

SPECIAL FARMING & LIVE STOCK EDITION

FREIGHT RATES.

Politicians at Ottawa are making much out of the customs burdens on the farmers. To a great extent this is using the methods of the fish which emits a cloud of dye to obscure the real issue. There is perhaps no greater burden upon our farmers to-day than the iniquitous overlordism of our railway corporations. Canada is railway ridden in every part of the country. Her statutes are loaded with pro-corporation laws, and the real impositions, because of these charges, are obscured under the dark kicked up by less important questions.

If the farmers wish to stand such delays, taxation and humbug, their best plan is to keep quiet, but if they feel that the burden should be born by the railways themselves, it is the duty of every farmer to write the sitting member, who is now well paid, and insist that his voice be raised in the movement for cheaper freight rates, for the two-cent fare, and for the better accommodation of our farmers in their shipments. The best-sugar men complain of slow cars, the general farmer has to wait for his car of ties or posts, and is often subjected for demurrage he never ought to pay.

By all means write your member now, and let him know what you want. The railways could not carry on their unjust charges one day if the parliament would demand their just returns.

Do you believe the railways are honest in their charges? Are their big earnings not paid by every farmer? It is time we had more farmer members of parliament and less lawyers. It is time the people dropped their party and fought for rights. WRITE YOUR MEMBER NOW.

THE BACON HOG.

Some observations of the hog industry as gleaned from their correspondence will appear in another column. There are some valuable suggestions contained therein, and at least they show how the minds of the producing world are working in this question.

ONTARIO-A NAME.

It is with a good deal of conscious pride in our province that we are attending the Ontario Fat Stock Show at Guelph this week. Already in the agricultural forum of the world the name of Ontario has been blazoned forth upon many an occasion. The quality of our cheese has already made the province envied in the eyes of the world. Our purebred stock has shown to the world, at Chicago, what intelligent breeding and the vigorous climate of Ontario can do in the production of the best blood.

And now the visitors at the Fat Stock Show at the seat of the agricultural university, are a credit to our country. The display of animals, the multiplicity of interesting debates on farm topics, the convulse of farmers' wives delving into the secrets of how to make the homestead more useful to humanity; and the experimental pen of Ontario here compare notes, get enthused in their laudable work of making more bushels grow where few grew before. No visitor can be so insensible to material things as to be unmoved by the display of farm and field that is now at Guelph.

GOOD JUDGMENT ACQUIRED.

It has been often remarked that poets are born not made. Many try to apply this dictum, as an axiom, to every profession and activity of life. And to a great extent it is true that the fitness for any particular sphere in life is predestined by a skillful and wise Creator. But to err into the belief that whatever is will be, works a fatalism that is ruinous to enterprise and progressive endeavor. For already too many of our farmers and other citizens excuse themselves for their failures by the threadbare apology of not being fitted for their work.

This excuse is to a large extent a very lame one, and is made to cover a multitude of shortcomings. The mechanism inside a man's head is of wonderful construction. No business is too severe a strain for one calling himself worthy of the name that boasts of Shakespeare. So that persistent application by even the dullest will work wonders in any vocation. "Give me," remarks one, "the man slow of understanding, but a plodder, before your smart and shifting people." The truth is that work and patience, often in this old world, does accomplish more than gifts. The man who is favored with a particular gift depends upon his endowment too much. The dullard knows he has to climb and is surprised when he reaches the top, to see the downfall of so many of his quondam associates.

Nowhere, more than in agriculture, does this gospel of work need to be heralded forth. It is the constant intelligent forging ahead that makes for success. By this we do not mean that the physical straining of the muscles for sixteen hours in a day is the panacea, but the capable and thoughtful approach to an end. Get the end in view, and then push for it.

The production of the best feeder, the model bacon type of pig, the best feeding grain, and the most service-

able horse, requires patience and good judgment. The judgment can be acquired by close application to business. Many a boy who has been known by his wild and reckless judgments has seen his error, confined his attention to the essentials and like Demosthenes of old has overcome almost insurmountable barriers by close application. It cannot be successfully pleaded then by any farmer that his lack of judgment is a result of environment or heredity. We hear our own fortunes, good or bad. A good judge is made by training, and each farmer in Ontario, whether on a stock show, has the heaven of this life before him. It is up to him to choose what his standing in the world will be.

MR. KELLY TO THE FARMERS.

The far-fearing farmer will not delay his Christmas order till the last minute. Kelly, the Toronto liquor-store man, pays freight to the nearest railway station on whiskey at following prices: Good rye whiskey, 1 gallon, \$2.50; 2 gal., \$5; 5 gal., \$12.50; very good whiskey, 1 gal., \$2.90; 2 gal., \$5.80; 5 gal., \$14.50; extra good whiskey, 1 gal., \$3.30; 2 gal., \$6.60; 5 gal., \$16.50. Shipments are made in stone jars, which cost the customer 25c extra for gallon size, 50c extra for 2 gallon size and 75c extra for 5 gallon size. Mail your orders with remittance now to W. J. Kelly, 749 West Queen-street, Toronto. Phone Park 3284. Reference, Canadian Bank of Commerce. Splendid stock of ales, wines and liquors at the most moderate prices.

MILKMEN NOTICE!

We take much pleasure in calling the attention of the men who are feeding for milk, those men who want good cows—cows that can put out over 10,000 lbs. of milk a year rich in butter fat, to the advertisement of Matthew Richardson & Co. of Caledonia on Dec. 27 next. Send for their catalog now and see what they have.

THE FARMSTEAD

See Ontario's fat stock at Guelph!

Toronto Junction had a good show.

Ontario horses are all right.

York and Ontario Counties are hard to beat in the horse line.

William Armstrong of Locust Hill gave the farm department a friendly call recently.

Railway construction work can be seen in almost any direction now.

Any one who misses The World's market reports misses the exact state of the markets.

Some more opinions of the breeders of hogs appear in this issue.

Adaptation of the farmers' interests will bring about their wants in time.

Ottawa politicians seem anxious to show their love for agriculture now.

McGillivray's sale at Bedford Park on Friday is easily reached by street cars up Yonge-street, Toronto.

The western people who love to call the Ontario men "tenderfeet" are now returning to the old home for Christmas. It speaks louder than words.

See Hogate's sale announcement in this issue. Here is a big chance to get a brood mare for the farm at a cost easily reached by any farmer.

Matt. Richardson and Son of Caledonia are selling their big herd of tested Holsteins on the 27th of December.

The word of call the attention of the milkmen to this chance, as nearly every cow in this herd will produce more milk and butter than three on the market. The buying moral is plain.

Transportation is everything to the farmer. The way his goods are cared for by the railways is shameful at times. It is a continual fight for their rights. The parliament ought to make it as easy as possible to get these rights.

It is a queer commentary on our law system that a person has to pay \$1200 costs to get \$600 of his rights.

Any farmer who knows what is the best thing to do will not mortgage his farm to invest in the mining companies which are springing up like mushrooms these days.

The discussion of the farmer's flock of sheep seems to be the order of the Institute meetings these days. The sheep is one of the paying animals on the farm in more ways than money returns. Every man should keep a few sheep.

An account of some of the winnings at Chicago appeared in the Saturday issue of The World. We congratulate our Ontario stables on their successes.

James Brodie of Bethesda has just had a hydraulic water system installed in his farm-buildings. The water is raised 1500 feet to a height of 60 feet. John Gerow of Claremont superintended the construction of the same.

Robert Miller of Pickering has sold Claret Princess IV, a beautiful red Shorthorn cow, to E. Wilson and Son of Brougham, says The Pickering News.

Arthur Boyes of Pickering has purchased the 58-acre farm from Arthur Riddie of the second concession for over \$50 per acre.

W. H. Weber of the 17th concession of Howick, the Shropshire sheep man of that district, recently sold 22 of his flock to a Yankee buyer and realized about \$500, says The St. Mary's Journal.

Robert McDonald of the 9th concession of Grey recently purchased a fine Shorthorn bull from Andrew Sloan, the well-known breeder, in Blyth.

A Missouri girl married a young guide, who, after the wedding, took out

LAST CALL FOR COL. MCGILLIVRAY'S SALE.

Among live stock men generally the greatest interest is manifested in the approaching sale of Clydesdales, Shorthorns, and Dorset horned sheep at the Bedford Park residence of Col. McGillivray on Friday, Dec. 14. That Col. McGillivray, thru severe and long continued illness, has at last been compelled to give instructions for the dispersion sale is a matter of the keenest regret, not alone to a wide circle of intimate friends, but to stockmen generally throughout the country. The opportunity thus afforded for securing good stock is an exceptional one. A visit to the farm shows that the animals, while not too fat, are in the pink of condition as respects breeding qualifications. Fourteen years of careful selection has left its impress, and the herd are well worthy a visit. Among the short-horns are such strains as Marr, Misses, Campbell, Claret, Notparell, Crimson Flower, Kilbrian Beauties, Village Maids and Duches of Gloster. The cows are all in calf, or with calves at foot, while the herd is headed by Buttery King, without doubt one of the best stock bulls ever imported. The Clydes are of choice lot, many of the males being in foal to Graham Renfrew's imported stallion, Celtic Laird. The Dorset-horned sheep are of the best, and the recent victories at St. Louis and in many of the largest shows on the continent bear evidence to the care in the selection of the flock by Col. McGillivray. Altogether there will be offered forty Scotch shorthorns, twenty-five sheep, and a number of Clydes and Shires. Electric cars leave the C.P.R. crossing every hour and stop at the farm; F. W. Silverman, the well-known auctioneer, will conduct the sale.

A thousand dollar life insurance policy, says The Homestead. In a trip the young bridegroom was accidentally killed. The widow is suing for a note that read: "Bill part away yesterday. Loss fully covered by insurance."

Telker Bros. of Paris exhibited sheep at Chicago Fat Stock show and Messrs. Hammer of Burford and T. A. Cox of Brantford were also large exhibitors, says The Paris Review.

A rural telephone line has just been completed from the farm of Andrew Shearer of Waterloo-road to Mitchell, Hamilton Township. The line serves a prosperous part of the country and opens with a large number of subscribers. Another line is under construction from Mitchell to Kinkora, says an exchange.

J. M. Barclay has sold his farm of 122 acres to Andrew Shearer of Waterloo-road for \$10,000. This is perhaps the highest price for a farm of this size in Guelph Township, says The Guelph Post. The farm is 2 1/2 miles from the city, has good soil, fine buildings, and is well appointed in every way. Mr. Barclay has sold on account of ill-health, and intends moving into the city.

During the season just closed there were 34,055 cheese offered for sale on the Campbellford board. Taking the average cheese at 85 lbs., the total weight of cheese sold would be 2,892,975 lbs. or about 144,676 tons; which at an average price of 1 1/2 cents would amount to \$38,327.25. We believe, however, that the average price would exceed 1 1/2 cents in the most factories for the season's make, says The Herald.

No one is so independent as the farmer, remarks The Parkhill Post; he doesn't have to truckle; if he is insulted he can recent the insult without fear of losing trade, and there is no earthly reason why the ordinary farm machinery he has in use, why he should not have as much leisure time each day for reading and study as would make him one of the best informed men in any calling.

Have you ever sworn to quit raising road horses around where there are barbs wire fences? One can rear a dozen daughters and never get a mark on them, but just soon as you decide to raise a good driving horse you find that the barb wire fence is his enemy right from the start. A man ought to have woven wire fence or go out of the business of producing standard horses.

A great many farmers in the district east of Toronto are complaining about the late shipments of sugar beets. They say that they will not continue to grow them unless the company contracts to have the shipments made before the middle of November. It is an extra trial to the farmer to have to draw his beets in cold weather and at a time when the winter feeding demands so much attention.



The Typical Hog for the Canadian Bacon Trade. For good underline. The medium long legs, well standing up, on good pasterns, and the trim head, although the jaw shows large on account of the position of the head, and lastly the curl in the pig's tail is indicative of bodily health and digestive activity.

BREEDERS TALK ABOUT THE HOG SITUATION

Some Ideas Gleaned From Letters to the Farm Department on the Bacon Question.

GRASS FEEDING CHEAPER.

Robert Clark of Ottawa, the already well-known enthusiastic producer of Chester White Hogs, advocates the fattening of pigs on a grass run in the summer times.

"The cost to put on 100 pounds of pork with the present prices of grain if we fed from the weaning time till finished, would be \$6.50 to \$7. But grass feeding with whey and skim-milk lessens the cost considerably."

MISTRUST A BAD THING.

John Campbell of Woodville talks pertinently when he says: "It is a great pity that there is such a mistrust of the packers, so widespread among the growers of bacon hogs. It appears to me that it is too good a line of business for hogs and farmers to have so much friction between the interested parties."

CAUSE OF LOW PRICES.

W. H. Durham of Irlington, the large breeder of Berkshires, says that the recent low prices in pork were due, not to an over-supply in general, but to the annual slump caused by the bacon cured then reaching the British market at Christmas time when demand is low. Also the cheese factory hogs and the farmer fed hogs are run on because of the approaching cold weather with no suitable stabling.

INTERIOR HOGS DO IT.

W. H. Tran, the general proprietor of that big agricultural store, Cedar Grove, says: "I for one consider that the present prices are for interior bred pigs. If we had an inspection of some of the sties and droves, one and all would have a type of pigs that would command prices on any market."

MORE PIG FEEDING.

Jos. Featherston & Sons of Streetsville think that more pigs will be fed than cattle because of the high price of hay. "Loose hay can be sold on the Toronto market for \$15 per ton, and most farmers will be anxious to feed more pigs at the cost to get 30 pounds of pork will be about five cents in winter."

COMMENDS THE WORLD.

Colville Bros., Newcastle, in writing say: "We admire the stand The World has always taken in the interests of the farmer. May you continue in the good work until ideal conditions prevail between the producers and the packers."

ENGLISH PRICE REGULATIONS A MYTH.

F. L. Green, the big miller and stock farmer of Greenwood, Ontario County, speaks of the situation. He breeds and sells hundreds of pigs annually, and knows what his pigs cost him. He places the cost of feeding pigs in winter at five cents per pound if pigs are thrifty.

"At present time (in November) pork prices in the U.S. are higher than here. The U.S. export to the same market as our packers do, and do not command as good a price there as Canadian bacon does, consequently they must be losing money or our packers are making prices much. This regulation of prices paid here by the probable price in England six weeks hence, is all a myth. If British markets drop to any extent today down go our prices at once; they do not wait to estimate prices there six weeks hence."

SIX OR SIX-FIFTY.

Jno. Scott of Altona rather favors the uniform prices. He says: "I think we should have 6 to 8-12 cents for our hogs the year round. How is it that pork always takes a drop at this time of the year? The packers say it is caused by the over supply. I say not. They know well that this is the time of the year when farmers have notes to meet and rent to pay, and have

to sell to get money. So they lower prices to meet this rush. The farmers must stand together and secure their rights."

LACK OF COMPETITION.

Ira A. Lawrence of Pickering Township, says: "It would seem that prices are not ruled altogether by the number of hogs in the market nor is there any preference given for bacon type. There is scarcely any competition at the buying points, a fact that lowers prices."

MARKET EARLIER.

Thos. Teasdale of Concord, the veteran president of the Berkshire men, says: "If the farmers had more hogs ready to market before the middle of September, they would find it more profitable. As a rule prices are better before that date than after."

BIG DEMAND FOR PURE BREEDS. D. C. Flatt & Son, of Millgrove, inform The World that their orders this year have been large and that the big demand from the Northern States would indicate that Uncle Sam is going into the bacon hog also.

Unreserved Sale of Shire Horses. To-day, at 1 p.m. sharp, the Canadian Horse Exchange, 60-64 Jarvis-street, will offer Messrs. John Chambers & Son's consignments of registered shire horses, fillies and stallions, some thirty odd in number, together with an exceptionally good hackney mare, Princess Weynton Lord Roberts, dam Cambrian Star, the winner of twenty-nine first and second prizes in England. This mare is quiet in all harness and an exceptionally well-bred one. Parties wishing to improve their stock should not fail to attend this sale, as no doubt will be secured. The yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds have all lots of size and quality, move well, and we feel sure that they will be an extra choice lot. All the stock is well-bred, being from the best sires that England has produced.

A Corner in Mint. Walkerville, Dec. 10.—Two years ago, Hiram Walker & Sons went into the culture of mint. They found a ready market for it, but a Michigan firm, which had hitherto supplied the Canadian market, cut prices. There was no duty to protect them, and the Walkers had to meet the cut. The new tariff places mint on the dutiable list and practically gives the local firm control of the Canadian market. Next year enough will be raised on the Walker farms to supply the entire Canadian demand.

Job for Moody. Washington, Dec. 10.—The senate committee on judiciary to-day authorized a favorable report on the nomination of William H. Moody, the present attorney-general, to be an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

WORLD'S FARM CALENDAR. Fat Stock Show, Guelph, Guelph Dec. 14. Walkerton Xmas Fair, Dec. 12. Col. McGillivray's Shorthorn Sale, Bedford Park, Dec. 14. Hogate's Clyde Filly Sale, Weston, Dec. 20. Richardson Holstein Sale, Dec. 27. Eastern Dairyman, Ottawa, Jan. 2-4. Western Dairyman, London, Jan. 8-10.

Don't be affable, nice and smiling with your friends and as grouchy as the old Harry with the members of your own family. People who live with you need the sunny side of your nature the most.

"YOU CAN SAY" That my ad. in The World has been a grand one for me, as I have sold out my entire stock. I like the straight, clear business-like way you gave me attention at such a low cost.

This is the pleasant letter we like to get, the more so that we are seeking to make farm advertising pay our patrons. Nothing pays better than a catchy ad. Write to the editor of this department.

HORSES FOR SALE. FOR SALE—A 2-YEAR-OLD BROWN gelding, general purpose, M. Chapman, Highland Creek.

SHEEP FOR SALE. I HAVE A FEW FINE EWES LAMBS, Cotswold grades, for sale right. C. L. Mackey, Kinsale, Ont.

GEESSE FOR SALE. FOR SALE—LARGE TOULOUSE Geese, four dollars a pair. Rhode Island Red Cockerels, one dollar each. S. Taft, Welland, Ont.

FEW TOULOUSE AND AFRICAN geese left for sale, \$2 each. W. J. Chapman, Andover.

YORKSHIRE PIGS. YOUNG PIGS—YOUNG BOARS and sows for sale at reasonable prices; young sows will be bred at times to suit the purchaser and forwarded as directed. F. M. Chapman, Andover, Ont. Grasmere Grange.

HOPS FOR SALE. SEVEN BALES OF THIS YEAR'S crop of hops for sale. Good quality. S. C. Bogart, Napanee.

FARMS FOR SALE. FARMS ARE SELLING VERY CHEAP in South Ontario. I have several very fine properties for sale cheap. L. Fairbanks, Real Estate Agent, Whitby, Ont.

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ONTARIO PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR

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Every Farmer in Ontario should attend and enjoy the good things. Arthur Johnston, President.



"Fat Stock Show"

The fourth annual Live Stock Show will be held at the Union Stock Yards, Toronto Junction

—ON— **Monday, 10th December, 1906**

Entries will be received up to Saturday, 8th Dec., and none after that date. Exhibits open to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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One of the greatest sales in the history of this breed in Canada. 30 cows, 20 heifers, 15 bulls. Over 20 years in the advance record of merit, and nearly all have record of merit backing. They comprise representatives of several leading families of the breed. Arrangements have been made with the G.T.R. to have trains stop at the farm morning and evening. Sale will be held under cover, if necessary. This is the milkman's chance for a big milking strain. No money is too much for such cows. Write for Catalogue, mentioning The World. **CAPT. T. ROBSON, London, Ont. MERRILL & RUTY, Caledonia, Auctioneers, to whom bids by wire may be made.**

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This fine farm of 212 1-2 Acres, near Toronto, for sale on Liberal Terms.

Good clay loam; well fenced and drained; 30 acres hardwood; 15 acres cedar; brick house; modern barns, main one being 92x30 feet; excellent concrete stables; water in buildings; every convenience; hogs pens, driving sheds, etc. The fat cattle sold each year have left the soil very rich. The above farm is part of the estate of the late T. G. Blackstock, Esquire, Toronto, and is situated four and one-half miles from the Village of Newmarket, and three-quarters of a mile from Pine Orchard Railway Station, County of York. This is a rare chance for a fine stock farm in the grand district north of Toronto. Apply to

J. A. McDONAGH, 49 EAST WELLINGTON STREET, TORONTO.

DISPERSION SALE

Of Col. John A. McGillivray's Shorthorn Cattle, Dorset Horn Sheep and Clydesdale and Shire Horses, BEDFORD PARK, NORTH TORONTO, DEC. 14th, 1906

The entire herd of 40 high-class imported and homebred Scotch Shorthorns, 25 heads of Dorset-horn Sheep and 15 imported Clydesdales and Shire Horses. Owing to ill-health Mr. McGillivray is retiring from active life. Implementation Sale at 10 a.m. Sale of pure-breds at one o'clock sharp. Street cars leave North Toronto (C.P.R. Crossing) every hour and stop at farm. The Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, special railroad rates will enable visitors from all parts of Canada to attend the sale at reduced rates. For catalogues and full particulars address **F. W. SILVERSIDES, Auctioneer, Bedford Park, Ont.**

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