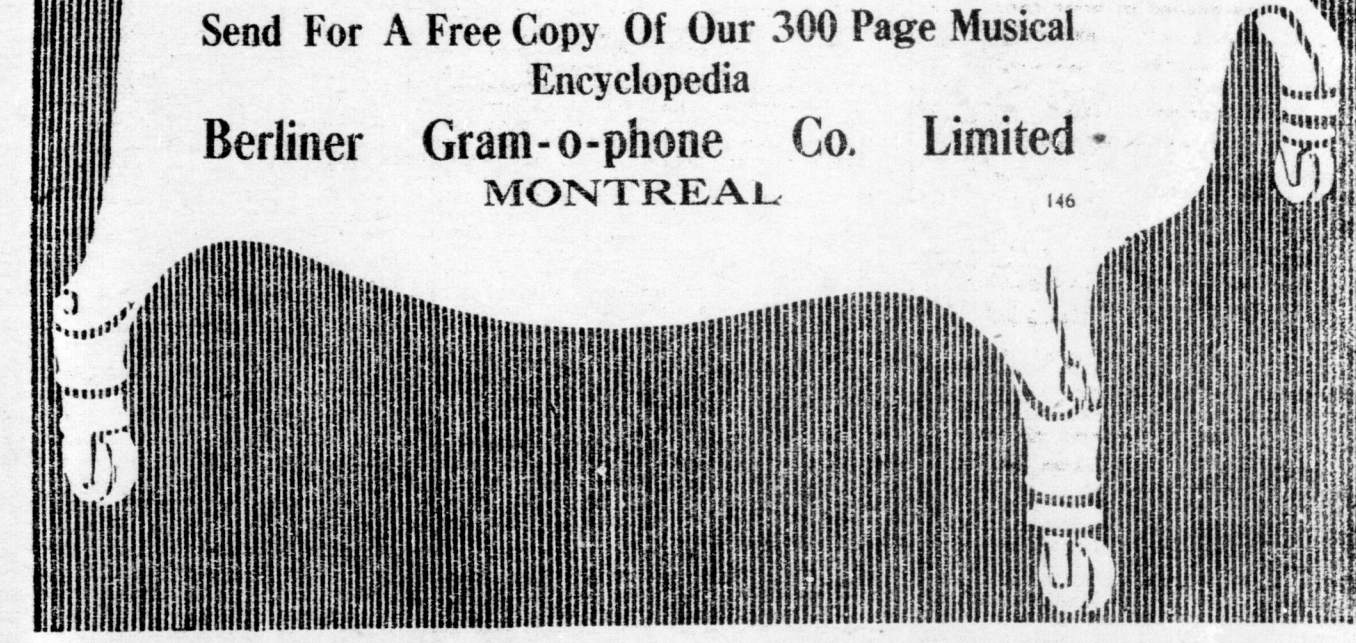
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Port Stanley, Jan. 14.—Ernest Hepburn has accepted a position in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Mrs. James Truan is very ill at her home.

Miss Lydia Goodhue is going to spend a couple of weeks in London with her sister, Mrs. Peter Hanson.

Mrs. Abner Taylor has left for Toronto to accept a position.

Mrs. Walter Stanton, who recently went under an operation, is progressing favorably.

Miss Eva Taylor is improving after her illness.

Mrs. Percie Glover has left for Memphis, Tenn., for a couple of months.