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THE SUBSIDY QUESTION.

The Dominion of Canada and the Canadian Provinces have distinguished themselves beyond any other English speaking countries in the granting of subsidies. They have subsidized railroads, steamship lines, mills and factories; and any odd thing they may have missed with their subsidies they have protected generously.

This thing must end somewhere. The public money must at some time cease to be thus lavishly given to private enterprises. But it is not quite clear when a halt will be called. A politician recently said that not only will there be no retrenchment in Canada but the increasing demands of the people for the expenditure of public funds will be acceded to. This is the expression of a philosophy of cynicism in the management of affairs. All praise is due to a government that has the courage to say "No!" to all unnecessary demands made on the public funds. But such a government in this country would be defeated for righteousness sake the first time it appealed to the country. One of the causes that led to the defeat of the McKenzie administration was the stand it took for retrenchment.

The modus operandi in squeezing a government would seem to be for the members of parliament who "vote right," to get together and make up their minds what concessions they want, and then march on the administration in a body and bring pressure to bear. A government as a rule has no desire to relinquish the reins of power, and the concessions are granted. The members of parliament who by this means have got what they want will be apt to stand well in their constituencies and will be more easily returned at the next election.

The fault lies not so much with the rank and file of voters in the constituencies as with the local political leaders and with the representatives. If the political leaders in the constituencies would make a stand against the indiscriminate granting of subsidies, and if the representatives of the people would cease to make unreasonable demands for selfish purposes on the government, a golden era in our politics might be the result. Of course before this golden era comes in we want half a dozen or more enterprises in Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska heavily subsidized by both the Dominion and the Provincial Government. After that we would like to see a policy of strictest retrenchment carried out.

GOOD TIMES.

It is encouraging to hear the merchants and manufacturers say that times are good. One merchant tells THE DISPATCH that buyers have more ready cash than they have had for some years and he rejoices in the fact that this year, and especially this winter he is not often asked to take truck for his merchandise.

Commerce rises and falls with a good deal of regularity, a period of depression being followed at about a regular distance of five years by a period of expansion. In 1893 and 1894 times were about as hard as they could be and the depression lasted two or three years. Business has taken an upward tendency just now and there is every reason to believe that this will continue at least as long as the last period of business depression.

The present is the most favourable time in ten years for enlarging our existing industries and for the establishment of new ones. An aggressive policy in the Board of Trade and in the Town Council might do much for the town at this moment.

Cut Straw For the Manure Pile.

Straw is much more valuable than may be supposed. It does not pay to haul it to market, as the labor would detract from the profit, but outside of its use as food for stock straw is an excellent absorbent of liquid manure. To derive the best results from straw when it is used for bedding and manure, it should be cut fine with an ensilage cutter. While the whole straw in the stalls answers the purpose well, yet it does not possess the power of absorbing the liquids until it is broken up. When passed through the cutter it is made fine instantly, and is then almost equal to dry dirt. The same may be said of shredded corn stalks. It is of more advantage to pass them through the shredder than to throw them out to be trampled, as they can be also used with the cut straw in the stalls. When the fine materials and manure are thrown on the heap there will be no coarse pieces to rot. The whole mass will quickly decompose, and with less loss of the valuable constituents than when the straw and stalks are uncut, while the labor of handling and spreading such manure will be reduced to a minimum cost.—Philadelphia Record.

The Cow End of Dairying.

It is practically certain that no matter how intelligently, carefully and well the production of our dairy herds in milk, butter and cheese is managed, we shall fail to make the best of our opportunities in dairying if slipshod methods are practised in the care of cows, and in the preparation and provision of their food in order to produce the largest quantity of milk at a minimum of cost. We are fully persuaded that in the case of the great majority of dairy herds, says The New Zealand Dairymen, the owners come very far short of realizing the profit they might, firstly, from the lack of care and judgment in the breeding and selection of their cows, and, secondly, from mismanagement in the feeding and care of them.

The question of breeds and breeding is an important and interesting subject—one on which there is room for great difference of opinion, and which it is not our purpose to discuss in this article; but the matter of testing our cows to learn definitely whether they are paying their way decently or not is now so simple that there is little excuse for going on with our work blindly or with inglorious uncertainty, and if, by testing, we find that there are inferior producers in the herd consuming as much food as the superior producers it is clearly in order to insist on their expulsion and the substitution of a more profitable machine as soon as practicable.

The apparent indifference of so large a proportion of dairy farmers to the quality of their cows is one of the surprises of the business, and is, no doubt, one secret of the comparatively small returns they receive for the labor and feed expended on them. We know it is easier to moralize in this way and to give gratuitous advice as to getting rid of the unprofitable cows than to do it, but the present high prices for butchers' cattle would seem to make it a specially favorable time for feeding off the worst producers, and if the beef boom has that effect, it may prove a blessing in disguise to dairymen. It is one of the advantages of dairying farming that the idle and incompetent cows can be disposed of in this way, and may not in the end prove a total loss.

For the first few weeks of the season the tests are usually very low, because the fat that should be going into the milk pail is going on to the cow's back, for before her constitution can stand the strain of a season's milking she requires to have herself gained a certain amount of condition. Under ordinary circumstances every pound of this condition costs the farmer money that he can ill afford.

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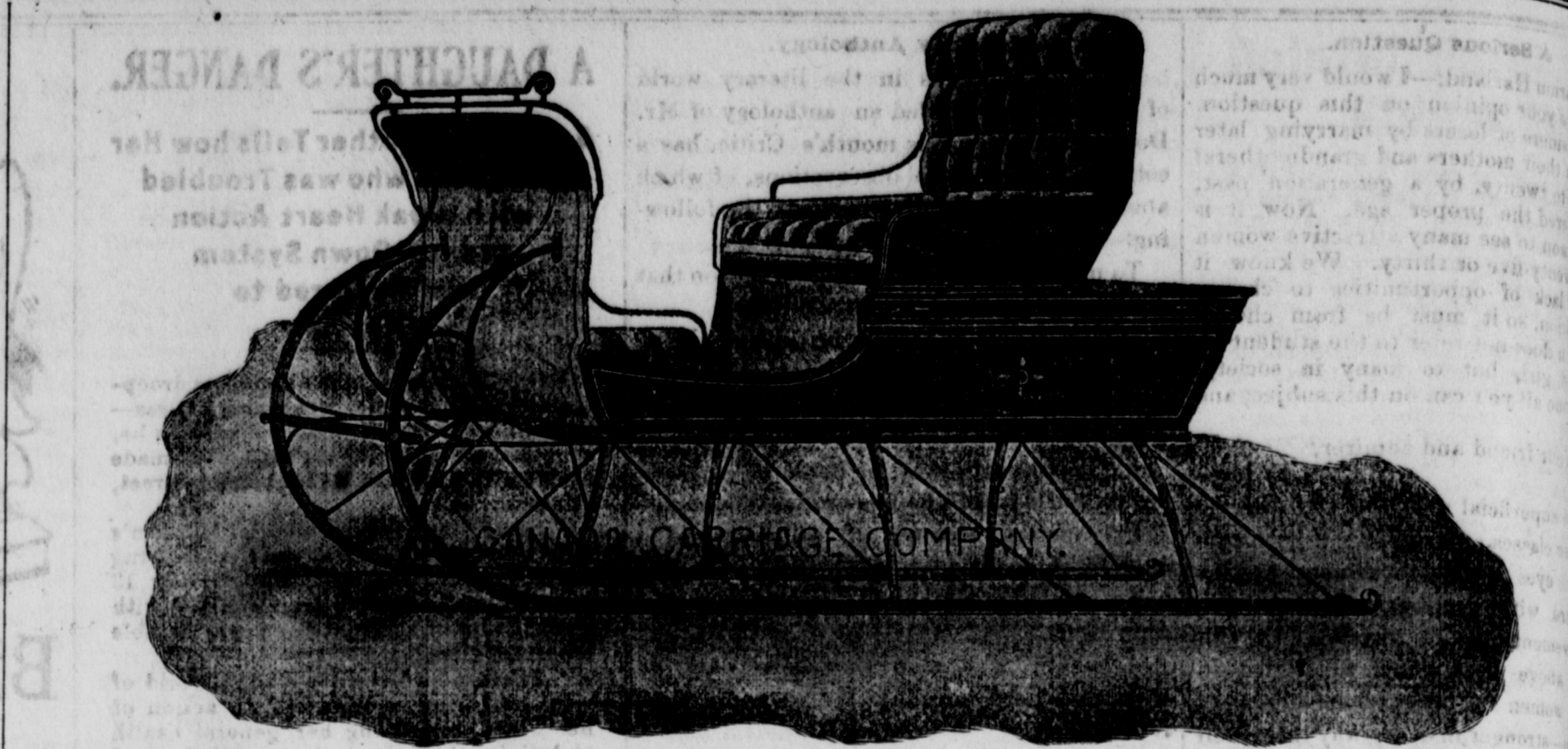
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BORN.

SELFIDGE.—At Aylesford, Nova Scotia, on November 27th, to the wife of S. S. Selfridge, a son.  
HOLYOKE.—On the 27th November, to the wife of R. E. Holyoke, a son.

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MARRIED.

PICKLE-HENDERSON.—At the Baptist Parsonage Richmond, Car. Co, on November 7th, by Rev C. Currie, Ward Pickle to Jennie Henderson both of Deeds Junction, N. B.

WHEELER-WEAVER.—In the Reform Baptist church at Royalton, Sabbath evening Nov. 25th, by pastor S. Greenlaw, in the presence of a crowded house, William H. Wheeler and Nada C. Weaver, both of Carleton County, N. B. The bride was beautifully attired in white. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carey Shaw of Avondale.

KNOWLTON-BLACKIE.—At Lowell, Mass., on November 12th, by Rev. D. A. McPhie, Mr. William H. Knowlton to Miss Elizabeth F. Blackie, both of South Richmond, Carleton County.

DIED.

GILLIN.—At Woodstock, N. B. November 24th 1900, Patrick Gillin, aged sixty five years and eight months.

MCLEAN.—Frank D. McLean aged 43 years and nine months, was drowned in the Meduxakeag Creek, Thursday night, Nov. 1st, 1900. He leaves a wife, an aged father, one sister and two brothers to mourn their loss.

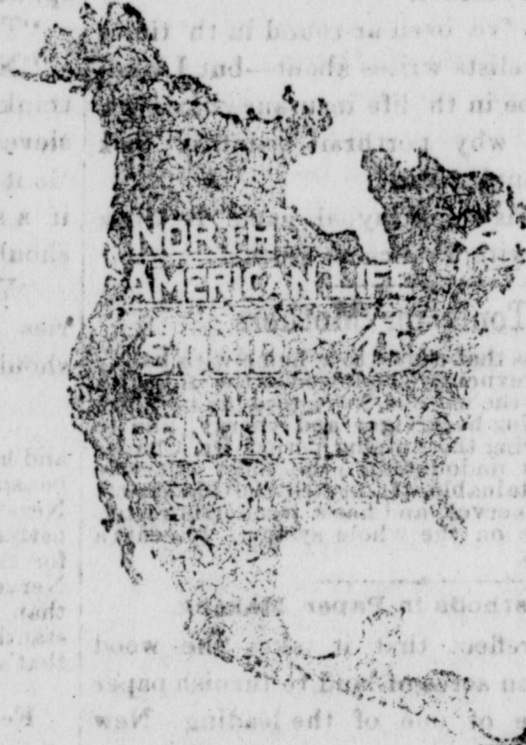
ANNETT.—At Plymouth, Car. Co., Nov. 27th, Ann, relict of the late William Annett aged 78 years.

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The following, among other questions, will be discussed:—Which is the most profitable, to raise wheat or furnish home made flour, or to raise oats and chafe flour. Other business of importance will be transacted and a full attendance of members is very desirable.

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