

WITH THE FARMERS

J. B. HOLDEN MEETS FARMERS.

J. B. Holden, M.P.P., for Vermilion constituency addressed the Ross Creek Local Canadian Society of Equity on January 6th. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the society to discuss with them questions of importance to farmers. He hoped the convention would be a landmark in the history of the demands for legislation in the form of a petition and the legislative body soon to meet would respect it. If he found that the majority of his electors wanted government owned elevators, packing plants, etc., Mr. Holden thought the farmer's cooperative policy in Denmark would be the best with government assistance. It was then pointed out to him by a local member that the Danish policy had been introduced before the industry had become a trust monopoly, and therefore did not have such an organized evil to contend with, and furthermore the farmers were victims of our banking methods because of lack of capital. The industry could stand the continual drain of 8 or 10 per cent. interest, whereas the increase of wealth in the production taking only very seldom average 7 per cent. but if the government issued its own currency—medium of exchange—for its own finance, as well as industry, it would liberate the government as well as industry from such exploitation and would not be called upon to build packing plants.

At the meeting Elmer Hallberg was chosen delegate to represent the local C.S. of E. convention to be held in Edmonton, Jan. 18th and the joint convention of the C.S. of E. of Jan. 14th and 15th. He was instructed to use his best efforts for amalgamation. A. H. Karger, vice-president of the society, occupied the chair.

SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

In view of the fact that there is no agricultural college in the province at present, and in view of the further fact that there are several men within the province who desire to under take special work in agriculture, the provincial department of agriculture will establish a short course in agriculture at Lacombe extending over a period of two weeks from March 1st to March 13th inclusive. The stock which will be used for the course will be taken from the experimental farm buildings adjoining.

The agricultural societies and exhibition associations of the province will be asked to appoint two men each to attend this course, as is expected that fully one hundred students will probably more will be in attendance. Hon. W. F. Finlay, minister of agriculture, has indicated that the interest taken in this short course of instruction will go a long way towards determining how long it will be for the province of Alberta will have an agricultural college of its own. At present, those who desire to under take special work in agriculture are the daughters of Alberta farmers who are studying in agricultural colleges in the east. The government pays railway fare and the non-residential tuition fee.

The subjects to be discussed at the short course will be as follows: 1. Livestock. (a) Judging. (b) History of Weeds. (c) Stock Breeding. (d) Feeding. (e) Care of Horses. 2. General Agriculture. (a) Crops. (b) General Judging. (c) Soil Cultivation. (d) Studies in Weeds. 3. Dairying. 4. Poultry. 5. Forestry. 6. Veterinary Work. 7. Horticulture.

The tutorial staff will be composed of the following well known agriculturists: C. M. MacRae, Ottawa; W. C. McKillop, Canada; J. R. McMillan, Ottawa; G. H. Hutton, Lacombe; Duncan Anderson, Ottawa; L. H. Newman, Ottawa; T. B. Henderson, Dept.; H. A. Craig, Dept.; W. A. Fairfield, Lethbridge Experimental Farm.

THURSDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Jan. 14.—The wheat market today was dull but firm, with a gradual moderate advance toward the close, closing prices being at the highest figures of the last. Liverpool closed 2d to 2 1/2 higher and continental markets showed little change. United States markets opened 1/2 cent lower to 1/2 cent higher, then held steady and dull, but later became firmer and more active and closed 1/2 to 3/4 cent higher than yesterday.

Our Winnipeg market, under the influence of the United States markets, advanced and closed 1/2 to 3/4 cent higher than yesterday. Today's prices are—No. 1 Northern, 93 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 93 1/2; No. 3 Northern, 92 1/2; No. 4 wheat, 87 1/2; No. 5, 82 1/2; No. 6, 78 1/2; feed wheat, 92 1/2; Alberta red-winter, No. 1, 96 1/2; No. 2, 93 1/2; No. 3, 90 1/2. Futures—January 99 1/2; May 1.01 1/2; July 1.02 1/2. Oats firm—1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher—No. 2 Canadian Western, 37 1/2; No. 3 Canadian Western, 35 1/2; No. 1 feed, 35 1/2; No. 2 feed, 34 1/2. Futures—January 37 1/2; May 41 1/2.

REPORT ON SHEEP INDUSTRY.

According to the report of Secretary E. L. Richardson, of the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, the sheep breeding industry in Alberta is very much on the decline, and the decline is regular and rapid. Last year there were only 36,996 sheep, compared with 129,965 in the year 1905. About 90 per cent. of the sheep of the province belong to the southern district. The figures for the central and southern districts during the past four years are: 1905 1908 Southern district... 123,760 33,367 Central district... 6,940 3,660 Much attention will be given in the future to this sheep industry, and an effort will be made to check the decline. For this purpose a live board

VERMILION MARKETS.

Vermilion, Jan. 14.—The following are the prevailing market prices: No. 1 northern wheat, 75c; No. 2, 73c; No. 3, 71c; No. 4, 68c; No. 5, 64c; No. 6, 58c; feed wheat, 48c; barley, 35 to 36c; oats, 25c; bran, per sack, \$1.15; shorts, \$1.25. Dressed meat—Beef, 5 to 5 1/2c; pork, 6 1/2 to 7c; mutton, 12 to 13c; veal, 8 to 9c; chicken, 12 to 12 1/2c; turkey, 17 to 18c; ducks, 14 to 15c; geese, 8 to 10c; salt pork, 15 to 17c; smoked bacon, 18 to 20c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, per bush, 40 to 50c; beets, 31c; carrots, 25c; turnips, 25c; cabbage, per lb, 2c; onions, 4c. Live stock—Beef, 3 to 3 1/2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1/2c; lambs, 9 to 10c. Butter and Eggs—Butter, 25 to 35c; eggs, 40 to 50c (very scarce). Miscellaneous—Hay, per ton, \$5 to \$6; coal, per ton, \$5.50 to \$6.50; wood, load, \$2 to \$4; wool, per lb, 5 to 6c.

EDISON SOLVES POWER PROBLEM.

Invents Storage Battery Which Will Drive a Car a Hundred Miles. New York, Jan. 13.—Thomas A. Edison, in his laboratory in West Orange, N. J., yesterday expressed confidence in the success of his latest invention, a practical storage battery for power propelled cars, which is destined to solve the traffic problem in large cities. His scheme is to place these batteries under the seats of cars, and he says they can be sufficiently charged at the existing power houses to run an entire day continuously.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 13.—The shorts in wheat were given to understand today that there are a few bulls still left in the market and will not fight with ample money to back them up. "My line of wheat is still intact and I firmly believe that the demand for cash wheat will carry the market up to 25 cents," is the way James A. Patten talked. James Carruthers, the best posted grain man in the Dominion of Canada, and the largest exporter of wheat in that country, said tonight that he believed that Patten is correct in his position on wheat and that he will eventually win out. The buying of wheat was led by the Logan-Bryan house, followed by Patten and, in fact, nearly every commission house and room trader in the market had wheat to buy. The selling was scattered, led by Frank Partridge, of the Armour Company, James Rankin and houses on street orders. Northern receipts of wheat were small, at 104 cars, and primary receipts were the smallest of the year since 1907, 104 bushels, compared with 404 cars and 725,000 bushels respectively a year ago. Wheat in the market had advanced to two cents from the bottom prices reached. Both coarse grains were trading in decreasing volume and the trade for the day was larger than for some little time. The advance of 10c in the price of hogs at the yards was the principal help in the market yesterday. Trade was profitable of a local character, with large takers applying most of the offerings. The West Kootenay Power and Light Company has only been able to supply some 4000 horse power since January, as good as the average man, the lake business today. Why should it take three like me to offset one of the big?

WEDNESDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13.—After a steady decline extending over four or five days, the American markets reacted this morning and closed appreciably higher. Offerings in sympathy advanced, but very soon prices advanced for everyone seemed to want a little wheat. Chicago, Minneapolis, 1 1/2c higher, and 1 1/2c higher for May, and 1 1/2c higher for July. Winnipeg markets advanced in sympathy, despite lower cables, and the close reported an increase in January of 1/2c, May 1 1/2c, and July 1 1/2c over the previous close. Demand for cash wheat was good, January shorts being 1 1/2c and 2 Northern, and exports No. 3, with a fair demand for lower grades. There was also a good cash demand for oats, and prices advanced 1/2c. Oats prices have made small steady gains for some time past, as have also flax figures. Duluth flax is now at the highest point in six years, and Winnipeg flax prices are away above export basis as a consequence. Cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, 93 1/2; No. 2, 93 1/2; No. 3, 92 1/2; No. 4, 87 1/2; No. 5, 82 1/2; No. 6, 78 1/2; rejected 1-1 Northern, 94; rejected 1-2 Northern, 91; rejected 1-3 Northern, 87 1/2; rejected 2-1 Northern, 87 1/2. Winter wheat—No. 1 Alberta, red, 96.

POACHERS ON PACIFIC.

Vancouver Merchants Protest Against Conduct of American Fishermen. Vancouver, Jan. 12.—Mr. William Skene, secretary of the board of trade, has sent a letter to Sir W. A. Fairfield on behalf of the board, protesting against the poaching operations which the American fishing men carry on in the halibut fishery within the three mile limit around Queen Charlotte Islands, and urging the establishment of a more efficient patrol service. In the letter it is stated that there are ten large American steamers and about forty schooners each equipped with two to fourteen dories that are constantly fishing in Canadian waters. Premier Laurier is also urged to take immediate steps to enforce the sovereignty of the Dominion in the waters comprising Queen Charlotte Islands which embrace the expanse that separates Queen Charlotte Islands from the mainland.

85,000 For Bona Fide Saturday.

New York, Jan. 12.—The Oliver Lodge, William T. Stead, and scientists on the other side of the water, all connected with English society for psychological researches, are invited by the Metropolitan Psychological Society to interest themselves in finding a medium who can show that there is any basis for the spiritualistic hypothesis. There is a reward of \$5,000 to any person professing to be a medium who can withstand specific tests.

100,000 Fire in Kingston.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 13.—The street railway barns and Crawford's broom factory were destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$100,000. The firemen had a hard fight in the bitter cold. A. and B. batteries were called out to help. All but two cars were saved. P. C. Nayton was injured falling into a pit in the car barn.

Cuban Congress to Meet.

Havana, Jan. 12.—The congress will meet tomorrow for the first time in a little more than two years. It failed to meet on Dec. 28th, 1906, to elect a successor to the former president, when the following day American intervention was declared.

The Rural Mail.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Petitions for the establishment of rural mail deliveries are being received from all parts of the Dominion, and investigation is now being made to establish routes, including one in Moose Jaw district, between Glen Adelaide and Manor.

Sedgewick Council Elected.

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STORAGE STORY OF THEFT.

How U.S. Government Lost Plans of New Toronto Boat. New York, January 14.—In the Adams street court, Brooklyn, a strange story of how secret plans for the United States government for the construction of a new and powerful torpedo boat were stolen, was told to Magistrate Tighe. Robert Lobbett, an Englishman, who up to a year ago worked for the U. S. Bliss Company, who manufacture the Whitehead torpedo and Bliss-Leavit torpedo, was a prisoner before the magistrate. He was arrested in Long Island City's morning on a warrant charging him with larceny. In his trunk were found four blue prints illustrative of the mechanism of the new Bliss-Leavit torpedo, which plans were missed from the Bliss Company's plant in Brooklyn at the time Lobbett left the firm's employ. It is alleged by the officers who arrested the man that he had made every preparation for a journey to Europe in a few days, and to be county judge of Essex, is intended to sell the plans to some foreign government. Lobbett admits having taken the price of the liquor stock, to be county judge of Essex, in the ocean somewhere west of Vancouver Island.

SHOCK WAS STONGEST EVER FELT AT VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 11.—The heaviest earthquake shock ever felt in Vancouver was that experienced yesterday afternoon. It was in Bellingham, Washington, Friday Harbor, on one of the Gulf Islands, and Victoria, which are about in line east and west, the quake was felt in strongest and created great excitement. In Seattle the force of the shock was about the same as in Vancouver, though in the high buildings in the American cities, the crowd did office people became alarmed and rushed for the stairs and elevators. In Portland the quake was barely felt and in San Francisco there was no record of it at all. Little damage was done at Port Townsend, which appears to have been the centre of the disturbance. In Victoria, people rushed the street and especially from the Empress hotel. The shock lasted from five to ten seconds there were great frights. People were the jail, arrested and taken to the street. Friday Harbor interior of drug store was badly wrecked by scenes which were greatly frightened. People there were greatly frightened. It is presumed that the quake was the severest in the ocean somewhere west of Vancouver Island.

MONEY ALL SPENT.

Labor Leaders May Have to Serve Jail Sentence in Default of Funds to Fight Case. Washington, D.C., Jan. 11.—At a meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, president, announced that the funds were exhausted under which the legal defense of himself, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, in the contempt of court proceedings in the Buck stove case, had been conducted. He said that an assessment could not be levied because of the distress among workmen due to the lack of employment. Mitchell and Morrison were the jail, arrested and taken to the street. Friday Harbor interior of drug store was badly wrecked by scenes which were greatly frightened. People there were greatly frightened. It is presumed that the quake was the severest in the ocean somewhere west of Vancouver Island.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

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the undersigned, N.E. 14, Sec. 10, T. 56, R. 20, black and white, branded "2" on right hip. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. Jas. McSwaney, Patterson, Alta.

STRAYED—FROM N. E. OF FORT.

Saskatchewan a black steer, branded P2 quarter circle on left hip. Reward will be given for information leading to recovery. Geo. Newton, Edmonton.

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15, 1908, Steer, 16 lbs, 56, Rpe. 16 W. of 4, Andrew P.O., one year old, white strip on face, about 8 or 9 years old, no brand, white and white spots on body, prove property, pay expenses, and take away. Wasyl Hutakal.

STRAYED—CAME TO MY PREMISES

on Nov. 15, red heifer coming three years old, with white forehead, red spot in the white and white on forehead, flank and deformed; no brand. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses on the N.W. 17, 15-24.

STRAYED—BROWN PONY, GELDING.

white star on forehead, two years old, white hairs about three-fourths, mane and forelock cropped off, no brand. Reward will be given for information leading to the recovery of this animal. Address John McLeod, Athabasca Land Co., Alta.

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