

SHEEP RAISING IN N. B. DISCUSSED BY MR. TIMMERMAN

Some Interesting Statistics Submitted--- Millions of Dollars Worth of Wool Imported Into Canada---How to Deal With the Dog Nuisance---Good Laws in Quebec and New Brunswick.

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The sheep population of the world numbers well over six hundred million, and out of twenty-five countries Canada is near the foot, being twenty-second with 2,175,302. Australia coming first with 85,857,402. The decrease in Canada in the number of sheep between the years of 1901-1914, the most recent figures obtainable, amounted to 334,937. Between 1900 and 1910 the number of sheep in the United States decreased 8,896,266, being given as 52,838,748 in the latter year.

The number of sheep per 1,000 inhabitants in 1914 in Australia was 10,970; Ireland 823; Great Britain 578; United States 575; Canada 302.

The number of sheep per 1,000 acres of productive land in 1914 in Australia was 709; Great Britain 609; Ireland 192; United States 60; Canada 20.

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mals for the finer grades of wool is not likely to be so extensive as to affect the meat production, and larger profits are to be obtained from wool rather than from mutton.

Our Wool Products.

Of Canada's wool production, which amounts to about fifteen million pounds per annum, the grade wool offered for co-operative sale in 1916 amounted only to 1,721,598 pounds, a great deal still being marketed in an unfinished condition, wool being simply wool to the ordinary farmer, and the education work now under way should be supplemented by every reasonable means.

The Sheep Industry.

An incident showing what the railway may do and the good effect produced was the arrangement made by this Department for free short courses to be given by the MacDonald College staff between Megantic and Waltham in 1914, in which the sheep industry was made to feature very prominently. As a result of this trip pure bred sheep associations were established at nine points, with a membership of about 1,200 and the wool clip of last year was increased over 20,000 fleeces from the product of pure bred sires immediately afterwards distributed from the College Farm. It is desired now to extend these operations, and I have in hand with the College and Provincial authorities the running of sheep sales cars over the same route then followed, these to be advertised as stopping a certain day at each point in order that pure bred animals picked up may be disposed en route.

The difficulty now is found to be that the farmers are unable without considerable expense to obtain better stock, this, in most cases, preventing them from going into the business. Ontario seems to be better provided in this respect but we may find it profitable to extend operations to New Brunswick and the along the line of the D.A.R. in Nova Scotia after we see the further result of it in Quebec.

The Dog Nuisance.

Another matter bearing upon the raising of sheep is that of the dog nuisance. While in eastern Canada the wild animals are not so destructive as in the west there are more dogs and heavy losses have occurred. Quebec has recently adopted an admirable law which places the responsibility upon the municipality to the extent of two-thirds of the value of the destruction by dogs, and this is having a pretty good effect upon the owners of these animals. The Act recently passed by the New Brunswick Legislature makes this branch of animal industry much more secure than in the past from the dog nuisance.

To show how sheep raising is being taken up in the western provinces: During two weeks of June over 25,000 sheep were sheared at Lethbridge Exhibition grounds. The work was done by machinery, one man being able to handle on the average 200 sheep per day, the cost being 13 cents per head. The wool, which was of the highest quality averaged 8 lbs. per fleece and several owners disposed of their clip at 56 cents per pound, an

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CANADIANS DRIVE THE HUNS BEFORE THEM

Captured Two Thousand Yards of Enemy Positions Northwest of Lens on Tuesday.

London, August 21.—Two thousand yards of German positions west and northwest of Lens have been captured by the Canadian forces in a drive begun early today, says the British official communication issued this evening.

Heavy fighting is still going on in the region of the coal city, with the Canadians having the upper hand.

Three counter-attacks by the Germans met with repulse.

The communication follows:

"Early this morning we attacked the line of German trenches which skirts Lens to the west and northwest, and captured the enemy's positions on a front of 2,000 yards.

"Heavy fighting has taken place and still continues.

"At midday two strong counter-attacks northwest of Lens were beaten off by our troops, and a third counter-attack south of the town was broken up by our artillery.

"We have captured a number of prisoners. A hostile raid was repulsed early this morning northeast of Messines, after sharp fighting.

"Great activity in the air continued yesterday on both sides. Our airplanes successfully carried out their usual work, although the enemy aircraft were aggressive. In the air fighting nine German machines were brought down and seven were driven down out of control. Four of ours are missing."

WAS HEIR TO GYPSY THRONE

London, Aug. 21.—Betty Blythe, daughter of Daid Blythe, and said to be the rightful heir to a gypsy throne, died yesterday at Chirnside, Scotland, aged 92 years. She waived her claim to the throne in favor of her sister, Esther A. A., who was queen of the gypsies for many years.

N. S. HUNTER MET HIS DEATH.

Quebec, Aug. 21.—Harold Dicks, of North Sydney, N. S., who was summing near Gaspé, went out hunting in a skiff at Rosebridge on Friday last and failed to return. A posse of searchers found him dead with an ugly shotgun wound in the right side. It is surmised he tripped and caused the gun to explode.

The body has been shipped home.

We are right sorry to hear that the ex-czar of Russia is to be isolated as we do not believe that czarism is contagious any more.

INSTANT POSTUM

instead of tea and coffee on the family table makes for better health and more comfort. Preferred by Thousands "There's a Reason"

SOUTHAMPTON LADY IS HONORED BY HER FRIENDS

At a recent meeting of the "Women's Aid Society" of Middle Southampton, the following address was read and presentation made:

To Our Dear Sister Farnham, President of the "Women's Missionary Aid Society" of Middle Southampton:

It is with great pleasure that we have assembled here today to hold our regular meeting of the society and also to be able to accept your very kind invitation to celebrate this, the anniversary of your birth, in a social afternoon. We feel it a pleasure and a privilege to bring messages of appreciation, and say the kind things that we feel, while you are still with us in health and strength — so many times these privileges are delayed until our friends have gone to distant places or passed on to that Better Land.

We wish to say to you that we appreciate the place you are so ably filling in our Aid Society; we feel that you are not only capably performing the management of the Society, but that you are a great spiritual benefit to it, and that with your leadership we will have success as long as we are permitted to have you with us. This is not all. We wish to tell you that we appreciate your work all during the

past and present, in the church, the Sunday school and the prayer meeting, and last but not least, we appreciate you as a Christian mother—one making a welcome home to the ministers, giving to all charitable causes, giving to and doing for the poor, etc. Many of us remember well your kind heart and helpful hand in times of sickness—your living among us as a Christian citizen, always ready to do your part. So I repeat, it is a great pleasure to accept your hospitality and kindness today and to convey to you in this tangible way our sentiments, in this slight token.

"A Lady's Handbag!" What a rich purse it might contain, but it contains a richer treasure. No gold lies in the purse contained therein, but in it you will find the treasure of our hearts, a bouquet of loving thoughts and good wishes; a tiny mirror which, when it reflects your face will in memory reflect the faces of these your friends who remembered you on this, your birthday anniversary. A card case in which you will find the names of these same friends, who shared with you the joys and sorrows as they came to you throughout the best part of your life. In conclusion we wish you a long, prosperous and useful life, may it be with us if it is for your best good; if Providence should place you among other friends, take this and these sentiments from your old friends.

"Where'er life's road may lead you; Whichever path you take. Good fortune never leave you, Nor happiness forsake."

MATTIE E. BROWN, Secretary of W.M.A.S. Middle Southampton.

Slants of Humor

PREPAREDNESS

As Mary was clearing the table she remarked shyly to her mistress: "Please, mum, I'm thinking I'll have to give you notice."

"Notice, Mary?" exclaimed the lady of the house, in surprise. "But what for? Why do you want to leave?"

"Oh, mum," said Mary, twisting her fingers covetly together, "I'm thinking about getting married."

"And who is the happy man, may I ask?" questioned the mistress, her interest in a love story promptly aroused.

"He—sits across the chapel from me."

"And what's his name?" "I don't—don't know!" confessed the maid.

"What! You're surely not engaged to marry a man whose name you don't know?"

"Not exactly engaged, mum," corrected Mary; "but he's been lookin' at me, and I think he'll soon be speakin'!"

HARD TO BEAR.

Little "scraps of paper" and columns of hot air.

Make the German peace talk pretty hard to bear.

THE BABIES.

A London editor tells the following: "I know a regiment where the subalterns are so young that not one of them is able to raise the moustache required by etiquette."

"A handful of privates from this regiment swaggered back to quarters late one night singing the popular ditty, 'Another Little Drink Won't Do Us Any Harm.'"

"As they passed the officers' billets the guard on duty growled at them: 'Shut up, you noisy fools, or you'll wake the war babies.'"

THE CHAMPION EXEMPTION CLAIMER

Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Board members of the sixth district threw up their hands when the noted the exemption claims of Charles Carson. Here are the claims he checked off on the official blank as entitling him to discharge:

- A county officer.
- A custom house clerk.
- A person employed by the United States in the transmission of the mails.
- An artificer in the navy yard.
- A licensed pilot.
- A mariner in the sea service.
- A person having dependents.
- A married man with a wife to support.
- A son of a widow depending on him for support.
- A son of aged and infirm parents.
- A father of a motherless child under sixteen.
- A brother of a child under sixteen.
- A member of a well recognized religious sect whose existing creed forbids its members to participate in war in any form.
- A person convicted of felony.

RE CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT.

County of York, Province of New Brunswick.

Notice is hereby given that the Petition of the Electors of the County of York in the Province of New Brunswick, qualified and competent to vote at an election of a Member for the House of Commons in the said County of York for the revocation of the Order-in-Council declaring Part II. of the Canada Temperance Act in force in said County of York, will be deposited in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the said County of York on or about the second day of September, 1917.

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