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THE FARMER'S CASE

It is noteworthy that the Gleaner criticism of Mr. S. B. Hatheway's presidential address were completely refuted at Thursday morning's session of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Convention. It is conceivable that the men sitting in that convention know considerably more of things agricultural than does the \$8,100 Gleaner, though it must be confessed that the article of criticism bore ear-marks such as would accompany one written by a certain provincial office holder now attached to the staff of the Agricultural Department and paid by the people. However, the fact that a man is attached to the agricultural department under the present ministry is no guarantee that he is possessed of knowledge of farming.

In his address Mr. Hatheway made some pointed remarks in regard to the provincial stock industry, the shortage in our beef and dairy products and in regard to the large sums annually sent out of the province to pay for products sufficient to meet the needs of our local markets in these commodities. The Gleaner tried, though it must be admitted the attempt was ineffectual, to deride Mr. Hatheway and his ideas. At Thursday morning's sitting of the convention an answer was given the Gleaner and further condemnation was given the government when several men strong supporters of the present local government took the administration to task for its indifference to actual agricultural conditions in the province.

Has the government not the power, nay is it not morally bound, to use the people's money in the ways that will be the most advantageous to the people? We have an agricultural province; one that has always been an agricultural produce and always will be such. From the farmers come much of the provincial revenue and as the condition of the farmers is improved so the revenues will be increased in a corresponding way. The ministers know this full well. Why do they try to avoid facing the truth? Why deny their responsibilities at anytime, and least of all when those responsibilities are made clear in a straightforward, non-partisan way as in the case of Mr. Hatheway's address?

The retiring president of the important farm and dairy association stated well-recognized facts. He stated them moderately and without any average regard to politics. But his remarks did not express approval of the present local government and there has come from government papers the customary effort to distort his utterances and to create a false idea of the agricultural condition in New Brunswick.

The people should be brought to realize clearly that at present this province is not as productive as it ought to be, as it easily might be. The farmers have a clear realization of these facts. More than this, the utterances of many delegates to the convention show that the farmer's place the chief burden of blame for the existing condition upon the shoulders of the government which is so deplorably lacking in progressive agricultural policy. The government controls out educational system. The Department of Agriculture should—but does not—shape our agricultural development. Mr. Hatheway's address was deserving of careful consideration and it was deserving of commendation. It was not the address of a partisan opponent of the present government. It was not the address of an agitator. It was the address of a public spirited farmer, who has

studied conditions intelligently, and knows whereof he talks and speaks, as he himself said, as a man who "has his all invested here and intends to live and make his living here." Gleaner abuse of him will in no wise detract from the credit due him; rather will it win him new friends.

TORY MISREPRESENTATION

In the Legislature yesterday one of the premier's card houses came tumbling down and with the collapse came another exposure of wilfulness with which government papers misrepresent and distort Opposition utterances in the desire to bolster up the discredited government cause. Mr. Hazen in his speech was waxing most indignant over certain statements regarding himself which he declared Hon. Mr. Sweeney had made in recent meetings in Westmorland County. The premier proceeded to read Mr. Sweeney a lecture in his most eloquent manner. The house of cards came tumbling down when Mr. Sweeney rose in his place and emphatically denied that he had made the statements of which complaint was made. He aptly warned the premier that it is very dangerous to accept the statements published in government papers in regard to members of the Opposition. The emissary of the government paper who attended the meetings in question and prepared an incorrect report of what happened instead of making trouble for Mr. Sweeney put the premier in a very awkward position. The government party may some day learn that it is best to rely on the facts.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., is in serious trouble. According to an Ottawa despatch the Laurier government has broken faith with him by permitting a letter which he had written urging a reduction in the duty on shingles entering the United States, to be read in parliament. Mr. Crockett threatens all manner of things, but at last accounts parliament was still doing business at the old stand.

Mr. F. A. Dixon of Sackville, who was formerly a school teacher, but is now a farmer, says that there is but one solitary farmer in the Legislature. Our own Mr. A. D. Thomas, who was once a farmer but is now in the school book business, declares that there are three farmers representing the County of York. The government should appoint a commission to determine this important question.

St. Andrew's Beacon:—The Opposition organ at the capital notes a boom in real estate at Oromocto. Reciprocity is getting its work in earlier than we expected.

Who is the "solitary farmer" who occupies a seat in the Legislature?

POQUIOOK

Feb. 25.—Poquico Board of Trade met Saturday night to discuss the problem of a Railway down the River St. John. A large party of the Meductic Board of Trade came down to attend the meeting. The speakers of the evening were A. W. Fleming, J. Porter, Dr. Coffin, Geo. Burden, H. L. Morse, H. Edwards of Meductic and others. A delegation was appointed to wait upon the Government at Fredericton while the House is in session. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas it is a well known fact that the people of the St. John Valley are lacking any means of transportation

And whereas such a condition of affairs blocks the progress and prosperity of one of the oldest and best sections of the province and a continuation of same will eventually deplete the Valley of its inhabitants

And whereas good modern railway facilities would give an impetus to all industries and bring about proper agricultural developments

And whereas the longer a railway is delayed the less will appear the feasibility of the project due entirely to the natural decline and decay of a neglected country.

Therefore be it resolved that both Local and Federal Governments get together without thought of party advantage and take steps to insure the immediate construction of the much needed road.

(Resolved that copies of this be sent to the public press.

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THE VALLEY RAILWAY SUBJECT OF ENQUIRY

Mr. Upham and Mr. Tweeddale Seek
Information from the Government

The following notes of enquiry were given in the Legislature on Friday afternoon:

Mr. Upham, for Tuesday, March 7th
1. Has any member of the government pledged the government to guarantee the bonds of the Southamton Railway Company?

2. Is it the intention of the government to guarantee the bonds of the said company?

3. If so, for what amount?

NOTICE OF INQUIRY, NO. 2

Mr. Upham, for Tuesday, March 7th
1. Has the government or any member thereof received from any person, firm or corporation an offer to construct the proposed Valley Railway?

2. If such an offer has been received by whom was such offer made and what are the terms thereof?

3. If such an offer has been received has the government accepted the offer?

4. Has the government offered to any person, firm or corporation to increase the bond guarantee for the proposed road to \$30,000 per mile?

5. If so, to what person, firm or corporation?

NOTICE OF INQUIRY, NO. 3

Mr. Upham, for Tuesday, March 7th
1. Has any member of the government pledged the government to guarantee the bonds of the Hartland and Miramichi Railway Company?

2. Is it the intention of the government to guarantee the bonds of the said company?

3. If so, for what amount?

NOTICE OF MOTION, NO. 4

For Tuesday, March 7th, moved by Mr. Tweeddale, seconded by Mr. Upham
That a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor praying that he may cause to have laid on the tables of the House of the House.

All letters, telegrams and documents received by the government or any member thereof from any persons, firms or corporations with reference to the construction of the Valley Railway; also any and all offer made to or by the government by or to any persons, firms or corporations for the construction of the said railway; also all surveys, plans, profiles and estimates prepared by the engineers appointed by the government, or any other servants or officials of the government, with respect to the said Valley Railway; also a detailed statement showing the number and names of the engineers, labourers and workmen employed in the survey of the said St. John Valley Railway since the first day of April last past, and the respective amounts paid to each of the said persons.

U. S. MAY ADMIT FREE MEAT AND FLOUR

Washington, Mar. 2.—During the debate on the Tariff Board bill at midnight an important discussion developed on the reciprocity treaty which may throw light on the adjustment of the present entanglement with the western American farmers. Senator Bailey of Texas said that reciprocity would fail to reduce the cost of living in cities, as had been claimed. In this connection he regretted that flour and meat would be dutiable, while wheat and cattle would be free.

Senator Carter of Montana interrupted to say the United States negotiators were willing that flour and meat should be free, but that the Canadian representatives would not agree to this, as they feared the competition of the packers and millers from this side. "I understand the fact to be," Senator Carter continued, "that an amendment admitting meat and flour from Canada free will be agreeable to the Department of State and not obnoxious to the agreement. This would not require Canada to remove the duty on these products."

Mr. George W. Upham, M. P. P., went to Woodstock this morning.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO MILK TESTERS

Dear Sir,—
At the beginning of another season of milk production, it is desired to remind you of the great importance of getting your patrons to take up cow testing.

It is quite expected that all the old members of associations will continue, but there are probably very many more who would take it up if you recommend the plan to them as strongly as you possibly can.

With the commencement of cow testing comes more milk per cow, which is a great gain to the patron, for some men are now receiving twice as much income per cow as they were four years ago. There comes, a'so, the opportunity for you to make a substantial addition to your income every month through doing the testing, as this Department pays five cents for every test and supplies the acid.

The probable gain to the factory is very important. More milk from the same territory means lower cost both of hauling and making, besides a longer factory season. When as members become better dairymen there is improvement in the care of milk which means easier work in the factory and a better product.

"Will you, therefore, do you very best in assisting to extend this cow testing movement?"

As soon as you have seen your patrons, please write what the prospects are, when this Department will be glad to help you in every way possible.

Yours very truly,
CHAS. F. WHITLEY,
In Charge of Dairy Records
J. A. RUDDICK,
Commissioner

MR. SIFTON'S PAPER DISAGREES WITH HIM

Winnipeg, Man., Mar. 1.—The Manitoba Free Press, owned by Hon. Clifford Sifton, says editorially today:

"This is a free country, and every citizen has a right to make himself heard when a departure, such as is involved in the acceptance of the reciprocity agreement, is proposed. Nevertheless there are grounds for wondering whether some of the principle objectors have calculated all the possible consequences at their line of action. Without doubt there is a very considerable volume of independent and disinterested opposition to the agreement. Yet a blind man can see that the agitation to a large degree is not spontaneous, it is being planned, nursed, stage-managed, financed and advertised.

"Who are the men on the job? First of course, the leaders of the Conservative party who, living up to the full opportunity of their politics, are opposing the government with all the resources at their command. The Toronto machinery of this party is adept at forming 'raging and tearing' propagandas. Kindly recall Dundonald, the school question and the naval controversy. Each of these agitations started off at a terrific clip with the News and the Telegram pounding on the big war drums and working up the marching hosts to a frenzy. They mostly petered out, it will be recalled and nobody was a bit worse for all the terrific cursing in which Brer Willison indulged. If the Toronto Conservatives think this the time and opportunity for another spasm, let them have it. Possibly they need one so often to relieve the pressure.

"But it is quite clear that party zeal is being powerfully supplemented. Behind this agitation which, starting in Toronto, is involving the industrial and commercial centre of Ontario, and is acting and reacting all over Canada, are other and more effective powers. Beyond doubt, organized and powerful business interests have thrown the full weight of their enormous influence into the fray to prevent enormous influence into the fray to prevent if possible the ratification of the agreement. The interests are not difficult to identify. They are chiefly the manufacturers of Ontario. Scratch a manufacturer and you find almost invariably an inveterate foe of reciprocity."

Mr. R. E. Shaagreen of Woodstock is registered at the Barker House.

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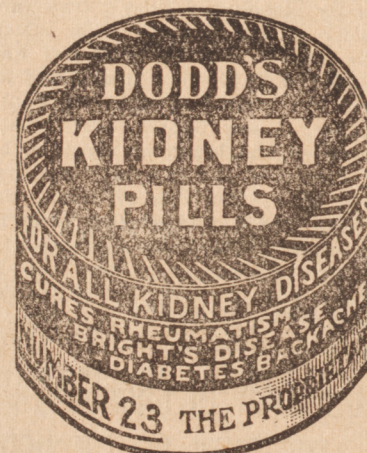
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ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY

The House of Assembly adjourned last night until 3 p. m. Monday and the majority of the members have gone to their homes. Mr. A. B. Copp of Westmorland will have the floor when the House resumes.

Mr. S. W. Everett who has been in the city for some weeks will return to Montana on Tuesday next.
Hon. C. W. Robinson was a passenger to St. John by the early train this morning.



His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedie will be at home at the Queen Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, March 8th, from four to six.

R. S. BARKER,
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