

Items and Articles of Special Interest to Our Farmers



MOOSE JAW AND PRINCE ALBERT STOCK YARDS

Announcement That Government Assistance Will Be Given to Establish Stockyards at Moose Jaw for South Saskatchewan and at Prince Albert for North Saskatchewan as centres for Collection, Sale and Distribution of Live Stock.

The announcement by the Provincial Government that assistance would be given to establish stock yards at Moose Jaw and Prince Albert is a recognition of the growing importance of our live stock industry. Up to the present time there has been no public market in Saskatchewan for the sale of live stock. Cattle, hogs and sheep had to be shipped out of the Province in thousands to find a market.

Saskatchewan breeders and feeders have for years been demanding markets nearer home. They are going to have them in the near future. Since the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers' association in June last, Messrs. Jack Byers, president, and Olaf Olafson, vice-president of the association, have persistently followed up the resolution passed at that meeting that stock yards be established in Moose Jaw. The unanimous support of the Stock Growers' association warrants the success of the movement.

Stockmen have practical experience in the cost of taking stock to St. Boniface. They can figure in dollar and cents the actual losses in time, shrinkage and feed, before cattle and hogs are disposed of.

The market in Great Britain today is for chilled, or frozen beef and cured hog products. There is no reason, therefore, why beef, cattle and hogs should not be slaughtered as near the farm as possible, thus saving heavy losses in shrinkage and time in shipping to markets outside the Province.

The Gordian Knotsides & Fares Abattoir at Moose Jaw has been doing this work in the past years and the stockyards established at Moose Jaw will give the abattoir an increased impetus and continuous work for employees the year around. This company increased its capacity greatly in the past season and is prepared to further increase its capacity as occasion warrants. No doubt other abattoirs will be induced to locate in Moose Jaw to handle the live stock that will come to be marketed when the stockyards are established, equipped and in working order.

The Stockyards company will be a close corporation, but will include all who wish to take shares in the company. Co-operation of all stockmen will be the slogan of the company. Ranchers and farmers are ready to invest. It is their own business for their individual benefit.

With such a prosperous grain growing district and with the cheapest mill and interior elevator screen feeds in Western Canada, right in Moose Jaw, it is confidently expected that farmers will finish their cattle and hogs for slaughter. If feeders and immature hogs come upon the market, farmers will no doubt purchase many of them, taking them to their farmsteads for a few months until they are fed and fit for slaughter. Too much time, expense and shrinkage have been lost in past years sending such stock to St. Boniface to be there purchased and sent back to Saskatchewan farmers. The same applies to breeding stock—helpers and cows—that should have been distributed from some central point in Saskatchewan to farmers, rather than be shipped out of the Province and back again.

We cannot give details in this issue. Readers will please watch for further information in each issue of the Saskatchewan Farmer. An open door will be offered for all interested to take part in the greatest opportunity that has so far been offered to make live stock growing a sure and permanent investment. The live stock industry will now take its place in Saskatchewan, side by side with grain growing, and we are fully assured, make farming operations more stable and more free from losses by crop failures.

Raising of live stock has been advocated by all practical agriculturists and this movement on the part of the Government is one hundred times more effectual in inducing farmers to raise live stock than all addresses on how to raise live stock, how to improve live stock and how to feed live stock. Farmers have known for years how to raise live stock and how to feed live stock when they have a water supply. The great questions have been—will it pay? and ARE WE SURE OF A MARKET? The live stock yards will give a market, and the abattoir now here, and more to follow, as well as the buyers to purchase will assure them that prices are on a par with prices in other markets.

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HOLSTEINS INCREASE IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES

It is a recognized fact that the pure bred Holstein cow has won its way into favor solely on account of its superior merits as a milk and butter producer. The popularity of the breed is beyond a doubt fully deserved, for no man with an open mind can dispute the testimony of the many thousands of dairymen-farmers, whose faith in the big robust Black-and-Whites is based on the success that has followed the introduction of these cattle into their farming enterprises. North, south, east and west, wherever the sun rises and sets, the Holstein cow is more and more becoming the ideal cow for the dairy farm. And who can deny that she is not the greatest and most remunerative animal that old mother nature ever presented to human beings? More and more indefinitely larger records for

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milk and butter have been made by Holstein than by all the other dairy breeds put together, and every month or so new records of production are chronicled and announced broadcast to the many thousands whose interest is wrapped up in the development of a herd of these unbeatable food providers.

In the prairie provinces of Canada the pure bred Holstein cow is in the lead by a big margin. Dairymen and farmers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are finding dairy farming even more profitable than grain farming. The dairy cow not only assures a regular income from milk and butter, but she enriches the soil and thus makes the land of greater value. Dairy farming with Holsteins is undoubtedly one of the finest and best paying departments connected with agriculture. Until recent years Ontario was the chief centre of Canada for choice Holsteins, but now British Columbia is forging ahead and a number of very fine records have been made recently by cows in that section.

Alberta is also on the way to becoming a notable dairy province, and the increase in the number of Holsteins as shown in the table accompanying this short article is convincing proof that it is to this breed the dairymen are looking and expecting to put Alberta in the front rank of the dairy provinces of the Dominion. Saskatchewan and Manitoba are coming along nicely and there is every reason to believe that the next few years will see them in strong competition with their neighbors—both provinces showing an appreciable increase in the number of pure bred Black-and-Whites for the five years between 1911 and 1916.

Table showing the increase in the number of pure bred Black-and-Whites for the five years between 1911 and 1916. Columns include Province, Breed, 1911, 1916, and Increase.

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Table showing the number of Holsteins in Alberta and three provinces (Holstein, Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey) for the years 1911, 1916, and 1918.

NATURE STUDY

From The Saskatchewan Rural Education Monthly.

The Teaching of Nature Study. In the public school course of study just issued a return has been made to the use of the term Nature Study to designate a part of the school work recently found under the title Elementary Science. This change has been made for a definite purpose and the attention of all teachers is directed to the reasons for this action. There has always been a lack of appreciation of the meaning of Nature Study. Many teachers have made no attempt to undertake the work suggested and many who have undertaken it have failed through wrong method. It was felt that the term Elementary Science suggested the type of work provided in the high school course for older pupils and that in many cases inexperienced teachers were endeavoring to reproduce this work in the public schools. It is hoped that every teacher will seriously endeavour to find the true meaning of Nature Study and interpret the course of study in the light of their finding.

What Nature Study Is

Nature Study is despite all discussions and perversions, a study of Nature; it consists of simple, truthful observations that may, like beads on a string, finally be threaded upon the understanding and thus held together as a logical and harmonious whole. Therefore, the object of the Nature Study teacher should be to cultivate in the children powers of accurate observation and to build up within them, understanding.

OUR ORGANISED GRAIN GROWERS. Includes logo of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

Articles and items under this heading are edited by officials at the Central office of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. "The Courier" gladly gives publicity to these articles, as this paper always has been and still is a strong believer in the cause of the organized farmers of the west.

WHAT IS WEALTH?

We come, aside from the United Kingdom, to the curious and absurd situation in which protectionist-nations struggle, and even go to war, for foreign markets in which to dispose of their goods, but from which they do not want to buy anything, aside from war materials and essential food supplies. It is an ironic commentary on the status of present day economic thinking, that most nations hold officially to the theory that wealth is increased mainly through selling (and not through buying. It is a trite but true saying that both parties to a bargain—the buyer and the seller—gain in trade. Otherwise no exchange could exist or persist. It was Sir Thomas Mun who, in the seventeenth century in his most popular book, "England's Treasure from Foreign Trade," exploited the theory that a nation should export goods to the greatest extent possible and take in exchange gold and silver. Strange to say the protectionist of today still talks much of "Keeping our money at home." He overlooks the fact that money

and forests, and exploited its natural wealth on borrowed capital—capital that has come to us, not in the form of gold or silver, but in the shape of steel rails, locomotives, cement, building materials and a thousand and one other varieties of economic goods. Up to the outbreak of war in August, 1914, we had imported "capital" in that form to the extent of about 3,000 million dollars; and was it thought, or expected, that these huge obligations would be ultimately discharged by the exportation of "money"—silver and gold? Certainly not; not by the exportation of the products of our farms, or our factories, our mines and other economic enterprises. It is clear enough to those who look beneath the surface of things that our wonderful prosperity and future growth depend upon the exchange of our own goods for those of foreign countries. But if our protectionists had their way entirely, if the home market were preserved for them and them alone, if we bought nothing abroad, but concentrated all our attention upon domestic industry, then our great basic industries would wither and die. One does not have to spend much time in making this clear to the farmers of Canada. They know full well that the greater part of the produce of their labor must be marketed abroad. The prairie provinces depend almost solely upon the markets of Europe for their prosperity. Professional economists have long since thrown into the dust-bin of Time the out-worn theory involved in protection—that nations should sell but not buy; that the home market should be kept intact for home producers, and that the people's money should not be exported abroad. These ideas belong to the days of barbarism.—From the Farmer's Platform.

Nature Study vs. Science. Nature Study is not elementary science as so taught, because its point of attack is not the same; error in this respect has caused many a teacher to abandon Nature Study and many a pupil to hate it. In elementary science the work begins with the simplest animals and plants and progresses logically through to the highest forms; at least this is the method pursued in most universities and schools. The object of the study is to give the pupil an outlook over all the forms of life and their relation one to another. In Nature Study the work begins with any plant or creature which chances to interest the pupil. It begins with the robin when it comes back to us in March, promising spring; or it begins with the maple leaf which flutters to the ground in all the beauty of its autumnal tints. A course in biological science leads to the comprehension of all kinds of life upon our globe. Nature Study is for the comprehension of the individual life of the bird, insect or plant that is nearest at hand.

MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FROM POVERTY

"Making the world safe from Poverty," was one of the sentiments expressed by H. W. Wood, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, during his visit as a fraternal delegate to the convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor, which was held in Medicine Hat last January.

During the course of his address Mr. Wood said: "The mutual desire to destroy poverty would form the basis of this new association. I have known of certain differences and suspicious of three years and I have not tried to hurry the association. We have got to take our time. Each convention is bringing us closer together. Some friends expect quicker action in the development of the new social order than I do. I am not so much interested in quick action, as in safe building."

Sask. Auto League Held Convention at Regina

Much important business was transacted at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Motor League when the delegates gathered in the board of trade rooms, at Regina. There were present, in addition to the officials, delegates from 28 of the clubs throughout the province, and the meeting was described as the most successful of its kind held since the league was organized.

Among the delegates were Mr. Loran from Allan and Mr. H. M. Klassen from Herbert. One very important item of business accomplished yesterday was the setting of the date of the annual meeting in the future. This session will be held during the second week in June after this year. It was pointed out that as the majority of members are farmers, this date would prove more advantageous to them and again, many visitors could come to the convention if it were held at this time. There were many suggestions advanced as to the proper time of the annual meeting, but in the end the second week in June idea was carried unanimously.

Sheriff L. G. Calder, president of the league, read the president's address. He told the meeting that this was the first time since the league was organized that an annual meeting was held under favorable circumstances. For the past few years the league always met while the great war was in progress, but now with the advent of peace, great things were looked forward to by the members.

The appearance of Hon. S. J. Latta, minister of highways, was the signal for a general outburst of applause and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Sheriff Calder, president, in introducing Mr. Latta, stated that he was one of the staunchest supporters of the motor league and that requests from that body were always given the greatest consideration by the minister.

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"Co-operation is what I am seeking," said the minister in his address. "Co-operation of the motor league and all educative bodies such as the Great War Veterans and the Grain Growers in my work."

"I feel greatly honored by your appointing me honorary president, but I would warn you that as a body you should not mingle with politics," continued the speaker.

"Politicians are elected by a majority of votes, maybe only by a slight majority. It is my opinion, however, that the successful candidate does not merely represent those who voted for him, but the entire constituency, and he should take the requests of the minority also into consideration. I have always tried to do this, and I want you to believe that in so far as your organization is concerned I hope to work with you. I have always endeavored to carry out your wishes, and I have received many valuable suggestions from your league."

"Do not be partisan. Keep in mind your objective which is to bring before the public your rights, and also consider the rights of the other parties when making requests."

"The department of highways has a prodigious work to carry on. We have \$250,000 worth of small bridges scattered all over the province, which we have to look after. There are also many large steel bridges, ferries, etc., as well as road cuts and the ordinary roads. Our income is limited and, besides, we are unable to get sufficient labor to carry on our work. We are proceeding slowly, each year getting closer to our ideal."

"In passing I want to refer to the auto license. It is really an inequitable tax, but then all taxes are inequitable. The money received from the automobile tax goes into the general revenue pot of the province. There are certain fixed charges that must be taken out of that. All that is left over then goes into improvements, highways, buildings and education purposes."

"We must see to it that work put on the main roads should be permanent, and they should also be properly looked after. Some day I hope to have all our main roads standardized."

I have very little to say about signposts. Last year applications were made to the department from twenty-five automobile clubs. These were sent out, but so far only five clubs have erected the posts. The officers for the 1919-1920 season of the Saskatchewan Motor League are the same as represented that organization during the season of 1919-1920, with the exception of honorary president. This honor was extended to Hon. Sam

J. Latta, minister of highways of the provincial government, amid great applause. Mr. Latta was not on hand when he was elected, but came in shortly after and was informed of the selection. He thanked the delegates for the honor conferred upon him and told the assembled delegates that he would work for the best interest of the league at all times.

The officers elected are: Honorary President, Hon. S. J. Latta.

President, Sheriff L. G. Calder, Saskatoon.

First Vice-President, G. K. McEwen, Swift Current.

Second Vice-President, Dr. Henderson, Regina.

Third Vice-President, W. J. Hyde, Balgonie.

Secretary-Treasurer, L. T. McDonald, Regina.

Executive committee, Messrs. A. A. Symans, Saskatoon; F. G. King, Yorkton; E. W. Williamson, Indian Head; W. E. Dennison, Assiniboia; A. L. Moffat, Hawarden; M. Loran, Allan; G. K. Hummel, Nokomis; W. J. M. Wright, Regina; T. A. Waterworth, Prince Albert and Major Loney, Moose Jaw.

LEMBERG HAS FALLEN —UKRAINIANS DEFEAT POLISH DEFENDERS

WARSAW.—The Ukrainian troops besieging Lemberg have entered that city after five days of hard fighting. The resistance of the Polish reinforcements sent to the aid of the besieged city was broken by the Ukrainians, the statement adds. A document seized by the Poles showed that a reward of 4,000 crowns and five arpents (about five acres) of land had been promised to every Ukrainian soldier entering Lemberg.

BERNE.—The Ukrainian forces of Gen. Petlura have successfully resumed the offensive, according to the Swiss Telegraph agency from Proskurov, the seat of the Petlura government. The position of the Bolsheviks in the Ukraine is declared to be critical.

ACTION OF GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS DEFENDED IN PRUSSIAN DIET

BERLIN.—Col. Reinhardt, the Prussian war minister, defended the government troops in a speech in the diet against the charges of brutality in the Berlin rioting. He declared the summary execution order of Gustave Noske, the minister of defence, directed at rebels with arms in their hands was required by the situation. Col. Reinhardt was continuously interrupted in his speech by howls and remarks by the independent Socialists.

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