

Better Farming Special

A New Feature of Agricultural Instruction.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture are placing an instruction train on the M. C. R., between Windsor and Niagara-on-the-Lake, and between St. Thomas and Courtright. It will contain three baggage cars and three coaches for lecture purposes, equipped with exhibits of fruit, dairy products, seeds, etc., as well as apparatus used in pruning, spraying, packing of fruit, the cooling of milk, manufacturing of butter, appliances for taking levels in drainage work, tile, etc.

Immediately upon arrival of train, those who have come to take advantage of these instructions will have an opportunity to look through the cars for 15 or 20 minutes, and will then be allowed the privilege of listening to lectures in any section of instructions preferred.

Below is a list of dates and places yet to be visited, and the hour of arrival:

MARCH 7th.—Kingsmill, 8.30; Springfield, 10.25; Brownsville, 1.00; Tillsonburg, 8.00.

MARCH 8th.—Hawtreys, 8.30; Wyndham, 10.25; Waterford, 1.00; Villa Nova, 8.00.

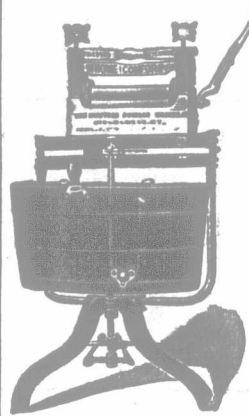
MARCH 9th.—Hagersville, 8.30; Cayuga, 10.25; Canfield, 1.00; Attercliffe, 8.00.

MARCH 10th.—Perry, 8.30; Welland, 10.25; St. David's, 1.00; Niagara-on-the-Lake, 8.00.

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Toward four o'clock the storm lightened, but it was too late for road-breaking. Then the wind blew again, and more snow and nightfall came together. Two hearth-fires glowed, and father sat in his study and looked contentedly across the hall, silent save for a soliloquy on the contrariety of newfangled notions when, after running his paper knife in a leisurely way, as usual, through the top pages of a magazine, he began to read, and found the leaves were joined at the bottom.

8 p. m.—Evan has been to the barn with Tim, and reports the sky clear and the stars bright, and promises that in the morning I shall ride on the snow plow that breaks the first road.

A crude implement this snow plow, merely a triangle of timber, with a platform set midway, the horse being fastened by a whiffletree to one of the points. Ah, but I remember the excitement of it all, the buffeting and breaking the way through the trackless whiteness, and even the half-acid taste of the crisp snow I ate to quench my thirst. My face tingles already at the thought of it.

Lark and Bluff, however, were not happy. First they stretched before one fire, then the other, and finally took up their places in the hall, Bluff facing one way, and Lark the other, so that they could see both halves of the family, and nothing might escape them; and I, too, sitting in the ingle nook, can compass my two lovers with a single glance, as I write, half by firelight.

Dear garden of outdoors, I love you best! but as you vanish, then the door of the garden of books opens to me with its main roads, bypaths, and endless vistas, and I also rejoice at this. Do you realize, you happy, happy Barbara, what it is to have both gardens and both lovers?

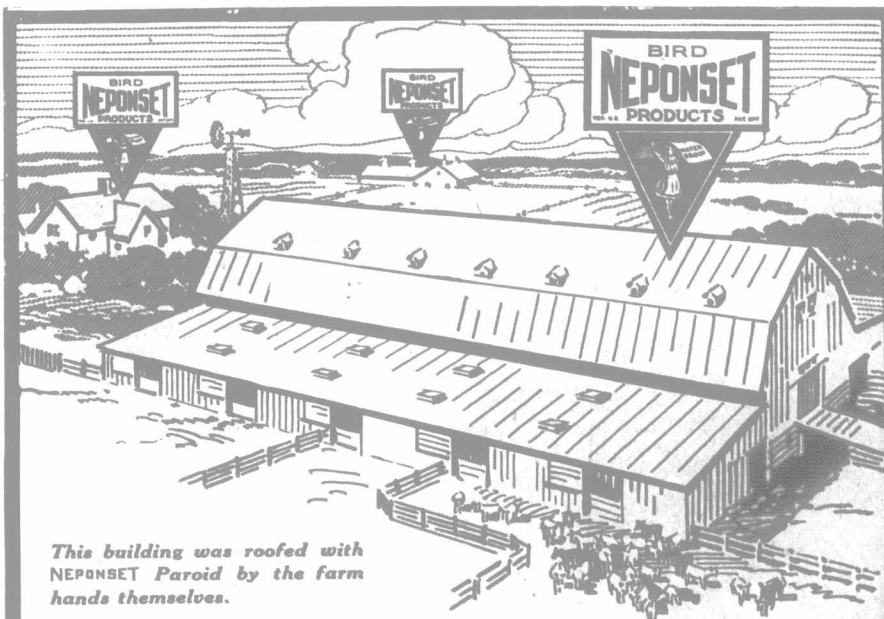
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TRADE TOPICS.

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ALMA CONVERSAZIONE.—The annual "conversat" at Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, Ont., has become a red-letter day in the history of the college, and an event of great interest to the social life of the city. It has become a sort of barometer that measures the progress and up-to-dateness of the institution, and judged by the last gathering, Alma College has touched high-water mark. Never has there been a finer grade of students (now numbering about one hundred in residence), and never did corridors and halls present a more animated scene of youth and beauty to visitors and friends. The effect was kaleidoscopic. Best of all, and above all, were the sweet, pretty faces, and splendid types of young womanhood that shall go forth equipped for the duties of life, with the practical education that Alma College gives. Guests, on arrival, paid their respects to Mrs. (Dr.) Warner, Miss Bowes, the lady principal, and Miss Henwood, Secretary of Council and Registrar of the College. The guests numbered over 500, and were from all parts of the Province, and some from the far West and the States. The Alumnae of Alma College, known as Alma Daughters, have a responsibility unique among Ladies' Colleges in Canada, namely, the election, under Charter, of three women representatives to membership on the Board of the College. The ballots are counted February 16th, every year. Those elected this year are: Miss S. E. Sisk, 42 Murray street, Toronto; Mrs. R. I. Warner, Alma College, St. Thomas, Ont., and Mrs. R. McLachlin, 1 Wellington street, St. Thomas, Ont.



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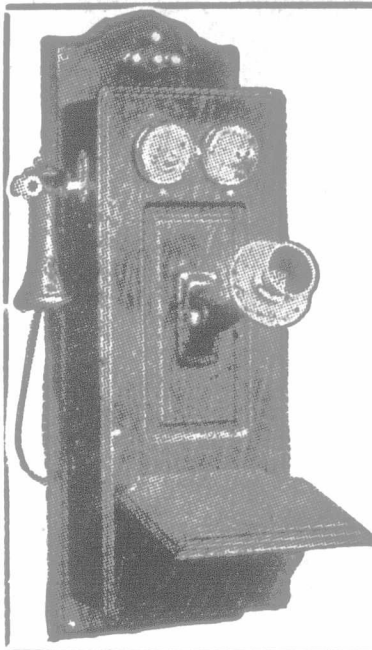
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