

## The Dominion Grange Meets

The cement combine, the naval question, the telephone question, and several other public evils, were taken up at the annual convention of the Dominion Grange held in Toronto on Wednesday and Thursday last. The Dominion Grange is a live body and both sides of politics are represented by its members. Many of its members are independent men, and the farm is their policy. It is the only real national farmers' organization in Canada.

### THE NAVY QUESTION

The question as to whether or not Canada should contribute to Imperial defence by forming a navy, was hotly debated at the convention. The legislative committee in their report strongly condemned the proposal to create a Canadian navy. This report was met by a resolution to destroy the harmonious relations that at present exist between Canada and her nearest neighbor. In any event," it argued, "such a step should not be taken until a plebiscite of the whole of Canada had been taken." Several delegates expressed the view that the time had come for Canada to do something. After a warm debate, the report was sent to the committee for further consideration. The amended report of the legislative committee was adopted now reads:

"Your committee feels very strongly that all the influence that Canada possesses should be thrown into the scale in support of all movements which make for peace. So feeling, your committee voted with grave misgivings the proposal to create a Canadian navy; a step which, there is reason to fear, instead of promoting peace, might tend to provoke war. It is therefore recommended that the Dominion Government be respectfully but most strongly urged not to embark on such a policy until after the question has been fully discussed by the Canadian people, and formally pronounced upon by them at a poll held for this special purpose."

In discussing the amended report, Mr. R. E. Gunn, of Beaverton, said that the previous year, Sir Wilfrid Laurier had publicly stated that the Government would deepen the Welland Canal as soon as the money could be raised. He moved as an amendment that the Government be asked to take the \$20,000,000, which is to be spent on naval defence, and use it to enlarge and improve the waterway. This, he stated, would be an everlasting memorial to the peace that has existed for 100 years between the United States and Canada. The suggestion was endorsed by Mr. W. Chapman of Pickering, and adopted by the Convention.

A letter was read from Dr. Goldwin Smith, opposing the naval proposals, in which he said: "There seems to be little doubt that this new proposal, which would involve not only indefinite expense, but a serious change in our national position and responsibilities, is new and startling to the mass of our people."

### WESTERN DELEGATES PRESENT

Special interest was attached to this year's meeting of the Grange owing to the presence of Messrs. A. E. Partridge, D. W. McGeel and R. McKenzie of the Grain Growers' Associations of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. An important decision was made favoring the formation of a Canadian National Council of Agriculture to comprise all farmers' associations. The objects were stated to be both social and political. It was felt that the farmers of Canada could secure more representation by united action. Grand Master, Mr. E. C. Drury, was delegated to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers in February with a view to enlisting their aid in the scheme.

Several resolutions were passed. One of the most important was a censure on the Dominion Government

for not enforcing the law relative to combines in restraint of trade, the recent cement merger coming in for special denunciation. A resolution against the continuance of bounties was especially directed against the iron and steel bounties, which expire next year. Other resolutions favored the creation of a provincial police system, public ownership of long distance telephone lines, and opposition to the housing and subsidizing of private industries.

At the call of Master Drury for volunteers to go forth into the organizational work of the Grange, several crumpled up their glasses and took their time to organization work. The Grange membership will likely show much increase during the coming season. The question of writing their members of parliament upon the question of the day was touched upon. Secretary Partridge said that the Grangers should take an active part in the nomination of their candidates. He urged the members, then when the representative's supporters write him he has to sit up and think.

### OFFICERS

The following officers were elected: Master, E. C. Drury, Crown Hill; Overseer, W. C. Good, B. A. Brantford; Secretary-Treasurer, J. G. Lethbridge; Alliance, Lecturer, R. A. Sutherland; Stroud; Chylrin, James Allis, Newbridge; Steward, Peter Gilchrist, Gamebridge; Assistant Steward, M. E. Limburner, Tillsonburg; Gatekeeper, F. B. Warren, Gamebridge; Ceres, Miss E. Fletcher, Middlemarch; Pomona, Miss M. A. Philip, Whitby; Flora, Mrs. J. G. Lethbridge; Alliance; Lady Assistant Steward, Miss Robinson, St. Thomas; Commode, Messrs. E. C. Drury, R. E. Sutherland, H. Glendinning, Manilla; R. E. Gunn, Beaverton, and J. G. Lethbridge.

Messrs. E. A. Partridge, W. D. McCuaig and R. McKenzie, the three visiting delegates from the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Associations, were elected honorary life members of the Grange.

## A Noted Jersey Breeder

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first at Ottawa this year in the aged cow class, where she was shown against some Toronto winners, and, where, in the opinion of experienced judges, she got her honest deserts. When two years old, she gave 37 lbs. of milk in 24 hours.

Blue Blood's Fancy of Don, 188,000, which in past years has won many prizes, notable among which were four firsts, without a break at Toronto and London, is a member of the herd. This cow is an exceptionally heavy producer, she probably being one of Mr. Duncan's strongest milkers. It is found practically impossible, one year with another, to get her dry. For a number of years she has milked almost continuously.

Fairy Queen is another of the long-distance workers. She has given over 40 lbs. of milk in a day, and has won prizes at many of the shows. She possesses an extraordinary fine vessel, her udder being much admired at Toronto this year. Her stock has proved to be some of the best that Mr. Duncan has raised.

All the stock on hand trace back to those famous cows that were at Chicago and at the St. Louis World's Fair, back to the blood of Merry Maiden and Brown Bessie, the former of which was champion at Chicago for the best of any bred in 1904 in three tests and the latter in a 90-day test made 20 lbs 2 1/2 ozs. of butter in seven consecutive days, and made more butter through the entire period of lactation than any other cow in the same test.

### WINS OUT ON HOME-BRED STOCK

Mr. Duncan's long and successful career in the show ring is well known to all lovers of the Jerseys, and to all

who follow at all closely Canadian shows, where dairy cattle are exhibited. Of the three herds exhibited at Toronto this year, Mr. Duncan won the most prizes on home-bred stock, capturing the Wanless Trophy for the Jersey breeder securing the greatest number of first prizes on home-bred stock.

Cows of great constitution and of heavy milking qualities are the kind that Mr. Duncan keeps. He emphasizes consistent performance first, then considers the fancy points in so far as they can be united practically. As a result of this far-sighted policy, which is the only policy that can stand the test of years, his friends and neighbours who thought him crazy when he first went into the Jerseys, must now admit the wisdom of his choice.

It would seem that the Jersey cow is just now coming to the front. Her future is assured. There is a constant demand for all dairy cattle and since many are learning that the Jersey will produce the most milk and butter for the least amount of feed consumed, she is now coming into her own, largely owing to the fact that feed stuffs are gradually becoming dearer and must be considered in the economical production of dairy products. Mr. Duncan informs us that enquiries for Jerseys are being received in greater numbers than ever before and that the demand is great for good ones. Much of the wonderful progress that Mr. Duncan has made with Jerseys he attributes to the fact that he has bred for production instead of pedigree, although the latter has not been slighted.

Mr. Duncan invites a visit from all interested parties. "Mostfield," the name by which the farm is designated, is most favorably known by many who have visited there. The place is well named, save in one particular, the draw-bridge is not taken in at night. A choice lot of stock, both bulls and heifers, bred by Fontaine's Boyle, is offered for sale. If you cannot visit the Mostfield herd write Mr. Duncan, at Don, Ont., or call him by long distance telephone at Agincourt. This farm is one of those that is entered in Farm and Dairy's prize farms competition this year. It is certain to stand high among the winners.

## Horse Breeders' Association

Wm. Smith, Pres., Columbus, Ont.

The advertising of the Guelph Winter Show has been fairly liberal and the attention of the people has been especially called to the Horse Department of the Show. So much has the Horse Department been emphasized that the question is now being asked, "What part does the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association play in the Show to be held next week."

For a number of years, whilst it was well known that the Ontario Horse Breeders had a place in the Spring Show, it was more in name than in substance, until a number of prominent breeders asked for a separation and to be allowed to go their own way. This was mutually agreed on, it being believed that it would be best for all concerned. The outcome of it all after the different opinions had been harmonized was the organization of The Ontario Horse Breeders' Association.

This Association stands for the horse breeders of the Province of Ontario and is wholly controlled by them. Soon after its organization the association became much interested in the question of licensing stallions in the province and it gave a good deal of time and thought to a scheme that was felt could be made workable for the province of Ontario. So far it has ended there.

Other principal work has been the management of the Ontario Winter Horse Show. These shows have been very successful and have been held in the City of Toronto. But there also seems to be a lack of interest by the city people aside from a few until it was felt that something should be done to have permanent quarters.

## A Credit to the Shipper

The pure bred Yorkshire pig which I received from Farm and Dairy as a premium for securing a club of seven new subscriptions has just arrived. The pig was bred at Macdonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que., and does credit to the breeders, and managers of Farm and Dairy. I find this a most generous premium to encourage the introduction of such a valuable instructor in agricultural matters as Farm and Dairy. I thank Farm and Dairy for its promptness in sending me this premium and it will be only doing a pleasant duty in aiding fellow farmers to subscribe to Farm and Dairy.—T. B. Rider, Stanstead Co., Que.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has given liberally to enlarge the Guelph buildings and the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association's next show will be held there during the week of the Fat Stock Show, next week.

Time will tell whether the change was wise or not. Anyway the Association expects that this show will be the greatest horse show ever held in Ontario.

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