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## FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN.

The annual convention of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association held in Fredericton last week, is reported the most successful meeting, by far, in the history of the association. There was a large and representative delegation from the counties of Victoria, Carleton and the adjoining section of York.

There is much to hope for in farming becoming a more remunerative occupation than it has been in the past, when practical farmers are acquainting themselves with the science which deals with their profession. The "book farmer" of the past, who thought that reading articles on farming would plough his fields and sow his grain, and who sat in the house, expecting the cows to come to him and be milked, was justly an object of ridicule. The worst of it is that he became so vastly ridiculous that any practical farmer who took stock in anything on his business which appeared in type, was more or less associated, in the minds of his neighbors with the idle book farmer. But all this is changed, and study, careful study, has become a necessity for the success of farming. The most hard working farmer in the land, wants to know the chemical ingredients of the soil, and of the crops.

Science and practice, so long separated, have come together, and the farmer recognizes that to do well he must know well. The agriculturist today who does not study his business, cannot compete with his learned brother, and he may talk about working from early morn to dewy eve, and wonder at his small results, while he points to his neighbor and exclaims, "How is it, I work so hard, and economize so closely, and yet have less at the end of the year than my fellow farmer?"

It is the old story of the man who, loading rocks on a hill side, working ever so much harder than his neighbor, at the close of day wondered how it was that he had so little done for his day's hard bone labor. But the secret was that he put his sloven on the high side of the rock pile, and half of his labor was lost, because he did not work to the best advantage.

When farming can be made profitable, and yet there be time for leisure, there will not be the haste to rush into cities that there is now. Leisure is one thing; idleness is another. Every man should want leisure, and has a right to demand a fair share of the twenty-four hours for the purpose of leisure.

The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association is working to a good purpose. They are busy, practical men, who form it, but all the while they are doing no small thing to aid in the solution of the problem of the relation of labor to capital.

## A MANLY ADMISSION.

The Detroit News, an American Journal of influence, speaks in the following strong terms of the Paris Tribunal's award:—

The refusal of the House of Representatives to make an appropriation to pay the award of the Paris arbitration court is the crowning infamy of the Fifty-third Congress. The question before the House was not the justice or the injustice of the Paris award. The fact of the award was the only thing before them; the duty of meeting that fact with cold cash was the only call the conditions made upon them. The News is willing to concede that the award bore heavily against the United States, but it is now too late to discuss that point. The Geneva award was honestly believed by the mass of British people to be a pure steal, yet the only serious threat to repudiate it came from irresponsible sources. John Bull paid the enormous award of \$15,500,000 like a little man and made by it both money and national reputation. The prompt payment of the money was at the time conceded to have been the best thing in the matter of substituting national honor for militarism that has ever occurred in the world. This Congress would now kick this all over if it could and it would do it through American disgrace. The man who would submit his matters to arbitration and then go back on the court's decision is a mere poltroon unless he can show that kind of fraud which vitiates all things. In this award, fraud is not hinted at. The whole sum involved is less than a half day's governmental expenditure. The award will be paid whenever the honorable side of the American character again finds representation in Congress.

My son, says an exchange, when you go into a newspaper office, don't grab up a handful of type to see if it will lift. Don't turn the wheel of the job press to see if it will turn easy. Don't lean on the case where a compositor is trying to set type and talk to him for two hours. Don't whittle the penholder, jab the pen into the table and upset the ink among the exchanges. Don't bury your muddy feet among the papers on our desk, and don't spit tobacco juice everywhere but in the cuspidors. So long as you observe these rules we are glad to have you visit us.

## Town Council.

There were present at the town council meeting on Friday evening last, His Worship the Mayor, Couns. Carr, Smith, Nicholson, Bailey, Jones, Payson, Gallagher, Leighton.

The poor committee submitted a report that they had taken into consideration the case of a poor child now in the care of Mrs. Woodbury Baker, and whom some party in town had offered to adopt. They recommended that the child be placed in the care of the person offering to adopt her. The report was adopted with the provision that the child stay where she is for one month from date.

On motion of Coun. Leighton seconded by Coun. Smith the fire committee was authorized to ask for tenders for the furnishing of No 2 engine house at the Lower Corner.

The chairman of the poor committee submitted an estimate for the ensuing year. It totals up to \$1,363.

Coun. Gallagher, for the electric light committee, reported that it would be impossible to have any kind of satisfaction without the appointment of a superintendent of light.

Coun. Jones said that the committee found that for the amount paid out the town was getting very poor satisfaction. It was evidently necessary that there should be a competent superintendent.

Coun. Bailey said that the lamps used on the street were really suited for shops, and were not suited for street purposes. If we were going to light the streets let us do it in something like a thorough manner.

Coun. Gallagher moved that a superintendent be employed at \$80.00 a year. Mr. Donald Munro would do the work competently for that purpose.

Coun. Carr recommended the putting in of incandescent light, and thought before Coun. Gallagher's motion was adopted more time should be given to the matter.

Coun. Leighton was opposed to paying any more salaries for town purposes.

The mayor pointed out that as far as he could make out the town is eight lamps short, involving a loss of \$400.00.

Coun. Leighton said the great trouble was that there was no place to store anything in this town. It was always the trouble that we had no room or accommodation for town property.

Coun. Nicholson moved that the question of the appointment of the superintendent be laid over.

This was carried and the committee was further authorized to look into the question of changing the system from the arc to the incandescent system.

The mayor suggested that the various committees should hand in their estimates so that the assessors could be set to work as early as possible, and it was finally decided that when the council adjourn it stand adjourned until Friday next.

## Shortis Committed.

The preliminary examination in the case of the Valleyfield, P. Q., murderer B. F. V. Shortis, who shot three men in cold blood, an account of which appeared in last week's paper, was duly held before the magistrate, Mr. Madden. Mr. Donald Macmaster, Q. C., conducted the prosecution, and Mr. H. C. St. Pierre represented the prisoner. The prisoner was conducted through a large crowd to the court house, in charge of two constables, but no violence was attempted. In the court room Shortis took a seat near his counsel. His demeanor was such as was to be expected from such a character. Folding his arms as much as his handcuffs would allow, he assumed an air of nonchalance, and apparently took but little interest in the proceedings. He had frequent fits of coughing. Even when the weapons with which the murderous work was done were produced, Shortis kept his eyes on one spot and seemed quite unconcerned at the most damaging evidence. Only once did he show any emotion, when one of the witnesses told how he, Shortis, had confessed to the crimes. A faint flush suffused his pale face for a moment, but that was all.

Through his counsel a plea of "not guilty," was entered. Shortis was then fully committed to stand his trial before the Criminal Court of Beauharnois. Owing to the callous expression and cynical remarks of the prisoner, light-headed individuals in the crowd clamored for Shortis's blood. "Lynch him," they cried. Shortis called them cowards and sneered at them. The officers protected him, hustled back the crowd, and finally got Shortis into his cell.

Shortis has received a cable from his father, in answer to the one sent by Mr. George Bury. It read: "May the pardon and mercy of God be given my poor boy. I am coming." If the prisoner felt affected by the sad, heart-broken words, his countenance did not show it. The prisoner was taken to Beauharnois and lodged in goal there.

## Col. Gilmour's Estate.

The Ontario Government will reap a rich harvest from the estate of the late Col. Allan Gilmour. The gross value of the estate is fixed at \$1,100,000, and upon this amount there can be collected the sum of \$110,000 in succession duties.

## Grief for the Ladies.

Worth, the famous dressmaker of Paris, is dead.

## LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The local legislature prorogued on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Blair's bill for the redistribution of the constituencies has become law. Acts relating to this section of the county are as follows:—

An act to authorize the County Council of the municipality of Madawaska to exempt certain mills and factories from taxation.

An act to authorize the municipality of Carleton and the municipality of Westmorland to effect temporary loans.

An act to incorporate the Tobique river og driving Co.

An act to amend the act incorporating the Woodstock and Centreville Railway Co.

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An act to authorize the trustees of school district No 3 in the Parish of Andover in the county of Victoria, to issue debentures.

An act to incorporate the Grand Falls river and boom company limited.

An act to revive and continue an act to incorporate the York and Carleton Railway Co.

An act in amendment of the several acts of assembly relating to the St. John Valley and River du Loup Railway.

An act to amend the several acts incorporating or relating to the town of Woodstock.

## Speaker Peel.

The London Times announces that Speaker Peel will in a few days resign. Editorially, the Times says that the members of the House of Commons and the country will hear with unfeigned regret of the determination of the Speaker to resign. Nobody within the memory of living man has presided over the debates of the Commons with greater firmness, impartiality, authority, and dignity. It is no disparagement to his immediate predecessors to say that he has proved himself in the face of every increasing difficulty the strongest Speaker who has filled the chair since the resignation of Lord Eversley. Mr. Peel's health has declined since the death of his wife. The approaching marriage of his daughter to Mr. James Rochfort Maguire, a Parnellite member of Parliament for the west division of Clare, will deprive him of his chief aid in the discharge of the social duties attached to his office. Therefore his retirement is not a surprise. There is a curious fact that his father forbade his widow or his heir to accept a peerage. Nevertheless, the name will now be ennobled through the honor that he has well earned by his services as Speaker, not by the services rendered the State by his father. The most suitable successor to Mr. Peel appears to be Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, but it doubtful whether such an onerous office is sufficiently attractive to a man who may some day become leader of his party. The Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel, Speaker of the House of Commons, is the youngest son of the late Right Hon. Sir Robert Peel, and was born in 1829.

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