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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, 25th April.—This has been a week of considerable activity in Parliament, and to that extent it has been a welcome relief from those long weeks when but one subject was under discussion. Monday opened up with a full day's debate on the cattle guard question, apropos of a Bill introduced by the member for Lincoln. This is a live topic in the Province of Ontario, having been taken up at the Farmers' Institutes and kept before the rural mind by agricultural papers. The agitation has not taken possession of the public mind in any general sense, but undoubtedly a good deal of feeling has been aroused throughout the Province.

Mr. Lancaster, the author of the Bill, opened the discussion by a long speech, in the course of which he reviewed the reasons why the railways should be compelled to adopt a guard which would make it impossible for cattle to get upon the railway track. He said that the loss each year was very considerable, and that it was a plain duty of the railways to afford better protection than at present. In this latter view he was supported by a number of members, who spoke pointedly and well. On the other hand, several members argued with considerable force that the measure before the House was not calculated to accomplish the end had in view.

The Bill did not pass. At the conclusion of the debate the Premier reviewed the situation in his usual clear and moderate style. He showed that the Railway Committee had reported in favour of allowing the measure to go no further this session, and it had done so upon the advice of the Minister of Railways. The Minister had convinced the Committee that there was a great divergence of opinion as to what was a satisfactory cattle guard, and if a law were passed compelling railway companies to provide adequate guards they would not know what to do. The cost involved would be enormous. The Premier suggested that the Bill should stand, and during the recess experts would be employed to examine thoroughly into the question and have a report ready for next year. The House concurred in this judgment.

On Tuesday the general question of railway subsidies came up in connection with an application of the Red Deer Valley Railway Company. The debate was important because of the intimation given by the Minister of Railways that the Government had determined to discontinue the policy of granting subsidies indiscriminately. A hint to this effect had been given on several previous occasions; but this announcement was of a somewhat more definite character. Of course, aid will be given to deserving projects; but it will be only in special cases, and at intervals. In keeping with this determination it is pretty generally understood that, apart from one or two cases of urgency in the North West, no subsidies will be asked from Parliament this session.

On the same day a hot debate arose over a motion introduced by Mr. Haggart, asking the House to empower the Public Accounts Committee to inquire into any expenditure made on the Intercolonial from the year 1895 to the present date. This resolution was opposed by the Minister of Railways and Liberals generally, not only because it was irregular, but because it was not made in good faith. For weeks past Mr. Haggart and his associates have been examining witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee for the purpose of making out a case against the Administration of the Minister of

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Railways. They have completely failed, and feeling sore and discomfited they hit upon this plan of covering up their defeat.

It is important to remember that the accounts for each of the years since 1895 have been investigated and reported upon and when this matter came up before the Committee Mr. Blair intimated that he would afford every facility within his power for the proposed inquiry if Mr. Haggart would only indicate any particular branch, or even group of expenditures, which he desired to have taken up; but it was contrary to practice and to sound methods of procedure to pass such a sweeping motion without some indication being given of the line to be followed or the purpose in view. The Premier repeated this statement in the House, and appealed to Mr. Haggart to act fairly and within the established rules. The ex-Minister would not listen to this reasonable request, and he got what he was aiming for—the defeat of his motion.

This fiasco followed upon the conclusion of a long investigation before the Public Accounts Committee in relation to the purchase of ties for the Intercolonial in 1900. The last witness called was Mr. Charles McManus, who gave evidence as to the inspection of the ties. During the course of his examination a letter was produced, which had been written to him by the Minister of Railways, directing him to give the same inspection to Mr. Culligan's ties that had been given to Mr. Ulliman's. The Conservatives have sought to make a good deal of capital out of that letter, by insinuating that it was meant to have Mr. McManus pass inferior ties; but the allegation loses all point in the face of the fact that a large number of Mr. Ulliman's ties were rejected, showing that they had been rigidly inspected, and the further fact that Mr. Culligan is not a Liberal and in the Restigouche election was not warmly disposed toward Mr. James Reid. The Tories had hoped to make a good deal out of this letter when it was produced; but the thing fell completely flat.

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Charlton introduced a resolution with respect to terms of peace in South Africa, the essence of which was that, "this House is of the opinion that in the interest of peace and of future tranquility, harmony and homogeneity in South Africa, the broadest policy of magnanimity and mercy may be extended to a brave foe now opposing British arms, upon condition of submission to British control." Mr. Charlton made a long speech in support of this motion, during the course of which he had a great many kind things to say about the Boers, without reflecting upon the British cause.

Mr. Bourassa, quite naturally, followed. He admitted that British supremacy in South Africa was a necessity; but he held that this could only be secured by the most generous treatment of the Boers. He stoutly maintained the right of the Canadian Parliament to adopt such a resolution as this, and rebuked, in anticipation, those who might take the opposite view. He seconded the motion, and claimed that in doing so he desired to go half-way in meeting those who took the

entirely pro-British view.

The Premier made one of the best speeches of the session in reviewing the remarks of Mr. Charlton and Mr. Bourassa. His eloquent tribute to the brave Canadians who had withstood eight times their numbers at Hart's River was received with ringing cheers. He deprecated, however, any interference with Great Britain at this juncture, and urged the mover and seconder of the resolution to be content with having made the suggestions which they desired to influence the course of Great Britain. This proposition was accepted by Mr. Charlton after the debate had been carried on until late at night; but Col. Hughes objected to the withdrawal and as a result the motion was negatived. It was really a very interesting discussion.

Yesterday was Intercolonial day. At 3.20 Mr. Blair began the delivery of his annual statement, and he spoke until six o'clock. His friends are all agreed that it was the best and most effective speech he has yet made in the House of Commons, and he demonstrated how thoroughly he has mastered every detail of his Department. It would be quite impossible within the space available at this time to give even an outline of the Minister's splendid address, and it must suffice to say that it was a complete defence of his administration and a satisfactory answer to his critics. He fully accounted for the deficit of last year, showing that it had been created by unforeseen and extraordinary conditions, and announced that for the current year there would be a surplus. Mr. Haggart put in a number of interruptions, but in each instance was made to regret that he had done so. Mr. Blair's speech aroused the greatest enthusiasm among the Liberals, and he was at the close surrounded by scores of friends who pressed upon him their hearty congratulations.

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TAXATION WILL BE HIGHER IN THE TOWN OF SYDNEY.

SYDNEY May 1.—Taxation in the town of Sydney this year will be at the rate of one and one-eighth per cent., which is a little higher than last year. L. X. McDonald and P. W. Gruchy were appointed auditors to-night. The town accounts are to be audited at the end of every month hereafter.

IT SOON TASTES STRONG

When buttermakers unfortunately use any of the common butter colors now on the market, they soon find out that their butter becomes rancid and strong.

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DAIRY HERD MILK RECORDS.

As a means of converting the raw products of the farm into more saleable forms, the good dairy cow is without a peer. The good beefing animal will pay very little more than market prices for food fed from birth to shambles. The sheep, with her fleeces and her lambs gives only a very modest profit on food consumed. The pig and the hen, if wisely fed, do much better than either of the above, but it is very seldom that the returns from either of them go beyond one dollar and fifty cents for one dollar's worth of food consumed.

The dairy cow, however, frequently goes as high as two dollars worth of product for one dollar worth of food, and many a cow has been known to give two dollars and fifty cents worth of products for one dollar's worth of food consumed.

Most herds fall far short of such a high return. The reasons may be summarized as lack of breeding, improper or insufficient feeding, and lack of judgment and management.

Every dairy herd should average over fifty dollars' worth of products per cow per year. If your herd is not giving you such a return you are not doing it justice. Possibly, every individual in the herd is not a number one dairy cow, but do you know which are really doing good work and the relative merits of the different cows?

In order to know your cows you must keep a daily record of the milk yielded by each cow. We would like to see you do this. We are willing to help you do it. During the past year a number of dairy farmers, at our suggestion, made an effort along this line. The results were most satisfactory. In our possession are many farmer's letters, emphasizing the importance and value of such records, both as a guide in selecting cows and as an effective means of directly improving the actual herd. The extra outlay required is very small. We would supply you with record forms for a time at least. The keeping of such records takes about one half minute per cow per day. The outlay for a balance would be from fifty cents to a dollar.

The increased flow of milk due to keeping such a record where ten cows are kept would pay for the balance in a week. Keeping milking records induces a spirit of interest and competition among milkers, and, in the mind of the milker, among the cows milked by the same milker. Rapid, clean, and careful milking will raise the average return from a cow by from two to ten per cent. according to the cow—the better the cow the greater the increase.

If you ever sell cows, the ability to give an accurate milk record, will, generally speaking, raise a cow's value, and facilitate the sale. Especially is this true if she is a pure bred. Further, knowing the returns from each cow in any herd, you are in a position to easily select for breeding, besides, in almost every herd are found "Boarders"—cows that pay a very low price for their food, leave no profit, and frequently are kept at a loss. They should be detected and fed off for beef. Keeping a milk record is a sure way to discover them. To the breeder of pure bred stock of any of the milking breeds, Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire, Canadian, or milking Shorthorn strains, the daily milk record should be quite as important as the breeding record. We venture the assumption that in a very few years, every breed putting forward any claims as a dairy breed, will be making a specialty of milk records.

The reasons are obvious. Beauty of style, color, and conformation are very important, and where the breeder makes his money in some other line than farming, he may be able to keep animals for their looks alone. We, who are farming for money, must look to the profit side of everything. With us, "Handsome is as handsome does."

The Holstein men have made a movement in the right direction with their advanced Registry; the Guernsey breeders are working along similar lines. It would thus seem to be a good thing for some breeds, and we are sure it would be the most important step for improvement that

you ever made, do you decide to introduce it.

Let us urge upon you, therefore, the advisability of keeping such a record. We would be most happy to send you forms for keeping the daily record, as well as forms whereon to make a summary to be kept for reference. When you write for the forms, please state the number of cows kept and address all letters to:—"J. H. Grisdale, Agriculturist, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont." Letters so addressed come post free.

F. W. Hodson,
Live Stock Commissioner.

ORIGIN OF THE WEDDING-RING.

THE ANCIENTS BELIEVED A SPECIAL NERVE RAN FROM THE RING-FINGER TO THE HEART.

The wedding ring is the subject of quaint historical facts and endless superstitions. It was probably chosen as the symbol of marriage more for convenience than anything else. It is supposed to be a symbol of unbroken love and of power, and to carry special curative virtues with it. The old good-luck saying about it is "As your wedding-ring wears, your cares will wear away." The ancients, Pliny among the rest, believed that a delicate nerve ran directly from the "ring finger" to the heart, and that the ring placed on that finger was very closely connected with the heart. In early Christian marriages the bridegroom put the ring first on the bride's thumb, then on the first finger, then on the second, and, last of all, on the third saying as he did: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The thumb and the first two fingers represented the Trinity, the next finger was the one the ring was left on, to show that, next to God, a woman's duty was to her husband.—May Ladies' Home Journal.

TO HAVE BEAUTIFUL SKIN.

Every one who would have a clear, soft, velvety skin free from pimples, blackheads, redness and disfiguring eruptions must use Dr. Chase's Ointment. It is a true food for the skin, does not clog the pores as do powders, and insures permanent benefit. There is not a single itching, burning skin disease of men, women or children that Dr. Chase's Ointment will not cure. Mothers find it invaluable for Baby Eczema, scald head and chafing on the little ones.

PLANS TO CLOSE THE STRAITS OF BELLE ISLE.

TEN MILE BREAKWATER SUGGESTED—WOULD GIVE SEMI-TROPICAL CLIMATE.

New York, May 2.—A Quebec despatch to the Sun says a notable engineering project is being discussed there. It is proposed to close the Straits of Belle Isle, between Newfoundland and Labrador, by building a breakwater across it at the narrowest part, where the channel is ten miles wide and 180 feet deep.

The benefits expected are that the shores of Quebec, Anticosti, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island would become veritable gardens in which semi-tropical fruits and vegetables would flourish, and that the part of Labrador west of the causeway would have a climate as salubrious as that of France, being in about the same latitude.

The theory has the weight of practical experience largely on its side. The argument is that Belle Isle strait is the channel or doorway from the north by which icebergs, flocs and the frigid waters from Greenland and the Arctic ocean find their way to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, chilling its area, causing fogs, cold, damp and late springs, and generally imparting to the region a semi-Arctic aspect. As conditions now are, with this sea-way open the ice begins to drift toward the end of November, and the navigation of the gulf is then extremely difficult, if not impossible, until the following May. If this channel were closed it is maintained that little ice would be formed in the gulf during the winter, for then the frozen plains and chilly waters from the north would be forced out into the Atlantic ocean and along the east coast of Newfoundland.

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BRISTOL, QUE., May 5, (Special).—There are not many men or women alive to-day who have passed through such a terrible trial as Mr. R. Draper of this place. Mr. Draper says:—

"About four years ago I was taken ill with what I thought was Gravel.

"I was suffering great pain so I sent for the doctor, he gave me some medicine and said he would call again.

"He came twice more and charged me fifteen dollars. I was a little better but not at all well, and in a short time after I took another bad spell.

"This time I sent for another doctor, with about the same results, only I was getting weaker all the time.

"Then a man advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, for he said they had cured his mother.

"I thought I would try them and I got a box and commenced to take them right away.

"In just one week after I had taken the first dose, I passed a stone as large as a bean, and in four days after I passed another about the size of a grain of barley.

"This gave me great relief and I commenced to feel better at once.

"The improvement continued and I gained strength very rapidly until in a short time I was as well as ever.

"This is over four years ago, and I have not had the slightest return of the trouble since, so that I know now that my cure was an absolute and permanent one."

"There has been an awful lot of talk about 'plain duty.' What does it all mean?"

"That depends who uses the phrase. One's plain duty according to his own idea, is what we want to do, and according to his own idea, is what he wants to do, and according to his own ideas of others it's what he doesn't want to do."—Chicago Post.

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Navigation on the Rideau Canal opened on Monday.

Lobby gossip has it that the House of Commons may prorogue before May 10.

BENTLEY'S is the best Liniment.

The scow bridge used between Howe Island and the mainland near Kingston, broke, and for three hours, J. Foley, three sons, and a friend clung to the wires and held it from drifting away and capsizing.

Abraham Theoret of Sandwich West, who gave evidence of insanity by proclaiming himself Christ, assaulting an aged priest, and digging his own grave, was taken into custody on Friday, and will be confined in the asylum at London.