

## FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS.

Sketch of Mr. H. B. Cowan, Who Was Recently Appointed—Young, But With Veteran Record for Work.

Mr. H. B. Cowan, the new Superintendent of Fairs, although only 26 years of age, has had considerable experience in public matters. In 1901 as editor of The Ottawa Valley Journal, he organized one of the largest plowing matches ever held in Canada. Ten counties in eastern Ontario held county matches, and sent their senior and junior champions to compete in the final match at Ottawa for the championship of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. The two Provincial and Dominion Governments furnished the judges. His active efforts in favor of road improvement resulted in the formation of the Eastern Ontario Good Roads Association, of which he has been the secretary since its organization. In this work he became well known through planning and managing the good roads train, which built several miles of model stretches of road in the various counties of eastern Ontario as object lessons.

Three years ago he arranged the first circuit of fairs held in the Province. The fairs joined the circuit.



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cult and secured the expert judges. The experiment was such a success that it has since grown rapidly throughout the Province. He arranged for the holding of championship athletic meets at the fairs, with a final meet for the champions at Ottawa. These contests have been held for three years in succession, and have proved very successful. The offering of a banner for the best conducted fair in eastern Ontario and western Quebec was also Mr. Cowan's idea, and has aroused great interest on the part of the eastern fairs. Mr. Cowan conducted the Model Fair held at Richmond, in Carleton County. This fair had been in the habit of holding horse races and special attractions and was going behind. These were given up the first year, and owing to rain the gate receipts, in spite of rain the first day, were \$200 above the average of the previous five years, and the expenses less. At various times he has acted as secretary at Ottawa of the Dominion Live Stock Associations and Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Association. During the past year he has been the editor of The New England Homestead, published at Springfield, Mass. Mr. Cowan is also well known in athletics, having held the Canadian single-blade paddling championship, and being rated as one of the best wrestlers in Canada.

## The Seven Ages of a Tree.

A very practical way of classifying trees according to size is the following: Young trees which have not yet reached a height of three feet are seedlings in spite of the fact that any tree, of whatever age, if it grew from a seed, is properly called a seedling tree. Trees from three to ten feet in height are small saplings, and from ten feet in height until they reach a diameter of four inches they are large saplings. Small poles are from four to eight inches in diameter and large poles from eight to twelve inches in diameter. Trees from one to two feet through are standards, and finally all trees over two feet in diameter are veterans. It is important to remember that all these diameters are measured at the height of a man's chest, about four feet six inches from the ground. In forestry this is, roughly speaking, the general custom—Gifford Pinchot.

## Why Not Finish the Good Work?

Why pasteurize the milk or cream and then wash the butter with dirty, germ-laden water? The Iowa Experiment Station took some ripened cream, divided it into two equal lots, churned one of the lots and washed the butter with ordinary well water, churned the other lot under the same conditions and washed the butter with the same well water, but not until after the water had been pasteurized and cooled. Three experiments were made in the same way, and the results all showed that the butter washed in the pasteurized water kept normal very much longer than the same butter washed in the unpasteurized water. Here is pretty good evidence on an important point.

## "Misfit" Horse Not Wanted.

Professor Kennedy of Iowa, pronounces the draft horse the best one for the farmer to raise—a horse weighing 1,500 pounds or over, in ordinary working condition. But the greatest need in horse breeding, according to this authority, is some definite plan. Every farmer should attempt to produce horses of some definite type, such as the market demands, and this can only be done by deciding on the breed or type one desires to breed and then resolutely sticking to it. A horse that will class neither as a light horse, coach horse, nor draft horse is a "misfit," and the market is constantly flooded with such.

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Have an Aim in Life. Then get one. Study over what it shall be—think, and think deeply. Pray that you may have an understanding of your work in the world, that you may see your beckoning star and that a knowledge may come to you of how to build a highway to it. The materials and tools for the building of this highway lie right at hand. They are not to your liking perhaps—you may call them trouble and bad luck—but just shut your teeth together, shut your eyes, too, if necessary, and hold your breath. Then get a good grip on the situation, and then work with it. And the wonders that will grow out of doing little things well and the understanding of many things that will come to you will make you "stand amazed" indeed.

The less men think, the more they talk.

## DISTRICT BUINGS.

## WALLACEBURG

April 12.—Miss Violet Brent is spending a few days at her home at Comalache, Ont.

Rev. Mr. Kerr, of Blenheim, preached in the Methodist church on Sunday last on the missionary anniversary.

Mr. Spragg, of the Bank of Montreal, has been moved to the Brantford branch and left Saturday for that place.

The funeral of Maud C. Rail, of Calvin, who has been suffering from consumption for several months, took place yesterday. Service was held in the R. C. church here. The funeral was largely attended by friends of the deceased.

The young men of the Methodist Epworth League held an interesting debate at the church last evening.

The Presbyterian young people spent a pleasant social evening in church last night. Miss Sarah Adams was the winner of the guessing contest.

Miss Beasy Taylor has returned from spending the holidays at Glenora.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbard are attending the funeral of Mr. Hubbard's father at Dresden.

## BLENHEIM

April 12.—Mrs. C. Clemens and family left last evening for Birtle, Manitoba, to join her husband, who has a situation in a large flour mill there.

Miss Emma Shaw is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. Haggart.

Bear in mind that after the by-law has been published three times in the local paper that the new early closing law will come into force. Do not forget the days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p. m., Saturday night 10 p. m.

Wm. Shillington, of Gray's carriage works, was visiting relatives in town yesterday.

The readers of The Planet will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. George Ogle, which took place on Saturday evening. The deceased has been unwell for several years. He, with his wife and two daughters, left for Port Colborne, thinking the climate would agree with him better than here. In February he returned to his old home. The funeral will take place to-day at 1:30 p. m. from the house, after which the remains will be interred at the Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. J. K. Morris visited relatives at Rodney over Sunday.

John MacKey, of the Gore Line, left yesterday morning for Dayton, Ohio.

S. H. Bacon and daughter are at Kirkland, Ohio, attending the L. D. S. convention which is being held there.

## DR. OVENS, London,

SURGEON, SPECIALIST, EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT, Visits Chatham Monthly. Office—Radley Drug Store. Next Visit, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Many men have been full of good purposes but failing to carry them out, their good intentions lie with them in the graveyard.

## CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

The regular monthly meeting of the Advisory Board of the Children's Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon in the County Clerk's office.

Members present—Messrs. S. Stephenson, W. D. Sheldon, Waddell, H. D. Smith, J. E. Oldershaw, Bray, Fraser, Goodland, Paterson, W. E. McKeough, G. B. Douglas, and W. H. Taylor, and Messrs. Baxter, Gonnell, Paterson, and Dr. R. V. Bray. The executive officer, Dr. R. V. Bray, reported letters written; 9 visits made, 3; cases reported for investigation five, embracing nine children; cases investigated, 3; still under observation, 2; interviews, 8. The report was highly satisfactory and adopted.

Accounts to the amount of \$19.25 were ordered paid. The President read a letter from Truant Officer Weir, of London, stating plan of action towards truants, and parents of truants in London. The letter contained much valuable information, which the committee appointed by the Board to wait on the Council in reference to the truancy question hope to use with good effect. The committee is composed of Miss Abram, D. S. Paterson, H. Macaulay, Mr. Plewes, and Dr. R. V. Bray.

The members of the Board who

volunteered to assist the Sabbath School Association in their canvass were notified that the canvass is postponed until the Fall.

The membership committee were given membership tickets for 1904 and also furnished with copies of the annual report, and they will begin a house to house canvass for members during the week.

The young lad who was operated upon in the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, for club feet, was reported progressing nicely. He is six years of age.

Any person having clothing suitable for children, ages ranging from five to twelve years, would confer a favor on the Society by sending them to Mrs. Sheldon.

The Society is accomplishing much good and the energetic workers should be encouraged in every possible way. The Board meetings are always well attended, and the spirit of enthusiasm in the work displayed is most gratifying to those who have the welfare of the children at heart.

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The pessimist only puts his best foot forward when he is looking for trouble.

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