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AGRICULTURISTS IN LINE

The advanced agriculturist owns the town. Nefed breeders, and feeders of cattle, dairymen, swine men, sheep breeders—they are here from all over the Province and many from other provinces, to witness, or take part in the events that make Guelph the centre of interest for farmers this week.

It is not the intention of The Herald to emphasize already accepted truths;—to say that Guelph is a fine city for such gatherings as are now being held here, to repeat the oft uttered eulogy on Wellington County's pre-eminence in the stock raising industry, or dilate on the excellent facilities offered here for the big winter show. That has all been said before and its truth is recognized by every thoughtful and unprejudiced visitor to the city.

Nor is it necessary to accentuate the value of the educative influences that flow from such a congress as is now being held here. The day is past and gone when "main strength and ignorance" were regarded as the chief essentials for the performance of the work on the farm. Science has revealed in agriculture avenues for the profitable exercise of the highest intelligence that the human mind is capable of. He who would be a success at farming in these times must give to agriculture the same earnest and thoughtful study that is enforced on the student of more popular professions. Once addressing a schoolboy gathering, William Ewart Gladstone gave utterance to an expression characteristic of the brightest and busiest mind of the century. At work or at play he told the boys to always do their best. When they ran they should run as fast as they could; when they jumped they should jump as far as they could. It cannot be said that the farmers of this country do not work hard enough. They work too hard. But there appears ground for the criticism that a great deal of the work of some farmers lacks intelligent direction; that they plod along in the old path just because their fathers before them took that way.

The purpose of all agricultural colleges and experimental stations, of live stock associations and live stock shows, is to afford information that will enable the farmer, by the exercise of better methods, to achieve greater reward for his labor. The events of this week—the magnificent series of object lessons in meat production that the winter show affords, the many lectures and discourses by men of experience and learning, on subjects of direct interest to the farmer—should be of great benefit to those in attendance and amply demonstrate the wisdom of a policy that aims at the application to agriculture of the improved methods that science has revealed and experience has sanctioned.

The Herald begs to congratulate the directors of the various associations on the unqualified success of this live stock carnival. It would assure the distinguished visitors we have with us, that Guelphites heartily appreciate the honor conferred on their city by these conventions and would express the hope that in their wisdom the live stock men may see their way clear to come back to us again in 1897.

IT COMES HIGH.

The entertaining of Royalty comes high. The cost of the reception of the Emperor of Russia on his recent visit to France, was originally estimated at 12,000,000, but it was proved to be not more than 5,500,000 francs. At first the young soldiers whose time was legally up were to be kept underarms until after the review—that is to say, from September 22 to October 14—an extra three weeks, representing an expense of 6,000,000 francs. Moreover the Emperor and Empress were originally to stay at the Foreign office and by their staying at the Russian Embassy, the government saved about 400,000 francs. Furthermore the carriages and the presidential train, which cost 400,000 francs have been resold to the companies for 300,000 francs, so that there has been a saving of 7,000,000 francs by virtue of which the expense is reduced to 5,500,000 francs.

The details are interesting. The reception at the Hotel de Ville cost 100,000 francs, refreshments, music, decorations and rare plants and flowers included. The masts and oriflammes, the fireworks, the 200,000 gas burners, which required a small army of lighters, the official illumination, the numerous platforms, the special station at the Ranelagh, and the removal of the scaffolding on the Arc de Triomphe cost 1,200,000 francs. The gala performances, the reception at the Elysee, at Versailles, and at Cherbourg, the sentries along the line from Cherbourg to Paris, and the soldiers who lined the streets, the Chalons review, and the transport troops cost 3,500,000 francs, including the improvised railway from Mourmelon to the camp and the tribunes. To these figures must be addedt he horses, carriages and livery of the Elysee, and the large sums spent by private individuals, and it will not be far from the truth to say that these five day's fetes cost from 12,000,000 francs up to 15,000,000. Since the departure of the sovereigns most of the things used solely for the "Czar's week" have been sold, and those present at Tattersal's at the sale of the proud steeds, which millions of persons acclaimed, and some of which went for 1200 francs, or even 1000 francs, were in a position to make reflections more melancholy than novel on the transitory nature of human things.

NOTES.

They are talking baseball again for next year, and as a consequence Canadians again hear that Guelph is in the land of the living.—Galt Reporter.

Therein Guelph differs from Galt. We don't blame Galt for being dead; it can't help that. But it should keep quiet. Dead places are supposed to be stuffed.

At the conclusion of the gathering in the City Hall Tuesday evening, cheers were called for Hon. Jno. Dryden and Hon. Mr. Foster. It is pleasing to observe that even where Liberalism largely predominates, the name of Hon. Mr. Foster is received with enthusiasm. No man has done more to promote agricultural development and give the farmer a good market than the ex-Minister of Finance. It may not have been intended to put forward his name, but the audience realized it was a good thing and pushed it along.

Mrs. Grace Cox, of Chicago, wants a divorce from Mr. Cox because he would precede her in going through a door and wouldn't take off his hat when they were together in an elevator. Mrs. Grace Cox protests too much. If Mr. Cox is willing to precede her at all times going through all doors, she has little reason to complain. Some men insist on their wives going first—when burglars are in the house. We sympathize with poor Cox in the elevator charge. He may be guilty; very likely he is. Those of us who have travelled on one of those vertical railways on a busy day or in a busy place, know how difficult it is to get a hand up to blow one's nose, let alone take off one's hat. The elevator charge should be dismissed.

BACKBONE OF THE COUNTRY

Agriculture's Great Gathering in the City Hall Tuesday Evening.

TWO MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

Speeches by Hon Sydney Fisher, Hon. John Dryden, C. E. Thorne, of Ohio, Andrew Pattullo, Dr. Mills and John I Hobson.

A more fitting demonstration of the sympathy and harmony existing between the farming community and those engaged in the occupations of city life, could not be given than that presented at the city hall on Tuesday evening. The audience which filled the large building to the doors, was composed of people of all stations and pursuits of life. Notwithstanding the fact that the meeting was arranged principally for the instruction of agriculturists, the greatest interest and enthusiasm were manifested by the representatives of other occupations. The fact that two Ministers of Agriculture were to be present and address the meeting, had a considerable influence in intensifying the interest and increasing the attendance. Guelph has the honor of bringing together on the public platform for the first time, the Agricultural Ministers of the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada. In its decorations the city hall never before tendered a more hearty welcome to those who entered within its walls. Flags and emblems of various descriptions adorned the walls and were draped above and on either side of the stage. The ceiling was hung with colored bunting. In rear of those seated on the platform was the British coat of arms, while above them hung the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes. The decorations were put up by Mr. E. Ryde, who displayed his usual good taste in the work.

THOSE PRESENT.

About eight o'clock proceedings were entered upon. There were present on the platform: Mr. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion; Mr. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario; Mr. Charles E. Thorne, director of the Agricultural Experimental station, Wooster, Ohio; Mayor Lamprey, Dr. James Mills, of the O.A.C.; Mr. James Innes; Mr. D. McCrae, Mr. James Goldie, Mr. F. W. Hodson, Prof. Zavitz, O.A.C.; Mr. G. W. Field, Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., Woodstock; Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton; Capt. Thomas E. Robson, Ilderton; Mr. James Millar, Mr. Henry Wade. In the audience were noticed Mr. Donald Guthrie, ex-M.P.P.; Col. Higinbotham, Mr. G. B. Ryan, Mr. Charles Raymond and many other prominent citizens.

HON. JOHN DRYDEN.

Mr. Dryden, in opening the meeting, congratulated the members of the Live Stock Association on the success of their exhibition and on the large attendance at their meeting. The work in which they were engaged in spreading information throughout the country was an unselfish but most important one. He also congratulated the City of Guelph on having in their midst such a large gathering of representative men from all parts of the Province. Guelph was a city for which he had always entertained a great regard. Its people had only one fault, that is, that they would not go to a fat stock show to see beef and mutton alive and walking about. He invited them to attend the show, which, he was assured, was an exceptionally good one.

WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR.

His Worship Mayor Lamprey, read the following address of welcome:

Hon. John Dryden, Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.—On behalf of the citizens of the Royal City of Guelph, I have much pleasure in extending a very hearty welcome to our distinguished visitors, comprising the Hon. Ministers of Agriculture of the Dominion and of this Province, and also to the numerous other gentlemen representing the Dominion Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association, the Guelph Fat Stock Club, and also the Dairymen's Association. I need not say that the Associations referred to have heretofore been fraught with much profit and beneficial results towards educating the farming community by the wonderful improvement manifested in the stock breeding in the county and in the Province at large during the past number of years, chiefly owing to your successful annual gathering in connection with your respective associations, through the intermingling and exchange of sentiment on the various topics of interest coming under your consideration relative to stock raising.

I have to thank the directors of your several associations for continuously holding your respective exhibitions in this city since their inauguration.

I would further say that there appears to be a prospect in the near future of holding your several exhibitions in other cities, judging from the opinion expressed at a meeting held last summer at the O.A. College. Having previously arrived at the conclusion that it would be permanently located in Guelph for all time to come, the intention was to have suitable buildings constructed by the city for that purpose. Our claim for the same is based on the following facts, namely: First, that Guelph is located in one of the most central counties in Ontario, being in close proximity to the O.A. College and in one of the best stock districts in the Province, and favorably known as the "Smithfield of Canada," and besides possessing such convenient and ample accommodation for exhibition purposes in our large and commodious skating rink, buildings which our city council has so generously provided free of charge for the several associations. Second: That Guelph has the honor of establishing the first fat stock club exhibition in this Province, and which has annually increased during the last fifteen years to vast dimensions and to the entire satisfaction of this and the sister Provinces.

I hope the directors of the several associations will consider the matter and decide to continue holding their exhibition as heretofore in our midst.

However, I presume that we should not be too selfish and gracefully submit to the decision of your directors and endeavor to carry out the golden rule. Should you conclude to establish the perambulating system with your exhibitions, and when our turn comes around,—I am sure that the citizens of Guelph will, with pleasure, afford all those connected with your several associations who may honor us with their presence, a most hospitable reception. I again tender you a most cordial welcome and hope that you may spend a very profitable and enjoyable time in this city.

DR. MILLS' REPLY.

Dr. James Mills was the first to reply to the address. Of the importance of the farmers' vacaiton, he thought there was no question. Inhabitants of cities had their advantages, but inhabitants of the country also had their joys of a quieter nature without the struggles, temptations, and risks of the city. On behalf of the farmers he said they appreciated the liberality of the people of Guelph in co-operating with them so heartily as they did on this occasion. Speaking of the feeding and care of animals, he said that while there was abundant opportunity for development in this regard, the chief value lay in the quality of the animal. Blood would tell in the lower animals as in mankind. He bespoke for such exhibitions as the present the general and cordial support of the ladies, pointing out that in Great Britain such shows were patronized by the noblest ladies, and even by her Majesty, who was occasionally an exhibitor. (Applause.)

MR. HOBSON'S REMARKS.

Mr. John I. Hobson followed in response to the address and was much pleased to see the large attendance present, which he thought was an indication of the growing interest being taken in the cattle-raising industry. He was gratified to see with them Messrs. Fisher and Dryden, who had thus publicly shown their interest in the stock show. The value of scientific knowledge in farm operations was emphasized. One desirable result of such exhibitions as the stock show was the interest that was taken in them by wealthy citizens, who were encouraged to contribute to their success in one way or another. They knew that a common bond existed between them, trade and commerce were inseparably bound up with agriculture, and the latter could not be neglected without the decay of the former. In conclusion he earnestly hoped the fat stock show would become a permanent feature among the annual attractions of Guelph, and that the Royal City would yet become the Smithfield of Canada. (Applause.)

Mr. J. C. Snell stated that it was a credit to the Province of Ontario that such a collection of animals could be gathered together as was to be seen in the Victoria rink to-day. The farmers were pleased to see the two Ministers of Agriculture present, and they expected a good deal from them; they did not want to become wards of the Government, but they claimed fair treatment and equal rights with any other class of the community. They thought they had a right to claim the practical assistance of a Government which claimed to be a business Government, and believed that given a fair opportunity they could hold their own with the farmers of any country in the world.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER.

Hon. Mr. Dryden, in introducing Hon. Mr. Fisher, stated that although he had attended a great many meetings of this kind, this was the first time he had had the pleasure of being on the same platform with a Dominion Minister of Agriculture. The farmers of the Dominion at last had their way, and had one of their number Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Fisher was enthusiastically received. He opened his address by warning the farmers against expecting too much from him as Minister of Agriculture. Ever since he had the honor of being Minister he had felt the farmers had entertained too great expectations of what, as a farmer, he might be able to do as Minister of Agriculture. It was true that for the first time a man who was a farmer himself, had been chosen Minister, and in consequence the hopes of the farmers had been greatly raised. In his capacity he would be inspired by the success which had attended his colleague, the Minister of Agriculture in Ontario. As a farmer of Quebec, he had envied for years the farmers of Ontario, who had as a Minister a practical farmer and a man thoroughly interested in the business in which they were engaged. He had looked forward for some time to this week of meetings at Guelph. The name of Guelph naturally suggested to him agriculture, because it had been for so long a time the site of the great agricultural college. He had also heard of the meetings of the fat stock men, which were held here from year to year, and long before he became Minister he had often desired to come here. He trusted that it was a happy augury for him that he was the first Minister of Agriculture who had attended these meetings. He was surprised to hear this, because it seemed to him that it was his first duty as Minister to meet the farmers, to learn their needs and to see what they wanted done. He could not believe that there was any better opportunity for him to do this than by coming here and meeting face to face the leading stock men of the Province. It would be a great benefit to him, as he would meet men whose names were familiar to him through their prominent connection with agriculture. Referring to the Ontario Agricultural College, Hon. Mr. Fisher declared that it was an institution for which the whole country envied the people of Ontario, because it was such a phenomenal success. In his early days he had accepted the common belief that any man who owned a farm could work it successfully without special knowledge. He had had the advantage of a college education, but in his youth neglected the study of those subjects which would be of special use to him as a farmer, but even if he desired to study them there was at that time no facilities for doing so. Things had changed since that time; now we had not only a splendid institution here, but we had going out from here the effect and influence and scientific training of the men who had gone out from that college, which affected the agriculture of the whole Dominion. The idea that farming was drudgery was passing away and it was now recognized that it was a business which gave scope for intellectual development and the result was that to-day agriculture was taking its proper position in the forefront of the industries of the country.

As a stockman himself, he realized the importance of stock-raising in farming. They knew that it was the only way to retain the fertility of the farm. In the feeding of stock the greatest skill was shown, the greatest science and study exercised, and it was by the stockmen that farming could be advanced to the highest pitch. Canada was known all over the world to-day for its agriculture, and he believed that it was the stockmen who were largely responsible for this. The people of the States were forced to come here for the best of their stock, and would buy more if it were not for the customs barriers. This was a proof of our eminence in this science. Stockraising and dairying were cognate and close allies; one without the other could not exist; and he had always believed that this was the height of improved agriculture. The work of raising the grain and similar products of the land was doing only the crude work, the highest skill was shown by the man who took these products and worked them into cattle, pork and dairy products. The man who sold his crude grain and roots was selling the fertility of his land and comparatively little of his own intelligence and skill, but if, instead of doing this, he worked these products up into higher forms, he was selling the smallest amount of fertility of the soil, and the largest amount of his intelligence. This was an aspect of farming on which the young men would do well to fix their attention. He had come to Guelph on a business trip. He trusted that the Government to which he belonged was a business Government and took the fact that Mr. Laurier had chosen him as Minister of Agriculture, not as a compliment to him, but as an evidence of the Premier's appreciation of the agriculture and farming of the country. He had for some years past felt that agriculture was in a backward position, but he had authority to work out such a policy as might tend to the improvement of the industry of which he was in charge. In any work which he should undertake not only would he give his whole energy and intelligence to it, but he would have the support of his colleagues who sat at the Council board with him. Mr. Fisher, in conclusion, hoped that the Fat Stock Show would meet with splendid success.

MR. PATTULLO SPEAKS.

On account of a domestic affliction Mrs. John Hoodless, of Hamilton, who was to deliver an address on the value of schools of domestic science to the agricultural population, was not present, and Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., was called upon. He regretted that Mrs. Hoodless was unable to be present, for he could assure them they missed thereby an enjoyable and instructive address. Her theme was the dignity of labor, and her sphere was the systematizing of household duties and showing that these were consistent and compatible with the highest ideals of life. Of Mr. Dryden, he believed that during his intelligent administration of his department, millions had been added to the value of their pro-

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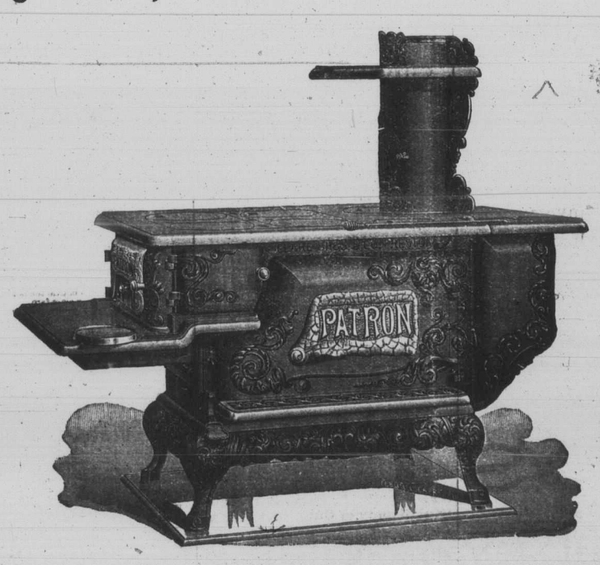

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