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Guelph, Dec. 8.—Yesterday was the big day at the Ontario Winter Fair, being held here. The stock buildings were crowded from early morning until dark. At no time were the seats around the judging ring vacated, and the keenest interest was taken in judging the different breeds of cattle, sheep and swine.

The Farmers' Institute lectures were largely attended. Indeed, most of the day seats were at a premium and the building erected as a lecture hall, even with the large gallery was altogether too small for the immense gathering which congregated to hear lectures on farm stock and take part in the discussions.

In the killing room was an all-day slaughtering match, to which the public was not admitted. The hogs were the first victims of the knife, and after they had been dressed they were hung up for public inspection. In the afternoon a cattle-killing competition took place. This department is in charge of Prof. M. Cunningham.

Dairy and Beef Cattle.

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, presided at the institute meetings held in the lecture room. In the morning special attention was given in discussion and by lecture to dairy cattle, and in the afternoon the beef cattle were under consideration. The address by J. S. Woodward on "Economic Milk Production," showed the necessity of warm, comfortable stables, good feed, evenly balanced rations, and warmth in winter by good stabling. He advised having one breed and keeping to it.

H. H. Dean, professor of dairy husbandry, spoke on "Different Methods of Marketing the Dairy Products of the Farm." The first consideration in the sale of butter, he suggested, was good flavor, clean handling and tastefully putting up. A discussion was led by G. H. Harter. In answer to a question Prof. Dean said that the feeding of sugar beet pulp does not affect the flavor of butter. Hon. John Dryden said feeding turnips, if fed properly, did not affect the flavor of butter at first, but it kept for any time the flavor of the turnip was certain to assert itself.

J. H. Grisdale gave an address on "Grading Up a Dairy Herd," in which he said that some cows gave from 100 to 500 pounds of butter annually. It is necessary to feed properly and not be too parsimonious with feed. The dairy cow is got by selection and feeding. A discussion followed, led by R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster.

Joseph E. Wing, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, gave a practical address on "Raising baby beef." Whole flax seed was one of the chief foods he recommended for the babies, and, like plants, they require lots of sun and fresh air. He was of the opinion that Canadians housed their young cattle altogether too close. A discussion was continued by J. S. Woodward of Lockport, N.Y.

Thomas McMillan of Searforth gave some good hints on "How to improve the quality of our export cattle." His idea was that farmers should breed more thoroughbreds and produce a better class of stock. Much of his lecture was devoted to feeding and housing in the winter, especially that kind of treatment which had a tendency to add flesh.

"The dead meat trade and how it would benefit the stockmen" was the subject of J. W. Whiston, editor of The Farming World, J. S. Woodward of Lockport, N.Y., and J. E. Wing of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, took part in the discussion which followed.

The results in cattle judging were announced yesterday, as were many of the sheep awards.

Finest Exhibit of Poultry. The exhibit of poultry is probably the finest ever seen in the Dominion. At this time of year the birds are in full plumage and every point to which they are entitled stands out. Prizes are awarded from the points of view which a breeder considers essential more than from an exhibitor's point.

The annual meetings of the Canadian White Plymouth Rock Club, the Canadian Barred Plymouth Rock Club and the Orpington Club of Canada, were held in the Town Hall yesterday afternoon. The officers elected were:

Canadian White Plymouth Rock Club—President, W. H. Bessie, Coleman; first vice-president, P. Dill, Searforth; secretary-treasurer, H. H. Wallace, London; executive, A. G. Brown, Watford; T. Beckett, Watford; George Robertson, Galesburg; H. S. Hagen, Berlin; Thomas Rice, Whitby; auditor, Dr. Bell.

Canadian Barred Plymouth Rock Club—President, Wm. McNeil, London; first vice-president, W. R. Graham, Guelph; second vice-president, James McCormack, London; provincial vice-president, Seth Jones, Sussex, N.B.; Mr. Craig, Amherst, Nova Scotia; Rev. Burk, P.E.I.; auditor directors, E. Snider, Burgessville; A. A. Armstrong, Fergus; I. K. Millard, Dundas; W. C. Wilson, Hawkestone; Jos. Bennett, Toronto; H. R. Hancock, Chatham; G. R. Cottrill, Milton; V. Cash, Pt. Dover; C. V. Cassidy, Eliza Craig.

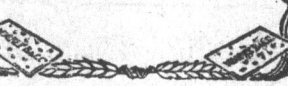
The Herdof Breeders.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Herdof Breeders Association was held yesterday morning. Encouraging addresses of the Herdof breed in Canada were delivered. The Secretary presented his report and financial statement, which was adopted. The election of officers then took place, the principal ones elected

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being: President, R. J. Mackie, Oshtemo, and Secretary-Treasurer and Editor, H. Wade, Toronto.

Opening Macdonald Institutions.

A distinguished gathering of representatives from the County of Wellington and the Royal City sat down to luncheon in the Macdonald Hall yesterday. Afterwards the party filed off to the Macdonald Institute, the platform of which was occupied by the Macdonald Consolidated Hall of the Macdonald Institute, the platform of which was prettily decorated with growing plants. This was the formal opening of the Macdonald Institute, and it fell to the lot of James Mills, LL.D., to perform the opening ceremonies, and unveil a well-executed oil painting of Sir William Macdonald, to whom the country is indebted for the institute, the Macdonald Hall and the Provincial Consolidated Hall of the Macdonald Institute. This was the first of the steps taken from the beginning to the consummation of the plan. He also made eloquent remarks on the value of the home in nation-building.

Discussions in the Woman's Institute meeting and a concert in the evening closed the great work of the day.

Interest in Winter Fair.

The only function yesterday of an essentially public character in connection with the Winter Fair was the meeting held in the City Hall last night. The large gathering showed the immense interest the general public takes in the Winter Fair. Hon. John Dryden was chairman, and made suitable replies to addresses of welcome. Dr. James W. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture, gave an address showing the improvement in agricultural methods adopted within the past seven years and the great increase in Canadian exports.

J. S. Woodward, Lockport, gave an address on "The Anglo-Saxon From a Yankee Viewpoint," which was typical of Yankee ingenuity and politics. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, spoke of the future of Ontario. Joseph E. Wing of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, gave a study of pioneer life in Kansas. During the evening an acceptable vocal program was rendered by Charles Kelly, Miss Springer, Capt. T. E. Robson and Miss Kelly.

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A Long Distance Marriage

By S. T. STERN

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With most people the story ends after the heart interest has been properly adjusted. Thus: Proposal, acceptance, tableau, final.

In our case the situation reversed itself. I had suggested to Veryl, fervently, of course, that proper economy would sanction the practice of sending out her wedding invitations and my own in the same envelopes. With the money saved thereby I agreed to purchase outright a ring—a gleaming, glistening affair—with a large single stone. To this day I do not know whether she said yes. I have a vague impression that she said nothing at all. Presently I found myself seated by her side holding her hand, which leads me to suspect that some manner of affirmation must have greeted my proposal. We were engaged. With that our story starts. Thus: Proposal, acceptance, tableau, chapter one.

For the next few moments neither of us spoke. We sat gazing into the open fire, quiet and deliciously happy. Think of it—Veryl was mine, my very own!

"Of what are you thinking, dear?" said I at length.

"I am thinking of our wedding, John. It will be splendid to be married in England."

"England?"

"Of course," she replied. "Don't you remember? Father's at Matlock, in Derbyshire. When I last left him he exacted from me a solemn promise that I should never be married during his lifetime unless in his presence. I know, dear, it means a long trip for both of us and the absence of a great many of your friends from the ceremony. But dad has my promise, and it must be kept. Why, John, you are staring at me as though I had committed a crime. Don't—don't look at me like that. Are you afraid of the ocean voyage?"

"Not that, Veryl. The situation is worse—far worse. My mother is no longer young, and I am the last of



"SHE LEFT FOR AMERICA LAST THURSDAY."

the brood. When I told her last night what I expected to say to you she asked me to be married at once. 'Laddie,' she said, 'I am getting old, and before I go I want to see you married and settled down. Promise me, son, that you will be married as soon as possible, so that I can be here to see my boy united to the woman of his choice.' I promised."

"But your mother can go to England with us, dearest."

"Impossible. She has a horror of the ocean that nothing can conquer. Why not bring your father to America?"

"If I waited for father to come to America to see me married, John, I must die a spinster. The last time we crossed it took him four months to summon up his courage to the point of embarkation. Three times we bought tickets; twice we forfeited our deposits. Once on shore, he assured me that he had suffered his last trip. John, you are such a resourceful, clever fellow that you must devise some way out of our dilemma."

At first I suggested to Veryl that half the ceremony be performed at Matlock and that we proceed by different steamers to America, where the remaining portion might be read. Veryl would have none of it. She had covenanted to be married in the presence of her parent—not half married.

"And, besides, John," she added reproachfully, "if anything should happen to you on the return trip I would be a semiwidow." The lugubrious prospect of semiwidowhood invited tears, and I desisted.

The plan of marriage by cable, next advanced, met with like discouragement as being "too much on the order of an international chess tournament."

Wireless telegraphy offered some slight prospect of solution, but Veryl retracted on account of its uncertainty.

With the rattle of the first milk wagon on the street outside and its reminder that morning had arrived came the scheme that we finally adopted. Veryl was to go to England, I to remain behind in America. On the 14th day of June at high noon, Greenwich time, she was to stand before her father in Matlock and repeat her response. At the same instant I agreed to go through the ceremony at my mother's home in Belmont. That necessitated a slight postponement of our honeymoon and the omission of a bridal procession.

Veryl grieved over both features. I shared only half her sorrow.

As time went on Veryl became quite reconciled to our marriage plan despite the separation it involved. She is a most unconventional little person at all times, and the oddity of the arrangement doubtless appealed to her strongly. With me it was otherwise. The glory of our engagement was quite dimmed by the prospect of her departure for the other side. When she sailed on the last day of June my grief was abysmal. Mother has since assured me that for three entire days I ate not a morsel of food. My thoughts were with a certain ocean greyhound speeding over its Atlantic lane, and I read and reread nothing but storm reports and derelict statistics.

One Friday evening I found two small trunks in our front hallway. The maid informed me that they were there by order of my mother. When she came down for dinner that evening I noted at once an air of suppressed excitement about her, but I asked no questions.

"Son," said she after we had seated ourselves, "I bought your wedding present today. See?"

Imagine my astonishment when she held out for my inspection passage tickets for Southampton by next day's steamer.

"But, mother," I protested, "I cannot leave you. I intend to keep my promise. I know I am a selfish brute in acting as I have been doing, but I cannot help myself."

"Son," said my mother, "the Rodney is safe in every way. I have seen her captain, who is an old friend of your father, and he assures me his boat is perfectly seaworthy and that a trip at this season of the year is a mere pleasure jaunt. Yes, I am going with you. We sail tomorrow morning. Don't hug me like that! I go with you on one condition."

"And that is?"

"That our departure be kept a secret from Veryl. We must surprise her."

We had an uneventful trip. I remember very little of it. Some time during the second day we passed a lonely whale. He excited my sympathy at the time. Somehow, somewhere, we landed and took train for London. We rushed through London in a cab and found ourselves on another train. As near as I can remember we spent four months on that train, though mother says it was nearer five hours. Late that afternoon, she tells me, we reached Matlock. We climbed a long, steep hill and found ourselves in front of a very large and very gloomy hotel, bearing a gilt sign, "The Matlock Arms."

The next scene will abide with me to my dying day. A fat clerk stood in front of us and held out a long pen.

"Is Miss Veryl Preston at home?" I asked.

"No, sir."

"Where is she?"

"She left for America last Thursday with the general, her father. She said something about being married over there and planning a surprise for her fiancé."

Yes, we were married, after all. Veryl called that she was coming back at once after I had called my own whereabouts. She insisted on being married in England. I insisted on New York. We compromised on New York.

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