

CAN RAISE MORE PORK.

THE FARMERS' MEETING ON THURSDAY—SMALL ATTENDANCE, BUT HOT INTEREST.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS.

The public meeting held Thursday evening for discussing the possible increase in the production of pork was meagrely attended, but warm interest was manifest. M. P. Orser was elected to the chair, and Squire Brown was chosen secretary.

B. N. Shaw was the first speaker and said the first question in hand was or should be of vital interest to every farmer. To begin with there was need of reform in the modes and methods of farming. He figured the cost of raising oats at 30 cents a bushel, so in selling them at 20 cents the farmer is out a dime for every bushel sold. Every ton of hay shipped away impoverishes the farm to the amount of \$5.00, and likewise do oats detract from the richness of the soil. The speaker cited the Jacksonville farmer's failure in hay, the depopulation of that section, and the going into pork-raising. The Toronto company will start a pork-packing house in this province if they can be assured of 25,000 hogs per annum. To Mr. Shaw's mind the farmers could raise pork at a profit for 4 or 5 cents a pound, and he was of the opinion that next year the production from this district could be doubled and in a few years increased ten-fold.

C. J. Connelly speaking next thought the farm produce should be fed to stock instead of shipping it away, and impoverishing the land. He was of the opinion that pork can be raised cheaper than beef; the pig doesn't have to be fed through the winter, and returns are quicker. He thought pork could be raised at a profit for 4 cents. He said farmers generally were to careless with the dressing allowing two-thirds of it to go to waste. His experience was that the cheapest way to make manure was to buy hay and feed it to stock.

Some difficulty was experienced in bringing J. K. Fleming to his feet, but speaking, he agreed with what had been said—he had a little experience in farming and considered the present issue a live one. He was surprised at the small attendance—the farmers should take an interest in a matter of so vast importance. The selling of hay and oats was not successful, the farmers were not getting rich with oats at 25 cents, and if the farmers were not doing well nobody else could, since they were the back bone of the country. He spoke of the importance of dairy products; while our butter is perhaps second-class, our cheese had a splendid reputation. He thought these should be a bonus to aid the export of New Brunswick dairy produce, and cited how the government had furthered the cheese industry in P. E. Island. Pork, butter and cheese, he said were the most important products. The supply of pork could be largely increased if the farmers had a sure market and a fair price.

D. H. Keswick said in his farming experience he had found pork the most

profitable. This fall he killed a pig dressing 250 pounds that cost him \$7. to raise. He could increase his production ten fold.

Dr. Estey gave his experience, having been brought up on a farm in York county. He told of one hog that brought in \$49; and said his father never sold oats, or shipped hay away, but fed to stock.

The chairman being called upon endorsed what had been said and spoke about the raising of oats.

B. N. Shaw moved the following resolutions which were discussed and finally carried:

1. That in the opinion of this meeting the number of pigs raised here could be trebled in '98, and increased ten fold in a few years.

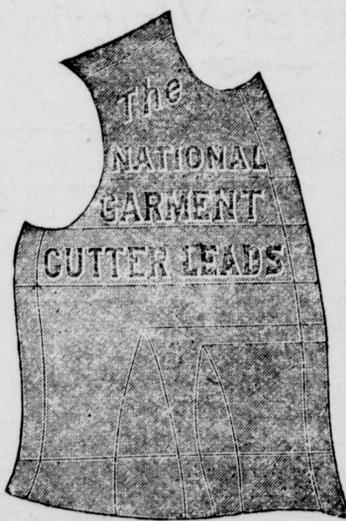
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