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The Farmer and the O. A. C.

GIVING PRACTICAL assistance to farmers in the securing of a good water supply on their premises, was a topic discussed by R. R. Graham, at the meeting of the Experimental Union at the O. A. C. in Guelph.

The trouble with most surface wells is the confidence people have in them.

The well has been in use for years, the water tastes all right, it is cool in summer, and what more can be asked for? Scores of samples of well water are sent in for analysis, and the number of these that show the presence of pollution in some form or another is very high.

Right now the authorities at the O. A. C. are willing to confess that the service they can give in assisting a farmer to dig or drill at the right spot to find water is not satisfactory to the farmers or to themselves. An electrical apparatus was tried out some time ago, and the only fault with it was that it did not do what they wanted done, viz.: Find water.

Farmers do not need much urging to see the need of a supply of pure water on their premises. The average farmer feels that he cannot afford to go ahead on what is likely to be an experiment in trying to find water, and for that reason there is a special urgency in the efforts that are being made to find some device that will, with some fair degree of accuracy, indicate where water is likely to be found.

DR. C. A. ZAVITZ, in his address at the Experimental Union, again makes the point that too many varieties of grain and vegetables are grown. If the full benefits of the results of the experiments conducted all over the province are to be secured by the grain and vegetable growers, it is necessary that the varieties showing the greatest yields should be used.

Dr. Zavitz gave definite figures, showing the best yields to be secured in 1921—a poor season—from O. A. C. No. 72 oats, O. A. C. No. 21 six-rowed barley, Guy Mayle hullless barley, wild-goose spring wheat, Dawson's Golden Chaff and O. A. C. No. 14 winter wheat.

The Green Mountain variety of potatoes showed the best results, giving even a better average yield per acre than the popular Irish Cobbler potato.

Results in 1921 have shown the Irish Cobbler to give a yield of 153 bushels to the acre, and the Green Mountain 176 bushels. In the average results for a five-year period the Green Mountain surpassed the Irish Cobbler by 17 bushels per acre per annum. Regarding seed, Dr. Zavitz claims that for seven years in succession, an experiment was conducted at the college in testing seed potatoes obtained from different sources, mainly from Southern Ontario, Northern Ontario and New Brunswick. Seed potatoes obtained 140 miles north of Guelph in the Muskoka district near the Muskoka Lakes, gave much higher yields per acre than those obtained from Southern Ontario, and slightly higher than those obtained from New Brunswick. More recently potatoes have been obtained from Rainy River, Algoma and Thunder Bay districts, and these have given good results for seed purposes. Whether the good returns are caused by the immaturity of the seed, or from the greater freedom from disease of the northern-grown potatoes, is now receiving special attention.

There is a lot of information available at the O. A. C. Agriculturalists should make as much use as possible of it. The province is paying out its money to make that place a clearing house for sound and tried agricultural information, and the more the farming community puts its problems up to the experts there the more they are going to get for the money they are paying for the upkeep of the institution.

Wants Action.

HON. JAMES MURDOCK believes that 1922, filled with strikes and labor troubles, will be a poor year for all concerned.

He sees the wisdom of having wage agreements made early.

"The department," says Mr. Murdock, "does not assume to determine for employer or employee what their agreements to wages or conditions should be, but does urge as a public duty that employer and employee should reach common, mutually satisfactory ground of agreement prior to March 31, so as to insure that valuable outside working weather during the spring and summer months may not be wasted."

Already, with the year not two weeks old, labor troubles are reported, and in several cases building work is held up.

An agreement must be reached some time.

We have every confidence that Hon. James Murdock will do his best to make the disputants see the

Relief Work.

LONDON WILL benefit to some extent by the action of the provincial government in agreeing to absorb one-third of the excess cost of construction done during out-of-season months in order to provide work for the unemployed. The federal government is doing the same, so the city, in common with other centres, is free to go ahead on such work, knowing that its share of excess cost will be limited to one-third of the increase over similar work carried on in a more favorable season.

London, as well as other cities, has undertaken work of this nature, and has been carrying the load for some time. It seems possible that the assistance of the provincial and federal governments might be made retroactive to take in the earlier stages of the work which will now be assisted by financial funds.

Assistance was also secured in paying for absolute necessities for others unable to do manual labor.

Signs are not lacking that there is going to be an improvement in industrial conditions, and the need for this relief work may be lessened. In the meantime, though, it is highly desirable that everything possible be done for the man with a family who is desirous of doing his best at a day's work to provide for those dependent upon him.

LITTLE 'TISERS

The better the Canadian dollar gets the better he will behave in the home market.

Between 1901 and 1911 the rural population of the province declined 52,184, and it looks as though the loss has been much greater since 1911.

Calgary complains of a decrease in the number of marriages taking place. Perhaps the western Cupid does not thrive well on only two payments down on three-room furniture.

In Preston they don't allow smoking during hockey games. Some of the Christmas and election cigars are still in hand, and they would undoubtedly cause blindness to the players.

The new board of works seems willing to put up with gas tanks on the street. The hope is that none of these find their way into the meetings of the 1922 council or committee meetings.

A neighboring town reports an annual church meeting, preceded by a sumptuous chicken supper. And, of course, only one thing could happen after that. The meeting was harmonious, and the 1922 subscription list was largely increased.

The Wheatley Journal draws attention to the fact that the debt-burden of that village is, in all \$8,884.93, or almost \$2,000 less than the total tax levy for 1921. All of which leads us to believe that we wouldn't mind facing the tax collectors in Wheatley.

A correspondent of the Toronto Star is puzzled, and writes: "Sir: Under church announcements in Saturday's Star, one denomination announces 'Millions Now Living Will Never Die,' while another de-

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest,
As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1897.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12, 1897.

Weather—Generally Fair and Cold.

Rev. Father Bayard has received instructions to leave Sarnia today for his new charge in Windsor. He is to be succeeded there by Rev. Father Kennedy of Sarnia, who is to have an assistant. Forest is to be added to the Sarnia pastorate.

The annual meeting of the London Presbyterian Y. P. M. S. will be held in Knox Church, St. Thomas, Jan. 21. Revs. Dr. McMillen, Dr. Dixon and Mr. Fortune are among the speakers expected to be present, and Messrs. T. A. G. Gordon and John A. McLean are the delegates from the Glencoe Society.

The adjourned seventeenth annual meeting of the Middlesex Bar Association was held yesterday afternoon in the library of the courthouse, when the financial statement was read, and the officers elected for the ensuing term. Among the members present were: J. H. Flock, president, in the chair; T. H. Fraser, V. Cronyn, E. P. Betts, M. D. Fraser, A. O. Jeffrey, U. A. Buchner, Talbot Macbeth, W. J. Harvey, E. Jones Parke, Q.C., I. F. Hellmuth, W. H. Bartram, K. K. Cowan, T. G. Meredith, Alex. Stewart, Avery Casey, T. H. Luscombe, W. J. Harvey. The report of the treasurer, Mr. Talbot Macbeth, was submitted. The election of the board of trustees was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: E. J. Parke, Q.C., J. H. Flock, Q.C., George C. Gibbons, Q.C., T. G. Meredith, R. Bayly, Q.C., James Magee, Q.C., F. P. Betts, V. Cronyn, Talbot Macbeth, A. O. Jeffrey, M. D. Fraser, I. F. Hellmuth, W. H. Bartram, Purdon auditors, R. K. Cowan and J. P. Moore. Afterward the board met and elected the following officers: President, George C. Gibbons, Q.C.; vice-president, Richard Bayly, Q.C.; secretary, W. J. Harvey; treasurer, Talbot Macbeth. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded W. J. Harvey and Talbot Macbeth for the efficient manner in which they had performed their duties.

Miss Mary Sharp of Kilworth has left to attend Normal School in Ottawa.

Mr. Wm. Boyd of Arkona has been visiting friends in Eidduld the past few days.

Miss Lena Guest of London was the guest of Miss Ella Revington, this week.

Mr. Russell Hodgins, Lucan, is engaged as teacher in School Section No. 2 for this year.

Mr. Durand, manager of the Merchants Bank, Chatham, is in the city.

Mrs. Charles Pugh of 487 Ontario street, wife of Mr. Charles Pugh, won a \$1,000 prize in the Promotion of Arts Association this week.

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nomination announces "Millions Now Dying Will Never Live." Will some one tell us what will become of the millions who do not come under either of the above headings?"

Mayor Wilson believes that in four or five years a pay-as-you-go policy can be well established at the city hall. During the municipal election contest the mayor said that G. A. Wenize, one of his opponents, couldn't get such a scheme going in twenty years. In light of this the mayor's latest statement may be a pat on the back for himself or a questionable compliment to Mr. Wenize.

London has a brand new court of revision for the year, so the chances are there will be a fairly large list of business for the new body to deal with. It is generally found to work out that way. A court that has been on the job for a season or two gets to know the nature of the complaints, and their powers of resistance increase with age. So the new London court should get its back up and be ready to start in as real old-timers.

NOAH'S POETRY

Footwear.
I've seen a lot of funny things in what the women folks do wear, and some of them, my boy, will make the folks turn round a bit and stare.

I mind when bustles was the go, they hatched 'em broad and deep and high. I mind when sleeves were growed so big they'd sweat you when you passed 'em by.

Yes, all these things they come to us and sprout and live their little span, they vex the soul and tempt the tongue of almost every married man.

But then they wither up and fade, the bustle mounds the attic stairs, the ham-bone sleeves they sleep in peace in hallow must and mothball airs.

Forget the ham-bones and the like that happened 20 years ago and let us watch a bit to see what's passin' in the present show.

There's some what skips along the street with only pumps upon their feet, no matter if the slush grows thick, or if there be a yard of sleet.

But I just chuckle when I see the lady waddle sixteen blocks, with sets of them galoshes boots a-flop-pin' out upon her socks. —NOAH.

READ YOUR CHARACTER

[By Digby Phillips.]

NO. 85—SELFISH HANDWRITING. "Selfish handwriting" is writing that slants backward. But in all justice to the many estimable people who write in this manner, a certain explanation in modification of the word selfish is due.

Men and women who write in this fashion are not necessarily selfish in the sense that they are greedy, avaricious or covetous, though they may possibly be so.

But a tendency to "look out for one's self" and the ability to do it, too, is a most decided fundamental of their characters. They may have strong emotions. They may be kind, sympathetic and affectionate, but the practical expression of these characteristics is always completely subordinate to a rather cool, calculating reason.

Backhand writers are "natural born" strategists in the affairs of life. But the nature of this strategy, its efficiency or inefficiency, its classification as a virtue or a vice, depends entirely upon their other characteristics and upon their moral and social ideals.

Tomorrow—Brainy Eyebrows.

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what I do with the
chicken to prevent
chipped hands rough
skins and chills.
I save

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will play on the snow

and get their hands

chipped, but I make

them rub Campani's

Italian Balm on their

face and hands every

night, and their hands

young skins are kept

smooth before its well

published in. Now I must

run and get on the

supper

Order of Love

Marie.

FEW FOLKS HAVE GREY HAIR NOW

Druggist Says Ladies Are
Using Recipe of Sage
Tea and Sulphur.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns grey, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture improved by the addition of other ingredients by asking at any drug store for a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the grey hair disappears; but what delights the ladies with "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" is that, besides beautifying darkening the hair after a few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of abundance.

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