

## Of Interest to Farmers

### PROF. HAYS AT THE GUELPH WINTER FAIR.

Prof. W. M. Hays of Washington, in a half-hour address, discussed some of the aspects of woman's work in regard to the business and domestic and social life of the farm. Motherhood, he said, was the chief link in the chain of advancing civilization, inasmuch as all future citizens received their training first in the home. New emphasis was now being placed on the demands of the home life in respect to the progress of science, and the evolution of educational methods and of a broader social life for dwellers in the country. He believed that the farm, as a place of business, as a place to live, was in a position to produce healthy, vigorous, whole-hearted people, averaged considerably better than the city. If the system of consolidated rural schools could be generally established, with departments in household science and agriculture, the country would be far ahead of the city in tending to develop good citizens of strong physique, sound morals and liberal culture. With the consolidated rural school system and its wider and better educational advantages would come better and improved methods of household organization of conducting all the business of farm life and a fuller social life. He suggested prospective means by which the work of the rural home in respect to some of the more mechanical and routine processes might be improved. Co-operative dairies, co-operative bakeries, or co-operative meat distribution centres might be established in conjunction with the consolidated schools. Rural daily systems, rural trolley lines, more beautiful country homes and buildings in respect to architecture, rural libraries, rural phones, etc., were briefly referred to as items in the coming golden age for the people of the farm.

### PURE MILK.

At the Guelph winter fair Dr. Helen MacMurchy emphasized the dangers to public health through bacteria infection in the milk supply, due to neglect of cleanliness and proper sanitary precautions. The impurity of the milk supply was, she said, one of the greatest dangers of the medical profession. Bacteria were poisoned by wholesome through infected milk. While the average adult life had been very greatly lengthened by medical and sanitary science during the past few decades, infant mortality had not been lessened. This was due for this day, simply in the fact that adequate precautions were not taken to compel milk dealers to observe proper care in regard to the cleanliness of the production and distribution of milk. She had personally inspected many dairies in different parts of the country, and in not one of them did she find adequate means to insure cleanliness and to prevent unnecessary bacteria.

### PRaise for Mr. Fisher.

Toronto Telegram: "Sydney Fisher—may he always be wrong—but criticize him, right or wrong, seems to be the reigning toast with the Opposition at Ottawa. Canada for a wise, strong and statesmanlike attempt to grapple with the evil of adulteration in this country's food products which are packed for export. The evil is a real and growing danger to Canada's export trade in these lines. When Hon. Sydney Fisher attempts to serve the country by the legislative creation of safeguards against such a evil, a wise opposition would strengthen his hand. What does the Ottawa Opposition do? Sit quiet and approving while F. D. Mack, M.P., talks the smallest of irrelevances and effects that the trading and commercial classes will object to the inspection. The opposition would be better employed in proposing the extension of this inspection to packed fruits, as well as canned goods than in sneering at Mr. Fisher and quibbling over the adoption of safeguards that must be enforced if Canada's export trade is to escape destruction."

Winnipeg Free Press: Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived in the city Sunday from the east. He is accompanied by Darcy Tate, of Montreal, the assistant solicitor of the company and E. E. Kellogg, the chief engineer, and G. A. McNeill, private secretary.

Mr. Morse was asked yesterday by the representative of the Free Press how he felt satisfied with the work done during the present year in the way of construction of the new transcontinental system.

"We are all well satisfied with the work done during the past summer," replied the railway manager. "During the year we completed eighty per cent of the work which we set out to complete. The plans for this year contemplated a very large accomplishment in the way of construction, and still larger and more important work in the engineering department. The actual work of construction on eighty per cent has been done and preparations have been commenced for the larger undertakings of 1907. There are naturally countless matters of minute detail which have received attention, and I am in the city at the present time in connection with certain of these matters."

"What are the prospects for the year 1907 in the matter of railway construction?" Mr. Morse was asked.

"We anticipate that, next year, we

will cover all the work that has been set apart for the year and that in addition we will complete all the work left over from this year. We are doing the important work which is to be done next year."

"We are taking every precaution to provide against any scarcity of labor during the summer of next year. We have agents in all the chief centres of population and are using all available means to secure the necessary number of men."

During his stay in Port Arthur the important matter of the entrance of the railway into that town was fully discussed by Mr. Morse with a committee of the council at Port Arthur. As a result of this consultation a decision was reached between Mr. Morse and the committee of the council. The matter would go from the committee to the council and would require the approval of the citizens of Port Arthur before it was finally agreed upon.

What progress is being made in the matter of the settlement of the location of the line into Winnipeg?" was asked.

"All this winter in regard to this matter have been completed so far as we are concerned," was the reply. "The plan will be made within a very brief time. I anticipate that during the early part of the month of January, the full announcement will be made, covering all the points in which the citizens of Winnipeg are chiefly interested."

Mr. Morse favored the representative of the press with a copy of the last tender issued by the Grand Trunk Pacific, calling attention to the facts given regarding the railway. The tender contains the most recent map of the route of the railway, showing the line as it will be built from Halifax, Moncton and St. John, on the east, to Prince Rupert and Dawson on the west.

On this long line contractors have been at work during the summer in all great forces. In the far east 100 miles have been under construction in the district to the east of the city of Quebec. The work is done under the supervision of the commission. On the branch line from Port Arthur to the main line, Foley Bros. have been at work on a 200 mile stretch and on the main line between the point of junction with the main line and the city, J. A. McArthur has been engaged on the contract, covering 245 miles. West of the city the three big construction companies are at work, the MacDonald, MacMillan company, with 25 miles from Portage to the Touchwood Hills, the Canadian White Company, with 10 miles, and the Foley Bros. with 10 miles. On the Yellowhead Pass route, recently approved of by the government, the engineers of the company are engaged and are completing the work in hand. This is a portion of the proposed route of the railway which Mr. Morse has never seen, although he is familiar with its engineering difficulties from the full reports received from the engineers.

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## News from Strathcona

### MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

#### Strathcona Institution Prospering Under Municipal Management

(Saturday's Daily)

The spirit of initiative is a characteristic feature of the West, and in no respect is this more evident than in the municipal institutions of the western cities and towns. Strathcona as well as Edmonton has its waterworks, sewerage, and electric light under civic control but it has remained for the smaller town situated on the south banks of the Saskatchewan to introduce an innovation in the form of a Public Hospital under municipal control. This is one of the first of its kind in Canada and there are few in the Old Country where the control is centered in the city government. As an experiment in its line the success of Strathcona Hospital is being watched with interest and from indications up to the present time there is every reason to believe that its financial success will be as great as has marked the municipal administration of the other public utilities.

The movement for a public hospital in this town had its inception in the year 1900 when about \$1600 was collected to erect a building. The scheme, however, fell through at that time and the house was placed in the bank where it has since remained. As the years rolled on and the population increased the need of an hospital became yearly more apparent. Edmonton's institutions were to some extent of course available but the people of that city naturally gave the preference in applications to residents of their own municipality.

In the early spring of 1906 the Council saw the necessity of immediately securing a building and in April of last year the house on Carey street owned by Mr. L. Barry, was leased for two years, with the privilege of an extension, at the rate of \$50 per month. An equipment was purchased by the town and the first matron, Miss Tofted, took charge. She was shortly succeeded by Miss Dickson, who is doing most efficient work with her four assistants. During the summer the building has at times been crowded to its utmost capacity, as many as thirty-three patients being under treatment at one time. Accommodation is of course limited but considerable improvement will be made by the nurses' cottage now in course of erection.

Financially the hospital has justified the expectation of its most sanguine supporters and in this connection much credit is due Councillor George M. Elliott, chairman of the Health and Relief Committee, who has given a great deal of time and ability to its administration.

Since the hospital was opened on April 6th last till the end of November, with everything possible, including water and electric light charged against it the institution is only short \$500 of being self-sustaining. During the period since opening there have been 141 patients under treatment and 9 deaths.

With the coming of the summer of 1907 it is expected that a new building will be under construction and even now the council are looking around for the site. The purchase of property on the banks of the Saskatchewan has been urged by the physicians of the town and all the indications are that Strathcona will soon have a handsome new building in the best possible location to be obtained that will be a credit to municipal enterprise and a source of pride to her citizens.

### LOCALS.

—Mr. Harry Lynn, Vegreville, is spending Christmas with his family here.

—Died at Strathcona, on December 15th, Elizabeth Ann, beloved wife of John Morrison, aged 80 years.

—Mr. G. F. McNally, of Grandin street, school staff leaves Monday on a week's holiday trip to Calgary.

—"Bud" Kent, of the Strathcona Intermediates hockey team, has taken a position in Revillon Brothers, Edmonton.

—On Monday evening a Christmas tree with program for the children of the Sunday school will be held in the Baptist church.

—Premier and Mrs. Rutherford held a very enjoyable reception at their home yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of citizens.

—Married—At the home of the bride, by Rev. David Flemming, on December 18th, Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKenzie, and Mr. Hector McLeod.

—Messrs. Groat and Fitzpatrick, who have been conducting a feed and flour and grain crushing business, have dissolved. Mr. W. Groat will in future conduct the business alone.

—Two very exciting curling contests in the Sandeman cup series were held at the rink last night. Mr. Thompson was defeated by Mr. J. F. Weir 8 to 10, and Mr. Millar was defeated by Mr. R. B. Douglas 6 to 8. Both games were even up to the last end. A large number of spectators were present.

—Mr. A. W. Toll recently sold his farm near Strathcona, south-west quarter section 26-52-24, to Mr. J. C. Johnston, Criterion Restaurant, Edmonton, for \$7,200. Six years ago he bought it for \$1,800, and has since spent about \$1,500 in improvements.

—The Epworth League of Methodist Church will hold a watch night service in church on New Year's Eve.

### AT THE HOTELS.

—Strathcona Hotel—J. G. Valpy, Edmonton; Thomas Nelson, Edmonton; J. H. Messenger, Edmonton; J. C. Norquay, W. Pullar, H. Graham, D. Stark, Bell Telephone Company; B. G. Leary, Edmonton; J. P. Weir, C.P.R.; F. Weaver, C.P.R.; W. F. McKelvey, Calgary; H. L. Lovelace, Calgary; W. E. Young, Calgary; D. McInnis, Calgary; P. E. Townsend, Calgary; J. Eton, Calgary; Robert Holly, Edmonton; Bud Kent, Edmonton; J. Godson, C.P.R.

—CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—In the Presbyterian Church the Christmas music to be given will be as follows:

Sacred solo—"To you is born a Saviour" (Lambert), Mr. A. Davies.

Antiphon—"And there were shepherds" (Chappel).

Antiphon—"Shout the glad tidings" (Marston).

In the morning the pastor, Rev. David Flemming, will speak on Mary, the mother of Jesus, and in the evening also on appropriate Christmas sermon will be given.

METHODIST CHURCH.—In the Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. J. Johnston, will discuss both morning and evening the following theme: "The Incarnation of God—its Meaning and Results." The choir will render special Christmas music at both services.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—In the Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. C. W. Corey, will speak in the morning on "Passing Events and Refreshed Memories," and in the evening on "Peace on Earth." Special Christmas music will be given both morning and evening by the choir and a male quartet.

ST. ANTHONY'S.—At St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church there will be mass at 10.30 and evening prayer at 7.30 with special Christmas music.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—On Sunday morning his lordship Bishop Pinkham will hold confirmation service. On Christmas Day, Holy Communion will be administered at 8 and 10.30 a.m. Matins at 9.30 and 10.30 a.m. The pastor, Rev. W. R. George, officiating. The following will be the programme: Hymn, Christmas

mas Awake, Respons, Festal, Venite, Crotch in A; Te Deum, Woodward in B; Benedicite, Gibbons in E; Carol, Sing, Oh Sing (Roper); Kyrie, Plummer in E; Gloria Libi, Phillips in C; Hymn, Adagio Fideles; Carol, Ring Out, Ring Out; Hymn, Hark the Herald Angels.

### THE HOCKEY TEAM.

At the hockey practice last night Hector McCrae, for the third year, was chosen captain for the winter. The team had on their natty new uniforms, recently prepared by P. E. Alexander. The sweaters are red, with white trimmings and a winged S on the breast. The pants are padded and the stockings red and white. The team is practically decided upon, the defence men being placed definitely. On the right wing last night Laidlaw was tried and McLeod placed at centre, opposing the team forwards. Which of those shall be placed on the team will be decided at the last practice tonight.

Neil Sutherland, the goalkeeper, played on the Intermediates last year and is not yet 16 years old. He is a heavy youngster, however, and has done good work.

Hector McCrae, point; David Alkitt, cover point; E. M. Arthur, left wing, and "Pinkie" Hampton, rover, all from La Chute, Ontario. McCrae and Raith are both excellent defence men. The former works on his homestead near Innisfail in summer and as a machinist in winter; the latter does the Seena uniform for the first time this winter, but two years ago played with Portage La Prairie in the senior division of the Manitoba and North-Western League.

McArthur is one of the best shots in the west. Last winter he had his collar bone broken in the final game with Edmonton, but is playing better than ever this year.

Hampton, who is the rover, only weighs about 120 pounds, but has lots of speed and is always on the puck.

"Scotty" McLeod is a newcomer, but has won the admiration of many spectators. He hails from Prince Edward Island, where he had a reputation as a fast player. His work last night especially met the approval of the crowd.

Ritchie, at centre, is perhaps the best stick handler of the team. He has grown up with Strathcona and is a favorite among the boys.

Laidlaw, a candidate for right wing, is a heavy player and does some excellent work. He is from Winnipeg, where he played with the Strathconas, Intermediate champions, and with the St. Hart team, champions of the Mercantile League.

### STRATHCONA.

STATHCONA FARMERS.—The annual meeting of the Strathcona branch of the Alberta Farmers' Association was held in the fire hall on Saturday, Dec. 15th. President Fletcher was in the chair and gave an excellent address.

Secretary Sheppard presented his annual report, which provided the lunch had done a lot of valuable work during the past year.

All the accounts were paid and a small balance is still in hand.

Officers and directors were elected for 1907 as follows:—

President—J. Fletcher, Ellerslie.

Vice-president—Geo. Ball, Salisbury.

Secretary-treasurer—Rice Sheppard, Strathcona.

Ass. secretary—J. Govenlock, Ellerslie.

Directors—D. W. Warner, M. Smetzer, E. A. Walker, D. S. Fulton, W. Lang, R. Weir.

A directors' meeting was held at the close of the annual meeting to discuss the management of seed grain fair.

### AT THE HOTELS.

—Dominion hotel—C. A. Chilstrom, White Mud; E. A. Davies, Agriicola; C. L. Hamilton, Leduc; E. T. Vander and wife, John Alorton and wife, W. J. Chambers, Calgary; Jas. Young, Strathcona.

—Strathcona hotel—E. C. Thom, Calgary; C. Boyley, J. Gordon, Calgary; P. G. Leaney, Lamont; J. T. Johnson, Winnipeg; B. Golden, Edmonton; P. Shagky, Wetaskiwin; T. N. Hill, Calgary; Louis Aronson, Edmonton; Chas. Lyons, D. L. Gormley; Geo. Gould; A. B. McMurdo, Wetaskiwin; G. H. West, Wetaskiwin; W. A. M. Fox, Calgary; S. B. Beare, Toronto.

### LOCALS.

—The Strathcona Hockey club have their regular practice this evening.

—The Christian Endeavor service in Knox church last night was led by Rev. Dr. McDonald.

—Mr. W. McEwen has opened a butcher shop in the building west of A. Elmalie & Co.'s implement shed.

—A literary watch-night social and service is being arranged in the Presbyterian church for New Year's eve.

—The Sunday school of the Baptist church will hold a Christmas tree entertainment with appropriate program on next Monday evening—Christmas eve.

—The finishing touches are being put upon the new machinery of the electric power house and it is expected that the current will be turned on by the end of the week.

—The last of the regular meetings of the present town council will be held this evening. The newly elected council assumes office at the beginning of the New Year.

—The Young Men's Sunday Afternoon Club, of Knox Presbyterian church, is purchasing anthem books for the choir and hymn books for the visitors to the church.

—The owners of the Strathcona-Alberta hotel, two Chinamen named Mah Lee and Mah Chung, have seized all the furniture of the house for rent and will sell it by auction in the course of a few days.

At the curling rink last night in the semi-finals for the Ouchner cup W. H. Sheppard's rink defeated J. M. Douglas' rink. The finals are still between J. F. Weir and W. H. Sheppard. It is expected that the game will be played on Wednesday night.

Secretary of the Strathcona Curling club will be held at the rink

farmers of the Edmonton district. If anyone is attending the stock judging school, the department would be pleased to have them forward their fee, as well as the fees of any others which can be collected.

It remains now with those for whom the school is most needed, and who will benefit most to enter into the scheme with energy and enthusiasm. The complaints offered by the farmers were not of the nature of the school's gainful entrance to the church. At Finlay's the cavalry were compelled to charge several times, and many of the soldiers were wounded before the inventory was made.

At Vender, 50 gendarmes and a company of foot soldiers were obliged to spend four hours before they could complete their work. One gendarme threatened to kill a student who was bullying for the priesthood.

"In conclusion the government of France mean to exterminate all religion from the kingdom, and will do nothing to achieve their purpose, whatever the cost may be."

A. LAMARCHAND.

CITIZEN YOUR GRAIN.

The shipping of grain by the farmers on their account has begun in the Edmonton district this year. As yet it is too early to arrive at any results. There is a danger of discount on account of too great decrease. The greatest care should be taken to have the grain thoroughly cleaned before shipping. There is no doubt a good many cars of wheat, most of which are of the present year, and of a few kinds of grain is too conspicuous in a district like this where there must be mixed grain. It is no loss to clean the wheat or oats thoroughly and ship only the best. The product we export is our most enduring advertisement. The extra screenings can be profitably sold on the farm. Sometimes what is degraded because of the presence of small wheat, which would be much better for chaffed for feed or used as hen feed. The farmer must clean the grain by cleaning by the farmer's own hand. It is a tedious business. The better method would be to have it done at the elevators with proper machinery and sieves. Shipping a smaller quantity of high grade grain brings a higher price per bushel and pays less in freight charges than a larger quantity of poorly cleaned and low grade stuff. The farmer who is so conscientious is to ship everything in the most concentrated condition possible.

Wedenesday evening, to discuss the holding of a bonspiel, the bylaws and the rearrangement of the rink. A full attendance is requested as these matters are of considerable importance.

### STOCK JUDGING SCHOOL ASSURED

The possibility of having a series of stock judging schools in the Province of Alberta is an assured thing. The demand for such a project has been in the air ever since the Edmonton exhibition. The stock judging contests and prizes awarded stimulated a warm and intelligent interest among the young farmers of the district, and an agitation for a school took form at once. The department of agriculture was approached and urged to take up the matter. The department has considered this matter favorably and has also decided to operate similar schools in other parts of the Province. The department will supply the speakers and the animals for instruction work, but requires a guarantee of at least fifteen parties who will be in continuous attendance at the school. As a further guarantee of good faith in this matter the department asks that a nominal fee of \$1 be paid by each member taking the full course. Already, Lacombe, Innisfail, Medicine Hat and High River have complied with these conditions.

All money collected from membership fees over and above the sum of \$15 at each place, is to be placed into a prize fund, the intention being to have a judging contest at the close of the school and distribute this money in prizes to those doing the best work in judging. It is further proposed to reserve the \$15 collected from each school and devote this to the purchase of a special Grand Challenge cup to be competed for by the champion of each stock judging school at a judging contest to be held at the time of the fat stock show at Calgary. In this way the department hopes that considerable interest will be aroused in this new venture.

As the time for advertising these schools is drawing near, and as it is necessary for the department to take final decision in regard to the same, it would like very much to have some expression of opinion from the

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Cash wheat on track—1 H, 75 3-4; 2 H, 75 3-4; 3 H, 75 3-4; 4 H, 75 3-4; 5 H, 75 3-4; 6 H, 75 3-4; 7 H, 75 3-4; 8 H, 75 3-4; 9 H, 75 3-4; 10 H, 75 3-4.

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