

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FARMER

Prof. W. H. Alexander Speaks to Clover Bar Agriculturists on Relation of One to the Other.

As one of the oldest farming districts in the province and the founder of the provincial organization of farmers, the Clover Bar union of the United Farmers of Alberta held an entertainment in the school house last evening, which was in every way a credit to the historic precedents of this prosperous community.

Phyl Otterwell occupied the chair, while the excellent programme of the evening was in progress. Prof. Alexander, classical master of the university, delivered a most convincing and opportune address on the relation of the farmer to the university. He was followed by E. Carr, of the Edmonton High School staff, who told many very interesting things about the birds and animals that affect the farmer.

Prof. Alexander, in his introductory remarks, said that the university has a new scheme under way to testify whether the university can be justified in this province. His hope was to see the farm and the university linked hand in hand. He cleared away certain antagonisms which have been about for many years in a community by saying that Canadian universities are not snobbish but give equal opportunity to all who wish to profit by the teaching offered.

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Prof. Alexander pointed out how farmers were interested in maintaining a university in their midst. He did not see why the university trained man should not go back to the farm and spread his influence throughout his community. The practical side of the farmer's relation to the university was argued. It was college professor in the corn crop who taught the farmer how to grow two blades of corn instead of one. Scientists would do more for the farmer in a lifetime than the politician could do in a millennium. Moreover, the university could serve as a radiating center for the betterment of the people and can teach Alberta to have Alberta and not to look to Alberta men for her leaders of thought and action.

Prof. Alexander concluded his splendid address by expressing a wish that the province might be blessed with men who would hold firm and true the helm of the ship of state.

Mr. Carr reviewed the common birds and animals of the fields and meadows and showed wherein they are a benefit or a curse to the farmer's cause. Among the animals he characterized the innocent field mouse as the most destructive enemy and the noxious sparrow as the best friend that the farmer has. The law of the survival of the fittest, he said, is exemplified on the farm every day. The larger animals prey on the smaller, and so all have varying degrees of mechanical or destructive power, the farmer by knowing their habits and customs can regulate his attitude to them accordingly. In the same way with the birds, their course of action should not be condemned until the facts are known.

By destroying many of the animals and birds in this province," concluded Mr. Carr, "the farmers are simply killing his hired man."

W. F. Stevens, live-stock commissioner, who was largely responsible for the success of the entertainment, moved a vote of thanks in which he gave his own commensurate sample of appreciation which he made him so well and favorably known throughout the province.

At the conclusion of the programme an adjournment was made to the school room in the rear of the church where delicious refreshments were served. The chief delicacy was home raised and home cured ham, which was the presentation of the J. Y. Griffin Company as an appreciation of the support which the Clover Bar farm-

PROTECTING B.C. FRUIT GROWERS

Fruit Marks Act Discussed in the House of Commons—Unfair American Competition.

Ottawa, Mar. 26.—The House of Commons today spent over two hours debating the Fruit Marks Act, and the rest of the session will be given over to the consideration of private bills, was spent in voting supply. The supplementary estimates for 1920 were disposed of. During the course of the discussion Hon. Mr. Fielding intimated that it was his intention to bring down the bill on the first supply bill of the session. This will make available for use the many millions of dollars so far set aside for the purpose of the act.

When the post office estimates were being considered T. W. Crothers (Cons.) brought up the matter of the Fruit Marks Act. He declared that he was receiving but a mere pittance.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux said that while others had been complaining he had been acting. The matter had been referred to a committee of the House that the claims of the railway mail clerks were receiving consideration.

Police Men Not Active Militiamen. No policeman may hereafter join the active militia. It is announced in the militia orders that they are exempt from military service and that no policeman may hereafter join the active militia.

Chicago, Ill., March 27.—A reunion of two sisters, separated by eight years, for 25 years, will take place here, when Mrs. B. Languevin, 416 La Gauchetiere street, Montreal, arrives at the home of Mrs. Jason Warner, Ontario street, who has been identified by the police as the sister stolen in childhood from her Canadian home.

Mrs. Languevin wrote a letter to the chief of police of South Chicago, saying that she had heard of a woman named Languevin in the southern suburbs whose experience with kidnapers was the same as that of her sister, who had been hired away from her home in Montreal when she was a child of five years.

Mrs. Languevin's information came through a communication made by Mrs. Warner to the police of Montreal, telling the circumstances of the kidnaping twenty-five years ago, and asking the police to try to locate her sister.

Languevin is expected soon to come to Chicago to see her long-lost sister.

HITCH IN SETTLEMENT. Nova Scotia Coal and Steel Companies Have Not Yet Got Together.

Montreal, Mar. 26.—A hitch has arisen in the negotiations between the Coal and Steel companies which at present bids fair to delay a settlement, or perhaps prevent any immediate agreement. This is the reported result of the failure of a coal supply. This claim is not regarded with favor by the coal people and acute differences of opinion appear to have developed on the market. In fact, so sharp have the differences been that although at noon Mr. Ross appeared in sight a few minutes later when he received the demands of the steel industry he was preparing to break off negotiations altogether and leave on a trip to the south.

CANADA TO TAKE HER SHARE. Lord Strathcona Believes in the Supreme Loyalty and Patriotism of Canadians.

London, March 26.—Lord Strathcona, interviewed by the Daily Express, said that part of the Empire would rejoice more than Canada at New Zealand's patriotic offer. He was impossible to say what Canada would do in the direction of a contribution to the navy. The future military and naval defenses of the Empire was the subject of the greatest interest to all colonists, and Canada would not be found behind in taking her share of any responsibility which might be necessary. In reference to his recent gift to Canada, Lord Strathcona would say nothing, except that it was the merest bagatelle.

COLIN GUNN IN MACLEOD. The Resurgent Genes Liberal Candidate in His Seat.

Macleod, Alta., March 26.—The halloo in dispute, is in all, were examined by Supt. Primrose, R.N.W.M.P., today, both Liberal and Conservative candidates, making slight gains, leaving the result practically unchanged. Gen. Liberal, having a lead of 18 votes. It is not considered likely an official recount will change the standing of either candidate.

Thanks to Lord Strathcona. Halifax, N.S., March 26.—R. E. Finn, member of the local legislature for Halifax, today gave notice of motion thanking Lord Strathcona for his gift of a quarter of a million dollars to stimulate a system of physical and military drill in the schools of Canada on lines already adopted in Nova Scotia.

CONSTRUCTING A GREAT SEWER

240 Men Employed Digging Trench for Refuse Sewer From Packing Plant.

The J. Y. Griffin packing plant presents a scene of activity six days in every week, which justifies the Bulletin's name. The work has been in progress since last fall, when the plant commenced operations, and the nucleus of the great American "packing town" had been established and would only have to grow to attain to the magnitude of the leading packing houses on the continent.

The chief undertaking which is occupying the attention of Manager Bradley is the construction of a great sewer, which is to convey the refuse water from the plant to the Saskatchewan river, two miles distant. For two months the work has been in progress and will probably be completed by the first of May.

The sewer will be a concrete pipe, 36 inches in diameter, and will run for a distance of six miles to the river. The trench for the sewer will be 16 feet deep and will vary from thirty feet at the beginning to sixteen feet where it reaches the river. The pay roll of the men employed on the sewer is \$1.80 per week, which is a charge on the packing plant in addition to the regular running expenses.

The fertilizer plant which has been in course of construction, apart from the main works, will be completed and ready for operation in a few days. The machinery is now being installed and the lighting and heating system tested. This building, which has dimensions of 75 feet by 35 feet, will be used for the storage of fertilizer.

David Henderson (Con. Halton) wanted to know if it would be taken up on Monday, to which Mr. Fielding replied, "No, it stands until the company has given sufficient notice to parliament."

EXTEND IRRIGATION SYSTEM. C.P.R. Irrigation Department at Calgary Let Contract For 600 Miles of New Canals.

Calgary, March 26.—A contract has been let by the C.P.R. irrigation department for the construction of over 600 miles of canals and ditches, which, when completed, will serve the entire western section of the already extensive irrigation system.

The contract is for the construction of a canal to be 40 feet wide in the bed and will carry six and a half feet of water. In the two and a half million yards of rich Alberta soil must be brought under a quarter of a million acres will be irrigated by the new work embracing 24 miles of canal and 360 miles of ditch. A quarter of a million acres will be irrigated by the new work embracing 24 miles of canal and 360 miles of ditch.

There will be some nice engineering work in the construction of the canal. A fill of a mile in length and ten feet high will have to be made. Three million feet of timber will be required but this is outside the present contract.

CITY TO LOAN MONEY. Calgary Decides to Use Sinking Funds For This Purpose.

Calgary, March 27.—The finance committee of the city council, Mayor R. R. Jamieson, Dr. Egebert and Messrs. Wallace and Erb, met in the city hall last night to discuss the loan money to citizens. It was decided to loan money to citizens, on approved security, from the city's sinking fund, on central business properties at current rates of interest.

Messrs. Gale and Hatch will speak to a boys' mass meeting in the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Hibernian football club will hold a meeting in the Y.M.C.A. hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All Irishmen interested in football are invited to be present to assist in getting out a strong association team.

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MONTREAL'S INVESTIGATION

Person Found Guilty Must Pay Costs, if Not Guilty the Complainant.

Quebec, March 26.—It begins to look as if the commission which it is proposed to appoint for the purpose of investigating the aldermen and civic employees of Montreal will not seriously worry any of these gentlemen. Today Premier Gouin introduced an amendment to his bill creating the commission by which the commission is empowered to distribute the costs or any portion of them incurred in establishing any charge upon the person or persons found guilty, or if not proven upon the complainant. It is feared that this will result in persons having knowledge of essential facts not coming forward to present them. On the other hand, the contention is set up that the commission should have the right, if the charges are made in good faith, to excuse the payment of costs, thus only shutting off frivolous or uncharitable complaints.

Two New Governors. London, March 26.—The King has approved of the appointments of Sir Ralph Williams as Governor of Newfoundland and Sir W. McGregor as Governor of Queensland.

BELL-BOY WALLOPED BY FAMOUS SINGER

Emma Eames, Soloist With the Pittsburgh Orchestra Present in Chicago, Objected to Being Handed Newspaper Containing Story of Troubles She Has Caused For Mrs. De Gorzora.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 26.—Emma Eames ran amuck at her apartment in the Hotel Shelburney and at the time she got through, Valley Morgan, a rather daring bell boy, was on the hospital list. He had two fingers rather badly smashed and was suffering from a blow which had landed on his right ear, and at the same time his right eye was banged by his running into the door-jamb trying to avoid another of the fair Emma's swings.

It was all because the bellboy wanted to be nice to the famous singer and handed her an evening paper which had a great display of her picture with that of Minnie de Gorzora, and a rather racy story of the troubles which Miss Eames is alleged by Mrs. De Gorzora to have made for her by hitting her with a piano.

Miss Eames is here as soloist in the last pair of concerts given by the Pittsburgh orchestra.

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Rumor a Wireless Joke

Washington, D. C., March 27.—Shortly before noon today an official denial was given to the rumor of the sinking of the battleship Mississippi at the navy department. It is said, the wireless station at Wilmington, North Carolina, was "joked" of an operator.

Blackball Granted Divorce. In the Upper House on motion for a third reading of a bill to grant a divorce to V. E. Blackball, Senator Clouston moved in amendment to the bill

COAST DEFENSES

Importation a Serious Menace to England's Health.

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 27.—In its issue of March 13th, the London Lancet, a British medical journal, complains about the importation of diseased frozen "offal," from the United States. The same issue is an illustration of the "offal" which is imported from the Chicago stock yards, noting some improvements in sanitary conditions there since the outbreak of the disease four years ago. But the importation of frozen offal, the Lancet considers a serious menace to public health. It calls attention to the report of Dr. Herbert Williams, medical officer of health, of the port of London, in the common council on March 14th, a significant feature of that report for this country is that it intimates that when American packers have goods condemned as unfit for food in England they ship it back to America and put it on the market here.

SPEAKERS ROUNDLY HISSED. Suffragettes Refused to Hear Lord Cromer—Woman's Place Not Her Home.

London, Mar. 27.—Mrs. Humphrey Ward vainly tried to keep order during the anti-suffragettes last night. Lord Cromer spoke, or tried to speak of the significance of the grant of the franchise to women. The intemperate Lord Cromer began by the momentous questions from the women suffragettes, hundreds of whom were present and his lordship was not permitted to utter a single sentence without interruption.

Mrs. Ward vainly tried to keep order but whenever any speaker suggested that a woman's place is her home, he or she was roundly hissed. The list of names of vice-presidents of the meeting discloses the fact that Mrs. Lewis Harcourt and Lord Carson oppose woman suffrage.

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CANADA READY AND WILLING TO ASSIST

Government Will Assure Britain of Co-Operation in Maintaining Empire's Invincibility.

Ottawa, Ont., March 25.—While no formal decision has been reached by the government with regard to the question of offering assistance to Great Britain from Canada in view of the present naval situation in the northwestern Pacific, it can be definitely stated that the members of the cabinet are united in declaring that Canada must not hold back in the present juncture from giving the Imperial authorities every assurance that the premier Dominion of the empire is ready and willing to offer all needed support to Britain to insure the maintenance of the present naval supremacy of the empire.

It is probable that at the meeting of the cabinet on Saturday, when there will be time for full and careful consideration as to just what Canada should do, a message will be drafted for transmission through Earl Grey, to the Colonial Office, assuring the British people that there is no doubt as to where Canada stands in the matter of loyal co-operation in any steps deemed desirable and necessary by the Imperial authorities to secure the adequate defence of the empire.

The government desires that Canada should not be behind in the other self-governing dominions in respect to bearing a proper share of the burden of the defence of the empire.

Canada to Lead the Van. In fact it may be stated that Canada is prepared to lead the way in this as in other instances where it has been necessary to show tangible and practical evidence of loyalty. At the same time the government believes that there is no reason why at the present juncture they should work out gradually along permanent and definite lines of development. Whether this shall be along the line of developing a Canadian navy to cooperate with the imperial fleet in time of need, or along the line of providing for Canada's defence, or in some other suitable way, are details yet to be worked out.

The Opposition's Policy. The members of the Opposition will meet in caucus tomorrow night to discuss their policy. Some are in favor of Lane's suggestion of a resolution, in which resolution Mr. Foster's resolution, providing for the assumption by Canada of her own coast defence, is a prominent feature. Mr. Foster's resolution will come up in the House on Monday, and will undoubtedly provoke one of the most important and interesting debates of the session.

TROUBLE IS OVER

Coal and Steel Companies Reach Basis of Agreement.

Montreal, March 25.—As a result of negotiations today between the Canadian and Mr. Plummer, it was officially announced this evening that the trouble between the coal and steel companies was practically over. The only issue now pending is with regard to the particulars of the Steel Company's claims regarding short delivery of coal and the shutting down of the steel works in November, 1908. These, it is expected, will not present any unaccountable difficulty.

It is authoritatively announced that the coal people have offered \$2,750,000 to the Steel Company, or a quarter of a million more than their first offer, and that this has been accepted by Mr. Plummer for the Steel Company's interests. This will be paid in cash and applied on the account of the Steel Company's claims but it will not be paid until a full statement of the Steel Company's claims is presented.

A Third Wife Appears. St. Catharines, Ont., March 27.—Walter Blizard, an ex-convict here, was charged with bigamy in marrying Alice Krick of Sarnia, Ont., last September, when he had already married Mrs. Goff in 1908, has a third claimant for his hand, in a young woman from Chicago, who declares Blizard married her before either of the others.

Czarina is Seriously Ill. St. Petersburg, March 27.—The Czarina's condition is becoming alarming. She will leave soon with her children for the Eastern Coast of Asia, the Czar will follow in a fortnight.

New South Wales to Contribute. Sydney, N.S.W., March 26.—The lord mayor appeals to the people of the state for £250,000 towards a Dreadnought battleship. Premier Wade has increased the subsidy to half a million pounds sterling.

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