

## Brant Farmers Institutes Are Doing Good Work

Several Brant County Men Will Tour the Province—Growth in Membership of Institute.

During the past year the farmers of Brant county have shown great interest in the Farmers' Institute meetings, fifteen of which have been held in North Brant and 20 in South Brant. The meetings have proven of great interest and help to those attending. The farmer of to-day who will be successful must be willing to learn new ideas and put them into practice and the aim of the meetings is to bring out these new ideas and exploit them before the farmer.

**North Brant Institute.**  
The North Brant Farmers' Institute has a membership of 276, being an increase of 76 over last year. The total attendance at the meetings was 1,524, and 46 papers were read of speeches delivered. The fiscal year closed on June 30 with a balance in the treasury of \$35.41. The officers for the year 1913-14 are: President, M. N. Simpson, Onondaga; vice-president, J. Rosebrugh, St. George; secretary, F. C. Beaspre, Paris.

**South Brant Institute.**  
The South Brant Institute enjoys a membership of 337, which is an increase of 30 over last year. The total number who attended the twenty

meetings held was 1,395. The number of papers read or speeches delivered was 50. At the close of the year there was a balance of \$59.32 in the treasury. For the year 1913-14, Mr. G. H. Morris of Hatchley, is president; Mr. J. M. Ballachey of Brantford, vice-president, and the secretary, Mr. F. E. Malcolm, Brantford.

**Appointed to Speak.**  
Three Brant County men have been appointed to speak at the different Institute meetings throughout the province during the coming year. Messrs. J. W. Clark of Cainsville; C. W. Gurney, Paris, and F. M. Lewis of Burford, are the men chosen. Mr. Clark is one of the largest poultry breeders in Ontario, and has won many prizes for dressed poultry at the Winter Fair, Guelph, including the coveted utility breeds for the farmer. For two years Mr. Clark was poultry instructor in an American State Agricultural College. He has had several years experience in growing alfalfa, and has also a large apiary.

Mr. Clark has given considerable attention to the production of good seed and methods of identification and eradication of weeds. After 8 years' work on an apple orchard of five acres, he increased the yield from 100 barrels of inferior fruit to 878 barrels of a choice product. In 1913 his apiary netted a three-and-a-half-ton yield. Mr. Clark will explain his methods to the institutes. The subjects on which Mr. Clark will speak are: "Growing Alfalfa"; "Commercial Apple—How to make it Pay"; "Growing Small Fruits—Strawberries, Raspberries, Currants, etc."; "Importance of Seed Selection"; "Commercial Fertilizers—Do They Pay"; "Poultry: from A to Z"; and "Care of an Apiary."

Mr. Gurney is one of the progressive farmers of Brant County, and his success in general agriculture, with special emphasis on wheat and apple production, enables him to be of service to the great majority of Ontario farmers. The great bulk of tillers of the soil can be classed as "general farmers." They will get

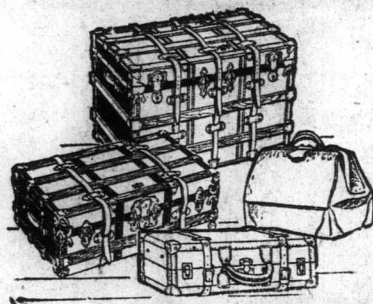
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## CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF COLOMBIA THINKS COWDRAY OIL CONCESSIONS WOULD BE MONOPOLY



JOSE VICENTE CONCHA

Lord Cowdray's denial of reports that his firm, Messrs. Pearson's Sons, is endeavoring to obtain an "oil monopoly" in the Republic of Colombia, has been received with open scepticism by Colombians in Paris, among them Senor Jose Vicente Concha, nominee for the Colombian Presidency, who happens to be fully informed regarding what they call the "Pearson scandal."

"Lord Cowdray may not choose to label the contract he wishes to have ratified a "monopoly," but the situation that it would create if accepted by the Colombian Congress would amount to nothing less than monopoly."

much of interest and value from Mr. Gurney who has already rendered most acceptable service in local institutes. The subjects Mr. Gurney will speak on are: "Selecting and Breeding Horses"; "Educating the Colt"; "Care and Management of Sheep"; "Care of Apple Orchard"; "Marketing of Fruits through Central Selling Agency."

Mr. Lewis has had much to do, as secretary, with the success of the South Brant Farmers' Institute. He has followed farming all his life, and pays special attention to the production of potatoes. His success as a feeder of steers and pigs for market has been marked. Mr. Lewis will speak on the following subjects: "Clover, the Key to Successful Farming"; "Greenland Barnyard Manure, Their Care and Application"; "Corn and Growing"; "Apple Growing"; "Waste Places."

Almost all the institutes throughout the province have shown great advancement and are taking a great part in farm life.

### Miss Asquith's Joy

Miss Asquith, speaking at a Liberal bazaar at Brixton, said that the defeat at Reading and the decreased majority at Lintlough were due, in her opinion, to Mr. Larkin's imprisonment.

"I think," she said, "a great many of us are glad to know that Mr. Larkin is free—(applause)—because in these days we all feel that sedition is a rather medieval offence, especially now that Sir Edward Carson by his law-abiding, modern methods has shown it of every shred of glamour and drawn it down to the level of the most humdrum respectability."

In some quarters, she said, they heard loud and shrill demands for a General Election. She did not think these demands were likely to be satisfied yet awhile, and she believed that when a General Election did come those who were clamoring for it would find that the result a great disappointment.

### CERAMIC ARRIVES

Largest Liner That Ever Entered Port of London.

Since 1909 the Minnewaska, belonging to the Atlantic Transport Co., has held the record of being the largest liner that has ever entered the Port of London. The honor was taken from her when the White Star Company's new ship Ceramic was safely berthed in Tilbury Dock. The Ceramic is of 18,480 tons displacement—2,000 tons heavier than the Minnewaska.

There was no difficulty in getting the big vessel up to Tilbury, but getting her into dock was a problem that needed some solving. However, she was turned at right angles in mid-stream, and after some skillful steering her bows were guided into the dock which leads to the Port of London Authority's dock at Tilbury.

Despite the vessel's great width—just over 70 feet—there was a space of about five feet on each side. A greater difficulty was the depth, about which some fears were entertained, but in the end the Ceramic was safely brought alongside two hours after she had first been seen off the pier-head.

In August last the Port Authority docked the Cunard liner Audania, of 13,405 tons gross, in the Greenland Dock, much higher up the river. The length of the ship in that instance was about 535 feet, over all, and the lock entrance 550 ft. long.

The Port Authority, as an instalment of its plan for the further development of Tilbury, is now engaged upon an extension scheme, which will give an additional 100 feet of quay space in the main dock, and it is here, near the lock entrance, that a new berth for the White Star liner, which is expected to be a regular visitor to the port, will be available.

On her subsequent appearances in Tilbury Dock the Ceramic will occupy this new berth, and have the advantage of an enormous transit shed, almost as long as herself. This building is now well on the road to completion.

### New Sea Lord

Commodore Appointed to the Board of Admiralty.

Among a number of naval appointments announced on Thursday was that of Captain Cecil W. Lambert (at present Commander, Second Class) to be a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, in succession to Rear Admiral Pakenham.

Other changes are: Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, to be Vice-Admiral, Commanding the Second and Third Fleets, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Hamilton.

Rear-Admiral Charles E. Madden, to be Rear-Admiral Commanding the Second Cruiser Squadron, in succession to Rear-Admiral Sturdee.

Rear-Admiral William C. Pakenham, M.V.O., to be Rear-Admiral Commanding the Third Cruiser Squadron, in succession to Rear-Admiral Madden.

Rear-Admiral Curry, to be Rear-Admiral in the Home Fleets at Portsmouth, to succeed Rear-Admiral Reginald G. O. Tupper.

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## RECTOR'S RACE AGAINST TIME

Wedding Ceremony Performed in Four Minutes.

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The couple were Miss Baldry and Mr. Mann. The vicar, having occasion to leave the parish, arranged with the neighboring rector of Playford to perform the ceremony at 2.30 p.m. But at twenty minutes to three the couple and their friends were still waiting anxiously for the rector's appearance. At the suggestion of the parish clerk the carriage which was in readiness to take the bride and groom to their new home was despatched post-haste to Little Bealings, a mile away.

In seven minutes the carriage was at the rectory there, and the rector, the Rev. W. V. Palmer, was found at home. The coachman explained matters, and a few minutes later the carriage was travelling back to Great Bealings with the rector at a speed which in a crowded thoroughfare might have been described as furious driving. Arrived at the church, the rector was quickly robed and went to the altar.

"It is three o'clock, sir," lamented the bridegroom.  
"Then I cannot marry you," said the rector.  
"Yes, you can, sir," interposed the parish clerk. "It wants four minutes to three. I put my watch right by station time this morning."  
"I can do it in four minutes," said the rector and the essential part of the ceremony was over when the clock struck three.

## LIBELLING AN M. P.

Sentence on Ex-Inspector of Weights and Measures Postponed.

A plea of guilty was entered at the Central Criminal Court on Thursday by Walter Tyler, aged 56, formerly an inspector of weights and measures under the Middlesex County Council when he was indicted for writing and publishing libels against Mr. W. S. Glyn-Jones, Liberal M.P. for Stepney.

Mr. R. D. Muir stated that the Director of Public Prosecutions had taken up the case because Mr. Glyn-Jones held a public office and had been libelled while he was performing his public duty as chairman of one of the council's sub-committees.

Mr. Parcell, for the defence, said there was not of course a particle of foundation for any of the statements in the letters sent to Mr. Glyn-Jones, and it was quite clear there was no intention to levy blackmail. He argued that the loss of Tyler's employment, following on domestic trouble had acted on his nervous disposition and it was really to some sort of mental ill-health that writing these fantastically improper letters was due.

The Common Sergeant said the best thing he could do was to postpone sentence until next sessions. If the man was temporarily off his balance he did not know that it would be any great gain to the public to inflict a severe sentence on him. The letters were so shocking that if he dealt with Tyler without further information he would have to send him to prison for a considerable time.

## Cadder Pit Disaster

Home Office Report on Origin of Fire and Rescue Arrangements.

In his report on the Cadder Pit (Lanarkshire) fire on Aug. 3, in which 22 lives were lost, Sir Henry Cunyngnam, of the Home Office, comments upon the absence of the self-contained rescue apparatus from the colliery, although he does not think that in the circumstances any lives would have been saved if it had been available.

The report points out that in this mine naked lights were freely used. The miners carry pipes and matches, and smoke when and where they please. They do not consider it dangerous, because there have been so few accidents from fire. On going into the mine each man sees that his lamp is trimmed and full of oil, and throws away an exhausted wick. While still burning he will often cast it upon the ground and tread it out after he has lit the new wick from it.

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some way to lights or lucifer matches. Proceeding, the inspector draws attention to the fact that there was no "bottomer" employed in the pit on the day in question as required by the act of 1911. After pointing out the desirability of making cabins as fire-proof as possible, Sir Henry concludes: "This accident shows how desirable it is that not only firemen, but that some man or men at least in each group who are working independently should be acquainted with the roadways of the mine and should be instructed what to do in case of danger."

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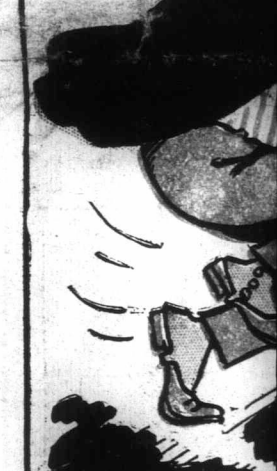
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