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Rev. John Robertson's Death.

In the death of Rev. John Robertson, at Ingersoll, Ont., on Saturday, December 17th, Canada lost a worthy citizen who has for many years been identified with the work of dairy instruction. Mr. Robertson was born at Dunlop, Ayrshire, in 1828. Away back in the fifties he became closely associated with the Rev. Mr. Gebble, the parish minister of Dunlop, noted throughout Scotland for the fervor and zeal of his religious life. From that time Mr. Robertson gave himself heartily to the advancement of the Christian cause. In 1863 he sub-let his farm in Scotland for three years and devoted himself as a missionary among the coal miners and iron workers at Ardeer. In 1875 he brought his family to Canada, and settled on the Maple Grove farm, London Township, Ont. He had a practical knowledge of the farming methods and dairying of his native country, Ayrshire, and was of course at once interested in the agriculture of Ontario. He associated himself in various ways with the development of the Canadian dairy industry, acting as an official instructor for the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, and subsequently for several years as superintendent of the dairy industry in the Province of New Brunswick. For a lengthy period he was a valued contributor to the columns of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. At a later date he devoted some of his spare time to Farmers' Institute work. In addition to his many other duties, he ministered acceptably to several churches in Middlesex County, mainly in connection with the Baptist denomination. His first wife was Mary Wilson, of Langton, Scotland, and his second Louise Edwards, of Ingersoll, Ont. His family of children included Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, Dominion Agricultural and Dairy Commissioner; Mr. John Robertson, who was for several years dairy instructor in the southwest of Scotland, and now engaged in the dairy produce trade for probably the largest firm in Scotland; and Mr. Robert Robertson, for some time on the staff of Hodgson Bros., of Liverpool, Eng., importers of Canadian dairy produce. At the present time he is the British Columbia representative of J. Y. Griffin & Sons, of Winnipeg, Man., extensive pork-packers and dealers in butter and cheese. Deceased was not only a man of many attainments and great capacity for work, but with a high sense of personal integrity as becoming a Christian gentleman.

CHRISTMAS FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

STRIKES A POPULAR CHORD ALL OVER THE CONTINENT—WILL PROVE A GREAT STIMULUS TO CANADIAN AGRICULTURE AND DO THE DOMINION GOOD. SO WRITE THE READERS.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir,—The Christmas number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE has reached me in good order, and I am delighted and astonished at its uniform excellence of paper, type, illustrations and descriptions. Such a paper should be widely circulated to show the varied agricultural resources of Canada and their highly developed condition. Wishing you a happy Christmas.

Yours truly,

G. M. GRANT.
Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., Dec. 24, 1898.

MAGNIFICENT.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate you on the magnificent Christmas issue of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. Every subscriber should keep his own copy and get another to send to some friend in Great Britain as a souvenir, and also to make our great agricultural industry known.

Yours very truly,
C. C. JAMES,
Deputy Min. Agr. for Ontario.
Toronto, Dec. 26th, 1898.

DELIGHTED WITH IT.

Dear Sir,—On my return from the School of Agriculture I found the Christmas number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE on my desk. It is really a work of art, and to this art are added many valuable and practicable articles. I am delighted to see such wonderful growth in every direction in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

I. P. ROBERTS, Director.
Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y., Dec. 23rd, 1898.

SHOULD BE SCATTERED BROADCAST IN BRITAIN.

Dear Sir,—I have to thank you for the holiday number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE just received. Its artistic make-up, as well as the high literary quality of its contents, are certainly most creditable alike to the enterprise of the publisher and the resources of Canadian journalism. The engravings and descriptions of the fine series of beautiful homesteads make one, as he looks on them, envious of the prosperous Canadian farmer, affording the readers, in imagination, a delightful trip from ocean to ocean across the most productive belt of the continent. What a valuable immigrant agent this number would prove if scattered broadcast among the ambitious young farmers of Great Britain. While all the articles and departments are first-class, yet I lingered longest at the fine poem by Mr. Robt. Elliott, entitled the "Yeoman's Path," to which you give the well-deserved place of honor.

Yours very truly,
JOHN DEARNESS,
Public School Inspector.
London, Dec. 26th, 1898.

NO PAPER LIKE IT IN AMERICA.

Dear Sir,—The Christmas number of the ADVOCATE has just reached me. Am delighted with it. It is the most interesting holiday agricultural paper I ever saw, and proves what I have many times said, in public talks and private, that no agricultural paper in America has made such wonderful and rapid advances as the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. I congratulate you on your up-to-date enterprise, and your subscribers as well on having such a practical agricultural paper to use.

Yours truly,
F. S. PEER.
Mount Morris, N. Y., Dec. 26th, 1898.

THE BEST.

Sir,—The Christmas number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE is to hand. Without doubt, it is the finest paper I have ever saw. We take four agricultural papers, but think more of the ADVOCATE than all the other three. Every number seems to be more interesting and instructive. Allow us to compliment you on this Christmas number.

F. C. ELFORD.
Holmesville, Ont., Dec. 28th, 1898.

A SUPERB PRODUCTION.

Dear Sir,—The Christmas number is to hand, and although our opinion may count but little, we think it is really superb, and a splendid production of Canadian literature. Canadian farmers should be proud of their grand ADVOCATE. Enclosed please find fifty cents, for which please send another copy of the Christmas number for a friend.

Yours truly,
GEO. CUSHING.
Kenilworth, Ont., Dec. 24th, 1898.

WILL HELP AGRICULTURE.

Dear Sir,—Your Christmas number received. It is certainly very fine. Such a journal as the FARMER'S ADVOCATE should be carefully read by all those engaged in agricultural pursuits. I think it has a tendency to arouse our energies and elevate us to a higher sphere of work; and, considering that Canada must depend on agricultural pursuits, her people should aim at a point of excellence, and be prepared to meet any and all competition in the markets of Great Britain.

W. D. FLATT.
Hamilton, Dec. 20th, 1898.

AN INSPIRATION.

Dear Sir,—The Christmas number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE is certainly a great credit to its publishers. We are sure it will do incalculable good in inspiring young men to put forth every effort to win the enviable, but attainable, success achieved by the leaders in a noble calling.

J. E. CREALY, Western Dairy School.

A SURPRISE.

R. G. STEACY, Brockville, Ont., writes under date of Dec. 22nd, 1898: "With pleasure I congratulate you on your fine Christmas number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. I had but little idea that you could execute such choice workmanship. As an instructor your paper is my choice. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, sincerely."

CONTINUED SUCCESS.

ANDREW PATTULLO, M. P. P., editor *Sentinel-Review*, Woodstock, Ont.: "I have always admired the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and sincerely congratulate you on the many evidences of its continued success."

FACTORY PATRONS WANT IT.

GEO. H. BARR, Sebringville, Ont., Dec. 23rd: "The Xmas number of the ADVOCATE received this morning. It is a dandy. One of our factory patrons gave me his subscription when he saw it. I enclose amount. I received the binder also a few days ago and am greatly pleased with it."

IMPROVES WITH AGE.

C. W. PICKART, Kent Bridge, Ont.: "The FARMER'S ADVOCATE has been in our home since 1899. We cannot do without it. It gets better all the time."

THE CALL FOR EXTRA COPIES.

W. W. OGILVIE, Montreal, P. Q. (telegram): "Please forward me one hundred and fifty copies of your Christmas number at rate stated."

WILL BENEFIT THE WHOLE DOMINION.

Dear Sir,—I received the special Christmas number and was more than pleased with the effort you have made, and exceedingly gratified with the results. It cannot fail to have a stimulating influence throughout the whole Dominion. I sincerely appreciate the work performed, and take much pleasure in showing it to my friends. Please mail a copy to Rev. Ralph Trotter, Victoria, B. C. Enclosed please find amount. Yours, etc.,

Amherst, Nova Scotia. T. R. BLACK.

ABLY REPRESENTS CANADIAN AGRICULTURE.

"The FARMER'S ADVOCATE has issued a Christmas number of exceptional merit in design and execution. In the artistic frontispiece, and in many of the articles, Canada's pre-eminent agricultural importance is fittingly emphasized. The special articles are well written, and cover a wide range. There are illustrated descriptions of representative farms in the different Provinces, and a complete resume of the experimental farm system. The ADVOCATE was founded in 1896, and this excellent Christmas number shows that it has grown and expanded with the leading Canadian industry it so ably represents."—From the *Toronto Globe*, Dec. 22, 1898.

BETTER THAN A ROMANCE.

(From the *London Free Press*.)

The Christmas FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, Ont., a copy of which we have just received, is a graphic revelation of the agricultural progress of Canada during the past fifty years, and of its capacities as a food producer for the British Empire. The articles reviewing these and other subjects read equal to a romance, but, like the half hundred engravings illustrating its 72 beautiful pages, they are the faithful portrayal of realities in every part of Canada, from the humble home of the settler to the mansions of those who have risen to a competence. Our old contemporary modestly says little or nothing about its own 33 years' service on behalf of the farmers' advancement, which, in the opinion of many best competent to judge, has been probably the most effective for good of all agencies.

This number contains the most complete survey ever given of the Dominion Experimental Farm system and the Ontario Agricultural College. There are sketches of German Agriculture, by Prof. Shuttleworth; the English Country Gentleman, by Richard Gibson; Reminiscences, by Wm. Miller; Agricultural Education, by Rev. Principal Bryce; Starting Right on a Prairie Farm, by Supt. Bedford; and Canada's Resources, by the Dominion Statistician; any one of which is alone worth the price (50 cents) of the number, which is being supplied gratis to all new subscribers for 1899 at the old rate of \$1.00 per year. The design on the front cover represents Canada as the Empire's Rising Hope, and the poem, "The Path of the Yeoman," by Mr. Elliott, and John Bull's Christmas Dinner, by J. W. Bengough; "Ramshackle Farm-in," by Frank Stockton, are among the many features that will catch the popular fancy in this splendid issue of the ADVOCATE, which will not only be a benefit, but a surprise and delight to its readers.