

## The Convention.

The Farmer's Convention held in Glassville on June 20th, and 21st, was a decided success; and was largely attended. Several interesting papers were read, by members of The Aberdeen Farmer's and Dairyman's Association, and by visiting Friends, from distant settlements. All of which had a direct bearing on Farms and Farming; and, each of the subjects was thoroughly and exhaustively discussed.

Amongst the papers read were two on "Wheat Raising" These papers were ably written; and, it was quite evident that the writers were thoroughly-acquainted with the subject. After the reading of these papers, the subject was discussed, analyzed and dissected in all its details, even down to the question Does it pay?

We have already stated our opinion, That it does not; and, that opinion was endorsed by most of the audience. This does not, and cannot mean that it will not pay this, or that individual farmer; we are of opinion that it will pay farmers to grow sufficient for their own use, if only for the sake of the bran and middlings, articles of great value to the farmer; and, which are hardly come-at-able in the ordinary course of farming. But, as a commercial venture we can never hope to compete with the great wheat and flour producing sections of the western part of the Dominion.

Amongst the subjects discussed was the Insect Pests that so terribly annoy our cattle and horses, in the summer-time; and, How to prevent such an infliction. 'The irrepressible Coal Oil' was voted a safe and effectual remedy for their attacks; and, a Kerosine Emulsion,—the recipe for which emanated from the Dominion Experimental Farm—was said to be the best method of using the oil.

Should horse shoeing be abolished?—Should the bearing-rein be done away with?—How often should horses be groomed?—When, is the proper time to water horses, before or after feeding?—These were a series of questions that were propounded, and gave an opportunity for the 'horsey' part of the audience to air their diversified opinions. It will be readily seen that these are subjects which no amount of discussion, will ever produce hard and fast, rule-square-and-compass rules, by which horse-owners as whole, will be guided.

When should hay be cut? was a question that elicited a number of replies; and, though some of them were eminently practical, they exhibited a lack of botanical knowledge, and an acquaintance with many persons, may, by cutting grass too soon, be still produced by reason of the superabundance of vegetable juices; and, thus give rise to dusty hay. And, may not this same pollen dust induce in horses, a complaint allied to hay-fever in human beings?

Mr. Innis, a visitor, read a very interesting paper on the organization of 'Farmer's Institutes' which commanded the profound attention of the audience; and, brought out some interesting facts, worthy of the attention of all progressive farmers. This is a subject on which we entertain a strong opinion, and is one we should like to see in more abundant existence. In some future issue we shall endeavour to promulgate some of our own ideas as to the forming, management, ends, aims and benefits of Farmer's Clubs, to every agriculturist.

Mr. Wm. Simpson read a paper on Intelligent Farming, which was received, with marked attention, and deservedly so.

The second day's proceedings were principally devoted to the discussion of subjects connected with dairy farming; and, a very elaborate paper was read by Mrs. E. S. Gilmor, Esdracou, on the Butter question. The paper was read in charming style, and called forth a storm of applause, on its completion. This talented production dealt with the details of the subject, from the genesis of the cow, down to the finished article; in those dainty little pats, that have such a pleasing appearance, so delicious a taste, and fairly melt in the mouth.

This was followed by a discussion bearing on the subject, such as the Production of milk. How, when and where to milk. Quantity of milk given by cows and kindred matters relating to the various conditions involved in all stages connected with making fine, eatable, saleable butter.

The Cheese Factory question was freely discussed; and, it's advantage to the farmer and more particularly to the farmer's wife and daughters, was pointed out. Attentively following the various speakers we came to the conclusion that, if the requisite number of cows, within a reasonable distance could be insured, a Cheese Factory, in this locality is a desideratum and worthy of support.

Amongst the visitors to the convention, who took part in the numerous discussions, we may mention H. T. Scholey, Esq. and Mr. Owens, from Centreville, Messrs. Lowe, Innes, and other gentlemen from Kinkardine, as well as others from a distance, including the venerable looking and urbane editor of *The Sentinel*, and "The Press Man" from Woodstock. Both the latter paid a visit of courtesy to our office, what they think of us; and, of our little city will be found elsewhere.

### Cause and Effect.

The celebrated Richard B. Sheridan, once went to the House of Commons with a fellow member; and, on arriving there and taking their seats, the friend said to Sheridan: "Dick, where's the speaker?" I can't see the speaker." Sheridan said: "Can't see the speaker, eh? Why I can see two." But both these gentlemen had been taking "Something."

At the recent convention the president in his opening address, said: That while driving about the country he passed by a man driving a horse; "And that horse had sixteen ribs on the side I passed on" Now, if he happened to see sixteen ribs on one side of a horse; it would almost seem as if he had been taking Something too.

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She is coming, the Woman, in splendour and pride, She's determined that she'll be no more set aside. She has made up her mind to climb from the shelf To take charge of the thing, as fashion denotes, Man's collars, neckties, and waistcoats and coats, No doubt, she'll—unless we are hopelessly wrong— Take to wearing the—others, as well before long. She's submitted too much, and, in future, they say, 'Twill be her's to command and the man's to obey; 'Till 'twill only be left, in the sweet by-and-by, For the man to look out for a soft spot and—die.

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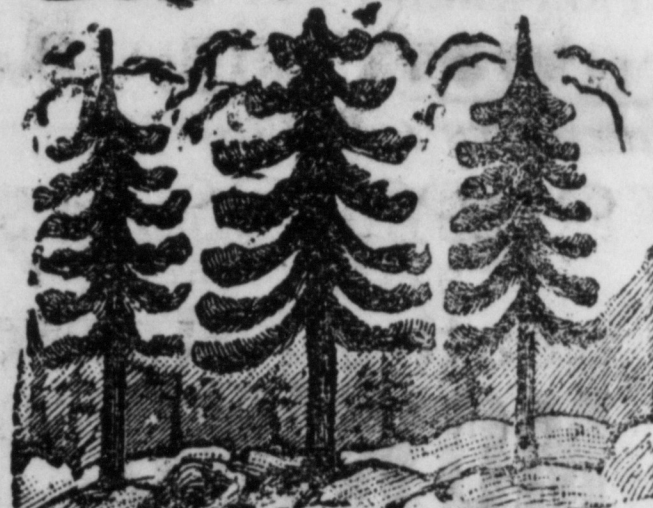
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