

### 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 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, as a place to raise a healthy, vigorous, whole-hearted people, averaged considerably better than the city. If the system of consolidated rural schools could be generally established, the country would be advanced 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. He suggested that the 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 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. Babies were poisoned by wholesale 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. The reason for this lay simply in the fact that adequate precautions were not taken to compel milk dealers to observe proper care in regard to cleanliness in the production and distribution of milk. She had personally inspected many dairies in different parts of Toronto, and in not one of them did she find adequate precautions to insure cleanliness and to prevent unsatisfactory bacteria.

#### PRaise for Mr. Fisher

Toronto Telegram: "Sydney Fisher may be always be wrong," but criticize him, right or wrong, seems to be the reigning toast with the Opposition at Ottawa. Canada is indebted to Hon. Sydney Fisher 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 adulteration, his position would strengthen his hands. What does the Ottawa Opposition do? Sit quiet and approving while F. D. Cook, M.P., talks the smallest of trivialities and facts 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 Dr. Arey Tate, of Montreal, the assistant solicitor of the company and E. E. Scullier, the chief engineer, and G. A. McNeill, private secretary.

Mr. Morse was asked yesterday by the representatives 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 the year contemplated a 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 completed for the start of larger undertakings of 1907. There are naturally countless matters of minute detail which have received attention, and in the city at the present time in connection with certain of these matters."

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This is the final estimate preliminary estimates are based on reports of the Department of Agriculture, supplemented by information from other sources, including production and value of United States.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A radical bear news in oat and crop report instead of bullishness as expected was the leading feature of the grain market here today. The foreign export market of the French and Russian also showed improvement.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The report was just about as good as could be expected. It shows the crop to be about 10 per cent more than last year's and as fully discounted, the only grain which had not gone to the market for some time. It is a question whether fair sell at present prices. It says the country crop is very light and that the much more feeding than usual unless prices are lifted off.

There is a large short in the market of the most of the crop centered in the hard wheat shorts should try to cover. There would be a 50 cent advance would be a good proportion.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The crop turned out to be a failure than was originally expected. They will have to import more Russian crop. It is very deficient, and is much smaller than expected. A private cable from London says the country is to ship everything in the most concentrated condition possible.

GRAIN LETTER.

Wheat—There was some volume of speculative trading wheat futures today. After steady opening, at prices better than previous close, gradually sank until Minneapolis reached 75 5/8 to 3/4, where support was met and a slight uptick place. The close was 75 1/2.

There was little in the news which tended to influence the way of the other. Brokers' estimate said wheat was threatening the harvest in the try and while no damage had been done as yet there was some anxiety felt for the safe grain crop.

The Liverpool Cotton News says: "Importing of Europe will need 2,000,000 of Argentine wheat between of January and last July, and is about the amount received period last year, any falling their shipments must be made the United States. For the thing nothing much is looked for.

The market is looked upon as wheat but on quick bids believe to purchase for a time. DAILY STOCK LETTER

The stock market opened strong morning and continued strong greater part of the session, stragglers from 1 to 2 points per money market was somewhat today, call loan rates getting down to 6 p.c. Towards the close of the day, some realizing sales appeared on the bears immediately removed attack upon the market, result some reaction from the highest of the day. This attack was more some very good buying orders a stocks closed fairly steady at late advances over last night's figures. On all sharp dip continue to advise the purchase of stocks.

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A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENT

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