

cultural College, Guelph, Ont.; Prof. William Lochhead, Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.; Prof. H. W. Smith, Agricultural College, Truro, N.S., or the Fruit Division, Ottawa. We need scarcely remind our readers that specimens may also be sent, as in former years, to "The Farmer's Advocate." In fact, this is probably the best place to send them, for the reason that any information given by us is at once made public, for the benefit of the whole country.

INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE CONVENTION.

(Special Correspondence.)

The annual convention of the International Independent Telephone Association was held at the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, June 4th to 6th, 1907. There were present, approximately, 1,000 delegates, and officers interested in independent telephony. Among them was a large representation from various parts of the Dominion of Canada, among the more prominent being Alpheus Hoover, President of the Canadian Independent Association; Francis Dagger, telephone expert for the Government of the Province of Manitoba; Dr. W. Doan, of Harrietsville, Ontario, President of the Harrietsville Telephone Company, and Dr. J. T. Demers, General Manager of the National Telephone Co., of Quebec.

The principal subject that came up before the convention was the question of connection of the Independent with Bell companies, and the sentiment was unanimous that no such connection should be made by any of the Independent companies in the United States and Canada, as such contracts would have a tendency to stop the development of independent telephony, and to restore in a great measure the Bell monopoly. It was the sentiment of the convention that the Independents should develop not only their local stations, but pay particular attention to the construction and standardization of toll lines.

The reports made by the Canadian delegates of the progress of the Independent movement in the Dominion were most enthusiastically received by the convention, which showed its appreciation of the importance of the Canadian field by electing Mr. Hoover, President of the Canadian Association, Fourth Vice-President of the International Association, this being the first time in the history of the association that such distinguished honor was conferred on anyone residing outside of the United States.

Reports made by the various States and Provinces showed that there are now in operation in the United States and Canada, approximately, 3,400,000 Independent telephones, which are connected by a splendid system of proper long-distance lines. Mr. Dagger, of Winnipeg, announced that the Government of Manitoba had begun the construction of 1,500 miles of copper toll lines, which will make connection with the Government lines of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and also with the Independent telephone lines of the Tri-State, T. & T. Co., of Minneapolis. In an easterly direction the Manitoba toll lines will connect with the municipal stations at Neepawa, Fort William and Port Arthur. This statement was received with great applause, as was also the statement made by Mr. Hoover, that the Independents of Ontario were connected with the Independent lines of the United States, by means of a cable under the Niagara river, this being done by the Provincial Long-distance Telephone Co. We append a copy of resolutions passed by the convention:

Whereas the Bell Telephone Company is insidiously proposing long-distance connection to local independent telephone companies in various parts of the United States and Canada, offering in consideration of entering into such connection to abandon the local field; and

Whereas, it is the sense of this convention that any such connection is bound to injure the Independent telephone cause as a whole;

Therefore, be it resolved, that this association frowns upon and denounces any affiliation or connection of Independent companies with the Bell Company anywhere on the American continent as being injurious to the people as a whole.

Whereas, there are difficulties and dissensions arising from an infringement by an Independent Company on the territory already occupied and served by another Independent Company; and

Whereas, such an infringement is injurious to the case of Independent telephony;

Therefore, be it resolved, as a sense of this convention, that the company on the ground and satisfactorily serving the public shall be entitled to recognition by this association, and any company or individual infringing on the rights of such Independent Company shall be repudiated, and shall not be admitted to membership in this association.

MONEY IN APPLES.

The report presented at the annual meeting of the co-operative fruit-shipping association, known as the Oshawa (Ont.) Fruit-growers', Limited, showed an average return last year of \$1.60 per barrel for apples, firsts and seconds. Over \$8,000 was paid out to members of the association. The subscription of \$500 at the meeting shows the local farmers' faith in the organization. Elmer Lick was re-elected secretary-treasurer. There are a large number of first-class orchards in the neighborhood of Oshawa, and it is said their owners are nearly all joining the co-operative association. The show for fruit is said to be the best in years.

AN OFFICER TO PROSECUTE IN CASE OF MILK ADULTERATION.

Owing to the fact that the Ontario Department of Agriculture is unwilling to have its staff of dairy instructor-inspectors regarded as detectives or prosecutors, it placed them this year under orders not to do any testing of milk for watering, skimming, or other adulteration, except when the cheesemaker or creameryman had reasonably good evidence that such practice was being carried on by one or more of his patrons. As the maker seldom takes it upon himself to do such testing, there has this spring been practically no means of detecting and checking this abuse, which is, unfortunately, not so rare a one as we could wish it were.

The situation resulting has been a subject of considerable discussion of late among the leading members of the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, and others interested in the business. To discuss it, an executive meeting of the Western Association was called on May 25th, at which a committee, consisting of J. N. Paget and Thos. Ballantyne, Jr., was appointed to go to Toronto and interview the Minister of Agriculture. The committee discussed the subject thoroughly with Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture; C. C. James, Deputy Minister, and G. A. Putnam, Director of Dairy Instruction. The Minister agreed that, as a way out of the difficulty, the Western Association should appoint a special officer to lay the charges of adulteration, in cases where such may be found by either the maker or the instructor. The practical effect of this is to relieve the Department and its employees of the onus of prosecution for adulteration.

At a further meeting of the executive of the Western Association, held in London, Ont., on June 8th, at which Mr. Putnam was present, it was decided to appoint a special officer as suggested. At date of this writing the appointment has not been made, but it is expected an announcement will soon be made. We trust the moral effect of his appointment will so discourage the practice of watering and skimming that he may find his duties light.



The Late Robert Hamilton.

THE LATE ROBT. HAMILTON.

An old and highly respected resident of Grenville, Que., passed away on May 7th, in the person of the late Rev. R. Hamilton. In the earlier years of his life he had been employed by some of the best establishments in the Dominion, travelling extensively throughout Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces in the interests of the seed trade. When the present Government extended the system of exhibitions throughout the world, the Hon. Mr. Fisher chose Mr. Hamilton as Superintendent of Canadian fruit exhibits in 1900, and as such he had charge of those exhibits at the several exhibitions held at Paris, Glasgow, Japan, St. Louis, and at Liege in Belgium. It was at the latter place that the disease which finally terminated his life first manifested itself, in the form of neuritis. Although upon his arrival home he somewhat recovered and became fairly active, nevertheless the disease progressed, until finally acute paralysis ended his life in Montreal, where he had gone for treatment a few days previously.

The funeral was held at Calumet, on the 9th of May, the services being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Asch, and the Rev. Mr. Tucker, the interment taking place in the cemetery of that village, overlooking the Ottawa River. The late Mr. Hamilton was 69 years old, and leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn his loss.

"Our agricultural colleges have broadened the minds and strengthened the arms of our farmers, and increased their efficiency. They have helped them into a class by themselves among farmers, and dignified their calling.—Secretary James Wilson, Head of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

PROFIT AND PLEASURE COMBINED.

We trust that every one of our subscribers who can possibly arrange it will take advantage of the Farmers' Institute excursions to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. It is worth visiting and revisiting. There is much to see and much to learn. One man said to us a year ago, he had taken in the June excursion from his neighborhood nearly every summer for the past eleven years, and never went without learning something new. It is worth going, just to learn the results of the past season's field experiments, to say nothing of the live-stock, dairy, poultry, horticultural and many other departments.

If there is a new weed or insect in your neighborhood, take a specimen along, and show the weed to Prof. McCready, or the insect to Dr. Bethune. If you don't know where to find these men, inquire at the president's office, or of anyone belonging to the College. Visitors are gladly welcomed in all departments, and it is the pleasure of all the men connected with the institution to give any help in their power. The man, woman, boy or girl who goes to Guelph, and keeps eyes and ears open, may enjoy a splendid holiday and learn more than he could at any exhibition in the land. It is good, too, to get acquainted with the staff, for, afterwards, when one sees an article in "The Farmer's Advocate," or a bulletin, it may be, by Prof. Zavitz, Prof. Day, Prof. Hutt, or some other man on the staff, it will have a sort of personal interest, and he will know better how to size their writings up.

AGRICULTURAL HIGH-SCHOOL CLASSES.

The Ontario Government has appointed the following teachers for the six agricultural classes to be inaugurated in high schools: Collingwood, R. E. Mortimer, of Honeywood; Galt, F. C. Hart, of Wallace Bay, N. S.; Essex Centre, A. McKenney, of Corinthe; Lindsay, F. H. Reed, of Georgetown; Perth, R. S. Home, of Bradford; Morrisburg, W. A. Munroe, of Chesterville. All the young men are Bachelors of the Science of Agriculture.

At a conference on the subject in Toronto last week, Hon. Mr. Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, presiding, the Premier, Hon. J. P. Whitney, intimated that liberal Government aid for these schools would be forthcoming for five or six years, and Dr. John Seath, Provincial Superintendent of Education, said that in making a future financial arrangement the county authorities would be expected to contribute a fair share towards the expenses of the classes. The teachers are to receive a salary of \$1,200 per year, or \$700 for the balance of this year, leaving out of the Government grant of \$1,000 to each school, \$300 for other expenses. Delegates representing the six schools concerned being present, a resolution was by them adopted, without dissent, accepting the proposal.

TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Ontario Education Department has arranged for the summer school for teachers at the Agricultural College, Guelph. The term will be for four weeks, commencing Tuesday, July 2nd. Three distinct courses will be given, and students will have the option of any selection. The courses are: 1.—Nature Study (correlated with art and constructive work). 2.—Manual Training. 3.—Household Science. Arrangements have also been made for the continuation of the summer work in subsequent years, leading to a special certificate in rural science. The faculty consists of Prof. S. B. McCready, in charge of the work in nature study; Prof. John Evans, in manual training, and Miss M. U. Watson, in household science; each will be assisted by specialists in his or her several department. The Macdonald Hall will be open for the use of teachers during the term.

OTTAWA FAIR DATE CHANGED.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate": I notice you are advertising the dates of our fair as Sept. 6 to 14. These are the first dates we selected and are wrong. We changed to a week later, on account of the Dominion Exhibition at Sherbrooke. Our correct dates are Sept. 13th to 21st, after Sherbrooke. Please correct in next issue. F. M. MAHON.

FOR SLUGS ON CELERY.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate": In your issue, dated May 16th, E. N. T. asks for a cure for slugs on celery. I herewith enclose an old and tried remedy that I use, which I have never had equalled yet, either in Canada or England. Spread fairly thickly good coal soot around the plants, which will not only stop slug attacks, but acts as a very beneficial fertilizer as well. RALPH S. COUPLAND, York Co., Ont.

Mr. Alfred A. Booker, chartered accountant, of London, Ont., who is auditor of "The Farmer's Advocate," has been elected a Fellow of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants.

On page 951, issue of June 6th, appeared a list of dates of Farmers' Institute excursions to the Ontario Agricultural College. A later list to hand from President Creelman includes South and Centre Bruce, which are slated for Tuesday, June 25th, the same day as North Middlesex and North Perth.

South Perth Farmers' Institute annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ont., Tuesday, June 17th.