

### ENORMOUS LOSS THROUGH KEEP- ING POOR DAIRY STOCK.

"Good judges believe that in the United States one-third of the cows kept for their milk do not pay for their cost of keeping, and nearly a third more fail to yield annual profit. This rather startling statement was made by a United States agricultural bulletin, 'made in the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture for the United States about five years ago by one who is competent to speak upon the question. It is possible that in the meantime the condition of the dairy stock has improved somewhat, but the writings of the experiment stations and the continual agitation of the subject which is kept up by the agricultural press do not indicate that there has been any very widespread improvement. The general proposition is true beyond dispute that a considerable proportion of the dairy cows of the country are kept either at an actual loss or so small a profit as to give very little net return.' The number of milk cows in the United States is about 16,000,000. Assuming that 5,000,000 of these cost \$2 per head above their keep the annual loss is \$10,000,000. If to this is added the \$15 per head that they should earn over the cost of maintenance, the total loss is \$85,000,000 a year.

**WHY NOT AID, McKEOUGH?**  
Now that this court clerkship appointment seems all opened up again, it is in order to suggest that party services and fitness for office might be profitably coupled together. The government will find it more to the interest of the Liberal party to please the people of Kent than of satisfy either the personal wishes of Mr. Pardo or Mr. Ferguson. If the office is to go to a resident of West Kent and one capable of filling it, we know no reason why Aid. McKeough should be passed over. He is not only personally fitted for the position, but is deserving from a party standpoint. He has done faithful work for the Liberals himself, while his brother, Dr. McKeough, has, election after election, contributed both time and money to the cause without any expectation or possibility of getting any personal return. The sacrifices he made were for the principles he believed to be right, and while of course it is none of the Planet's business particularly, we cannot help thinking that Mr. Pardo might have made a graceful acknowledgment of the benefits received in standing by Aid. McKeough as his nominee. Had Mr. McKeough been given the office, neither friend nor opponent of the party could have found fault with his selection. And we might suggest further that it is not yet too late for Mr. Pardo to do the proper thing.

**WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE?**  
There may be something after all, in the rumors from Ottawa of an early appeal to the people. This appeal has already been delayed from time to time in the hope that internal differences among the Liberals themselves might die out. They show no sign of doing so, however, and to make matters worse prominent Liberals of the old school are beginning to declare themselves openly against the Government with a vigor that promises to prove both embarrassing and contagious. In Manitoba ex-Premier Green was last leading a knifing party against R. L. Richardson, M. P., and the war between the old and the new Liberals in the Prairie Province is already becoming acute.  
Ex-Aid. Rowen, of Ottawa, has said farewell to the party and has joined the Conservative Association. He simply says he is tired of the Laurier policy.  
The most notable defection, however, is that of Israel Burrill, of Digby, N.S., who for years has been one of the Liberal leaders of the county. He has just left for Mexico, where he owns considerable mining property, which he will engage in developing. Before leaving he left a message for his late political associates. He said:—  
"The Liberals are the greatest humbugs in the world. Since their advent to power they have violated every pledge they made to the people before election. Nothing would please me better than to hear of their crushing defeat throughout the country. I believe they will be badly beaten in Nova Scotia, and I think they will have the same experience in the other provinces."  
Now, if prominent Liberals themselves talk like this, what must be the feeling among the vast army of independent voters who make and unmake governments? Last election this vote went entirely for Sir Wilfrid. In addition he received the support of large numbers of dissatisfied Conservatives. These have all come back into line again. The independents have not had their expectations realized, and the old Free Trade Liberals are in many places in open mutiny. Before things get worse it may be good policy for the Government to bring on the election, but, early or late, with feeling as it

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is, what will the outcome be? Who can predict?

### EUROPEAN WEALTH BY COUNTRIES.

The total wealth of Europe, personal and real estate, is estimated at \$235,000,000,000. From the point of view of the absolute riches of the world, the principal European countries range in the following order by billions: England, 59; France 56; Germany 40; Russia, 32; Austria, 22; Italy, 15; Belgium 5; Holland, 4.

In point of view of circulating capital, the classification is as follows: England, 21; France, 13; Germany, 7; Russia, 3; Austria, 2; Italy, 1-1/2; Belgium, 1-1/2; Holland, 1-1/2.

The Englishman possesses on an average \$1,400; the Dutchman, \$720; the Belgian and the German, \$780; the Austrian and Italian, \$500; the Russian \$300.

The Frenchman possesses \$1,300.

### NEW CREED FOR THE PRESBYTERIANS.

The Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States will meet on Thursday in St. Louis. Divines and laymen to the number of about 1,000 will be present. The interest in the topics on the program and the scope and possible effects of the overtures to be presented will make this one of the most important assemblies held for the past 20 years. One of the most important matters to be brought up is the question as to whether the Westminster confession of faith shall be revised. The following are the sections in the confession to which it is said exception is taken:

3. By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life and others foreordained unto everlasting death.

4. These angels and men, thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed; and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished.

Several presbyteries have asked specifically that the assembly should appoint a committee to consider the whole question of creed revision, while others desire that a new creed be ordered, leaving the one untouched to be preserved intact as an historical document, while the new version shall be the working creed of the church. These overtures will be referred to the committee on bills and overtures, for which the Rev. Dr. Robert H. Sample, of New York, will be chairman.

The eggs the Ridgetown people threw at the Maple City footballers were fresh ones. Credit should be given for this. Some places might have done worse.

It's a change anyway to hear "is it hot enough for you?" in place of "it still keeps cool."

The World has hitherto rated its great generals according to the quantity of blood they spilled in winning decisive battles. How will it measure Roberts? He gains the greatest results with the least possible loss of life. That is real generalship.

President McKinley can help on the end of the war by a prompt, emphatic and negative reply to the appeal of the Boer peace delegates. It looks as if President Kruger's forces were only keeping up a semblance of opposition in the hope of U. S. intervention.

The Fairfield Journal quotes with approval the advice of Mrs. Martha Gerald regarding her pastor. She said: "We are going to have a new minister here. Some of you may not like him; you did not like the one we have had. I may not like him as well, but if I do not I am going to keep still about it. I am not going to talk about him, but I am going to pray for him and with him and pray for myself. Wouldn't this be good advice for other church members to paste in their hats?"

The residents of North Chatham are now learning the devious ways of Mowat's license machine. Hitherto they have only known by hearsay how a body irresponsible to the people could step in and for reasons of their own or at the instigation of others interfere with trade and act in the most high-handed manner. Here is a party whom they held fit for a license in other years. Here is a hotel they esteemed proper to give a license to. That being the case, is not the action of this year's license board a reflection on the action of last year's? Yet there has been no change in the license board. The viciousness of the present license system must be brought to people's doors to make them appreciate what a power capable of evil and injustice they have been coddling up for so long.

There is a proposal in the States to buy for a national park six thousand acres of land near Fredericksburg, on which were fought five great battles and more than twice as many minor engagements. More than 500,000 men took part in the battles, and the losses on both sides, killed, wounded and missing, amounted to 129,838, made up as follows: Fredericksburg, December 13th, 1862—Union loss, 12,353; Confederate loss, 4,576. Chancellorsville, May 1st to 4th, 1863—Union loss, 16,000; Confederate loss 12,281. Wilderness, May 5th, to 7th, 1864—Union loss, 37,737; Confederate loss, 11,400. Spotsylvania Courthouse, May 8th to 18th, 1864—Union loss, 20,463; Confederate loss, 9,000. Of the aggregate of 129,838, the Union loss was 92,581, while the Confederates lost 37,257. In the National Cemetery on Mary's Heights, the largest in the nation, there lie buried 16,500 Union soldiers. Beside this, stupendous sacrifice of life, the losses in South Africa, with all the talk of modern armies of precision, appear inconsiderable.

The popular view of the relation of the blood to human character and conduct is marked in many a familiar expression. We speak of there being "bad blood" between people at enmity, of "blue blood" as indicating ancestry, of "black blood" as describing a treacherous nature, and in many another phrase mark our belief that in the mental, moral and physical man, "the blood is the life." The one basis of a healthy, happy and useful life is pure blood. With the blood pure, disease has no permanent lodging place in the system. For this reason the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures the body of diseases which have their origin in impurity of the blood. It absolutely purifies the blood, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter, increasing the action of the blood making glands, and building up the body by supplying the blood in quantity and quality such as is essential to a condition of health. It cures ninety-eight people out of every hundred who give it a fair trial.

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### PROGRAM

9 a. m.  
Grand Procession of Trades, Fire Department, Calithumpians, Lady and Gentlemen Horseback and Bicycle riders, headed by the Blenheim Citizens' Band.  
WITH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:  
Calithumpians—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$6; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$4; 6th, \$3; 7th, \$2; 8th, \$1.  
Trades—1st, \$5; 2nd, \$4; 3rd, \$3; 4th, \$2; 5th, \$1.  
Best Patriotically dressed gentleman horseback rider—1st, \$3; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.  
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Best patriotically dressed lady bicycle rider—1st, \$3; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.  
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### HORSE RACES.

2:24 Trot or Pace, purse \$100.  
5-Furlong Running Race, Purse \$75.  
Gentlemen's team race, purse \$60.  
Driving race to be mile heats to harness, best three in five; five to enter, three to start. Money divided, 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. of purse. A horse distancing the field to be entitled to first money only. Old distance rules.  
Running race, best 2 in 3; four to enter, three to start. Money divided, 60, 30 and 10 per cent. of purse.  
Entrance for harness races, 5 per cent. of purse and 5 per cent. from winners.  
Entrance for running race, 10 per cent. of purse.  
National Trotting Association Rules to govern all harness races, and American Racing Rules to govern all running races, with exceptions contained herein.

### BICYCLE RACES.

Half-Mile Amateur Dash—1st, Two suits summer underwear and dress shirt, value \$8; 2nd, rocker, value \$2.25; 3rd, smokers' set, value \$1.  
One Mile Amateur Dash—1st, Silver fruit dish, value \$4; 2nd, combined umbrella and walking cane, value \$3; 3rd, jardiniere, value \$2.  
Two Mile Amateur Dash—1st, Silver ver sugar bowl and spoon holder, value \$8; 2nd, pair shoes, value \$3; 3rd, reclining chair, value \$1.50.  
Two Mile Lap Race—1st, Silver cake dish, value \$6; 2nd, hat, value \$3; 3rd, comb and brush case, value \$1.50.  
Third prize for paper. These prizes are of the actual cash value herein stated. Entrance fee 50c. for each race. Five to enter, four to start.  
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### ATHLETIC SPORTS.

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Running High Jump, 1st \$2.50, 2nd \$1.50.  
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Canadian rules to govern. Entrance fee 25c. each event; four to enter, three to compete.  
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### 8 p. m.

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