

ITEMS FOR AND ABOUT THE FARMER

PROVINCIAL PLOWING MATCH WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Prizes Presented at Banquet in the Evening at Which Many Interesting Speeches Were Made—Important Announcement by J. Lockie Wilson.

Briefly stated the success of the 1917 provincial plowing match, held at Oak Park Farm, Brantford, on Oct. 24, 25, 26, was an unqualified success. The choice of location was certainly providential, for if the land had been either level, low and of heavy loam, the whole place would have been a bog hole. As everyone knows, it was raining, and then some, for days before the event and the day after as well. Happily there was no rain on the day of the big match. In spite of the condition of the roads it was an inspiring sight to see the hundreds of automobiles, which covered a large part of the fields and overflowed on to the roads in both directions as far as the eye could reach.

Mr. Pike personally directed the erection of the tents and signs for the various exhibitors, and these were placed on a rise in the ground, so that there was very little mud to bother the movements of the thousands of spectators who thronged all over the grand old farm and enjoyed themselves immensely.

The arrangement of the various events was well carried out, and more especially was this noticed in regard to the tractors, which were placed in such a position that the farmers could see their operations without walking long distances between each machine. A comparison of the merits of the various makes was the subject of the many expressions of approval with reference to the quality of the plowing was heard. As two of the most prominent manufacturers present were heard to say, "They all did good work."

After the plowing was finished the crowd gradually dispersed, and two or three hundred of the plowmen, manufacturers and press representatives were invited to a banquet given by the manufacturers of Brantford and the women's institute of Echo Place. After everyone had satisfied the inner man, the speech-making was opened by Chairman Warden Ross, who called upon W. J. Cockshutt to give the address of welcome to the Ontario Plowmen's Association on behalf of the City of Brantford. Mr. Cockshutt referred to the fact that the success of the match was due to the cooperation of the land, that of agriculture, and quickly struck the keynote of the gathering when he stated that the farmers and the manufacturers of machinery were friends, and the opportunity of fraternizing afforded by just such banquets as that to which they had been called should be made the most of.

Senator Fisher's jokes. Senator Fisher then presented the address of welcome on behalf of the County of Brant, and drew roars of laughter from the guests as he related several amusing anecdotes, one of the best of which had for its particular butt Col. Harry Cockshutt and his efforts at becoming an agriculturist, more particularly a breeder of turkeys.

Ovation to the Secretary. An ovation was given to J. Lockie Wilson when he rose to speak on behalf of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, of which he is secretary. Warden Ross referred to Mr. Wilson as the main responsible for the development and success of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and their annual plowing matches. Mr. Wilson seized

upon the occasion to make an appeal for aid in the shape of a federal government grant for the better cultivation of the soil, and promptly secured the assurance of those members of parliament present that their personal support could be counted upon. He also stated how glad the executive was at the number of entrants in the plowing match, which had indeed proven greater than all previous matches held in Ontario. Mr. Wilson called the attention of those present to the able manner in which the red men had competed for the prizes, and recalled many incidents of great service to their country rendered by the Indians of Brant County, and to the number of Canadian red men who were now fighting side by side with their white brothers on the plains of France and Flanders.

Significant Announcement. Before ending his remarks Mr. Wilson announced that at the next meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association invitations would be sent to manufacturers interested to attend with the object of bringing the farmer and manufacturer closer together and also of making the annual provincial plowing match the greatest exhibition and demonstration of farm implements, tractors and barn and stable fittings, as well as the greatest plowing match and farmers' attraction on the continent.

Many other well-known representatives of the manufacturing and farming industries were then called upon for speeches, and each presented one of the numerous prizes won by the plowmen. Bert Kennedy and Oscar Leach, respectively the open and junior champion plowmen of Ontario, were given rousing receptions when they were presented with the championship trophies presented by Canadian Farm and The Toronto World.

Two New Trophies. Col. Harry Cockshutt and R. Harmer both stated that they would be pleased to give trophies for competition at the next year's match. W. S. McFarlane, sales manager of the Cockshutt Plow Co., had the real little speech which he had prepared knocked completely out of his grasp by the reception which was accorded him. The chairman referred to the time and labor expended by Mr. McFarlane as chairman of the tractor committee towards making the event the success it had been.

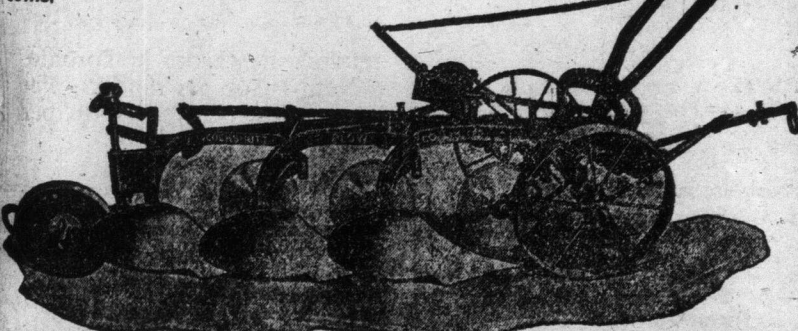
Judge Hardy referred to the fact that wealth did not reside only in the multitude of a man's possessions, but in that contentment and peace of mind which was the possession of so many farmers. He accordingly called the farmer the richest man in the country as a class.

Interesting speeches were also made by many others, among whom were Jim McLean, President Smith, Frank Weir, Wm. Doherty, Ham Regan and T. A. Patterson. The proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks, moved by W. S. McFarlane, and seconded by President Smith, to the ladies of Echo Place, and the gathering then sang "God Save the King."

BAGS FOR SUGAR CROP.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Through the cooperation of the British admiralty with the United States food administration a plentiful supply of jute bags for handling the coming Cuban sugar crop is now assured. The bags are to be sent from India to Cuba. The necessary shipping will be furnished by the British admiralty.

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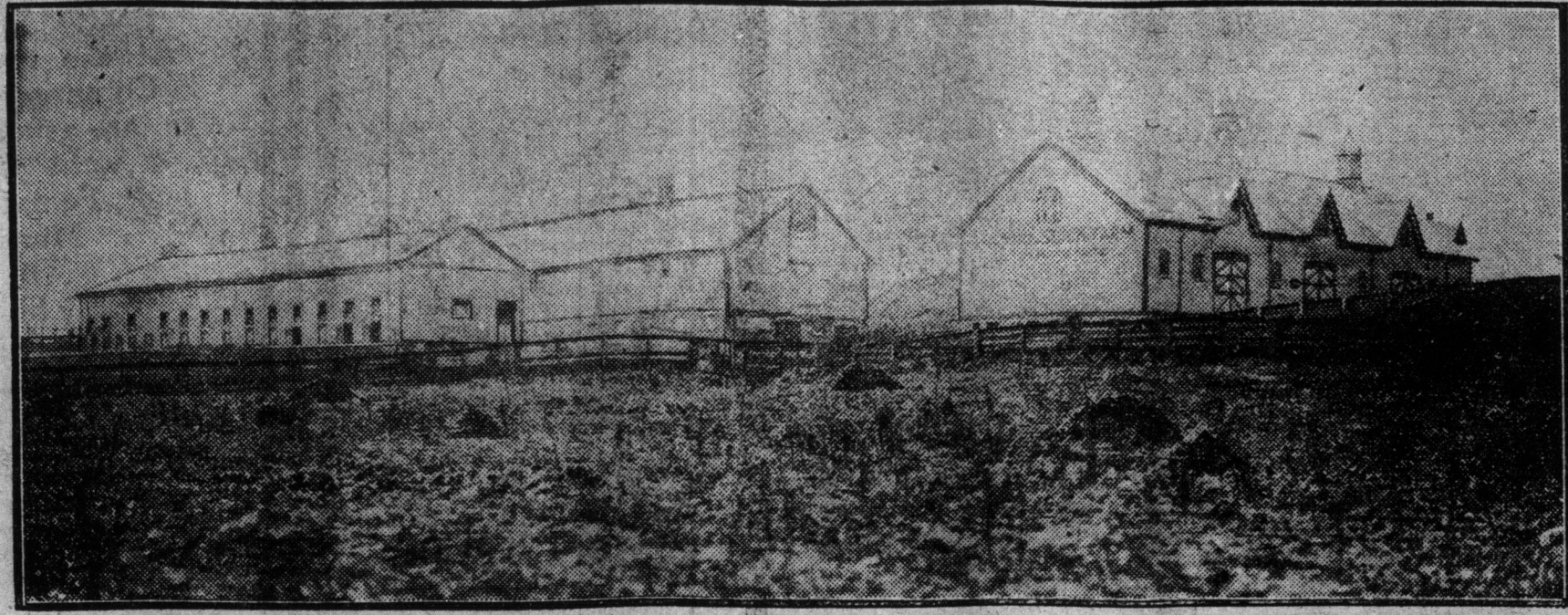
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Photograph by World photographer of the beautiful stables and barns at Oak Park Stock Farm, near Brantford.



Showing one of the animals and a portion of the buyers at the ringside of the big Holstein sale which took place at the close of the Provincial Plowing Match and Tractor Demonstration. Several hundred breeders inspected the cattle offered.

Condensed Information for Farmers and Their Clubs

News of the Crops and Farms From All Parts of Ontario.

MILDMAY.

Knechtel & Knechtel loaded a car of potatoes for shipment to Toronto. The price of murphies is ranging from \$1.20 to \$1.30 per bag.

Urban Schmidt shipped a carload of cattle last Saturday. These cattle were grazing on his own farm this summer, and were an extra choice lot. Frank Steffler's auction sale of farm stock and implements took place on Monday afternoon. Although very few implements were sold, the proceeds of the sale amounted to \$2500. Mr. Steffler has had Samuel Harper's farm leased for the past five years, and it is now rumored that he has purchased a farm in Culross.

The annual meeting of the Beet Ring No. 1 was held at the home of John Kunkel last week when the season's business was wound up. This was one of the best years in the history of the ring. The dressed weight of the cattle averaged 488 pounds. The officers elected for next year were: President, Henry Schnurr; butcher, Frank Schneider; secretary-treasurer, J. P. Beninger; inspectors, Jacob Kreitz and Paul Kreitz; auditors, A. Schmidt and Frank Kramer.

Leandro Seifried, who has had his father's farm on the 6th concession leased for a number of years, is moving to the 70-acre farm on the 3rd concession, which was bought by his father, Jos. Seifried. The latter will return to the farm on the 6th concession.

Weiler Bros. shipped a carload of potatoes last week.

Pastures have been somewhat helped by recent rains, although the week was rather too cold for much growth. Young clover looks well.

How the Motor Car Solved the Problem

Interesting Comparison of Cost and Convenience of Methods of Marketing Pigs.

When a certain large hog feeder in Indiana was ready to market a herd of his spring pigs he used to round up his neighbors at nightfall and spend a whole night driving the hogs eight miles to the railroad to be loaded for shipment. He expected to lose three or four fat hogs out of every carload and all the animals would shrink from five to seven pounds a head during the drive. His loss by this system of marketing varied all the way from \$50 to \$150. Often the hogs reached market in bad weather in a condition that prevented their bringing top prices and this was another loss.

This summer he backed his new farm motor truck into his hog yard in the early morning, loaded in a dozen fat porkers and in 30 minutes had them comfortably placed in the cars at the station. An hour later another load was on the cars. There were no shrinkage and no discomfort, and two men did all the work.

No wonder he regards this truck as one of the most profitable investments that he has ever made as a hog raiser. And the hauling of hogs is only one of the score of things that he does quicker and better with this new vehicle—Country Gentleman.

EIGHTH LINE.

Many of the farmers along this line have just completed their silos, while others have put their corn in stock waiting for the corn cutting outfit.

At the annual meeting of the 8th line beef ring a few days ago a settlement was made. The average was 26 lbs. per share. A. R. Wideman was re-elected butcher, and a 20-share ring formed. A. R. Wideman, A. Grove and J. I. Baldson are the managing committee. There is only one blank share and the early bird gets the worm.

Alex. Boyd returned a few days ago from a trip to the west, where he purchased a half-section of land and intends moving out early in the spring. Many from this line attended Mr. Lee's farm stock sale the other day. A registered cow and calf by side brought \$235, and all young cattle sold very high.

Mr. Duncan of this line has filed many silos this fall with his tractor. He filed one silo 12 x 35 on ten gallons of oil.

CALEDON.

Wm. McCartney, a well-known Caledon man, has sold his farm of 135 acres, lot 15, con. 2, west, Caledon, to J. C. Limestone, of Alton, for \$7500.

HARRISTON.

According to reports, a larger acreage is being plowed in this section this fall, and mostly sold at 18 1/2 to 20 a pound for the Burley variety.

ERIN.

Arohe Nurse of Toronto has purchased a farm on 22 side road, fourth line, Erin, from Mr. Farr.

ESSEX.

Tobacco in Essex has been all harvested, and mostly sold at 18 1/2 to 20 a pound for the Burley variety.

LEAMINGTON.

The onion crop, which is growing in importance in some of the western counties, has been pulled. At Leamington they have been selling at \$2.30 a bag, f.o.b.

CAMBRAV.

Silo filling is about finished in this neighborhood.

Robert McKinnon has started to plow on the farm recently purchased from Frank Sluggit, Lindon Valley. Wm. Gorrille's farm, and has started plowing.

WATFORD.

W. J. Moffatt, 6th line, took ten hogs to Watford market last week, and brought for them an amount to \$411.35.

Big vegetables are still in evidence. Thos. Woods brought to this office, Monday, a table carrot 15 inches in circumference at the top and weighing 2 lbs. 3 ounces. Next—Watford Advocate.

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GREY.

Jno. Jackson, 6th Con., has disposed of his fine farm, containing 130 acres, to Smith Brothers, 1st line, Morris Township, who had their barn destroyed by fire recently. The purchasers got immediate possession. Price paid was \$10,000. There is considerable timber on the farm. Mr. Jackson also sold his other farm, Lot 12, Con. 6, containing 100 acres, to W. J. Hoy, of the same community, for \$3600. This will give Mr. Hoy 200 acres well located for work. The Smith Brothers have not sold their homestead, but will move to the newly purchased property. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will remove to Chesley, from which locality they came 15 years ago, when they moved into Grey Township and where they have many old friends.

NINTH LINE.

F. Reid finished harvest last week. R. Eagleson, pathmaster for his beat, is having the roadway done this week. "Better late than never."

Hugh Boyd was over east last week and bought a large herd of fine cattle. Fred Silverthorne has John Hare and his men employed cementing stables.

Corn cutting is a thing of the past, and plowing is reigning in its place.

AMARANTH.

John S. Wallace has sold his fine 100-acre farm, the west half of lot 12, concession two, Amaranth, to John Rennie, a young Amaranth farmer, who will get possession on March 1. It is understood that the price is about \$8000. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace will probably take a trip to the west next summer.

ETHEL.

The farm of Chas. Clever, near here, has been sold to Alonzo Heath for \$2800.

PRIMROSE.

Jake Law of Primrose has leased the McCutcheon farm near Whitfield.

CULROSS.

P. Arkel & Sons of Culross last week shipped ten fine young Oxford Down rams to Mrs. James J. Hill at Montana.

OTTER CREEK.

John Schmidt of Otter Creek planted one bag of potatoes last spring which yielded him thirty-five bags.

FLESHERTON.

F. G. Karstedt headed a car of potatoes at this station on Monday, for which he paid \$1.10 per bag.

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DISHONEST INTENTIONS

Measures Should Be Taken to Prevent Further Similar Activities.

"Glad to see you," said a slick-looking individual to a farmer as he walked inside the gate at the provincial plowing match. "You are a very interesting proposition to the proprietors of farms. You are a proprietor, are you not?" This was sufficiently evident without the courteous reply of the farmer to the man whom he had never seen before (and hopes never to see again) to the effect that he had a son who was already old enough to help him on the farm. "Well, sir, we have a very attractive proposition to make to you. We will give you a special course at the Ontario Agricultural College, and will also mail you regularly the bulletins of the government experimental farms. You, of course, are interested in livestock and will find these government pamphlets most valuable. What is your name?" While the canvasser is talking he is getting out a pad of blank forms and pencil and quickly writes the name and address of the honest farmer whom he has accosted and tears off one of the blanks.

"Now, sir, with a smiling smile, 'you of course don't mind paying the postage on these government bulletins which we are going to send you.'"

"How much does it cost?" asks the farmer, already putting his hand in his pocket, thinking to get rid of the stranger by paying him 10 cents for his postage.

"That will be a dollar," says he of the smooth tongue, handing the receipt already to the farmer and feeling so sure of his dollar.

But this farmer fortunately was wary and did not hand over the dollar. Instead he read the receipted form which was now in his hands. "Canadian Countryman," read the farmer aloud. "What has this to do with the 'Canadian Countryman'?" asked the farmer, not fully convinced that the stranger was trying to put over a skin game on him.

"Oh, you're entitled to that as well," he answers. "The farmer in this case handed back the receipt to the stranger and told him he had more magazines already than he could read, and the slick individual could only grin and walk away after another intended victim."

Now, in fairness to the publication already named, it should be stated that representatives of "Farm and Dairy" and "Farm and Ranch Review" were also using the same detestable and underhanded methods of securing a dollar or more from any and every farmer whom they could get to listen. This, however, does not excuse either the "Canadian Countryman," "Farm and Dairy" or "Farm and Ranch Review" from the fact that they tried these means to secure subscriptions to their magazines and provided the tricksters with the printed forms.

The great offence in this particular case was that the canvasser did not even mention the name of the magazine to which he desired to sell a subscription to a magazine, but tried to make the farmer believe that he was a government representative who was selling experimental farm bulletins for the cost of postage.

Now it so happens that as The World has stated many times, a farmer can secure government bulletins and books absolutely without cost by merely making a request for same to the proper department.

When will the government take action against this sort of thing, or when will farmers learn not to do business in any manner with smooth-tongued tricksters of this stamp?

WHITBY.

Thirteen tons of cabbages were shipped last week from Brookside Farm at Whitby to the Buffalo markets. Two cabbages grown on this farm were weighed and combined they tipped the scales at 37 1/2 pounds.

WALKERTON.

James Whitehead sold the 100-acre farm, near Chesport, last week, and which belonged to Barney Spitzig of Scott, Sask., to the latter's brother, Joseph Spitzig, who has been living on the place.

MONO.

Samuel Buchanan of Mono has rented the farm in Tossoronto, recently purchased from the estate of the late Mildred Murphy, to Mr. Jeffels of Primrose.

VERSCHOYLE.

A shooting match was held on the farm of Floyd Little, Verschoyle, from which a large number of fowl were taken by those in attendance from all parts of the district. Quite a number from Ingersoll were in attendance.

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