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"NO NATION EVER GREAT THRU AGRICULTURE ALONE"

T. H. Race and J. Lockie Wils on Tell Convention in Stratford What the Farmers' Pressing Needs Are—More Specialization in Growing of Grain and More Co-Operation.

(Special to The Toronto World)
STRATFORD, Jan. 24.—Representatives from forty-one agricultural societies in Perth, Huron, Middlesex and Elgin Counties held a district meeting in the court house this afternoon. An official welcome was given by Mayor J. Stevenson.

To specialize in the variety of grains they use, to co-operate for the welfare of all the farming community and to be absolutely honest in all their dealings were the words of advice given to the farmers by T. H. Race of Mitchell and J. Lockie Wilson of Toronto.

Prairie Government Judges.
W. A. McKenzie of Mitchell, in his opening address, told of a fine state of progress on the part of all the societies. Field competitions were not exciting the interest they should, but this would improve as the farmers grew to realize their benefits. He thought that larger crowds could be drawn to the fall fairs if the directors would expend a reasonable amount of money to give better seating accommodation at the ringside.

"I don't think the farmer is getting any too much for what he produces," observed Mr. Race. But while the manufacturers had joined hands to strengthen their position, and while

the workingmen had put shoulder to shoulder, fighting for what is justly theirs, the farmers had made nothing but individual efforts.

"While agriculture is the basis of all national prosperity we must not lose sight of the fact that no nation has ever grown to greatness thru it alone," was one of Mr. Race's conclusions.

J. Lockie Wilson, superintendent of fairs for Ontario, pressed home the need for more specialization in the growing of grain.

"What we are trying to do is to have each district grow that variety of grain or vegetable which is best adapted to the soil and climatic conditions," said Mr. Wilson.

Value of Field Competitions.
More co-operation in the producing and selling of farm products was advised by the speaker. He declared that field crop competitions had done more for agriculture in Ontario than anything else.

Representatives present were: W. L. Corbet, Alisa Craig, John Logan, London Junction; John Switzer, Lambeth; J. H. Matthews, James Stewart, Stratford; E. Christie, Exeter; C. W. Hobbs, Dunfield; R. W. McKellar, Glencoe; A. Berreth, St. Mary's; C. C. McNeil, Dunlop; J. A. McQuaid, Seaford; John Jarvis, Dorchester; T. Jackson, Harrietsville; John Brodie, Mount Bridges, and C. H. Copeland, St. Mary's.

BIG SHIPMENT OF TRAPPERS' SPOILS

Fifteen Hundred Skins Sent From Chatham to the United States.

MORE CHICKEN THEFTS

Analysis of City Water From Filters and Taps Shows Good Results.

(Special to The Toronto World)
CHATHAM, Jan. 25.—(Special).—A large shipment of furs was made by Nelson Stringer to the United States Saturday, about fifteen hundred skins, including mink, skunk, white weasel, etc. The season has been open for trapping, and the hunters have secured fairly good lots. The market, however, is weak on some lines, especially muskrat.

Epidemic of Tonsillitis.
About ten per cent of the school children of Chatham are out of school as a result of an epidemic of colds and tonsillitis, according to the trust officer, R. S. Dunlop.

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In the report on the samples of water recently sent by Dr. Hall, M.O.H., to the laboratory at Toronto for analysis, both specimens of water taken from the river and from the sediment basin showed infection with bacteria of intestinal origin. The water taken from the filters and the tap at the pumping

station showed no traces whatever of infection. City Engineer Adams stated that there was no danger of the city's drinking supply becoming contaminated owing to the present very efficient state of filtering.

Stock Judging Course.
The stock judging course, arranged by the Ontario department of agriculture, under the direction of J. T. Johnston, at McGavin's barns Saturday, was a great success. It was of a practical nature, and was for the purpose of educating the farmer in the art of judging stock and practical demonstration on judging, giving the desirable characteristics of beef and allowing a discussion on these characteristics. G. S. Peart of Freeman gave a lecture on seeds, demonstrating by a large number of samples.

CORNWALL MAN DROPS DEAD.

CORNWALL, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Death came very suddenly to A. Gillespie Watson of this town, who, on returning home this evening, after a walk, went upstairs and dropped dead without a moment's warning. The late Mr. Watson was born in Scotland, but came to this country with his parents when a mere lad. For many years he was engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He sat as a councillor at the town council, and was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters and the Sons of Scotland societies. A widow and four sons survive.

DEATH OF RAILROAD MAN.

ATL. Ont., Jan. 25.—The death occurred here yesterday after a lingering illness of Adam Allan, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the town, in his sixty-ninth year. Mr. Allan was born in Bolton and had been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway for over thirty-five years, being known to the majority of the residents of the town. He was a member of the L.O.F. He is survived by one daughter and two sons.

HEAVY GRAIN YEAR AT PORT COLBORNE ELEVATOR

More Than Nine Million Bushels Ahead of Previous Season—Capacity Being Doubled.

(Special to The Toronto World)
WELLAND, Jan. 25.—That the government elevator at Port Colborne holds the premier position on the lower lakes in Canada is seen from a statement just issued by Superintendent W. F. Fawcett. During 1913 the elevator handled more grain than any other Canadian elevator, and was exceeded by only one of the thirteen in Buffalo. The net earnings were \$53,047, or very nearly double those of 1912. Last year the grain received was 21,441,826 bushels, an increase of 9,839,310 over 1912. On the opening of navigation the new unit of the government elevator will be ready for use, which will more than double its present capacity.

WARM CAMPAIGN IS WAGED IN WELLAND

Coming C. T. A. Vote Eclipses All Interest Since Reciprocity Issue.

(Special to The Toronto World)
WELLAND, Jan. 25.—With the approach of the day of voting on the Canada Temperance Act in this county, Thursday the campaign is increasing in warmth.

Not since the reciprocity election in 1911 has an issue arisen that has aroused public interest such as the present measure, and a record vote is anticipated. The moral reform league has arrayed against it the business men and manufacturers' association. Public meetings are being addressed on behalf of the act by Ben H. Spence, F. S. Spence, Toronto, and Joseph Gibson, Ingersoll. The principal speakers are Judge C. Homer Durand of Cleveland, C. A. Windle, editor of The Iconoclast, Chicago, and Rev. C. A. Macintosh, rector of the Anglican Church, Port Erie. The argument that three local option townships will be brought under the Scott Act admittedly inferior to local option is having great weight.

While the campaign waged by the temperance people is the most strenuous ever fought the issue is looked upon with grave doubt.

PIONEER OF WALKERTON WAS CALLED BY DEATH

Andrew McLean Was Resident of Town for Sixty Years.

WALKERTON, Jan. 24.—Andrew McLean, one of Walkerton's oldest residents, died last night, at the age of 89. He came to Canada about 60 years ago and settled in Walkerton, starting a harness shop. He leaves a widow, two sons, John and Andrew, and three daughters, Mrs. Atwood of Walkerton, Mrs. Lindsay of Culross, and Mrs. Stewart of Winnipeg. He was a prominent Conservative and was a member of the town council and served as reeve. He will be buried on Monday.

GUELPH'S SPRING HORSE SHOW.

Dates Set for April 14 and 15 in Winter Fair Building.

GUELPH, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Guelph and South Wellington Agricultural Society was held in the city hall on Saturday afternoon, and was a large and representative gathering.

The financial statement was a most satisfactory one, a substantial balance being reported in spite of the fact that the heavy rain kept down the attendance.

It was decided to hold the regular spring horse show in the winter fair building, the dates set being April 14 and 15.

As the present buildings are in a very dilapidated condition, it was suggested that the fall fair be held in the winter fair buildings, but this matter was not decided upon.

The following officers for the present year were re-elected: President, Geo. J. Thorpe; first vice-president, John Barber; second vice-president, Charles L. Nelles; secretary-treasurer, William Laidlaw.

CHAIRMAN WAS RE-ELECTED.

CORNWALL, Jan. 25.—(Special).—At the first meeting of the separate school board for 1914, E. Callaghan was re-appointed as the representative of the board on the high school board. Oscar Le Bianco was re-elected chairman, and J. E. Tallon, secretary-treasurer.

HAMILTON MAN MAY GET MONEY

Donald A. Smith is Said to Be Grandson of Strathcona.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Will Be Spent This Year.

(Special to The Toronto World)
HAMILTON, Jan. 25.—That part of the \$50,000,000 estate of Canada's late high commissioner may be shared by a Hamilton man now appears likely. The man referred to is Donald A. Smith, travelling freight agent for the C.P.R., who has his office in this city, and resides at 14 Sprucefield avenue. While not denying his relationship to the late Lord Strathcona, Mr. Smith absolutely declined to issue any statement for publication today. Neither would he make an explanation concerning his relationship.

It is known, however, that Mr. Smith's father, James H. Smith, of 148 Strathmore road, Brookline, is the son of Donald A. Smith, who was known in later years of his life. So that Donald A. Smith of this city is the "grand old man's" grandson. This, however, Mr. Smith would not admit.

Board of Education.
The board of education has mapped out the general estimates for the year, and has decided to take \$485,000 from the city treasury, which is \$60,400 more than it received last year. It will also spend \$212,000, raised by the sale of debentures, which will make its 1914 budget \$647,000.

With this money it will complete the school extensions now under way, buy sites for new schools in the southwest and northeast; increase the salaries of the women teachers; probably increase the minimum and maximum salaries of male principals, and buy an automobile for Secretary Foster.

Money for Charities.
The local police authorities are searching for Stanley Rose, who mysteriously disappeared on Friday afternoon from his home, 433 North Ferguson avenue. Mrs. Rose notified the police and expressed fears that her husband might have been the victim of foul play.

Altho the will has not yet been filed for probate, the executors of the estate of the late Sarah Alice Thompson announced Saturday that a total of \$66,500 had been bequeathed to charities. Three local institutions benefit to the extent of \$10,000 each.

TO ISSUE PUBLICITY BOOKLET.

Sarnia Board of Trade and Town Council Will Co-operate for This Purpose.

SARNIA, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The board of trade will issue a publicity booklet for the town this year, and has asked the council to contribute a sum equal to the amount it will raise for the issue of the booklet.

W. J. McCormick and J. R. Geddes have been chosen to represent the board as delegates at the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade in Toronto.

The board is agitating the need of a better freight service over the Pere Marquette and will endeavor to arrange a meeting with the officials of the road.

FINCH FAIR'S ANNUAL.

CORNWALL, Jan. 25.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the Finch Agricultural Society, held at Berwick, the following officers were elected for 1914: President, K. Cameron; first vice-president, M. Alguire; second vice-president, I. Onderkirk; secretary, M. McQueen; treasurer, George Alguire; auditors, D. N. McLean and J. Robinson; directors, A. M. Robert, John McKillop, Peter Onderkirk, D. P. Cameron, Charles Miller, Arch. McLean, Joseph Dutt, John Robinson, Silas Hunter, Arthur Onderkirk.

CALLED TO DURHAM.

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Rev. W. C. McAlpine of Delta, has been chosen a unanimous call by the Baptist congregation of Durham, Ont., to become their pastor. The acceptance has not yet been received. It is expected that he will forward a favorable reply.

ST. LAWRENCE FROZEN OVER.

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The first crossing on foot between here and Morrisburg was accomplished on Saturday. The hard frosts have sealed the channel of the river and the ice is now considered safe for walking.

EX-WARDEN OF LINCOLN PASSES VERY SUDDENLY

Samuel L. Crowe Found Dead at His Residence, Louth Township—Was Unmarried.

(Special to The Toronto World)
ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 25.—Ex-Warden Samuel L. Crowe was found dead in his bed in Louth Township this morning. He was about Saturday as usual and visited Jordan, retiring at night in good health and spirits. Mr. Crowe, who was a bachelor, was one of the very few that had never engaged in fruit growing to any extent, following ordinary agricultural pursuits. He was a son of the late David Crowe of Louth and a nephew of the late S. L. St. John, one of St. Catharines' pioneer citizens. He is survived by one sister.

FARM HAND TAKES LIFE BY HANGING

Rash Act of Young German Near Guelph—Had Been Acting Strangely.

(Special to The Toronto World)
GUELPH, Jan. 25.—Theodore Mann, a young German, 24 years of age, committed suicide on Sunday morning on the farm of Robert Laidlaw, Paisley block, six miles from Guelph, by hanging himself from a beam in the barn. He was discovered by one of the farm hands at 10.30, quite dead and the body still warm.

Young Mann had been in the employ of Mr. Laidlaw since November last, but spent the three months previous to that in Berlin. He had been acting quite strangely for some time past, and looked as tho he was worried about something. He wrote three letters to his mother in Germany during the week, the last one being written Friday night. He was a single man as far as could be learned.

FIFTY HYDRO-ELECTRIC WORKERS OUT ON STRIKE

Men Employed on Brantford System Ask Straight Time and Readjustment of Wages.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 25.—(Can. Press).—Fifty men employed on outside work on the Brantford hydro-electric system are out on strike. They claim that they should not be docked for not working on wet days, when the work is called off thru no fault of theirs.

The men declare they will remain on strike until they receive a guarantee that they will get straight time and a readjustment of wages to a higher point than they are now.

CORNWALL RESIDENT DEAD.

A Member of One of Eastern Ontario's Oldest Families Passes Away.

CORNWALL, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Miss Eliza J. French, a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families in this section, died yesterday in the general hospital. Miss French, who was 69 years of age, was born in Cornwall and spent her whole life here. She was a daughter of the old French family, whose names are so prominently identified with the development of Lunenburg and district. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Donald McMillan of Brockville and Mrs. (Dr.) George Fringle of Toronto.

GUELPH'S BRITISH EMPIRE CLUB.

GUELPH, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The British Empire Club, composed entirely of British-born, has completed its organization, and the new club rooms in the Norrish block have been opened. There is a splendid membership of about two hundred, and everyone is most enthusiastic over the prospect of the club. A strong set of officers was elected for the coming year as follows: Honorary president, H. C. Schofield, M.L.A.; honorary vice-president, Rev. C. H. Buckland; president, Percy Campbell, vice-president, Matthew Dobson; secretary, James T. Hamill; treasurer, Roy Stout; executive, H. Butt, J. Kiba, M. S. Purton, H. A. Foss, G. Hall, R. McDonald.

DIED IN DETROIT.

SARNIA, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Geo. Scott, a former old-time resident of Point Edward, died in Detroit this morning. The body will be brought to Sarnia for interment at Lakeview Cemetery.

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WELLAND THROWS OUT SWEEPING CHALLENGE

(Special to The Toronto World)
WELLAND, Jan. 25.—Welland's remarkable growth in every branch of industry last year has prompted the chief distributing centre for the industrial commission from the point of prosperity.

The increase in manufacturing plants over the previous year was 3. Number of employees on pay sheets, 2782, an increase over 1912 of 196. Total wages paid by 25 plants, \$1,642,996.25; increase over 1912, \$158,848.25. Total product shipped by 25 plants, \$8,885,873; increase over 1912, \$1,770,807. Total building permits, \$614,157.50; increase over 1912, \$141,413.50.

KENYON SOCIETY'S OFFICERS.

CORNWALL, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Kenyon Agricultural Society was held at Maxville. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$70.18 on hand, with 86 paid-up members for 1914. The following are the officers for the year: President, John D. Fraser, Athol; first vice-president, J. W. Smith, Maxville; second vice-president, N. B. McLeod, Dunvegan; secretary, treasurer, John P. McNaughton, Maxville; hon. directors, Mrs. D. C. McDougall and Mrs. D. J. Campbell; directors, J. J. Anderson, D. J. Cameron, F. S. Campbell, William Hill, G. Marjerrison, A. J. McEwen, Frank Villeneuve, J. J. Cameron, Thomas Blaney, A. D. Monroe, S. P. Cameron, Peter Kippin, and auditors, D. F. McDermid and H. A. McIntyre; delegates to Fairs Association, Toronto, J. J. Cameron; alternate, D. J. Cameron.

SINK HOLE SUSPENDS TRAFFIC.

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 25.—(Special).—More trouble developed yesterday at the sink hole on the Canadian Northern line near Chaffey's Locks. The hole settled last week and the work of filling it was completed on Wednesday. A train of cars was then backed over it and by night it had settled again. The hole is on the main line of the company and a complete suspension of traffic has resulted.

RE-OPENING OF CHURCH.

CORNWALL, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The reopening services of the Knox church, Lancaster, after an extensive renovation, were held today when Rev. A. C. Manson, D.D., pastor of Taylor church, Montreal, conducted special services both morning and evening.

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