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HEADACHE
AND
FEMALE WEAKNESS**

FARMERS' COLUMN.

Big Meeting Held at Gagetown.

LISTENED TO INTERESTING ADDRESSES FROM EX- PERTS.

About 250 farmers from the river counties gathered to meet the speakers sent by the department of agriculture to the Gagetown convention, Monday and Tuesday. Representative men from Westmorland and Kings Counties were there, a considerable delegation went from York County, and most of the parishes in Sunbury and Queens County were well represented.

At two o'clock Monday afternoon there was a trial of modern cultivating implements on the farm of James McCready just below the village. Two furrow-plows were supplied by the Massey-Harris Co., and wheel cultivators by Frost & Wood and the Martin Cultivator Co. of England. Mr. McCready, jr., who was an experienced teamster in Dakota, supplied the three-horse hitch for the plows, and Frank Reid yoked to the cultivators his 3,400 pound team.

Plows tested on a hard side hill showed that with the three-horse team practically as much work in plowing can be done with the two-furrow plow as two men and four horses could do with single furrows.

F. W. Hodson, Dominion live stock commissioner, gave a short impromptu address in the field on cultivation, and the economy of using team power. During the afternoon Geo. H. Vroom, fruit inspector for Nova Scotia, gave practical illustrations of spraying, pruning and grafting.

At the evening meeting Bliss M. Fawcett of Sackville, N. B., president of the association, presided. On the platform were H. W. Woods, Isaac Carpenter, M. P. P., F. W. Hodson, Dr. Fletcher, Dominion entomologist and botanist, and Geo. H. Vroom.

Warden Woods warmly welcomed the association. He was glad to see the association had introduced the idea of summer meetings and to know that Gagetown had been selected for the first one. As a Queens county man it was gratifying to him to know that the founders of the association twenty-eight years ago had been largely Queens and Sunbury county farmers, and these gentlemen were especially to be congratulated on the useful work which the association had accomplished during that time.

Isaac Carpenter, M. P. P., spoke briefly on behalf of the provincial department of agriculture. He expressed the regrets of Hon. Mr. Farris on the latter's enforced absence from the meeting.

Apple Growing.

Geo. H. Vroom, expressed his pleasure at going to a locality which seemed so naturally fitted to the production of apples, and said that some of the best samples of apples at the Amherst Winter Fair were grown in Queens Co., and the second best collection was sent by a fruit grower near Gagetown.

He briefly outlined some essentials to success in the care of an orchard—well drained soil, and slope of the land, care in the selection of good trees and plants. If he lived in New Brunswick he would buy from a New Brunswick nursery if possible.

It was possible for a farmer to grow his own trees from the seed, but if the farmer had not had experience in nursery work he would advise him to buy from a reliable nursery. The three-year-old tree was the best. They should be vigorous, straight, healthy and well grown. Cut off mangled and dead roots, cut back the top. Do not plant closer than thirty feet. Dig a large hole, fill in with fine surface soil. Spread the roots out in their natural position and press fine earth close about them. The surface soil about the tree should be loose to form a mulch and so prevent evaporation of the moisture. Keep the land cultivated for three or four feet on each side of the trees until the 15th of July, when clover may be sown. In the autumn throw a few shovelfuls of earth about the tree, and it will protect and keep the mice from gnawing it throughout the winter. Keep the orchard cultivated.

"I have never ascertained definitely what it costs me for my orchard of one thousand trees, but one man and one team do all the cultivating, etc., and with some help during haying, and, of course, during apple-picking time, do all the work of my farm. I pay this man \$300 per year; perhaps half of his time should be charged against the orchard."

Permanent Pastures.

The next address was given by F. W. Hodson upon Permanent Pastures.

Mr. Hodson showed upon the screen views of various modern cultivating implements, a number of which he employed on his farm. He strongly advised the use of a manure spreader not so particularly for economy of labor as for economy and efficiency in the distribution of the manure. He advised buying the largest size made and putting sufficient team power on it to make the application of manure as economical as possible from the labor standpoint. Various plows, cultivators, and harrows were shown, and their special uses explained. He particularly emphasized the value of that implement known as the weeder. On his farm they were learning to use it in the cultivation of all their hoed crops, almost entirely doing away with the necessity of hand hoeing, and with very great advantage to the crop. By using a wide weeder one man with a horse could cultivate twenty acres per day. The strong point which Mr. Hodson made in his remarks was the great importance today of economizing man power on the farm by using implements of large capacity, and putting sufficient horse power in front of them. A skillful man on the farm today could do the work of four or five men under the methods of twenty years ago.

Injurious Insects.

The last speaker on the programme was Dr. James Fletcher, who graphically and practically spoke upon some of our insect pests and how to combat them. Statistics showed that for every \$100 worth of crops raised, \$10 worth was destroyed by insects, and by knowing how to combat the insects at least \$9 of this \$10 might be saved. There were beneficial insects as well as injurious insects. As a general rule it might be said that the beneficial insects were nearly all rapid in their movements. They destroyed other insects and consequently had to move faster than their prey.

Insects take their food in one or two ways. They either eat with their jaws such as the potato bug, or they suck the juice of plants through a tube, as for instance, the mosquito. The former could be killed by applying poison, the latter could not. To destroy them it was necessary to smother them with some application such as kerosene emulsion. He showed on the screen a large number of the more important injurious insects and briefly described remedies for them.

At the conclusion of his address he spoke briefly upon weeds. A sample was brought in for identification. This he found to be a most pernicious weed, known as the Devil's Paint Brush. In Vermont and in some sections of Quebec, this plant was rapidly taking possession of thousands of acres. Nothing else would grow close to it, and it was difficult to eradicate where the land could not be cultivated. Good cultivation would kill it. Perhaps the best remedy outside of cultivation was the application of one and one half tons of salt per acre. Nothing more or less than this quantity of salt should be used. Less would not kill the weed, while more would kill the grass.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks to the speakers, moved by S. L. Peters, was unanimously carried.

A Talk on Milk Production.

On Tuesday morning the convention assembled at the cheese factory witnessing the reception of the day's supply of milk. Superintendent Mitchell gave an excellent address on some of the essentials for the profitable production of milk and the handling of it for cheese making.

At ten o'clock an orchard meeting was held, when Inspector Vroom talked upon the care of an orchard, giving practical illustrations on spraying and other orchard work.

The speakers and a number of the delegates returned home by the boats leaving Gagetown at noon.

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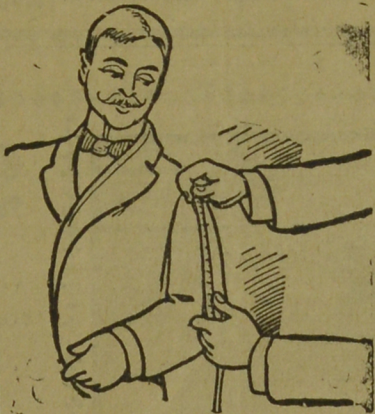
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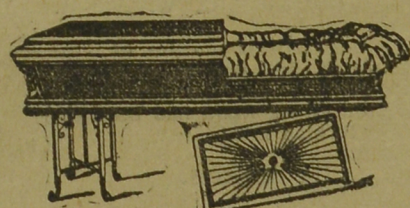
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