

Death of Mr. B. H. Bull.

The death on April 10th, in his 59th year, at his home, "Hawthorne Lodge," Brampton, Ont., of Bartholomew Hill Bull, senior member of the firm of B. H. Bull & Son, widely known breeders of Jersey cattle, has removed from the ranks of Canadian stockmen a prominent figure. Born in York County, Ontario, the eldest son of J. P. Bull, J. P., and educated at Weston Grammar School and Victoria College, he married, in 1867, Sarah Duncan, daughter of William Duncan, J.P., one of York's pioneer settlers. Mrs. Bull and a family of ten, five sons and five daughters, survive him. About 1875 Mr. Bull took over the Hawthorne Lodge farm, near Brampton, in Peel County, and about twenty years ago he established in a small way, but on a sound foundation, the nucleus of the Brampton herd of Jerseys, which by judicious breeding and management, and in late years the importation from the home of the breed, of animals of the best modern type, has grown into the largest herd of Jerseys in Canada, with a prizewinning record unequalled in its class in the Dominion in the last decade.

The history of Hawthorne Lodge is a splendid tribute to the efficacy of the formula of clover, cattle and cream in the restoration of a run-down farm to fertility, and the ability of its owner to add to its acreage, having in that time doubled its area, equipped it with up-to-date buildings, provided the means for a liberal education to a large family, and made a comparative wilderness to blossom as the rose. And Mr. Bull's time and thought was by no means given up entirely to business, for he was an active and energetic worker in the cause of temperance and in the Methodist church, of which he was an official member and an acceptable local preacher. Given to hospitality and charity, his upright christian character shone out through all his life, and those who knew him best valued most highly his friendship and sympathy. He will be greatly missed in his neighborhood, but most in the home where he was an indulgent and kind-hearted husband and father, watching with pride the education and advancement of his family.

Appreciation of his character and usefulness was manifested, among other ways, by the floral tributes at his funeral, which, in addition to those from friends and relatives, included a broken column, with the inscription, "Our ex-President," from the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, and a handsome wreath from the faculty and students of the Ontario Agricultural College. We are glad to know that the Brampton Jersey herd will be kept intact, and the business continued by the family, under the name of B. H. Bull & Son, and under the management of Mr. D. O. Bull.

M. Thompson's Shorthorn Sale.

At the auction sale on March 3rd of the herd of Shorthorns belonging to Mr. M. Thompson, Walkerton, Ont., fairly good prices were realized in spite of almost impassable roads, more than one-half the animals selling for an average of \$110 each, and the whole number sold averaging \$95. Following is the list:

Maude 6th; Chas. Dickinson, Walkerton	\$143
Maude 12th; Wm. Johnston, Walkerton	130
Maude 9th; Chas. Baehler, Kinloss	110
Maude 5th; Chas. Baehler	109
Maude 8th; Abe Stringer, Kingarth	109
Duchess 7th; Geo. Riley, Walkerton	108
Myrtle 8th; Jos. Hopperth, Carlsruhe	105
Bracelet 8th; A. C. Tennison, Drayton	103
Myrtle 9th; Jos. Hopperth	104
Cornet (bull); W. F. Lamont, Malcolm	75
Maude 3rd; Wm. Rowand, Walkerton	72
Duchess 10th; Benj. Warchter, Formosa	71
Maude 11th; Wm. Rowand	67
Merry Maid 3rd; Robt. Parker, Cargill	71
Maude 13th; James Farr, Maple Hill	65
Bracelet 14th; Thos. Coates, Walkerton	58

Geo. Isaac's Sale of Clydes.

The auction sale, on April 13th, of imported Clydesdale fillies at Markham, Ont., property of Mr. Geo. Isaac, Cobourg, was well attended and quite successful, the highest price being \$510, and the average for all sold, \$358. Following is the list:

Gipsy Maid; G. A. Brodie, Bethesda	\$510
Jessie Birnie; W. J. Shean, Owen Sound	460
Lady Grice; Thos. Mercer, Markdale	410
Miss Dorothy; James Baptie, Springville	455
Bell of Wardes; Geo. Jackson, Downsview	395
Gipsy Queen; H. C. Garbutt, Lakefield	355
Dally; J. W. Innes, Woodstock	335
Jean Macgregor; M. Freeman, Gananoque	300
Rosy Turner; Robt. Grandy, Springville	255
Lady Luck; J. W. Innis	255
Heather Erskine; G. Brownsburger, Markham	210

Winter Wheat Outlook.

Judging by fields seen by members of our staff, and by reports from several districts, the Ontario winter wheat outlook is anything but encouraging. The winter coating of ice in many cases, and recent frosts after thaws in others, have left fields that looked well in the fall now almost completely bare and brown.

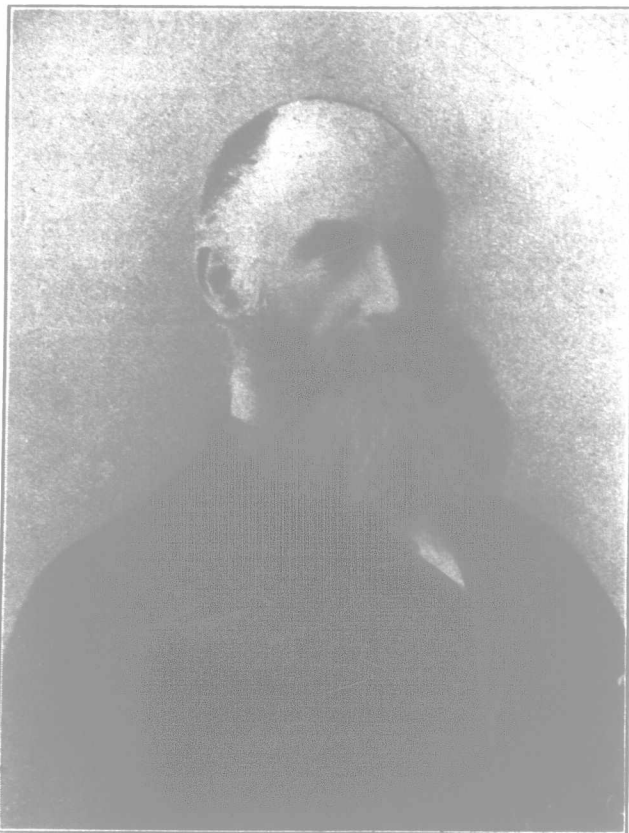
English Wheat Prospects Poor.

A week of fine springlike weather has enabled farmers at length to make some progress with spring field work. Some reports from the country state that the seed-bed is not suitable for either spring wheat or barley this season, and that oats, therefore, may be sown to a larger extent than usual. The autumn-sown wheat is described in many districts as poor and patchy in appearance, and probably the present outlook in regard to the English wheat crop is the worst for many years past. The country wheat markets have been generally poorly supplied, and from some districts the condition is described as execrable.

In Mark Lane prices have been difficult to maintain, and are indeed quoted 6c. to 12c. lower on the week. The arrivals are on a liberal scale, and are considerably in advance of the totals at this period last year. The weekly average imports this year are, so far, 67,000 quarters, and the distribution is very little, if any, short of this. The reports from yesterday's markets are:

The Baltic.—There was a steadier tone with rather more enquiry for white descriptions, but the market otherwise shows no change. No. 1 Northern Manitoba afloat sold at \$8.10; No. 3 at \$7.83.

There has just come into my hands a booklet containing many cleverly drawn and brightly colored cartoons issued by the Commissioner of Emigration for the Canadian Government. The object in view is that of impressing the many advantages of Canada on the popular mind, and I think the booklet is quite the most effective thing in that line I have seen. According to reports cabled from Montreal, it appears that "the tide of emigration is now pouring through there on its way to the Canadian Northwest," and it is



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satisfactory to note that the great majority are provided with some capital, which indicates that they are of a higher social grade than usual.

In his article in the Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society on "The Food Production of British Farms," Mr. R. H. Rew estimates the annual production of meat in the United Kingdom at 25,000,000 cwts., while that of milk he puts at 58,000,000 cwts.; that of butter and cheese at 4,000,000 cwts., and of poultry and eggs at 3,500,000 cwts.

To-day the workers give vent to their feelings, at a great demonstration against the importation of Chinese labor into South Africa. There can be no question that the heart of the country is against this innovation, and to-day's display ought to bring home to H. M. Government this fact, if they have not already had ample evidence.

In spite of the signs of improvement shown in the bacon market at the close of last week, trade has been of a slow, dragging nature this week, and Canadian brands have shared in the prevailing depression, and prices have been officially lowered half a cent. There is no life in any branch of the provision market just now, and in view of the near approach of Easter this is surprising. Buyers cannot be tempted to go beyond their usual weekly requirements. Leanest selections (40 to 56 pounds) are now quoted 9½c., with an exceptional 10c. now and again.

In the cheese market, as was anticipated, there has been another advance of 24c. per cwt., for both Canadian and New Zealand cheese.

"Choiceest" brands are now selling at 10½c. to 11½c., with an exceptional 11½c. for Canadian, and 10½c. to 10½c. for New Zealand. This advance is due to the diminution of stocks, which are undoubtedly lighter this March than in the average of seasons. Shippers from Canada at present in this country allege that the shortage is much greater than retailers and distributors here are willing to acknowledge.

The depression in the butter trade has brought about further reductions this week, and although a few packages of Canadian butter have appeared on the market, it has not been in sufficient quantity to justify a special quotation.

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P. E. Island Pork Trade.

One of the largest meetings of farmers ever held here was convened in Charlottetown on March 30th. It was made up of representatives of our thirty Farmers' Institutes and other prominent farmers. The object of the meeting was first to come to a better understanding with the Dominion Packing Co. with respect to the sale, shipment, grading and weighing of hogs. The relations between this company and the farmers have in the past been anything but pleasant. A mutual distrust has always existed, which has been against the best interests of both, and has also made our bacon trade very unsatisfactory. This company deals directly with the farmers, as we have no such things as drovers here, and one complaint was that when the Company advertised for hogs they did not give notice of what price they were paying, consequently when farmers shipped their hogs they did not know what price to expect. Another complaint of farmers was the company changed their scale of weights very frequently without notice, and still another that they docked the farmers excessively in weight. The Packing Company, on their part, claimed that the farmers did not fast their hogs a sufficient time previous to weighing. That very many hogs were shipped to them that were in too thin condition, and also that they received hogs that had been fed on fish refuse, and sustained great loss thereby. The remedy proposed was to pay an inspector and weigher appointed that would possess the confidence of both farmers and packers. Such inspector to remain at the packing-house and class and weigh all hogs received. The foregoing matters were thoroughly discussed at the meeting, and though a definite agreement was not arrived at, a much better feeling prevailed, and a committee was appointed to draft an agreement to submit to the Farmers' Institutes for their sanction. This committee have reported recommending that all hogs be weighed and classed at the factory after being dressed, and that an independent inspector and weigher be appointed, and that all hogs shipped to the Company be marked and numbered with metal ear-tags to show who the owner is. If this plan is adopted it will place our bacon industry on a much better footing, and, besides being satisfactory to both parties, will result in a great increase in the production of bacon hogs, and also raise the quality of the product.

Another business of this meeting was the organization of a Central Convention of Farmers' Institutes. This was accomplished as far as it could be, pending an amendment to our Institute Law, which will be made during the present session of our Legislature. This Central Convention will be a kind of advisory board to the local societies, and will be made up of delegates from each of them.

A strong resolution was passed at this meeting, requesting our Government to make an agreement with our Exhibition Association for at least five years, guaranteeing a grant of \$4,000.00 per year for a Maritime Exhibition. If this request is acceded to it will place our exhibition on a much more satisfactory basis, as it will give both the management and exhibitors time to prepare for it and make the holding of it a certainty for at least five years. A grant will be given for it this year, but at present dates have not been fixed. The Exhibition Association, yielding to a strong pressure from the better element of our people, have about decided to exclude all gambling and fake shows from future exhibitions here.

Not much signs of spring yet. Bays and rivers frozen solid, and immense quantities of snow on the roads, but fields are getting somewhat bare.

Prices.—Oats, 34c. per bushel; potatoes, 40c. per bushel; beef, dressed, 7c.; live cattle, 4½c.; hogs, bacon, 5c.; heavy and light, 4½c., live weight; milch cows, \$25 to \$35; horses, in good demand, from \$80 to \$150. Navigation is about being opened to Charlottetown by the winter ice-breaking steamer. W. S.

Ontario Sugar Company.

The annual report presented at the recent meeting of the Berlin factory shareholders showed a small profit on the year's operations. The quality of the beets delivered at the factory last year averaged fifteen per cent. of sugar, and the farmers received an average of \$5 per ton on the whole output. The extraction of pure granulated sugar was 246.6 pounds to the ton, said to be larger than has ever been obtained by any factory in the U. S., outside of California. The total production of sugar was 7,000,000 pounds of a first-class quality. Last year, 28,000 tons of beets were delivered at the factory. President Hugh Blain says the successful production of beet sugar in Canada of the highest grade is now demonstrated, soil and climate being peculiarly favorable.